

Newtown Roxbury Southbury

# Lake Lillinonah Authority

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# LAKE LILLINONAH AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

#### Overview:

The Lake Lillinonah Authority ("LLA") exists pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §17-151a, as do the other lake authorities.

LLA has a lake patrol to insure the safety of the public on the lake. LLA does and has conducted water quality testing and assisted other organizations on the lake in similar activities. The LLA is funded by the six (6) towns bordering the lake with Representatives from each town.

#### Administrative:

The LLA meets once a month on the first (1st) Tuesday thereof. Our financial statement is filed with each Town annually.

#### Patrol:

John Puglisi continues as Marine Patrol Chief for the Lake Lillinonah Authority. He is the Major of the Brookfield Police Department. We have eleven members of the patrol; (8) are certified police officers and (3) marine assistants on the lake patrol. Seven of the eight certified police officers are from the Brookfield Police Department.

In 2016, the Patrol was on the water for 1,119 hours, off-water hours for administrative duties, equipment and boat maintenance activities were 52 hours. 91 verbal warnings were issued, 14 written warnings and 4 infractions were given for various boating and safety violations. The Patrol had 143 other contracts with boaters and lake patrons for various reasons, all related to their Patrol Duties.

### <u>Buoys</u>:

LLA continues to annually install and maintain all duly authorized navigational and hazard buoys. These are removed in the Fall prior to ice up. This activity is performed by a contractor every Spring and Fall.

## Water Quality Monitoring:

The Lake Lillinonah Authority continues to monitor water quality, the inflow of phosphorous, the ever-growing Zebra mussel population as well as Milfoil and other invasive plants.

The Lake Lillinonah Authority also continues to monitor and work with the other lakes in Connecticut that are handling s matters; particularly Candlewood Lake. Lake Alert:

There is a telephone warning system in place to alert lake residents of any water level issues. This is done by First Light & Power, the lake owner.

Fish Stocking:

The Lake Authority stocked 1,100 Large Mouth Bass and 650 of Northern Pike last year.

#### Water Levels:

LLA continues to work with First Light & Power and preferred water levels for safe boating and flotsam control. This is an ongoing process that is affected by the weather and demands of the National Power Grid.