



Lake Lillinonah Authority
PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 7, 2026
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, M. Digirolamo, M. Wurtmann, K. Strobino, R. Johnson, S. Lee, K. Lee J. Curren, J. Ginnetty, and C. Symes,

Absent Members: B. Waslenko, C. Read, and A. Strother

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by First Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, to approve the LLA March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced G. Bollard, FOTL, R. Wininger, LLA Patrol, and Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence from FirstLight Power regarding the debris tour scheduled for May 20, 2026 from 3-7pm. Chairman S. Young asked the members to send pictures of any large logs spotted in the lake and email to him. He also received correspondence from FirstLight Power to set up a meeting to speak about the grant application.

K. Lee spoke about the proposed cell tower in Brookfield and how it could affect the Eagles and the long term effect on wildlife. If anyone would like to receive more information, please contact K. Lee.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: First Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that while he was fishing he noticed that the water level was high and spotted a lot of debris.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Second Vice Chairman V. Young stated that he spotted a piece of a dock floating in the lake.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated that the audit is complete.

A motion was made by Chairman S. Young, seconded by M. Digirolamo, that we officially create sub accounts for the depreciation of boats and motors. Motion carries unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Vacancies -** Southbury-2

***Kimberly Clark-** M. Wurtmann discussed litigation involving Kimberly Clark and PFAS contamination. He also discussed that a recent lawsuit was dismissed reducing potential distractions for ongoing environmental efforts.

***Hydrilla** – G. Bollard, FOTL, provided an update on Hydrilla treatment plans, noting \$50,000 in federal funding for three treatments and an additional \$50,000 AIS Grant from Friends of the Lake was received with a \$12,500 co-pay requirement. There was also miscommunication about LLA's involvement in funding.

Mauro reported that he will continue to monitor and report on the status of legislation (e.g. SB145) related to AIS and fast tracking permitting. He will report back to the group.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: J. Curren attended the FirstLight Power Nuisance Aquatic Species meeting. He reported that they discussed plans to monitor nuisance species on lakes, with a focus on Lake Zoar and Lake Lillinonah rather than Candlewood due to carp issues. They plan to conduct Hydrilla monitoring later in the season, because Hydrilla has a much deeper littoral zone. They can grow with very limited light. This invasive species can grow in deeper waters making detection more challenging.

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

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

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi reported progress on a grant application with FirstLight. They will meet to discuss the patrol's needs. Two newest officers are up to speed with uniforms and upcoming DEP training for Lake Patrol Officers. R. Winger stated he would like to see maintenance on the docks, but they are not accessible right now. Cleaning needs to be done from the accumulation over the season of mold and mildew, which makes it slippery and dangerous when walking down the gangway to the docks. The handrails are coming apart and splintering. The bumpers that are mounted to the exterior of the dock need to be replaced. Chairman S. Young said there is money in the budget for priority repairs. Marine Patrol Chief John Puglisi stated that the radios need to be replaced in the boats by Norcom. M. Digirolamo stated he will inquire about CT Bill No. 313 and report at next month's meeting.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: C. Symes son caught a 2 ½ pound crappie.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by First Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cerasoli

LLA Administrative Assistant