

LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6th, 2020
ZOOM MEETING 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Ed Berner, Dean Sarjeant, Bill Hopkins, Edwin Matthews, Rebecca Holmes, Kevin Brady, Sal Lillenthal, Sandy Papsin

MINUTES: From October 25th, 2019 meeting reviewed. Motion to approve by Dean, seconded by Kevin.

TREASURY REPORT: Submitted by Sal. Current balance of \$1,988.05. Expenses included fuel; \$ 573.01 for repairs on the boat; \$ 3,223.21 and equipment; \$ 1,302.68. Motion to approve by Ed, seconded by Edwin.

EQUIPMENT: No report available as Resident Trooper Costello and Officer Pat Kesler did not submit.

MARINE PATROL REPORT: Sandy read the report submitted on 8/25/2020. Water skiing without an observer was the largest complaint issue; the report did not indicate if citations were issued. Random patrols throughout the summer were conducted totaling 91 officer hours, 17 patrol shifts.

The Authority agreed that the report was vague and are frustrated with the current lack of communication between the Authority and Marine Patrol.

Aircraft landing in September was documented with time, place, operator, and tail #. The Marine Patrol reported; "We took enforcement action" however they were unwilling to provide any details.

WAKEBOARD BOATS: The Authority and the Lake Waramaug Association have received numerous reports regarding hazardous conditions caused by large waves posed to swimmers, smaller self-propelled vessels such as canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, rowing shells, sailboats, etc. as well as damage to residents' docks, floats and shorelines. The Authority asks those who operate or may be thinking about the purchase of a wakeboard boat to consider the safety and environmental problems they cause. The Authority is working with the Lake Waramaug Association and the Task Force on wakeboard boat issues.

STATUS OF PATROL BOAT: The three towns have approved \$ 50,000.00 for the purchase of a new boat with \$20,000 each from Warren and Washington, and \$ 10,000 from Kent. Sal will follow up with Matt and Pat on specifications. The LWA must approve all aspects of the purchase first.

ICE RESCUE: Dean reported that due to COVID-19, no plans are currently in place, but he is hopeful that drills will take place. It was stated the importance of keeping the team prepared and ready. Dean will oversee this.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Authority is in the process of revising its charter and bylaws. Sandy will work with Ed Berner and Edwin Matthews on the review process. It has been in contact with Washington First Selectmen James Brinton to express concerns regarding its communications with the Marine patrol.

The Authority is working on a proposal to regulate the number of watercraft a homeowner is permitted to keep at a dock or mooring off their property. Such a proposal will need to be approved by the zoning commission in each of the three towns.

Rebecca stated that she did not feel that the Marine patrol had a good visible presence on the lake over the summer and that Covid continuing we could anticipate additional activity next year. It was pointed out that for the patrol boat to operate a member of the police must be on board and that staffing issues contributed to this problem. Dean agreed to discuss with the Selectmen

Meeting Adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Papsin

Sandy Papsin, Secretary Lake Waramaug Authority