

Bridgewater  
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Lake Lillinonah Authority  
PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday July 2, 2024  
Via Zoom  
7:30PM

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

**Members Present:** Chairman S. Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, R. Johnson, K. Lee, M. Digirolamo, C. Symes, B. Waslenko, T. Ferranti, and M. Wurtmann  
**Absent Members:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, C. Read, J. Curren and S. Lee

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by R. Johnson, to approve the LLA June 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes with the following amendment; add R. Johnson as being present at last month's meeting; not absent. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Chairman S. Young made a motion, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner, to move New Business, agenda item, "Review of proposed changes to patrol wages" as the next order of business. Motion carries unanimously.

Russ Winger presented an overview of the challenges the marine patrol faces filling Saturday/Sunday evening patrol shifts with certified officers. Monetary options were discussed. More discussion to follow.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence regarding herbicide treatment. He also reported that Pond & Lake completed their obligation without flaw. Chairman S. Young stated that he received correspondence regarding a water chestnut citing, hydrilla treatment, water temperature, and a boating complaint. Chairman S. Young stated that there was an article about a fisherman that reeled in a record setting 45 pound, 5 ounce carp.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman S. Young discussed the Chairman's Report under Correspondence.

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

**SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young stated that the weed treatment went well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer B. Woerner reported that the budget has been sent to all towns.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

\***Vacancies** - New Milford -1, Bridgewater – 1, Southbury-1

\***Hydrilla Update** – stated having difficult time getting direct communication from Matt @ DEP and G. Bollard. Proposal has not been signed from Pond & Lake. Zach, Pond & Lake, will obtain the permit, but having issues.

\***Kimberly Clark Update** – Chairman S. Young stated there was a meeting with First Light, FOTL, DEP, Federation of Lakes and Save the Sound. He also stated that the meeting was not very successful and does not expect to see results quickly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\***Audit review** – members were asked to review the audit and submit any questions to Treasurer B. Woerner.

\***Review of proposal for permanent power to patrol shed** – A motion was made by K. Lee, seconded by M.

Digirolamo, to table this agenda until next month. Motion carries unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Chairman S. Young reported that yesterday was the first day of contracted water chestnut removal. Chairman S. Young stated that Matt reported one boat went out yesterday, 2 boats today, and one boat tomorrow. Yesterday's production was approximately 8 yards. Last year's removal was a total of 60 yards.

**GRANT COMMITTEE:** No report was given for this meeting.

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

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** J. Ginnetty stated that he will update vacancies on the Board page of the website. Chairman S. Young thanked J. Ginnetty for his work on the call.

**BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Chairman S. Young provided the Marine Patrol Report from Chief J. Puglisi for the month of June 2024, as listed below:

There are 8 certified officers, 8 Lake Patrol Officers, and 1 assistant for 2024. The 1 assistant is still on a leave of absence due to a family emergency. All three Lake Lillinonah Authority furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available. New donated light bars/sirens and work lights were installed in the boats and are a major improvement and greatly appreciated.

A total of 313.5 man hours were assigned in June for the patrol a total of 69 shifts. There were 5 unfilled scheduled shifts. Several patrol shifts ended early or were cancelled due to rain/thunderstorms this month. Patrol had 107 contacts with vessels, campers/swimmers which resulted in 72 verbal warnings for assorted violations and 86 inspections primarily for life jackets/safety equipment. Patrol had 8 documented boater assists and 7 trespassing contacts at the Bleachery Dam and State Ramp.

Approximately 410 gallon of fuel has been used.

**FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE:** No report for this meeting.

**ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** R. White, FOTL, stated that there is an Eagle Scout is helping to remove water chestnuts as part of his project. She also stated that FOTL pulls water from above and below Kimberly Clark every two weeks to be tested and is analyzed for nutrients. FOTL also tests 5 areas on the lake for cyanotoxins and nutrients and also look at cyanobacteria and analyze.

Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2024. Sunday, July 8, 2024 is the rain date.

A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by R. Johnson, to increase the patrol pay to time + ½ on Saturday/Sunday evening shifts and for Memorial Day, Labor Day, and July 4th. After discussion, the motion was called and it was decided to table this agenda item to next month.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by C. Symes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm.