

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2017
Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Henry Granger, Acting Chair.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano
Salem: Bob Neddo, Bruce Henry

Excused: Scott Soderberg, Jim McArdle

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Kristen Gadbois, Barbara Magliano, John Hummel, Sue Coffee, Val Hornat

Minutes

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the August minutes; seconded by Bruce Henry. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 7/17/17

Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **Town of Bozrah payment**, received in the amount of \$1,829.
- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet**: August 22, 2017
- **Invoice from CESE**: For lab analysis of lake water samples in the amount of \$381.67. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bruce Henry. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc. 2018 Monitoring Proposal**: In the amount of \$7,050, including one Summer Limnological Sampling, Letter Summary with data, Qualitative Macrophyte Review. CESE Lab Fees are to be billed to GLA directly to qualify for the reduced State rate and are not included in this proposal. Dr. Kortmann has recommended a continuous Temp/Oxygen data-logging instrument (or two) and has enough budget to do some additional site work if needed. Approval of the Proposal was tabled to confirm the funding year for the recommended data/equipment.
- **Email from Dr. Kortmann**: Dated 8/23/17. Dr. Kortmann informed GLA that a large increase in bottom coverage that is devoid of oxygen is not likely now, as light penetration has increased and is sustaining conditions.
- **DEEP Press Releases on State Beach Closures**: Henry Granger contacted DEEP's communications office and spoke with the person responsible for reporting the Gardner Lake beach closures, requesting that in future press releases from the State that they specify it is the State Beach at Gardner Lake that is closed. Previous reports of state beach closures reported as Gardner Lake being closed has led to misinterpretation by the public that the entire lake is closed for swimming, and has impacted business at the campgrounds around the lake.
- **Letter from John Hummel to Bill Foreman, DEEP Fisheries Div.**: Dated 8/20/17. Mr. Hummel, while pulling a skier in accordance with state regs, was the recipient of a verbal confrontation by an angler who appeared to belong to an out of state sponsored bass tournament on the lake that day. This incident was reported to the DEEP contact number, 860-424-3333, and also to the tournament organizers. Unfortunately John and his friends were unable to get close enough to obtain the boat registration

number. A request was made to bar this out of state tournament from our CT lake, and to reduce the number of tournaments that are scheduled on the lake.

- **Email from the Office of State Representative Holly Chessman:** Dated 9/14/17. Rep. Chessman, who was cc'd on the letter from John Hummel, contacted Bill Foreman from DEEP. He reported that the DEEP Fisheries Division manages the permitting process and outlined the procedure. Generally no more than 50% of boat launch parking capacity is assigned to tournaments, with the exception of a small number of larger tournaments each year. With regard to the skiing incident, he made inquiries and the tournament participants made no mention of a negative encounter with a skier.
- **Invoice from Ecosystem Consulting Service Inc.:** In the amount of \$1,917.70. Bruce Henry made a motion to pay the invoice; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Scott Soderberg, Kate Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report (July 18 to August 17) for approval. Mike Magliano made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Kate Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** No report, as the season is closed for patrol. Based on the information received by Bill Wrobel, he reported that the last patrol on the lake was July 16.
- Boating:** Bob Neddo reported that now that the Gardner Lake Fire Dept. is managing the Boater Safety Courses, course information is available on their website.
- Water Quality Sampling:** Based on weekly monitoring results of Scott's sampling, Dr. Kortmann has told Scott that he can return to monthly sampling. The levels of decreased dissolved oxygen have stabilized for this year.

Old Business

- **Lights at Indianfield Campground:** Henry Granger checked with the State regarding "*Public Act No. 06-86 An Act Concerning Luminaires at State Agencies,*" and learned that this regulation pertains solely to state owned property, and does not apply to Indianfield. Bruce Henry informed GLA that the campground's Board of Directors is looking into funding options for their lighting.
- **GLA Chair Vacancy:** GLA members were offered the position of Chair. Henry Granger agreed to serve for the remainder of the year.

New Business None.

Public Comment

- **Fishing Tournaments:** Next season GLA will work with Montville to see about scheduling patrols during fishing tournaments.
- **State Beach:** It was suggested that problems with overflowing and cleaning of porta-pottys should be reported to the Uncas Health District (UHD), but it is unclear if the State has jurisdiction over UHD. The State performs its own water quality testing. Also of concern was the possibility of old septic systems in the area leaking into the water. There was discussion and hope that maybe our local legislators could work with DEEP to move the gate (between the launch and the beach) uphill, along with the bridge, which would enable the move of the porta pottys and dumpster further away from the water for safety reasons.
- **Alcohol Ban:** Sue Coffee spoke with Salem First Selectman Kevin Lyden about working towards keeping the alcohol ban at the beach going. State Senator Paul Formica, who also supported the initial 90-day ban, may be able to help bring this matter to the State for permanent resolution in partnership with the Town of Salem.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Montville Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Johnson". The signature is written in a light grey or blue ink on a light green rectangular background.

Kate Johnson,
Secretary

