

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023
Salem Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendees

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

Excused: Tony Lasaracina, Mike Magliano
Guests: State Representative Holly Cheeseman, Jane Coffey and John Hummel.

A quorum was noted.

New Member - Justin LaPre, Bozrah, was welcomed to the Gardner Lake Authority.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 8/18/2023 – 9/15/2023
- Treasurer's Report from 9/16/2023 – 10/17/2023
- Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet dated 9/21/2023
- 2023 GLA Annual Report
- 2024 Meeting Dates
- 2024 GLA Budget

Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **GLA resignation Letter from Kate Johnson:** Dated 11/8/23, effective 1/1/2024. Kate will close out 2023 and will transition historical and current records over in the spring.
- **Summary of Salem payments:** Dating from FY 2016-2017 to FY 2023-2024, reflecting Salem's payment history.
- **Monitoring Equipment:** Scott was unable to take October readings because the equipment he uses (Ecosense 200A) is out of calibration. Scott has researched options and recommends, initially, sending it out for diagnostics for \$115. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the diagnostics at \$115; seconded by Jim Miller. The motion passed unanimously. When GLA receives a repair estimate, there will be an email poll follow-up.
- **Drawdown Levels:** Gardner Lake water levels for last year and the start of this year were distributed. Following many communications and delays with DEEP, today, November 9, the dam was opened; the lake was at 4" above level.
- **2023 Patrol Report:** DEEP Major Brian Newman will send this year's patrol report when it is compiled.
- **2024 GZA Contract Proposal:** GZA presented its proposal for the 2024 monitoring season in the amount of \$8,980, and also for the installation and reporting of the miniDots for \$1900, for a contract total of \$10,880. Kate Johnson made a motion to approved the 2024 GZA Contract for \$10,880; seconded by Jim Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Scott Soderberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the following Treasurer's Reports:

- October Report: August 18, 2023 to September 15, 2023

- November Report: September 16, 2023 to October 17, 2023

Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the October report as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the November report as presented; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** GLA has requested the 2024 patrol bill twice, but has not yet received it. We are awaiting receipt of the patrol report.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** In October Scott was able to get water samples and sent them to UConn for analysis, but was unable to get oxygen readings (see Monitoring Equipment above).
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** (See Communications above.) The 2022-2023 drawdown invoice has been received in the amount of \$2,774.64. At no point during the season did the drawdown reach three feet. [The first time the drawdown level reached two feet was around February 10, 2023.] Scott Soderberg made a motion to table approval of the 2022-2023 drawdown invoice for further review; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Stakeholder's Collaborative Team Update:** Jim Miller reported on the following information. Noting that the State Park serves as a family venue, the busiest hours are on the weekends. DEEP has been handling parking and will work to handle overcrowding. On one day, the out of state parking count was 31, encompassing 5 states. With the number of jet ski complaints, the stakeholders are considering two options: 1) banning jet skis on Gardner Lake, and 2) banning jet skis from being launched at the state launch. The second option would allow for residents to use jet skis launched from campgrounds and private launches. There is concern that the impact of weekend jet skis could be resulting in a reduction in kayaks being launched. Jim requested that GLA put together a plan to submit to the lake's chief town officials for the upcoming season.

Old Business- None.

New Business – None.

- **2023 Annual Report:** Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the 2023 Gardner Lake Annual Report as presented, along with a brief summary of DEEP's patrol report upon receipt of the report; seconded by Jim Miller. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates:** By consensus, the 2024 meeting dates were approved, as meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month.
- **Approval of 2024 Budget:** Chris Rios made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as prepared (with no increase to the towns); seconded by Jim Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- **Town of Bozrah:** Henry noted that Bozrah is looking into term lengths for Bozrah members.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at the Bozrah Senior Center beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,

Secretary