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## Lake Lillinonah Authority

PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday November 1, 2022  
Via Zoom  
7:30PM

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

**Members Present:** Chairman S. Young, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, M. Digirolamo, B. Waslenko, S. Leems, J. Munno, J. Pinkos, R. Johnson, J. Curren, J. Ginnetty, and C. Read

**Absent Members:** B. Piepho

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, to approve the LLA October 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Chairman S. Young introduced R. White and A. Woerner, Friends of the Lake. He also introduced Mark Wurtman (New Milford) and Chris Symes (Newtown) as persons of interest in joining LLA.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence on the following: Town of Roxbury requesting LLA's annual report and Pete Bass regarding vacancies and membership. He spoke about the drawdown being halfway completed. He also reported receiving correspondence Ginny, Town of Brookfield, re: letter from Department of Defense. Chairman S. Young read aloud a letter that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti sent to the Town of Newtown regarding their annual town contribution. J. Ginnetty stated that he received a voicemail regarding water fowl hunting. B. Waslenko stated that he has received written confirmation from DEEP regarding the AIS Grant to finalize the award and awaiting a contract, and what the steps forward will be.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman S. Young stated that the boats and docks are now out of the water. The fuel tank has been recovered and the porta potty will be recovered this week. He also stated that he met with the electrician handling the power system at the marine patrol dock.

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that he has completed the boat depreciation spreadsheet.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer B. Woerner stated the audit has been completed. An electronic copy will be sent to the members and towns.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\***Vacancies** – Brookfield-1, Newtown-1, New Milford-2 (one member has not been renewed and one member has stepped down)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\***2023 Budget Presentation** – After discussion, a motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to accept the budget as presented, to be voted on at next month's meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

\***Firstlight Power Annual Debris Removal Report** – Chairman S. Young stated that he met with Firstlight Power and Greg from Friends of the Lake. Pictures were taken of the debris pile. We were informed that they harvested 400 total yards.

**\*Request for LLA members to notify secretary and/or Chairman if unable to attend meeting:**

Lake Lillinonah Authority Bylaws; Section 3, Participation: Appointed delegates are expected to attend all scheduled meetings and to participate as much as possible in any other Authority business. Failure to attend meetings for three consecutive months or four months in a year without being excused by the Chairperson may result in a communication from the Authority to the Chief Elected Official (CEO) of the town concerned -1- outlining the Authority's recommendations. Such communication to the CEO is to be copied to the particular delegate.

**\*2023 LLA Meeting Calendar** – A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifilliti, seconded by J. Ginnetty, to approve the 2023 LLA Meeting Calendar. Motion carries unanimously.

**\*Officer Nominations for 2023 (elections to be held in December)**

The Officer Slate for 2023 is as follows:

**Chairman – Shannon Young**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman – Scott Schifilliti**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman – Vinny Young**

**Treasurer – Bernd Woerner**

A motion was made by S. Leems, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to reflect the Officer Slate for 2023 remain the same. Motion carries unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** J. Curren stated that Matt, New England Aquatic Services, has prepared the 2022 Lake Lillinonah Water Chestnut Removal Project Report. (Report is attached to this email)

**GRANT COMMITTEE:** B. Waslenko stated that he has received written confirmation from DEEP regarding the AIS Grant to finalize the award and awaiting a contract, and what the steps forward will be.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** No report for this meeting.

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** No report for this meeting.

**BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Below is a summary of the Lake Lillinonah Marine Patrol activities for the 2022 boating season. The Lake Lillinonah Authority hires sworn, off duty police officers, and non-sworn personnel for marine patrol. Three Lake Lillinonah Authority furnished marine patrol boats were utilized throughout the season. Boat #2, a 19' Boston Whaler, had its engine replaced and still had some minor maintenance issues. There were 11 active officers and 9 active assistants for 2022. A total of approximately 1950 man-hours were patrolled in 2022. Patrol had 484 vessel contacts, which resulted in 233 verbal and written warnings; 147 inspections; and 63 requests to vacate due to trespass and equipment violations. Patrol had 81 documented boater assists, numerous debris removal, investigated one minor boat crash, one capsized sailboat with two persons thrown into water. Aided with 3 medical calls; one a near drowning, and assisted DEEP, CT. State Police, Southbury, Bridgewater, Newtown and Brookfield Police several times for assorted general service needs. We used approximately 2,670 gallons of fuel during this boating season.

Chairman S. Young stated that Russ prepared a wish list of things that could be replaced on each boat:

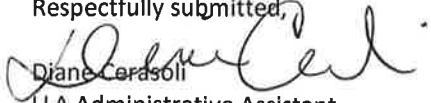
Boat #1: canvas top, tow rope, boat hook, fenders, dock line, led work lights, and a paddle.

Boat #2: canvas top, tow rope, fenders, dock line, led work lights, a paddle and a light bar.

Boat #3: tow rope, fenders, dock line, a paddle.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by M. Digirolamo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Diane Cerasoli  
LLA Administrative Assistant