

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025
Maples Farm, Bozrah

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

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Justin LaPre
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Scott Soderberg
Salem: Chris Rios, Lou Allen

Recording Secretary: Kate Johnson

Excused: Don LaPre

Absent: Mike Magliano

A quorum was noted.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 8, 2025 meeting were presented. Lou Allen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Administration, Communication and Correspondence

- **Email from US Army Corp of Engineers:** Henry received an email from US ACE reporting that they received federal funds to be used for hydrilla. The majority of the funding will be dispersed to the CT River. There are no funds for Gardner Lake at this time.
- **Nicole Hecklinger, Letter of Resignation:** Henry received an email informing GLA that Nicole Hecklinger, Salem, has resigned from the Gardner Lake Authority, leaving a vacancy for Salem.
- **Client Co-op Monitoring Report:** Scott submitted the first readings of the season, noting that clarity was slightly reduced. Weather was noted as a possible contributor.
- **Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) Report:** Henry reported that he has not yet received confirmation if last year's aquatic plant survey will be in effect for the 2025-2026 annual drawdown. If NDDB determines that it will not be in effect, a new survey, costing several thousand dollars, will be required before GLA can apply for the 2025-2026 drawdown.
- **2024 AIS Awards:** Henry noted that last year's Aquatic Invasive Species grant awards maxed at \$20,000 per award.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Rios presented the June Treasurer's Report, noting one adjustment of \$0.66.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Justin reporting seeing the patrol boat at the north end of the lake in what appeared to be training. Henry spoke with Montville patrol's Lt. Radford. They were not able to get on the lake over Memorial Day weekend due to boat problems. Lt. Radford told Henry that he has notified his staff to call GLA *prior* to lake coverages. Bill will speak with Lt. Radford about getting patrol reports once a month before each GLA meeting. Lou will draft a patrol contract for Montville which will spell out contract deliverables.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Following Scott's initial water sampling, he noted that transparency is a bit below normal. Fish kill caused by spawn stress has been less prevalent this year.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** See above: Administration, Communication and Correspondence, NDDB.

Old Business

- **Washing Stations:** Senate Bill #641 to install wash station(s) at Gardner Lake has been approved by the Environment Committee and Appropriations. It is awaiting the State's budget approval.

- **GZA:** GLA is still awaiting GZA's 2024 Aquatic Macrophyte Survey & Limnological Report. Scott noted that Dr. Robert Kortmann is still with GZA.

New Business

- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** Kate submitted an invoice in the amount of \$120 for the April minutes (meeting attendance, preparation of minutes and electronic distribution). Scott Soderberg made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.
- **State Boat Launch - North Side Fence:** DEEP installed a fence on the north side of the boat launch to prevent people from the park and boat launch walking onto the adjacent private property.
- **Hydrilla:** Scott has seen that hydrilla is beginning to sprout on the southern end of the lake.

Public Comment None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at the Montville Public Safety Building beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Johnson".

Kate Johnson,
Recording Secretary