

Bridgewater  
Brookfield  
New Milford



Newtown  
Roxbury  
Southbury

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday August 6, 2024  
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, S. Lee, R. Johnson, M. Wurtmann, C. Symes, C. Read, and J. Curren

**Absent Members:** K. Lee, B. Waslenko, and T. Ferranti

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, to approve the LLA July 2 , 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Chairman S. Young introduced R. White, FOTL, and Alicia Strother, a possible new member from Bridgewater.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence from stakeholders that are handling the hydrilla issue. He also received correspondence regarding Kimberly Clark and correspondence from FirstLight Power regarding annual maintenance on the dam. For the entire month of August FirstLight Power will not generate power. The lake water level has been dropped due to incoming weather.

**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:** Treasurer B Woerner stated that payment has been received from all Towns. He also stated that payment was received from FirstLight Power.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

\***Hydrilla Update** - Chairman S. Young gave the members an update on Hydrilla. He anticipates that in mid August will be when approval will be received for hydrilla removal.

\***Kimberly Clark Update** - Chairman S. Young provided an update on Kimberly Clark. He stated that he has received

two documents regarding Kimberly Clark. He asked if anyone would like to read these documents to contact him.

\***Patrol Pay Discussion** - Chairman S. Young had discussion with the members regarding weekend evening shift patrol wages.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No New Business was discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

**\*Water Chestnut Removal Report** - J. Curren read the 2024 Lake Lillinonah Water Chestnut Removal Report from Matt Vogt, New England Aquatic Services LLC.

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

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

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** J. Ginnetty stated that 550 people are signed up to receive communications. He also stated that sign up can be found on the LLA website.

**BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Chairman S. Young provided the July 2024 Marine Patrol Report as follows:

**Patrol Activities:**

There are 8 certified police officers, 8 lake patrol officers, and 1 assistant for 2024. The 1 assistant who requested a leave of absence due to a family emergency has resigned. One new assistant has been hired this month. All three Lake Lillinonah Authority-furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available.

438 man-hours were assigned in July for patrol and used approximately 503 gallons of fuel. Several shifts ended early due to rain/thunderstorms this month. The patrol had 125 contacts with vessels, and camper/swimmers, which resulted in 68 warnings for assorted violations and 76 inspections primarily for life jackets. Patrol had 23 documented boater assists and 15 trespassing contacts at the Bleachery Dam and Rt 133 boat ramp.

On 07/19/24, Brookfield Police Dispatch dispatched the Marine Patrol to Newtown section of Lake for a report of a jet ski crash. The crash location was reported to be in the area of the Shepaug dam closest to Albert's Hill Road. LPO Pacific and Sgt. Rosado was already in the area on routine lake patrol and responded to the area. A witness to the crash indicated the location that the jet ski left the water and went aground. Newtown Police officers had accessed the jet ski operator from the roadway side of the crash. Marine Patrol was unable to see the resting point of the jet ski from the water because the thick vegetation closed around the point of entry when the jet ski went aground. Sgt Rosado entered the lake when in approximately 2 feet of water. He was able to locate scrape marks on the logs that were along the shoreline from where the jet ski left the water. Newtown PD informed them that the jet ski was approximately 40' inland from the shore and came to rest after crashing into a tree. Newtown PD also informed him that the operator was injured and that DEEP was enroute to the scene. The operator was transported to the hospital by ambulance. After returning to the patrol boat, Rosado was informed that a DEEP officer had arrived on the scene and was going to be heading to the hospital to conduct field sobriety tests. The vessel was a 2019 Sea Doo 64KB. The operator was the only occupant involved in the crash. The operator's husband arrived on scene shortly after on a separate jet ski. LPO Pacific and Sgt Rosado went above and beyond what was required and should be recognized for their actions.

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

**ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** The annual Anniversary Party will be held on August 8, 2024 from 6-8pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Treasurer B. Woerner, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.