

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019 Bozrah Senior Center

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

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Bob Neddo, Chris Rios, Suzanne Bennett

Excused: Jim McArdle, Mike Magliano

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Bill Schultz, Bill Bennett

Election of Officers

The following slate of officer nominations was presented:

Chair: Henry Granger
Co-Chair: Suzanne Bennett
Treasurer: Scott Soderberg
Secretary: Kate Johnson

With no other nominations, Kate Johnson made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The Secretary was directed to cast one vote to accept the slate of officers.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Suzanne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December 13, 2018 Special Meeting were presented. It was noted that the next meeting date should be corrected to March 14 [not 12], 2019. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 12/31/2018
- Treasurer's Report from 1/1/2019 through 2/15/2019

Correspondence & Communication

- **Chelsea Groton Bank:** Two credit card solicitations.
- **Email from Gary White:** Dated 3/12/19, regarding docks. See Other Business below.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the following reports for approval:

- 1) Oct. 18, 2018 – Nov. 16, 2018 Treasurer's Report;
- 2) Nov. 17, 2018 – Dec. 17, 2018 Treasurer's Report;
- 3) Dec. 18, 2018 – Jan. 17, 2019 Treasurer's Report;
- 4) Jan. 18, 2019 – Feb. 15, 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Suzanne Bennett made a motion to approve the four reports; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- A) Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel spoke with Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel. Montville's participation in patrolling is not expected this year. Police Lieutenant Bunnell has retired, and Montville's new lieutenant is Dave Radford. There is concern about funding from the Town of Salem following last year's patrol expenses (within budget) that had been absent in years past, keeping costs greatly reduced. Patrolling is essential, and a major component of GLA's mission to provide public safety. If Salem reduces the amount of funding, any reductions will need to be consistent for Bozrah and Montville. Any significant shortfalls will result in a reduction in patrol presence. We will request coverage from CT DEEP again this year, but will have to cap our spending limit and coverage to adjust to any shortfalls in funding. Alternative funding sources will be researched.
- B) Boating:** Bob Neddo will check to see if the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company has dates yet for this summer's Boater Safety Course. He will offer to distribute flyers to the campgrounds around the lake.
- C) Water Quality Sampling:** Scott will plan to begin the cooperative water quality sampling in April. Dr. Kortmann has agreed to hold his 2019 contract at the same rate as 2018 [approved October 2018]. Scott will request a 2019 contract, and will sign and return to Ecosystems for the upcoming season. There were concerns raised about noticeable aquatic plant growth with this year's higher than normal water levels throughout the winter season. According to DEEP, the dam gate was opened to full capacity. However, there has been discussion that the gate opening may be smaller than with the previous gate.

Old Business

- **Oxoboxo Drawdown:** Has not yet occurred.

New Business

- **Ratification of E-Poll:** Dated 12/31/18; Approval of the revised GLA 2019 Budget which includes a change in 2018 Lake Studies from \$3,787 to \$6,045 [to include Ecosystems invoice in the amount of \$2,258, approved 11/8/2018, not included in 12/13/18 draft budget]. Those voting to approve were Henry Granger, Jim McArdle, Scott Soderberg, Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano and Chris Rios. No nays or abstentions were received. Chris Rios made a motion to ratify the 12/31/18 E-poll approval; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- **Dam gate:** Bob Neddo reported that the dam gate was closed the week of March 11.
- **Phragmites:** Jim McArdle passed along to GLA that there are phragmites growing on the northeastern end of the lake. Various eradication methods were discussed, including herbicides, torching and harvesting. Further research will be conducted.
- **Docks:** GLA received an inquiry about regulations on docks in the lake. Discussion included checking with the local Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC), and that docks that are set on the lake's floor should not require a permit. Any supporting structure going below the floor's surface should be presented to the IWWC. Docks left in for the winter run the risk of damage from ice.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Montville Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Suzanne Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary