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**GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY**  
270 Hartford Road  
SALEM, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2010  
Montville Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Attendees

Montville: Bill Wrobel, Sandra Tryon  
Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith  
Bozrah: Henry Granger

Excused: Scott Soderberg, Larry Harrington, Ed Socha, Jim McArdle

Public Comments

Approximately 30 people attended the GLA meeting, including State Representative Ed Jutila, Senator Andrea Stillman, DEP Director of Boating, Education & Safety, Eleanor C. Mariani and Vice President of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Stanley Dynia.

Russ Smith opened the meeting by passing out a list of concerns that were discussed at a previous GLA meeting in hopes of finding solutions to ongoing problems occurring on Gardner Lake (see attached).

Russ Smith also discussed the urgency of applying for a four million dollar grant for projects that improve and support ecosystem management and habitat restoration in Connecticut. The deadline for this application must be submitted by July 29, 2010.

Many people spoke about the new state boat launch and public beach area stating their concerns about the increase in boat traffic. The GLA budget does not have enough money to cover the patrolling that should take place on the lake, given the high volume of boat traffic. Eleanor Mariani with DEP recommended that people call in violators when they witness unsafe or illegal behavior. The DEP number to call is 860-424-3333. The following information is needed when making this call: The type of violation, location, direction the boat was heading, description of boater (clothing), registration number and time. It was mentioned that DEP should assist in patrolling the lake and monitoring boats being put into the lake from the public boat launch area. There should be a life guard present at the public beach as well. Some people suggested putting in a toll booth to collect money to help off-set the cost of patrol and life guard.

David Rolly from the Montville police department said that their boat and officers are stretched thin and it is difficult to provide the amount of coverage that Gardner Lake needs. Having the assistance from DEP patrol would certainly help. He also said people could call into the Montville Troup E Barracks to report violations at 860-848-6500.

The only boating speed limit is 6 mph before sunrise and after sunset. It was mentioned that setting up speed limits during the day would be helpful as well.

Gary Payton stated that jet skis and boats are speeding too close to his roped in swim area. The jet skiers are completely out of control ignoring safety rules.

Meeting Minutes

The June 10 meeting minutes were read. Changes noted were the GLA Address should be changed to 270 Hartford Road and under "attendees" for Salem, Bill Wrobel should be name changed to Russ Smith. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes with changes, seconded by Russ and unanimously accepted.

**Treasurers Report**

The May 15 to June 15, 2010 treasurer's report was read. Russ made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bill seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

**Administration/Correspondence/Communication**

A letter should be sent to the town of Montville, treasurers department requesting our 2009-2010 release of money for the GLA budget. Sandra will handle.

**Old Business**

Lake study still not received

**Committees**

***Patrol:*** Bill Wrobel will call the Montville police to find out if we had coverage for July 4 as there were many people at the meeting that stated there was no coverage for this busy holiday.

***Boat Safety Class:*** The booklets from DEP have been printed and are ready for the boat safety class. Bob will start setting up the classes for the end of July, beginning of August.

**New Business**

Russ made a motion to have Vice President of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Stanley Dynia help write up the application for the State DEP Grant., seconded by Bill and unanimously accepted. The application must be submitted by July 29, 2010.

Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry and unanimously accepted.

Meeting ended 10:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Tryon, Secretary

DISCUSSION ITEMS  
GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY  
JULY 8, 2010.

The following items have been discussed at previous meetings:

Boating safety and enforcement of state and lake regulations

1. Montville police patrol
2. DEP patrol
3. State police patrol (parking-beach)
4. noise levels
5. jet skis
6. excessive speed
7. proximity to swim areas/no wake zones, etc

Gardner Lake State Park (beach, Minnie Island)

*Hope Mead*

1. lifeguard
2. maintenance

Water Quality Testing

1. Lake authority testing – locations, requirements, etc
2. State park beach testing – other locations

Invasive Weeds

1. Results of previous studies, conclusions, actions
2. current , on going or new proposed studies and actions
3. options for control & eradication
4. educational programs
5. boat launch monitoring programs
6. actions being taken by other lake authorities, state, etc – success/failure

Bass Tournaments

1. excessive amount – impact on lake fishery
2. non compliance with boating regulations
3. education - volunteering

Fall water level dropping

1. expenses from state
2. benefits – weed control, shoreline protection, etc
3. history
4. maximum level able to be dropped
5. downstream potential impact
6. equipment operation at dam – damaged?

Funding availability

1. potential sources for funding

2. assistance in obtaining funding
3. potential uses of funding
  - a. weeds
  - b. safety
  - c. education/publications

Public attendance at meetings

1. methods to increase
2. benefits
3. development of private lake association separate and distinct from GLA. -

Communications

1. improve - open-create line of communication with DEP, state, individual towns
2. public access to information from meetings
3. public notices
4. public - GLA

Gardner Lake Authority  
Treasurer's Report

Date: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$11,758.88  
Income: Interest May 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 + \$51

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$11,759.39

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Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$0.00  
Expenses: - Checks Rendered

None

Checking Account Ending Balance: \$0.00

Total Balances: Savings: \$11,759.39  
Checking: \$ 0.00

Total Monies: \$11,759.39



Respectively Submitted Larry Harrington - Treasurer

Gardner Lake Authority  
Treasurer's Report

Date: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Savings Account Bgining Balance: \$11,758.42  
Income: Interest April 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 to May 14th, 2010 + \$ .46

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$11,758.88

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Checking Account Bgining Balance: \$0.00  
Expenses: - Checks Rendered

None

Checking Account Ending Balance: \$0.00

Total Balances: Savings: \$11,758.88  
Checking: \$ 0.00

Total Monies: \$11,758.88



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