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Lake Lillinonah Authority

P.O. Box 227, Roxbury, CT 06783

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008
MINUTES
(Approved 1-13-09)**

CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Piepho, Chairman, determined a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present:

Bryan Piepho – Southbury	William Davidson – Brookfield
Armand Luzi – Southbury	Alexis Hawley – Brookfield
Jerry Simmons – Southbury	Brian Boodry – Brookfield
Arthur Niedzielski – Newtown	Shannon Young – Roxbury
Ross Carley – Newtown	Sara Howard – Roxbury
Linda Leaden – New Milford	

Also Present:

Scott Conant – Friends of the Lake

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 3, 2008 were reviewed.

The following corrections were noted: “Shannon Young reported on removing the “permanent” buoys.” Delete “2 buoys are set.”

Motion by Shannon Young to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 3, 2008 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ross Carley and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Bryan Piepho reported that he has not finished the annual report yet, but he has received the Marine Patrol report. The annual report will be finished by the end of this week.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

Shannon Young reported that he has moved the Edgewater.

He related an interesting story which began with a complaint from the Bridgewater First Selectman about an abandoned boat at the Bridgewater launch.

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He related an interesting story which began with a complaint from the Bridgewater First Selectman about an abandoned boat at the Bridgewater launch. The boat was full of rocks and had been intentionally scuttled. The owner of the boat could not be found. Shannon Young and William Davidson worked in the rain and managed to get the boat out of the water. Bridgewater got rid of the boat and was grateful to the Lake Lillinonah Authority for getting the boat out of the Lake.

As a result of this incident, William Davidson reported that he asked Chuck Lee, DEP, what is the proper protocol for disposing of abandoned boats. Chuck Lee responded that he would research the answer and get back to the Authority. Photos of the abandoned boat were circulated.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

No report

TREASURER

William Davidson reported that he piloted the Edgewater to tour the lake during the November low water. Greg Bollard and a soil scientist were picked up at the Route 133 boat launch so that they could examine the sand bar at Lovers Leap. Along the route heading north, photographs were taken of the buoys and those rocks that are potential navigation hazards. Later in the day, Ross Carley boarded the boat which proceeded to photograph buoys and dangerous rocks south of the Route 133 boat launch.

The monthly expense report was circulated. The annual contributions from Southbury and Roxbury have not been received yet.

BOATING AND SAFETY

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Personal Floatation Devices

Attorney Jeffrey Tinley has researched the question and given the opinion that the State of Connecticut ruling applies on Lake Lillinonah: Boaters must have a personal floatation device on board during June, July, August and September. From October through May the personal floatation device must be worn.

Website

Gerry Simmons said that he would like more information for the website. Brian Broody suggested adding tracking of hits to the website to analyze what information

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people are looking for. Suggestions for the website included schedules of fishing and skiing tournaments and interesting photos.

Danbury Sewage Treatment Plant

Alexis Hawley reported that the Pittsfield Treatment Plant's temporary permit has been renewed. The new phosphate limit is .1 mg. per liter. Bryan Piepho suggested that she check what Pittsfield had previously discharging.

Shannon Young also asked Alexis Hawley to find out information on the testing procedures in Danbury including who does the testing and who the test results are reported to.

Wood Debris

Armand Luizi presented the Debris Management Status Update. This year 817 cubic yards of material was removed compared with 1,133 cubic yards in 2007. Also three less days were spent on Lake Lillinonah this year with more time on Lake Zoar. A debris plow was tried in September with initial favorable results. Further extensive use and evaluation is scheduled for next spring.

Barkwood Cove

Sarah Howard reported that Barkwood is 233 ft. across at its narrowest point. At that width it does not qualify to be able to put a buoy there.

The Authority discussed submitting a proposal to DEP as a hazard and requesting that the State Legislature pass legislation for a special permit. Our State Legislators, Clark Chapin, David Schribner and Art O'Neill will be contacted for their assistance. Linda Leaden will find out what the deadline for legislation is.

The members discussed the possible placement of a no wake buoy at the corner past the GMS Rowing Center. Linda Leaden told the Authority of her concerns for the safety of rowers in the area of the corner.

After some discussion regarding the chairman's procedure that a vote on new motions are delayed until the next month's meeting, motion was made by William Davidson to conduct a vote without posting for a month prior to the vote. Second to the motion by Shannon Young and carried unanimously. Then, motion was made by William Davidson that LLA move to secure through legislation no wake buoys at the corner past the GMS Rowing Center and at Barkwood Cove contingent on the legislative deadline being before our next meeting. Second to the motion by Shannon Young and carried unanimously.

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It was understood that a new motion would be made at the January meeting should there be no need for the December vote, thus recognizing the chairman's procedure.

Discussion followed on the motion regarding no wake buoys. Shannon Young said that he would like for the Authority to pinpoint the location of the buoy so that it would not impact anyone wanting to make a long ski run and at the same time consider the safety factor. It was suggested that a shore sign warning of the safety hazard might be allowed by DEP.

2009 Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule for 2009 was reviewed. It was noted that the January meeting will be held January 13, 2009.

Motion by Shannon Young to approve the meeting schedule for 2009. The motion was seconded by Art Niedzielski and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The slate of officers for 2009 was presented:

Chairman – William Davidson

First Vice Chairman – Shannon Young

Second Vice Chairman – Ross Carley

Treasurer – Joseph Briody

Bryan Piepho called for any further nominations from the floor. There were none. The vote to approve the slate of officers for 2009 was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lake Lillinonah Authority took the opportunity to recognize Bryan Piepho for his service to the Authority and highlighted some of his accomplishments.

Friends of the Lake

Scott Conant reported that water quality testing will be done in the coming year.

On behalf of the Friends of the Lake, he congratulated the LLA for the quality of its work on the Lake. William Davidson suggested that the Authority work with Greg Bollard regarding testing at the sand bar.

Save the Lake Day is scheduled for May 16, 2009. A chairman is still needed for clean-up day. Family Day will be held on August 1, 2009.

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Motion by Shannon Young to adjourn at 9:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Ross Carley and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Giordano,
Administrative Assistant

These minutes are not considered official until approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Lake Lillinonah Authority.

The next Regular Meeting of the Lake Lillinonah Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Brookfield Town Hall.