

## GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road  
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023  
Maples Farm, Bozrah

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

### Attendees

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

Absent: Mike Magliano  
Guests: Sue Coffee, John Hummel, Gary Grenier

A quorum was noted.

### Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

### Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 4/18/2023 – 5/17/2023.

### Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **Swim Marker Permit Application:** Received May 25, 2023, for 14 Fett Road, Salem (see new business).
- **Salem Phone Calls:** Messages were left with the Salem First Selectman's office regarding questions on Salem's planned GLA payments. Salem's audit was underway so Ed Chmielewski was not available for clarification.

### Treasurer's Reports

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

### Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Henry reported that DEEP has agreed to patrol and will be forwarding their contract for signing. It was reported that a hydroseeder was seen taking water from the lake for their truck.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott reported that the lake is looking good at this time.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** Kate reported that the lake is 2" above level. GLA will request a copy of DEEP's drawdown report for the July meeting.

### Old Business

- **Press Release:** Henry reached out to the Norwich Bulletin and the New London Day with a press release on Gardner Lake updates, including the hiring of DEEP Patrol and GZA water quality monitoring. At the time of the meeting, he was able to speak with The Day but hadn't heard back from The Bulletin.
- **Salem Payments:** Jim attended the Salem Town Budget meeting regarding Salem's outstanding balances over the past three years and also projected for this upcoming year. Salem First Selectman Ed Chmielewski spoke with Jim at the meeting about GLA's requests, had provided some figures in May, but was unavailable before the meeting to answer questions (see

Communication above). With Bozrah and Montville paying their annual percentages, Salem's shortfall creates an uneven balance of support.

GLA will reach out to our tri-town Gardner Lake legislators to learn about the proper way to handle town portions of CT lake authorities as established in CT General Statutes 7-151a; and also check into forming an agreement with the towns and DEEP to handle equitably any unforeseen future emergencies to this natural resource that serves so many.

### **New Business**

- **Swim Marker Permit Application, 14 Fett Road, Salem:** Tony Lascaracina made a motion to table a vote until the following meeting (July); seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously. Henry will contact the applicant.

**Other Business** – None.

### **Public Comment**

Gary Grenier, Arrowhead Acres, noted that where there had been a large sucker fish population for many years at the end of Sucker Brook, they are no longer there; noting that the area is now covered in weeds.

### **Next Meeting Date**

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

### **Adjournment**

Tony Lasaracina made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,  
Secretary