

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023
Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Chris Rios, Jim Miller

Excused: Tony Lasaracina, Mike Magliano
Guest: Bozrah First Selectman Glenn Pianka

A quorum was noted.

Election of Officers

Kate Johnson made a motion to table Election of Officers until April; seconded by Jim Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The March 9, 2023 Agenda was corrected to read: Item #3 (December), not November. It was noted that following the annual water quality presentation in November, 2022, there was no quorum to conduct business matters.

The minutes of the December 8, 2022 Special Meeting were presented for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 12/31/2022
- Treasurer's Report from 1/1/2023 through 2/17/2023

Correspondence & Communication

- **Ratify Approved Email Poll Dated 1/23/2023:** Kate Johnson made a motion to ratify the 1/23/2023 email poll to approve payment to ECS/GZA for 2022 Lake Studies in the amount of \$10,025; and payment to UConn CESE Invoice #12831142 in the amount of \$358 for Lake Studies lab analysis; seconded by Jim Miller. It was noted that these expenditures exceeded the line item for Lake Studies but was within the overall budget amount. The motion to ratify passed unanimously. [The email poll was approved 6 in favor, 0 opposed, no abstentions.]
- **2023 Invoice to Towns:** Sent to the three towns with the following 2023 budget requests: Bozrah at \$2,845 (10%), Montville at \$8,535 (30%) and Salem at \$17,070 (60%).
- **2022-2023 Dam Drawdown Levels:** GLA has begun recording drawdown levels. Levels from 11/9/2022 to 3/5/2023 were distributed.
- **Email to Linda Brunza, DEEP:** Dated 12/18/2022 raising concerns that water levels do not conform to our agreement with DEEP.
- **Email from Linda Brunza:** Dated 12/19/2022, informing us that she is forwarding our concerns to State Dams Division and Engineering.
- **Acknowledgement of DEEP's 12/19 Email:** Sent 12/20/2022.
- **Email from Linda Brunza:** Dated 12/30/2022, with a letter attached dated 12/29/2022 from Linda, noting that the weir boards that were installed by DEEP in the fall were removed to increase the flow to the gate valve. It was noted that although DEEP paid a contract service to install the weir boards and to remove them, that GLA may be billed for additional costs for extra monitoring. [As of 12/29, the water level was down 1'6".]

- **Email to GLA Members and the three Chief Town Officials:** Dated 1/3/2023, sharing DEEP's letter dated 1/29/2022. It was agreed that we would see how DEEP invoices for this year's incomplete drawdown.
- **Town of Bozrah:** After listening to GLA financial challenges, First Selectman Glenn Pianka has agreed to offer his assistance to GLA with its municipal support issues.
- **Free Environmental Seminar at Three Rivers Community College:** On April 5 beginning at 6:00 pm Greg Bugbee and Summer Stebbins from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station will be hosting a seminar on *Invasive aquatic plants in Connecticut's lakes, rivers and ponds*. No pre-registration is required.

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Treasurer's Reports

Scott Soderberg presented the following reports for approval:

- 1) October 18, 2022 – November 17, 2022 Treasurer's Report;
- 2) November 18, 2022 – December 16, 2022 Treasurer's Report;
- 3) December 17, 2022 – January 17, 2023 Treasurer's Report;
- 4) January 18, 2023 – February 17, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the four reports; seconded by Will Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Henry will request rates from DEEP. The new Montville Police Chief is Bill Blanchette. Montville is transitioning to Town leadership for its police department, formerly headed by CT State Police.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott plans to begin sampling in April.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** GLA is monitoring water levels and will wait to see what DEEP's 2022-2023 drawdown invoice comes in at.
- **Timeline:** In April GLA will review its tasks timeline. Members were in agreement about receiving emails in order to reduce the paperwork contained in the monthly packets.

Old Business – GLA met with DEEP at the dam on 3/2/22 to collectively establish drawdown parameters.

New Business – There was discussion about establishing a GLA website for public awareness of GLA activities.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Montville Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary