

**GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM 7/18/24
MONTVILLE SAFETY COMPLEX**

HENRY GRANGER presiding

In attendance

Tony LaSaracina, Scott Soderberg, Justin Lapre, Bill Wrobel
Chris Rios, Don Lapre .

Absent Mike Magliano.

Meeting started at 7:07pm

Correction from previous meeting

6/20/24 Justin Lapre in attendance.

Motion to accept minutes from 6/20/24 by Mr Wrobel 2nd By
Mr, J Lapre. So carried.

Motion to accept minutes from 5/9/24 by Mr. Wrobel 2nd by
J Lapre, so carried.

ADMINISTRATION;GLA received a check for 12,500.00 from
Salem.

Mr, Soderberg received a email from GZA asking if it was OK
to share Data with all concerned parties in regards to the

presence of Hydrilla. Motion to share said data by Mr, Soderberg 2nd by Mr. Rios, so carried.

Discussion about the 7/4/24 meeting with the deputy Commissioner of DEEP various state department heads, Representative Cheeseman, Town CEOs, residents and GLA members.

TREASURERS REPORT:

MR RIOS reported the following and submitted written Documents.

Checking account starting monthly balance 920.86

After writing pre-approved checks ending balance 399.68

Saving account starting balance 29245.83

Deposits 12,500.00

Interest .30

Ending balance 41,145.81

Motion to accept TREASURERS report by Mr. Soderberg 2nd by Mr. Wrobel, so carried.

PATROL REPORT;

LT. Radford from MPD gave a positive report regarding training for new Boat Captains. He is working through some scheduling issues but has had seven patrols to-date.

He did not have any interaction stats (infractions, safety etc)

He did say he would have those in the future.

Mr. Rios asked about deferred boat rental fees as stated in the past. Lt. Radford did not have any information regarding that topic.

Mr, Soderberg asked about vessel noise level violations, particularly stand up PWCs Lt. Radford

Believed that noise levels would be town ordinances but would look into it.

Mr. Granger informed Lt. Radford going forward MPD will notify Trooper Duffy when MPDs patrol boat is scheduled.

This will help will coordination of all agencies.

WATER QUALITY;

Mr. Soderberg noted that GZA found strains of bacteria.

Mr. Soderberg had previously emailed the latest results From his test.

DAM-DRAWDOWN;

Mr. Granger reported that the online forms were filed and the appropriate person emailed as stated in the instructions.

REVIEW OF TIMELINE; Drawdown letter completed.

OLD BUSINESS;

Hiring a Secretary was discussed, it was decided that Kate

Johnson was an ideal person considering her vast work experience, knowledge of GLAs mission considering her many years of dedicated service on the AUTHORITY.

Combine this attribute with her passion for protecting the lake from any and all environmental Issues that has and will arise.

Mr. Granger will conduct discussions regarding compensation with Mrs. Johnson.

If satisfied with the results Mr. Granger will

Report to the other members. Possible vote on hiring

May be done by email in order that a professional will

Record the meetings correctly.

NEW BUSINESS; The discovery of Hydrilla Is a real concern However waiting for various test results is prudent before any action.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Kate Johnson who discovered the Hydrilla spoke with

And rode the lake with CAES. Mr. Busby from CAES

Will take DNA samples . He mentioned a survey is a pay service and they are scheduling into next year.

Mrs. Johnson has sent letters to various state officials regarding the discovery of Hydrilla.

Mrs. Johnson told the members that Salem is behind in their Payments to GLA . In the previous five years this shortfall Is 27,930.

Sue Coffee asked Lt.Radford if offenders were being “ticketed”. Lt, Radford explained he did not have Such data with him.

Ms Coffee asked if asking the state to shut down the boat Launch because of the Hydrilla discovery was a good idea. The members suggested waiting for written verification On its presence was prudent.

Acting Secretary Tony LaSaracina