

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2019
Salem Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendees

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

Excused: Henry Granger

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Bill Schultz, Bill Bennett, Barbara Magliano, Sue Coffee, Annie Thompson

Suzanne Bennett served as Acting Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. (The April meeting was cancelled – lack of quorum.) Mike Magliano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 4/15/2018
- Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet 4/29/2019

Letter of Resignation from Jim McArdle, Bozrah

Bozrah First Selectman Glenn Pianka notified GLA on April 11, 2019, that the Town of Bozrah has accepted, with regrets, Jim McArdle's letter of resignation from GLA. Selectman Pianka wishes to extend sincere appreciation to Jim for his many years of volunteer service as Bozrah's representative to the Gardner Lake Authority and for his service to the citizens of Bozrah. GLA would like to thank Jim, also, for his knowledge and history that he brought to GLA, and his support to Scott Soderberg's water quality monitoring.

Correspondence & Communication

- **Salem Board of Finance Meeting:** Held on 3/21/2019. Bob Neddo and Kate Johnson attended the meeting to learn what Salem's 2019 support would be. Due to lack of patrols over recent years, GLA has been able to carry over patrol funding, thereby reducing the annual requests to the three towns. Last year DEEP was able to provide good coverage, drawing down the remaining year-end balance, so the requests for 2019 were based on the full, typical budget. For the 2019 season, Salem will be providing \$7,900, a shortfall of \$6,059 from this year's request.

A letter will be drafted to Bozrah and Montville chief town officials to inquire if they are able to pay this year's requested amount or an adjusted amount to be consistent with Salem's reduced payment. Salem's support will cover the 2019 water quality testing. The funding from Bozrah and Montville will cover costs for the 2018-19 drawdown and the remainder will be applied to a limited number of safety patrols.

GLA will research what services DEEP provided with this past drawdown. The dam was opened very late this year, and the excessive amount of rain and precipitation over the winter months kept the water levels high. The late dam opening (November) will be addressed with the State.

Bozrah resident Annie Thompson brought photos of some form of plant or bacteria bloom that she photographed on 5/8/2019 at the north end of the lake. GLA will contact the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, limnologist Dr. Robert Kortmann of Ecosystem Consulting Service and the Eastern CT Conservation District to inquire/identify what this new growth is.

- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet**, Dated 4/29/2019.
- **Emails from DEEP Captain Eric Lundin:** To Henry Granger regarding patrol contract for 2019 and the 2018 patrol stats.
- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** In the amount of \$29.12 for stamps and paper. Chris Rios made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.
- **GLA Printer:** Kate was unsuccessful trying to fix the printer heads, and will need a printer. Mike Magliano offered a spare printer from Pequot Ledge. There was discussion and consensus about purchasing a new printer within the budgeted line item if it becomes necessary.
- **CFL March 2019 Monthly Update**

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the May Treasurer's Report (3/16/19 – 4/17/19) for approval. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** DEEP is ready to prepare a contract for service once we are able to establish how much funding will be available from Bozrah and Montville.
- Boating:** Bob Neddo distributed copies of the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company's 2019 Boating Safety Course taking place at their firehouse at 429 Old Colchester Road (Route 354) on July 9, 11 and 16, running from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is a \$15 per person fee for the course, and a one-time state fee of \$50 will follow when the course certificate is presented to the State for the license. To register for the course, contact: command27@ymail.com.
- Water Quality Sampling:** Scott reported that GLA's Client Cooperative Monitoring Program has started up for the season with the first samplings and recordings taken on April 29. Collected samples are sent to UConn's Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering (CESE) for lab analysis.

Old Business None.

New Business

- **Swim Marker Request from Lou Allen:** GLA received a swim marker request for approval from Lou Allen. The application did not include the required maps and diagram. The request will be returned to the Town for the additional documentation. GLA only provides marker approvals to DEEP after review and consideration of the location. DEEP makes the final decision on providing permit approvals.

Other Business

- **Dam gate:** It was reported that the opening in the dam is smaller than before the new gate was installed, and there may have been an obstruction early in the drawdown. GLA will seek confirmation on this information with DEEP's Dam Safety Division. Bob Neddo explained that around the end of February/beginning of March the water level was only 9" down from the gate spillway - before the gate was closed – which is high for that time of year.

Public Comment

- **Bill Schultz:** Bill Schultz spoke about GLA's budget, and how it is handled differently compared with other commissions in Salem. He also pointed out that GLA is an authorized legal body attempting to fulfill its obligation.
- **Sue Coffee:** Sue learned recently that a child's feet have to reach the running boards to ride on a jet ski. She also inquired about the Passport to Parks tax and the use of funds going to the state parks.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Maples Farm, Bozrah, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

By consensus the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Johnson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

Kate Johnson,
Secretary