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Lake Lillinonah Authority

P.O. Box 227, Roxbury, CT 06783

REGULAR MEETING January 13, 2008 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Davidson, 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
Sara Howard – Roxbury	David Kendall – New Milford
Joe Briody - Bridgewater	

Also Present:

George Walker – Friends of the Lake (FOTL)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

The following corrections were noted: “Armand Luzi and Jerry Simmons noted corrections in the spelling of their names.” “The wording of the motion regarding the No Wake buoy vote was correct.”

Motion by Shannon Young to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 2, 2008 as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Bill Davidson reported on the development of committee assignments within the LLA to create a sharing of the work responsibilities of the group. Committees will be named and responsibilities discussed in upcoming meetings. He also spoke of the continued relationship between Friends of the Lake and the LLA and how this relationship was beneficial to the communities surrounding Lake Lillinonah.

Bill Davidson reported that there is a meeting on 1/13/2009 with First Light Power (FLP) regarding the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). There is also a second meeting to be held on 1/27/2009 by FLP. It is a Lake Advisory Committee meeting.

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A discussion was brought up at this time by Bryan Piepho regarding the possibility of management of the surveying of the docks on the lake by the LLA. After discussion it was agreed that there would be further discussion as new business.

Bill Davidson spoke about the process for determining the responsible party for the handling of an abandoned boat on the lake. The first in line is the last owner of record. The second in line is the State of Connecticut if floating, and the lake owner (FLP) if sunk.

The annual report was delivered to all the towns on the lake as well as to all LLA members.

Bill Davidson discussed the posting of the minutes on the LLA website. Bill will arrange for the minutes to be forwarded to Jerry Simmons for posting. We will maintain minutes for the most current twelve months.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

Shannon Young reported on water treatment for the upcoming year. A cost proposal by Aquatic Control Technology was circulated.

The proposal as discussed includes Milfoil control over approximately 17 Acres of the lake in the same areas that were treated in 2008. The proposal requires a map of the final treatment areas to be provided by the LLA. This treatment is likely to take place in late June.

The proposal also discussed algaecide control through the use of Copper Sulfate Treatment. Tentative treatment dates are 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, and 9/8. The treatment area is approximately 208 acres and includes Lover's Leap, Barkwood Cove, mouth of the Shepaug River, and the Still River confluence with the Housatonic.

The proposal calls for the treatment postings to be made by the LLA. The total cost of the proposal is approximately \$31,000. This cost is within the budgeted amount for lake treatment.

There was discussion of a motion to allow the chairman to sign the contract with the right to add and remove areas for milfoil treatment.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

Not present.

TREASURER

William Davidson reported that all towns have paid their annual dues. He reported that \$110,000 of funds has been put in a CD and that the checking account balance is \$44,000.

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BOATING AND SAFETY

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Personal Floatation Devices

David Kendall reported that there was an upcoming court date to settle the matter of the (required?) use of PFDs by rowers on the lake. Attorney Jeffrey Tinsley (of FotL) 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. Dave suggested that someone from the DEP or possibly Jeffrey Tinsley might attend the upcoming court date. Bill Davidson said that he would call Chuck Lee from the DEP.

Website

Jerry Simmons reported on the website. There were 60 hits for the month with a 30% bounce rate. A table of statistics was circulated.

Danbury Sewage Treatment Plant

Alexis Hawley had nothing to report

Wood Debris

Armand Luzi reported that FLP has been unresponsive to his requests to have a meeting about wood debris on the lake.

Barkwood Cove

The placement of No Wake buoys at the entrance to Barkwood Cove and in the vicinity of the GMS Rowing was discussed. This was a continuation of the December discussion on this subject. Clark Chapin, state representative from New Milford, has offered to present legislation to support the No Wake buoy placements if the DEP does not approve of the placements. Linda Leaden is leading this effort for LLA.

Motion by William Davidson, as in last months meeting, that we move to secure through legislation a no wake buoy at the corner past the GMS Rowing Center and a buoy at Barkwood Cove. The motion was seconded by Shannon Young and carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

There was continued discussion regarding the proposed fees to be imposed by FLP on the homeowners and communities with lakefront docks. Bryan Piepho presented the case for the LLA getting involved in the management of dock surveys in order to avoid the fees that had been proposed by FLP. There was a split in the membership over the possibility of taking on this task. The positive aspect is the potential limiting of the fees. The negative is that at this point the requirements of this task are unknown, and there is also potential liability for the Authority. It was agreed to table this discussion at this time pending further investigation by Bryan Piepho and Bill Davidson during upcoming meetings with FLP.

Motion by Shannon Young to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Briody on behalf of
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, March 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Brookfield Town Hall.