

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2015
Montville Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg, Jim McArdle
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith

Excused: Mike Magliano, Larry Harrington

Russ Smith, Chair, noted a quorum.
Guests in attendance: 8

State legislators in attendance: Senator Cathy Osten, Representative Kathleen McCarty, Representative Kevin Ryan.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting were presented. Bill Wrobel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 8/16/2015 through 9/15/2015

Correspondence & Communications

- **Email from Mike Magliano:** Mike has received the permit to place markers in the Slow-No-Wake-Zone between Pequot Ledge Campground and Minnie Island.
- **Draft Letter to DEEP regarding the dam leak:** For review under Old Business.
- **Invoice from the Montville Patrol:** In the amount of \$401.20, dated for 6/13/15. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve payment of the Montville Patrol invoice; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Email to State Senator Paul Formica and Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel:** Russ Smith noted that we should send an email thanking Senator Formica and Mayor McDaniel for attending the August meeting and for offering their support.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Scott Soderberg. Jim McArdle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel will work with the Montville Patrol and DEEP to coordinate the 2016 patrols. Kate Johnson will contact Mary Mongillo with DEEP to get pricing for DEEP patrols in 2016.
- Boating:** Bob Neddo will be hearing from DEEP with dates for the spring and summer Boater Safety Courses.
- Water Quality Sampling:**

- **In-House Reports:** Scott Soderberg noted that the lake is still very clear. Dr. Robert Kortmann reported that he will no longer be using Columbia Lab for sample test analysis, and will be using the lab at UConn's Center for Environmental Sciences & Engineering (CESE) for next year. Prices will be slightly higher, so Dr. Kortmann recommended that, as a municipal authority, we should set up an account with CESE directly for better rates. Dr. Kortmann's annual presentation to follow.
- **Outside Reports:** No updated reports have been received from the Uncas Health District.

Old Business

- **Public Officials:** Members agreed that we should continue to send our agendas, minutes and other pertinent information to our state legislators.
- **Dam Safety:** GLA approved a drafted letter to be sent to Jennifer Perry, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP Engineering Services, requesting an inspection of the leak in the dam. In addition to sending the letter to DEEP, town officials and legislators should also be cc'd. Photos presented at the meeting will be attached.

New Business

- **2016 Meeting Dates:** By consensus the 2016 Meeting Dates were approved.

Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc. Presentation

Dr. Robert Kortmann, owner of ECS, presented his report summary for the 2014-15 monitoring. The plant community at Gardner Lake is very healthy, with native aquatic plants indicating sound conditions exist. Two invasive plants, fanwort and water-milfoil, are present but have been managed with the annual drawdown. Excessive boating does lead to more invasive fragments, which should be collected whenever possible and removed.

The water's chemical balance remains in good health, and clarity is very good. Dr. Kortmann talked about dissolved oxygen levels that he has been tracking at Gardner Lake for many years, and noted points that he watches for through his own sampling and from sampling performed by GLA's client monitoring headed by Scott Soderberg, with assistance from Jim McArdle. Our many thanks go out to Scott and Jim for their work, which better enables Dr. Kortmann to "read" the lake and keep a closer eye for any changes.

Once received, Dr. Kortmann's full report will be sent to all three towns for public access, with detailed information contained within the report.

Public Comment

- **Beach Conditions:** Sue Coffee has been in contact with Montville resident, Ashley Stebenne, and they are looking into help with the carry in - carry out policy for trash at the state beach.

Next Meeting Date

The last meeting of the 2015 season will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Salem Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Bill Wrobel made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary

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Meeting Schedule for 2016

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Bozrah Senior Center	March 10
Montville Town Hall	April 14
Salem Town Hall	May 12
Bozrah Senior Center	June 9
Montville Public Safety Bldg.	July 14
Salem Town Hall	August 11
Bozrah Senior Center	September 8
Montville Town Hall	October 13
Salem Town Hall	November 10