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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 6, 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, C. Symes, K. Lee, M. Digirolamo, R. Johnson, J. Ginnetty, M. Wurtmann, C. Reed, B. Waslenko,
Absent Members: J. Curren, A. Strothers, S. Lee, and K. Strobino

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, to amend last month's meeting minutes to reflect the new LLA phone number. The new number is 860-946-0617.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced Angela Woerner and Greg Bollard, FOTL, John Puglisi, Marine Patrol Chief and Russ Wininger

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was discussed.

A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by R. Johnson, to move up Budget Presentation next on the agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer B. Woerner presented the LLA Proposed 2027-2028 Preliminary Budget, which was structured around the 2025-2026 actuals as a baseline. Most of the line items reflect a 3% increase aligned with projected COLA, with flat items where actual spending was below budget.

OFFICER REPORTS:
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
***Vacancies** - Southbury-2
***Kimberly Clark**- No report for this meeting.
***Hydrilla –** G. Bollard, FOTL stated that FOTL will try to obtain raw data from this season regarding how much Hydrilla has expanded. Hydrilla has expanded, but in small, dispersed plots; overall acreage is equal to or slightly less than what was treated in 2025. This is a much harder format to treat as it is in many little spots throughout the Lake. A preliminary report on the 2026 findings is expected within one week, which will outline the basis of the 2027 treatment plan. An AIS grant application is planned for December. A Fisheries grant is also being pursued. Raw data will be sent to Pond and Lake to offer a proposal. In December FOTL will be applying for the AIS Grant. A stakeholders meeting will take place within 2-3 weeks. Chairman S. Young reported that he and Josh Flowers will explore hiring a professional grant writer for the AIS Grant and Federal Hydrilla grant applications.

NEW BUSINESS:
Budget Presentation: This agenda item was discussed prior to Officer's Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty reported that to maintain the free phone number requires at least monthly use. Chairman S. Young suggested adding a reminder to place a call each month.

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young presented the September Marine Patrol report as follows;
Patrol Activities:
There are 10 certified police officers, 5 lake patrol officers, and 1 assistant for 2026. Two Lake Lillinonah Authority-furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available. The older Boston Whaler is out of service due to equipment and safety reasons for the foreseeable future.
A total of 206 man-hours were assigned in September for patrol, including administrative.
Several patrol shifts ended early due to rain/thunderstorms this month, and two were canceled.
Patrol had 75 contacts with vessels, campers/swimmers, which resulted in 46 warnings for assorted violations and 65 inspections primarily for life jackets, AIS and other safety equipment.
Patrol had 4 documented boater assists and 3 trespassing contacts at the Bleachery Dam and state Ramp and Rte 133 bridge Assisted Newtown FD with a campfire/illegal burn in Paugussett Forest area.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: C. Read reported that Minnesota Muskie may still be able to supply Tiger Muskies, but not yet fully confirmed. He also reported that a 49 inch Tiger Muskie was caught in Lake Zoar and weighed approximately 35 pounds.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: No Others Items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by R. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Cerasoli
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