

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Commissioners Present: Bob Barnes, Robert Mouchantat, Bernie Lintzner, Carolyn Wilson, Jeannie Purcella, Raymond Hoesten, Marven Moss, Ed Kusinski, Bob Bowolick, Anthony D'Angelo, Jerry Isleib

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

First Light Presentation

First Light discussed the following topics: Normal operations of the Housatonic River Project, operations during flood conditions, operational issues along the Housatonic, and debris management/buoy placement.

Key points from the presentation:

- A need to have a consistent emergency planning system with the state. First Light is looking to increase the efficiency of communication with Emergency Response Agencies
- On average, First Light operates the river flow between 98 to 103cfc.
- Lake Zoar has seen a record amount of debris in 2011, and First Light debris management is committed to cleaning the most of the debris
- An Oxygen Diffusion system is in operation at Shepaug to enhance the downstream water quality in Lake Zoar

Plant Manager, Richard Logan stated that First Light would like to develop a 2012 calendar of events. The calendar events will allow First Light to remain aware of any special occasions or public outings. First Light would like to ensure their operational duties will not always conflict recreational activities

Land Manager, Brian Woods is planning on reviewing the parts of the lake that's been impacted by large amounts of debris. Unfortunately, they've been unable to adequately clean-up the debris due to the large amount of flooding this season.

On October 24th, there will be a Lake Advisory Committee meeting in New Milford at 2:30pm. This will be a great time to discuss the draw-down of the lake.

Public Comments

Residents complained about individuals racing up and down the river very early in the morning. These individuals participate in a fishing tournament during the weekends, and are usually out on the lake around 4:30am. Residents are requesting a police boat come onto lake during that time in order to prohibit or discourage people from racing up and down the lake. Chairman Bob Barnes stated that he can make a complaint to DEP, but there might be little that LZA can do.

September Minutes

All In Favor of approving the minutes

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Bob Barnes presented the report, since Treasurer Bob Mouchantant was absent

Fiscal Year: \$78,966.00

Weed Abatement Fund: \$22, 770.00

Recurring Fund: \$40,936.00

There are no expected bills for us to pay. All In Favor of accepting the treasurer's report

Marine Control Report

No Report

Boats, Maintenance, and Auxiliary

Unit 1 was operated on September 13th and again on September 27th, while George Neckline collected water samples and other data. The last set of data and water samples, scheduled to be collected on October 11th has been cancelled due to the expiration of the contract with DEP.

Lakeside Marine requested hauling both boats for the season due to the scheduled draw-down of the lake. Since the marine patrol schedule is complete-the water quality testing has ended and there are no other activities planned.

Commissioner Marven Moss will be out on the lake with the Western CT State University students this Thursday. Western CT students are still researching zebra mussels along the lake.

Water Quality

Commissioner Marvin Moss reported that the last water quality test was done seven days before the hurricane.

New Business

A citizen commended LZA for their weed abatement work. Vice-Chairman, Bernie Lintzner stated that the weed abatement work cost approximately \$25,000.00, and LZA treats 40 acres of land. The DEP don't care where we do the weed abatement. Next year, LZA will need to decide on the areas to treat.

**Chairman Bob Barnes called for an executive session at 8:45am

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am