

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2019
Maples Farm, Bozrah

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

Suzanne Bennett served as Acting Chair. A quorum was noted.

Guests: Sue Coffee, Bill Schultz, Val Hornat, Barbara Magliano, Gary Greiner, John Hummel

Minutes

The minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 5/17/2019
- Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet 5/31/2019

Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **Proposed CT House Bill No. 6637:** An act requiring an invasive species stamp for the operation of a motorboat on the inland waters of the state.
- **CFL Announcement:** HB 6637 passed.
- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet, Dated 5/31/2019.**
- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** In the amount of \$346.67 for an Epson printer, 1-year service contract and ink cartridges. Bob Neddo made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Email from Dr. Robert Kortmann:** Dated 6/13/2019, identifying recent photos of green algae, Cladophora and Spirogyra. These algae tend to grow early in the season, and then decrease. A sample was collected and sent to Dr. Kortmann for microscopic analysis.
- **Committee to Build Press Release:** A committee was formed to prepare a statement for the Salem Board of Finance to request the remainder of Salem's 2019 funds to GLA, emphasizing the importance of lake safety, aquatic plant studies and the annual drawdown, including the reasons for the drawdown. The committee members include Bob Neddo, Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano and Bill Wrobel.
- **Dam Management:** GLA will check with DEEP Dam Safety to see who manages the opening and closing of the dam.
- **2019 Invoices to Towns:** Invoices will go out to the three towns by July 1.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the June Treasurer's Report (4/16/19 – 5/17/19) for approval. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- A) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Henry is working with DEEP to develop a contract for patrol, as GLA checks with Bozrah and Montville to see if they will be paying the full requested amounts or if they will pay a reduced amount in accordance with Salem's reduction.
- B) **Boating:** Bob Neddo distributed fliers of the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company's 2019 Boating Safety Course taking place at the firehouse at 429 Old Colchester Road (Route 354) on July 9, 11 and 16 to the Town Halls, local businesses and campgrounds.
- C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott reported that sampling is ongoing and has seen positive readings. The water temperature has remained low and water clarity is very good. Scott took photos of algae at the mouth of Sucker Brook in Salem. He returned several days later and noted that it had dissipated somewhat.
- D) **2019-20 Drawdown Request to DEEP:** Kate will talk with Henry about getting the drawdown request prepared.

Old Business

- **Swim Marker Request from Lou Allen:** The requested maps were submitted and the Chair has signed off on the permit.

New Business None.

Other Business None.

Public Comment

- **Val Hornat:** Val reported on several issues concerning Laurel Lock Campground and the lake in general including fishing tournaments coming in too close to their docks and swim areas, her conversation with a DEEP waterfowl person who noted that the greatest risk to algae in the lake is fertilizers, possible blockage that may have occurred at the dam site last season, the increase in boat sizes coming onto the lake and the increased amounts of aquatic plant fragments washing up on their shoreline. A proposed state regulation for campgrounds, to tax campers staying under 30 days, did not pass.
- **Sue Coffee:** Sue spoke briefly about all the boats coming in to the lake.
- **Gary Greiner:** Gary spoke about signage at the state launch & park to clearly identify the rules in an effort to curb bad activity.


Next Meeting Date

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

Adjournment

Kate Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary