

Bridgewater
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
Via Zoom
7:30PM

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

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, M. Wurtmann, M. Digirolamo, C. Read, K. Strobino, S. Lee, T. Ferranti, J. Curren, R. Johnson, B. Waslenko, C. Symes, and K. Lee

Absent Members: 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, and A. Strothers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to approve the LLA March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced R. White and A. Woerner, FOTL

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was discussed at this meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young stated that he attended a meeting for the First LightPower Advisory Board Stakeholders regarding Nuisance Species Monitoring. This meeting was geared toward discussing hydrilla.

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

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young stated that the Grant proposal for the shed has been submitted and hoped to hear a response sometime in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner discussed the meeting he, Chairman S. Young, and S. Ivan, LLA Bookkeeper, attended at the Southbury Town Hall to present financial information. The Town of Newtown asked for similar information which was sent to them. All other towns will receive this information as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Vacancies** - Southbury-1

***Hydrilla** – R. White, FOTL stated that DEP mentioned that they have a crew to come out to perform manual removal of water chestnuts. She will be working alongside the crew. She also stated that she will be meeting with a boy scout to plan a pulling event.

***Power Upgrade Update for Patrol Shed** – Chairman S. Young stated that according to the LLA Bylaws for a project of this size, three competing proposals must be obtained. 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, and 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young have been working on acquiring these proposals. Chairman S. Young also stated that a proposal has been submitted to First LightPower Grant program named Sustains. Chairman S. Young stated that in order for any work to be done on this project on the Town of Brookfield open space property, that there are guidelines where certain activities are allowed by vote. This activity would be by vote, and a very detailed description of the project, the purpose of the project, and how we plan on executing the project is required. All this information will be submitted to the First Selectman. After this information is reviewed a Town vote is called for the residents of Brookfield to vote. K. Lee said that she will follow up with First Selectman S. Dunn regarding the power upgrade project for the patrol shed.

***Kimberly Clark**- M. Wurtmann stated that he sent a letter to Brian, but received no response.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: M. Digirolamo stated S. Harding proposed a bill at the beginning of the year to require DEEP to expedite permits for hydrilla remediation. "The specific part of that that is of concern is that part of the bill says if they don't take any action on a permit application within three months it will be deemed approved. That went to a Public Hearing on March 3rd and there was a lot of opposition from Federation of Lakes and other organizations of such. It is now in the hands of the environmental committee and may go to a vote in the next month or two." M. Digirolamo will keep an eye on this bill. He also stated there are two large bills that are pending and he will write something up for the next meeting. "One bill involves the commissioner of DEEP to designate patrol officers or special conservation officers to enforce boating laws. The second bill talks about the establishment of what they are calling is a riparian buffer zone that is going to extend 100 feet from waterways. It's dealing with public drinking water and cold water habitat streams to the extent that it might involve Lake Lillinonah, it is just a 10 foot buffer zone that is going to prohibit the clear cutting of vegetation for natural lawns, storage of chemicals, including fuel and spraying pesticides. He also said there are a lot of aspects and exceptions and particular acceptance in the bill." It is still in the pending process. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated lake alert subscriptions are coming in.

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Spencer Mallette, DEEP, has taken over the management of fishing tournament scheduling. Chairman S. Young introduced himself to Mr. Mallette and asked him the following questions, regarding the 133 boat launch - What is the number of capacity of parking spaces for trailers? Mr. Mallette's response was 50. Chairman S. Young also asked, What is the policy for the permitting for the total number of permitted fishing tournament users or parking spaces to be consumed and Mr. Mallett answered 25. Mr. Mallett also explained to Chairman S. Young that there are exceptions when they will allow numbers to go above 50%; i.e. certain times of the year when the tournament would not overlap with heavy recreational demand, and times of the day.

Chairman S. Young reminded the members to renew their fishing license/conservation ID. He stated that you can also obtain your AIS stamp and apply for your boat stamp for \$25.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: C. Read stated that he applied for and was approved for 200 Northern Pike, but only 150 are currently available. He also shared bass fishing tournament statistics for Lake Lillinonah from the previous; including 66 tournaments with an average of 11.2 anglers per tournaments. C. Read discussed the possibility of obtaining Tiger Muskies and Pike fry from a New Jersey hatchery to offset costs and supplement their stocking efforts.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: A. Woerner, FOTL reported on the following important dates:

May 31 st	Weed Pulling Day at Housatonic Cove
June 1 st	Save the Lake Day
June 7 th	Weed Pulling Day at Lover's Leap
June 21 st	Weed Pulling Day (if necessary)
June 28 th	Dine Around
August 7 th	Anniversary Party

ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Treasurer B. Woerner, seconded by M. Wurtmann, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cerasoli

LLA Administrative Assistant