

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Town Hall, 7 Fan Hill Rd, Monroe, CT

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman
Gary Dennen
Jerry Isleib
Herbert Garber
Frank Cavallo
Ed Kusinski
Mark Saksa

Absent:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Dick Speer
Oxford Vacancy
John A Downs

Gary Fillion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. with 7 of the 10 members present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the September 5, 2017 meeting was made by Ed Kusinski, seconded by Gary Fillion; motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Five public guests were in attendance, all representing Sandy Hook, CT. Complaints were voiced about the amount of weeds and algae present in the lake during the late summer months this year. Questions were raised regarding how the LZA treats the lake for the weed problem. Explanations of the surveying, permitting and treatment processes were provided. One guest said he did not think the weed treatment is working.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

An article from Voices newspaper was circulated indicating the Newtown Board of Selectmen approved an extension of a temporary permit allowing Leaps of Faith to operate it's events from Walnut Tree Park through the end of September.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's report was available. Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was absent.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt. Dan Semosky, SP, reported the boat patrols are done for the season. The boats are currently still in the water and available for use should the need arise. The boats are to be winterized and prepared for storage by Beacon Point Marine in Shelton.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Chairman, reported a second chemical weed treatment was completed on 8/26/17. A post treatment inspection has been completed and we are awaiting an annual Post Weed Treatment Report to be presented by Dr. George Knockline. Mr. Fillion also indicated that contractors have been contacted and will be scheduling the removal of the buoys from the lake for the winter season. The fall lake drawdown is scheduled to begin October 27th.

Boats and Motors Report:

No report was available.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

No report was available.

Grants:

No report was available.

Unfinished Business:

Ed Kusinski reported the domain name "lakezoarauthority.org" is still under contract and due to expire on November 9, 2017. The option to register a new and different domain name was discussed. Both options will be discussed with the contractor who maintains our site to see which option would be easier to pursue. Accessing and making changes to the website has proven very difficult because the domain was originally registered by a temporary secretary who was employed by the LZA.

New Business

Gary Fillion, Chairman, welcomed Mark Saksa to the meeting. Mr. Saksa claimed to have been appointed as a Commissioner of the LZA by the Town Of Monroe. Mr. Saksa's term had supposedly begun in October 2013. The LZA was never notified of his appointment or re-appointment. No paperwork was presented as proof of his appointment. For years the LZA has assumed a single vacancy for the Town of Monroe's allowed three Commissioner limit. Mr. Saksa has never attended a single monthly meeting prior to the October 2017 meeting. As stated in the LZA Bylaws; "Failure to participate in the activities or meetings of the Authority for three consecutive months or for four months in a year may result in a communication from the Authority to the Chief Administrator of the municipality concerned outlining the Authority's recommendation; a copy will be sent to the appointed member." A vote was taken as to whether Mr. Saksa should be allowed to remain on the LZA or if the Authority would recommend to the Monroe First Selectman that Mr. Saksa resign. All LZA members in attendance voted unanimously to ask for his resignation. Mr. Saksa was informed the LZA will be in touch with the Monroe First Selectman. He was invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting but chose to leave before the meeting was adjourned.

Gary Fillion, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Kusinski - Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Senior Center, 14 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT