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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 1, 2026
Via Zoom
7:30PM

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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, B. Waslenko, M. Digirolamo, M. Wurtmann, C. Symes, J. Curren, R. Johnson, and K. Lee

Members Absent: C. Read, K. Sturbino, A. Strother and S. Lee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by R. Johnson, to approve the LLA August 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced G. Bollard, FOTL.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence regarding the Hydrilla treatment notifications that were performed today. He also reported that a buoy north of the 133 bridge had not been replaced as previously thought, though an order had been placed. .

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young highlighted the success of this year's water chestnut removal efforts, which resulted in over 60 yards of removal at a cost of under \$25,000. He explained the intentional delay in starting the work was to allow chemical treatment to be more effective.

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 reported an under \$25,000 invoice for water chestnut removal and routine boat maintenance invoice.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Vacancies** - Southbury-2

***Kimberly Clark-** G. Bollard, FOTL provided an update on correspondence with Kimberly Clark Management regarding their permits, clarifying that they do not perform maintenance in late August/early September and that CT DEEP is reviewing renewal permits for 2027. Chairman S. Young requested that M. Wurtmann be included in all future correspondence regarding any Kimberly Clark matters.

***Hydrilla** – Chairman S. Young stated Firstlight Power held a meeting with many stakeholders. G. Bollard, FOTL, stated that they are trying to get as many experienced people with Hydrilla management on the Stakeholders group. LLA will work with Friends of the Lake to create a pitch deck for Hydrilla management funding. G. Bollard and Chairman S. Young discussed the challenges of managing Hydrilla in Lake Lillinonah, noting a 13-fold increase from 2024 to 2025. They reviewed treatment methods, including sonar granular treatment and a contact product, and discussed plans for managing the invasive plant. G. Bollard mentioned ongoing efforts to develop a management plan and secure funding from multiple sources, including LLA, FirstLight Power, FOTL, and potential AIS grants. It was noted that Friends of the Lake has exhausted their funding for Hydrilla control and emphasized the importance of presenting a unified message to Towns and Boards of Finance to secure support. The group also discussed concerns about a second species of Hydrilla found in the Upper Shepaug Arm and potential sources of spread, including heavy boat traffic at the Roxbury Boat Launch where Tiger Muskie fishing tournaments are held.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: J. Curren provided the 2026 Water Chestnut Removal Report. He stated that there are many people bluegill fishing in Roxbury. He also stated that the amount of boats, mainly kayaks, with people fishing for Tiger Muskies could be a source of Hydrilla in the lake.

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young thanked J. Ginnetty for sharing Matt's report on water chestnuts this evening. He also thanked him for his work on his help organizing the herbicide treatment call. J. Ginnetty explained the new disclaimer that will be added to all LLA meeting minutes as follows; "these minutes are not official and not considered official until they have been approved as is or as amended at the next regularly scheduled meeting." He stated that 578 calls regarding Hydrilla/herbicide treatment were sent out. He also reported on the new telephone number for LLA, which is; (860) 946-0617.

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young provided the Marine Patrol Report for the month of August 2026 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 405 man-hours were assigned in August for patrol, including training and administrative. Several patrol shifts ended early due to rain/thunderstorms this month, and two were canceled. Patrol had 136 contacts with vessels, campers/swimmers, which resulted in 78 warnings for assorted violations and 97 inspections primarily for life jackets and other safety equipment. Patrol had 9 documented boater assists and 8 trespassing contacts at the Bleachery Dam and state Ramp and Rte. 133 bridge Approximately 650 gallons of fuel was used. Chairman S. Young stated that he reached out to Tucker Docks twice regarding work that needs to be done this winter. He has had no response from Tucker.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: No other items were discussed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cerasoli, LLA Administrative Assistant