

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2024
Montville Public Safety Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Justin LaPre
Montville: Bill Wrobel
Salem: Chris Rios, Lou Allen, Nicole Hecklinger

Recording Secretary: Kate Johnson

Absent: Mike Magliano, Don LaPre

Noted: Tony Lasaracina has stepped down from GLA. GLA wishes to thank Tony for his service on the Authority.

A quorum was noted.

Welcome

Henry welcomed new Salem members Lou Allen and Nicole Hecklinger to the Authority.

Minutes

Minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting were presented. One item was noted: the cost for the plant survey is \$6,733 (not \$6,773). Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Justin LaPre. The motion passed unanimously.

Administration, Communication and Correspondence

- **Montville Patrol Invoice:** Received in the amount of \$1,930.04. No patrol report has been received to date.
- **Northeast Aquatics Invoice:** A partial bill for the plant survey was received in the amount of \$3,160.
- **2024 Bozrah Payment:** Received in the amount of \$2,845.
- **2024 Montville Payment:** Received in the amount of \$8,535.
- **Meeting with Ray Knoop, Gillette Castle:** Kate reported meeting with Ray Knoop, Eastern Division Parks and Recreation Supervisor 2, Gillette Castle, on October 7 at the boat launch. Hydrilla and the drawdown were discussed. Ray will have his maintainers mow the tall vegetation between the dam and the culvert before October 15 (the proposed dam opening date).
- **Emails with Tom Hornat, Laurel Lock Campground:** Tom reached out to Kate regarding the fallen stones downstream of the dam culvert, offering to check if there is any obstruction to the drawdown flow.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Rios presented the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Concluded for the season, no report available. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve payment to Montville in the amount of \$1,930.04 for the balance of the patrol season; seconded by Chris Rios. Discussion followed. GLA will continue to request this year's report. When developing next year's contract with the approved patrol provider, regular reporting of incidents on the lake will be a requirement in the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Water Quality Sampling:** Kate compared last month's and this month's sampling reports showing that the thermocline's layers of water have mixed since the September readings. GZA's annual presentation is postponed until the November meeting.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** Henry reported that our drawdown request has been submitted to NDDDB. Northeast Aquatics replied today that they did not find either of the two protected plants. However, these two plants would not be found this late in the season, as they would have already gone by. Their report will not be available until early November. Northeast will contact NDDDB with their results [via executive summary] ahead of their final report submission. If approved by NDDDB, then NDDDB will forward their approval to Dam Safety for final approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve partial payment to Northeast Aquatics in the amount of \$3,160; seconded by Nicole Hecklinger. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Timeline:** For next year's Timeline, a study request for NDDDB will be added in June.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Nicole will check into applying for the AIS Grant for assistance with Hydrilla, with an application deadline in December.

Other Business - None.

Public Comment

Kate noted that she will be making a change to her lake level reports. They will be adjusted to run from Oct-Mar and Apr-Sep.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Salem Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Justin LaPre made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Recording Secretary