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Lake Lillinonah Authority
PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 4, 2022
Via Zoom
7:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman S. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, M. Digirolamo, and R. Johnson, and S. Lee

Absent Members: 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, J. Curren, B. Piepho, D. Lathrop, B. Waslenko, B. Rogers, C. Read, J. Munno, and J. Pinkos

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by J. Ginnetty, to approve the August 2, 2022 Lake Lillinonah Authority Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced Rebekah White, and Angela Woerner, Friends of the Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young stated receiving correspondence from CT Federation of Lakes with an invitation to the CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven on Saturday 10/23/22 from 9am-12:30pm. He also stated that there were going to be very interesting speakers at this event. Anyone interested in attending should contact Chairman S. Young.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young attended a meeting with G. Walker and S. Bowman, Friends of the Lake. They discussed herbicide treatment and how to improve signage and communication. Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi reported to Chairman S. Young another issue with the solar system.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated the audit has not been completed and he has supplied the firm with the additional information they requested. He also stated he has received the new Worker's Compensation Policy. He also stated that he will forward 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti the documents on the depreciation schedule. Treasurer B. Woerner reported that Newtown has not paid the balance owed from their Town Contribution. 1st Vice Chairman will follow up with Newtown on this matter.

Chairman S. Young stated that the fuel tank will be removed after Columbus Day.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was discussed.

***Vacancies** – Brookfield-1, Newtown-1

NEW BUSINESS: The Shepaug Impoundment – Lake Lillinonah will be going down on October 26, 2022 through November 7, 2022 – Target Depth – 190.5' – 191.5'.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young reported on the Lake Management Committee on behalf of J. Curren. Matt reported that he performed 2 rounds of harvesting; the second was shorter than the first. Total removal was 94 bags of material, equivalent to approximately 188 gallons. Plants are seen growing in the same areas, but the density of growth appears to be much less compared to years past. Plants were noticed as migrating further south this year in small amounts. The work is definitely having a positive impact, but continuous maintenance is essential. Friends of the Lake asked Matt to perform a day of removal on the Housatonic, but unfortunately the area is so large and dense that the only truly effective way would be to use a machine to help harvest. This year the water level was too low to get in there. The area is not conducive to hand picking by crews.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated that he will create a spreadsheet for all IT costs.

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti presented Patrol Activities from Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi as follows:

Patrol Activities:

Currently there are 11 officers and 9 assistants for 2022. Three of the Lake Lillinonah Authority furnished Marine Patrol boats are in service and available. An approximate total of 300 man-hours were assigned in September. There was 1 patrol shift that ended early due to rain/thunderstorms this month. Patrol had 60 contacts with vessels, camper/swimmers, which resulted in 26 verbal warnings for assorted violations, and 15 inspections primarily for life jackets. Patrol had 20 documented boater assists and 8 trespassing/campfire contacts at the Bleachery Dam/Rte. 133 ramp/Upper Paugussett and Waldo State Park. Patrol used approximately 238 gallons of fuel during this period.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: R. White, Friends of the Lake, reported that when the channel buoys were moved, the second green buoy in from the gorge has moved during the last rainstorm almost into the middle of the channel. Matt was called in to move the buoy back in place.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by R. Johnson, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LLA, Administrative Assistant