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Lake Lillinonah Authority

PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
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, 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, M. Digirolamo, M. Wurtmann, C. Read, J. Curren, C. Symes, S. Lee, K. Lee, B. Waslenko, T. Ferranti

Absent Members: R. Johnson, J. Pinkos, J. Munno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, to approve the LLA August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced Rebekah White, FOTL

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young stated that he received correspondence from a Bridgewater resident regarding water chestnut removal. He also was copied on a message that came through FOTL regarding water chestnuts spotted in New Milford. This message was routed to the proper departments. Chairman S. Young stated the he met with the Executive Board and they authorized additional funding of \$3,000 to complete weed removal treatment in the lake. Chairman S. Young applauded R. White for a fantastic job of hand harvesting. 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young also assisted and provided photos for the members.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young stated that he spotted headlights on the lake heading towards the shed. He contacted the police and was notified that it was a First Light Power contractor cutting and removing logs by the patrol boats. First Light Power will send photos when project is completed. He also stated that he has had a positive phone conversation with Andy Brydges, First Light Power, regarding the eventuality of bringing First Light Power up to full status as a contributor to the LLA budget.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti reported that he has contacted DEEP regarding trash in the Paugussett where Pond Brook comes in. He stated that DEEP came out and took care of removing the trash.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated that he received the Town contributions from all six towns. He also stated that he is starting to gather all information for the next audit.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was discussed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

***Hydrilla has been discovered in Lake Lillinonah-** Chairman S. Young stated that Hydrilla has been discovered in Lake Lillinonah by R. White, FOTL. She periodically has seen it mixed in with water chestnuts. Hydrilla has been spotted at the Bridgewater Town Park just above Poison Ivy Island. LLA is in high alert in the state and other interested parties. R. White has prepared an informational bulletin. It is currently being edited, and will be circulated shortly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: J. Curren stated that he would like to research more information on Hydrilla and how to manage it.

Chairman S. Young shared a report from Matt on the annual removal of water chestnuts. A copy of this report will be emailed to all members.

GRANT COMMITTEE: B. Waslenko stated that an invoice will need to be generated to DEEP as well as Matt's report from the weed removal project to be added to the AIS Grant.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

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

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Patrol Activities:

Currently, there are 12 POST Certified Officers, and 6 Lake Patrol Officers (LPO) and 1 Assistant. Five patrol shifts ended early or were canceled due to weather/debris in water. Two Lake Lillinonah Authority-furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available. The metal shark was out of service for multiple days for engine and maintenance issues and continues to have these issues.

An approximate total of 440 man-hours were assigned in August. Patrol had 163 contacts with vessels, and camper/swimmers, which resulted in 66 verbal warnings for assorted violations, 5 written warning and 96 inspections primarily for life jackets. The patrol had 25 documented boater assist and 20 trespassing/campfire contacts at the Bleachery Dam/Rte. 133 ramp/Upper Paugussett and Waldo State Park. Assisted Brookfield PD with trespassing on Rte 133 bridge. Assisted Bridgewater Ambulance and CSP with victim in water and assisted Newtown PD with trailer blocking Newtown Town Ramp.

Patrol used approximately 531 gals of fuel during this period.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Chairman S. Young stated that at the Anniversary Party there was a presentation about the construction of the dam.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Diane Cerasoli
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