

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017
Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees

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

Excused: Mike Magliano

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Sue Coffee, Bill Schultz

Election of Officers

The following slate of officer nominations was presented:

Chair: Russ Smith
Co-Chair: Henry Granger
Treasurer: Scott Soderberg
Secretary: Kate Johnson

With no other nominations, Bob Neddo made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The secretary was directed to cast one vote to accept the slate of officers.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 12/31/2016
- Treasurer's Report from 1/1/2017 through 2/15/2017

Correspondence & Communication

- **Email from Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel:** Mayor McDaniel offered Montville's commitment to continued boat patrols for the upcoming season.
- **Email from CFL Executive Director Larry Marsicano:** Announcing CFL's upcoming *Connecticut Lakes Conference 2017 & Annual Meeting*. It will be presented by Northeast Aquatic Research and SOLitude Lake Management on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. The registration fee is \$30. For additional information, visit www.ctlakes.org.
- **Email from State Representative Holly Chessman:** Regarding a CT Environmental Committee Public Hearing on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, which included testimony of *House Bill No. 5503: An act concerning lake authorities and combating invasive plant and animal species*. The proposed bill would allocate to DEEP 25% of an established, non-general fund account, "Community Investment Fund" for municipal open space grants and grants to lake authorities for the control of invasive species.
- **Email from Daniel Biron, CT DEEP, Senior Environmental Analyst, State Dams and Municipal Wastewater Section:** Reporting that the new gate for the dam has arrived and is with the contractor who

will be installing it. A temporary steel plate coffer dam will be installed, the old gate will be removed from the downstream side of the dam, and the new gate will be installed on the upstream side. Work is projected to be completed by mid-April. Dan will be the project manager.

- **Chelsea Groton Bank:** Sent an offer for a credit card.
- **ECCD Outlook:** Received the winter newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the following reports for approval:

- 1) Oct. 16, 2016 – Nov. 15, 2016 Treasurer's Report;
- 2) Nov. 16, 2016 – Dec. 15, 2016 Treasurer's Report;
- 3) Dec. 16, 2016 – Jan. 15, 2017 Treasurer's Report;
- 4) Jan. 16, 2017 – Feb. 15, 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Bill Wrobel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented; seconded by Kate Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- A) Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel will contact Montville Officer Gregg Jacobson to plan for upcoming lake patrols.
- B) Boating:** Bob Neddo has spoken with Gardner Lake Fire Chief Jim Savalle. No dates for the Boating Safety Course have been set, and the Chief has not been contacted by the State, which has been the standard practice. It is likely that a class will be planned for July after school is out and the campgrounds are open.
- C) Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg reported that sampling will begin in the spring. The Gardner Lake Monitoring Program 2017 Proposal, approved in November, was signed and will be sent to Dr. Kortmann.

Old Business

- **Boat Launch Fire Hydrant:** Bruce Henry explained to members that the Gardner Lake Fire Dept. has requested permits from DEEP staff Mike Payton and the State Engineer to do the extension out to approximately 60 feet. Meeting(s) were held at the hydrant to review the situation and maintenance was performed on the hydrant which helped to clean out the filters. Due to current budget uncertainties, it is hopeful that more information and direction will be available in June.

New Business

- **Town Budgets:** It is unclear how the Towns of Bozrah, Montville and Salem will be affected by the State's budget cuts. GLA will work with the towns to monitor the budget.

Public Comment

Sue Coffee recommended that if it becomes necessary to trim the budget, that GLA should request lake patrols on the weekends, and reduce weekday patrols.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Montville Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Bruce Henry made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary

