

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2017
Salem Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

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

Absent: Bob Neddo, Bruce Henry

A quorum was noted.

Guests: State Rep. Holly Chessman, Sis O'Neil, Val Hornat and Barbara Magliano

Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Jim McArdle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

The April 13, 2017 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. No minutes.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 4/15/17

Correspondence & Communication

- **Chelsea Groton Bank Grant Opportunities:** Russ Smith received an email "Planning for a Bright Future."
- **Draft Letter to Jennifer Perry, DEEP:** In appreciation of the dam gate replacement and the fine job that was done. By consensus, the letter was approved to send.
- **Email from State Rep. Kevin Ryan re: House Bill 5503:** An Act concerning lake authorities and combating invasive plant and animal species. The Environment Committee passed the bill but it still has to go to the House and Senate for their approval, and signing by the governor, before it can become law.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the following Treasurer's Reports for approval:

- 1) February 16 to March 15
- 2) March 16 to April 15

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

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel spoke with Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel who confirmed that Montville will be able to provide patrols on the lake this year. Lt. Bunnell will be setting up the patrols for the start of the season.
- Boating:** None.
- Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg reported that he took samples of runoff from the brooks feeding into Gardner Lake and gave the samples to Beth from Ecosystems for analysis. Mike Magliano reported that Uncas Health District will begin sampling at Pequot Ledge Campground beginning right after Memorial Day. Russ will send a request to Dr. Kortmann to present this year's report in October. Scott needs to purchase more sampling bottles.

Old Business None.

New Business

- **June Meeting Location:** Due to parking issues at the Bozrah Senior Center with baseball in full swing, Henry will check to see if we can move that meeting to the Maples Farm House next door.
- **State Rep. Holly Chessman:** Rep. Chessman spoke about House Bill 5503 and the “Community Investment Fund,” an account within the State’s General Fund but managed separately. The bill proposes that a portion of these funds could be used to help lake authorities with the cost of combating invasive aquatic plant and animal species. However, funding has not yet been approved or appropriated. Holly will check on the status of the bill.

Public Comment

Val Hornat, Laurel Lock Campground, expressed concerns about fertilizers ending up in lakes and wells. She spoke with Patrick McCormick from Uncas Health District about her concerns and learned that moth balls, often used to prevent mice in boats during the winter season, are very toxic to the water supply. Scott noted that the phosphorus in fertilizers is hazardous to lakes, as it promotes algae.

There was discussion about inviting the Dept. of Public Health to the next meeting to discuss the State’s plan for water. Two major goals of CT’s water supply are to provide adequate potable water and fire protection. Within the DPH there is the Water Utility Coordinating Committee. Henry noted that Eastern CT State University released a 10 page report last summer on wells in the state.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Bozrah Senior Center (or the Maples Farm House) at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary