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Tuesday, September 6, 2011

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Chairman Bob Barnes stated he received information that Carolyn Wilson's term ended earlier this year. She was asked to please contact the administrator to confirm this information. Ms. Wilson stated that she strongly believes her term ends in 2012, but will verify the information. It was noted that all votes from Ms. Wilson are considered null and void until there's confirmation on her term.

Public Comments

A citizen expressed his overall concerns with the overwhelming flooding issues that had occurred along the lake. He expressed a need for First Light to provide answers on how to properly resolve this issue. . Due to the hurricane and the large amount of rain, residents are struggling with flooding issues and strongly need a better management system to handle these types of situations.

Contact numbers were placed on the white board for residents, and the Vice-Chairman expressed a need for citizens should get involved with Shoreline Management. And unfortunately, these types of issues (i.e. flooding) are part of the downside of living along the lake. It was noted that First Light only controls the river flow of the lake, and not the "actual" lake.

The Chairman spoke with the first selectmen regarding the reversed 911 that was scheduled. It went out to Southbury, but it appeared that the neighboring towns did not receive the reverse 911 call. The next challenge to the lake will be cleaning the large amount of debris. Chairman Barnes expressed the need for First Light to assist with this problem.

Chairman Bob Barnes had requested First Light official, Brian Woods to conduct a public presentation; Brian Woods replied no -but he would willing to do a formal presentation before the LZA.

August Minutes

Commissioner Anthony D'Angelo pointed to a correction of the Treasurer figures:

\$63,987 for the fiscal year; 22,770 for the weed abatement

Motion to accept the minutes; Treasurer made a motion, Jeannine Purcella seconded the motion

All In favor of accepting the August minutes

Treasurer Report

\$22,770 still remains for the weed abatement

\$45,525.00; recurring fund

Monroe has not paid their share; LZA is still awaiting payment from the town of Monroe

Fiscal Year: \$63,987

Commissioner Tony D'Angelo wanted information about the weed abatement work. He requested a map that specified the places where the Authority conducted all of their weed abatement testing. The Vice-Chairman, Bernie Lintzner provided him with an area map that provided the locations of the weed abatement

All In Favor Treasurer's Report

Marine Control Report

Sargent Semosky expressed that it was a very wet summer; there was a total of 36 patrols out on the lake in August. During the Labor Day weekend, there was only one patrol on the lake.

There are more garbage and debris that have been coming onto the lake. Two trees were wedged into the Southbury bridge. One of the big trees destroyed a prop on Unit 2. The boat was called into the middle of the lake to deal with teenagers who were trying to jump from bring into the water. He stated that he didn't know how the driver could've avoided the accident.

Damage to the Boats

Treasurer, Robert Mouchantat stated the rough estimate of the damage is around \$5,000.00 for the lower unit. LZA's insurance paid \$4,500.00, and we had a \$500.00 deductible.

Open Conversation about the damaged boats

Chairman Bob Barnes expressed that the Authority had 3 units issues over the last 3 months. We should not put the boat in known hazards. LZA should not put the boat in known hazards; maybe the officers need some time behind the wheel.

Monroe Officer: Patrol officers do not go onto the lake without a SPC. An incident report was read in front of the commissioners. Officer stated that he misjudged of where the boat was near the abatement; the boat was out to prevent youth from jumping off the bridge.

Commissioner D'Angelo: It's my belief that the officers know the lake very well. I would like to echo the Treasurer's earlier statement.

Commissioner Raymond Hoesten stated that LZA should have spots marked in the "sensitive" areas of the lake.

Treasurer Mouchantat asked if anyone wanted to look into a permit for buoy during the summer season. We have to investigate, and research the requirements, and know who will do this work.

Chairman Barnes expressed that we can order a buoy, and gets a permit from DEP.

Treasurer Mouchantat responded: Who is going to mark it and maintain it?

Sargent Semosky stated that he's willing to volunteer his time to complete this task

It was concluded that Sargent Semosky and Chairman Bob Barnes are willing to meet with First Light to discuss this matter.

Boats, Maintenance, and Auxiliary

Commissioner Bob Bowolick reported they could not continue water testing due to the recent weather issues. Also, Mr. Bobwolick made several calls to receive access to the boats in order for him to checked and clean the units.

Upcoming Workshops

- On September 17th: Boat Safety Class
- During the last week of September, there will be a 6 hour class on basic navigation. Tuesday and Thursdays for 2hrs per night

Open Conversation:

Commissioner Jeannie Purcella expressed that the Western Connecticut students would like is continue their zebra mussels testing next Thursday. Chairman Bob Barnes requested individuals who use the boat are very careful, because they only have one fully functioning boat left.

Water Quality

Commissioner Raymond Hoesten reported: Nine samples are missing for the report. Chairman Barnes briefly reviewed the report and concluded the first page is not from another town. Also, it appears the state did not complete all of the normal testing. It was concluded that Chairman Bob Barnes will fully review the report.

Publicity and Public Relations

Commissioner Jeannie Purcella read her drafted letter to the officers. The intent of the letter is to explain how LZA have not received results from the water quality tests. She would like to confirm the language before the letter is finalized.

Commissioner D'Angelo asked if would be a good idea to discuss zebra mussels review/collection in the letter. Commissioner Purcella responded that we don't want to be too specific in the letter.

Task for Commissioner Marven Moss by Chairman Bob Barnes:

Chairman Barnes requested Mr. Moss draft a letter to First Light official, Brian Woods and request he conduct a formal presentation before the LZA board. LZA members will only be in attendance, and this can occur during our regularly scheduled October meeting. During the meeting he can discuss how we can communicate better in the future.

Unfinished Business

***The weed survey needs to be completed

Chairman Bob Barnes stated there was an article in the Waterbury Republic newspaper about how there are two new types of weeds in our lake. He will find the article and bring it to the next meeting.

Treasurer Mouchantat passed out copies of the letter from First Selectman of New Fairfield. The letter entails process of approval of the submitted shoreline management plans by First Light Power Resources.

New Business

Budget Process:

Treasurer Mouchantat stated the LZA should have a special meeting regarding the 2012 budget. Mr. Mouchantat explained that due to an important business trip, he cannot attend next month's business trip.

Vice Chairman Lintzner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; All In Favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm