

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2023
Montville Public Safety Building

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
Absent: Mike Magliano
Guests: State Representative Kevin Ryan, Sue Coffee, John Hummel

A quorum was noted.

Election of Officers

The following slate of officer nominations was presented:

Chair: Henry Granger
Co-Chair: Chris Rios
Treasurer: Scott Soderberg
Secretary: Kate Johnson

With no other nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast one vote to accept the slate of officers.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Jim Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 2/18/2023 – 3/17/2023

Correspondence & Communication

- **Letter to DEEP's Major Brian Newman and Captain Vinny Mazzotta:** Henry sent a letter to DEEP Patrol requesting their proposed rates for the 2023 patrol season, running from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- **ECS/GZA 2023 Contract:** The executed contract has been sent to Dr. Ben Burpee for the 2023 water monitoring program in the amount of \$10,500. In addition to monitoring services, this includes the installation and monitoring of data logging MiniDOT instruments in the deep hole off the northern end of Minnie Island. The MiniDOTs track dissolved oxygen concentrations and depletion rates.
- **Email to New Legislators:** Dated 4/11/2023. A welcome email was sent to our new legislators Senator Martha Marx, Representative Mark DeCaprio and Representative Irene Haines; replacing seats previously held by Senator Paul Formica and Representative Mike France.
- **DEEP Fishing Tournament Schedules:** Kate will forward tournament schedules to members as they are received.

Treasurer's Reports

Scott Soderberg presented the April Treasurer's Report (February 18, 2023 to March 17, 2023) for approval. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Will Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** GLA will invite Major Newman and Captain Mazzotta, DEEP Patrol, possibly to the May meeting, to speak on lake enforcement updates.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Sampling begins on 4/14/2023.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:**
 1. The Gardner Lake refill reached full capacity on April 10. Notification was sent to GLA members, town clerks, chief town officials, legislators, and DEEP staff including Commissioner Katie Dykes, Bureau Chief Michael Lambert and Linda Brunza, Planning and Program Development.
 2. When weir boards were initially installed in the fall of 2022, they were installed too high by DEEP's contractor. The contractor returned weeks later to adjust the height by removing weir board(s). When weir boards are installed properly, they should not require as much routine monitoring. GLA will request an end of the season report on the 2022-2023 winter drawdown from Linda Brunza. There was discussion about inviting the dam's operational staff to a future meeting.
 3. Concern was raised about the dam gate valve size compared to the old dam gate's opening; perhaps the new valve is smaller, possibly restricting flow.
- **Timeline:** Members reviewed the 2023 GLA Secretarial Tasks and Adjustments, developed to serve as a guideline and to streamline meeting administration, correspondence and communication reporting. One item was added to the Timeline in March: Pay CFL membership contribution. One item was removed from the Timeline in May: Boater Safety Course – check dates with DEEP. The Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company now handles the local boater safety courses. GLA remains available to offer assistance if needed.

Old Business – None.

New Business

GLA will reach out to Salem regarding their budgeting process for Gardner Lake. Rep. Ryan shared municipal meeting protocols.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment

Sue Coffee noted the importance of checking incoming boats for invasive weed fragments attached to boat or trailer. When tournament boats are returning to the boat launch for weigh-ins and to pull out of the lake, especially the daytime tournaments, it reportedly clogs the boat launch area for other recreational boaters.

GLA remembered **Bill Schultz** who passed in February. Bill was a great supporter of Gardner Lake and GLA, often serving as historian at GLA meetings. And did he have stories! Bill will be missed, and fondly remembered. Peace Bill.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Salem Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary