

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Special Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2022
Salem Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Henry Granger, Chair.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Chris Rios, Tony Lasaracina

Excused: Mike Magliano, Scott Soderberg
Absent: Jim Miller

Guests: Edwina Callaghan

A quorum was noted.

Shift in Agenda

Item Number 8) **A) Swim Marker Permit Application, Edwina Callaghan/SnaZ-Spot, Salem** was moved forward to first item. After review, Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. One correction was noted: Under *Minutes*, it should read "*The minutes of the **September 8, 2022 meeting.***" Chris Rios made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 8/18/2022 to 9/16/2022.
- 2023 Meeting Dates
- 2023 GLA Budget

Correspondence & Communication

- **UConn CESE Invoice:** Dated 10/19/22, Invoice #12614794 was received in the amount of \$354.30 for lab analysis. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Tony Lasaracina. The motion passed unanimously. A follow-up email from Sarah Bothell, CESE, noted that there is still an invoice in the system to be processed.
- **Email from Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel:** Dated 10/24/22, forwarding a message from Montville Finance Director Barbara Griffin, confirming that the two Montville payments received in 2022 covered two separate municipal fiscal years.
- **GLA Letter to DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes:** Dated 10/27/22, acknowledging Commissioner Dykes' response to GLA's drawdown request and asking the State to reconsider the dam gate closing of March 1, 2023, as originally requested.
- **DEEP Dam Data Logs:** Three requests from 11/4/22 and 11/8/22 were submitted to DEEP requesting dam data log copies.
- **DEEP 2021-2022 Drawdown Invoice:** Dated 11/9/22, was received in the amount of \$2,119.39. There was discussion of concerns and plans to more closely monitor drawdown levels for the upcoming season. Chris Rios made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Bill Wrobel. Voting

in favor were Bill Wrobel, Chris Rios and Tony Lasaracina; opposed Kate Johnson. The motion passed.

- **DEEP 2022 Patrol Invoice:** Dated 11/9/22, was received in the amount of \$2,907.68. Tony Lasaracina made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Kate Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Email from Linda Brunza, DEEP:** Dated 11/10/22, noting the drawdown was at 1.5' on 11/9/22, and that the drawdown was on target for 3' by 12/1/22. She also explained that drawdowns are done as a service to homeowners. Eight water level measurements were included from 10/14/22-11/9/22.
- **GLA Reply to Linda Brunza, DEEP:** Dated 11/10/22, sharing some of our cost data for the drawdowns and explaining that one of the primary functions of Gardner Lake drawdowns is to manage our invasive aquatic plants along the shoreline.
- **Draft Letter:** A letter to the State expressing our concerns about insufficient drawdown to date will be drafted and circulated by email for edit and approval.

Treasurer's Report

Henry Granger presented the November Treasurer's Report (September 17, 2022 to October 17, 2022) for approval. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Dam & Drawdown Updates:** Scott and Kate met with DEEP staff John Guglielmoni and Dave Magnifico at the dam on 11/23/22 regarding a slackening in the drawdown. John explained that a contract service was hired to remove one of the weir boards installed this fall, which was causing the slowdown.

Old Business – None.

New Business

- **DEEP Patrol Alerts:** When meetings begin for the 2023 season, we will discuss consideration for reaching out to DEEP Encon for alerts when they are coming to Gardner Lake.
- **Phoning into Meetings:** Tony will check with the Salem Town Clerk to see if it is legal to phone into a meeting and will report back.
- **2022 Annual Report:** The addition of "GLA and" to the beginning of the sixth paragraph of the draft report was agreed upon. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the report as amended; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2023 Meeting Dates:** Chris Rios made a motion to approve the 2023 Meeting Dates as presented; seconded by Tony Lasaracina. The motion passed unanimously.
- **CT Federation of Lakes Membership:** Kate Johnson made a motion to approve GLA's 2023 membership payment, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$250; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously. CFL's request for membership dues goes out at the start of the new year.
- **2023 Gardner Lake Authority Budget:** In the amount of \$28,450, was drafted. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Tony Lasaracina. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2023 ECS/GZA Proposal for Gardner Lake Monitoring Program:** Dated 10/13/22, was received in the amount of \$8,500 for sampling, diagnostic review of data collected by ECS/GZA and report presentation in the fall; and \$2,000 for the installation of high frequency data loggers (MiniDOTs) to target seasonal dissolved oxygen concentrations and anoxia dynamics; for a total contract amount of \$10,500. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the contract; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the Bozrah Senior Center, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Tony Lasaracina made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kate Johnson,
Secretary