

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY
270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2025
Montville Public Safety Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Attendees

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

Recording Secretary: Kate Johnson

Excused: Lou Allen

Absent: Mike Magliano, Don LaPre

A quorum was noted.

Minutes

Minutes of the June 12, 2025 meeting were presented. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Administration, Communication and Correspondence

- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** Kate submitted an invoice in the amount of \$100 for the June 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.
- **Lake Profile:** Scott submitted volunteer water quality monitoring data collected on 6/21/25.
- **Salem Payment:** Received in the amount of \$17,070 [amount billed for prior year].
- **Email from Montville Sgt. Kenneth Stuart:** Henry received an email from Sgt. Stuart in early July informing GLA that Montville may not be able to have their boat out for the 4th of July. He did let Henry know that they would be covering a fishing tournament on Tuesday, July 8.
- **DEEP at Boat Launch and Park:** Scott noted that this year DEEP has had a greater presence at the state park and boat launch, with improved inspections of watercraft. It was noted that crowds have been smaller, and access to the park and boat launch on weekends has been managed by DEEP staff.

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Treasurer's Report

Chris Rios presented the July Treasurer's Report. Kate will send 2025 invoices to Bozrah and Montville.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Lou drafted a contract for the Montville Patrol for GLA review. Lt. Radford was away and not able to report on the patrol boat status.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott submitted the June water quality report (see above, Administration et al). He spoke with Dr. Ben Burpee from GZA regarding last year's Annual Report. Ben proposed combining the 2024 and 2025 reports into one presentation this season; or perhaps issuing a credit.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** DEEP's Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) group has not responded to Henry's inquiry regarding this year's requirement for a plant survey. Last year's report noted that the survey was good through 2026. The delay makes the hiring and scheduling of a plant survey more difficult as summer progresses and outside companies become booked for the season. NDDB approval is required by DEEP's Dam Safety prior to the annual drawdown – based on two protected aquatic plant species that have not been seen since 2006.

Old Business

- **Washing Stations:** No update.

- **Use of Diquat for Hydrilla:** Federal funding received by the US Army Corps of Engineers (US ACE) in CT is expected to be used in 10 locations throughout CT, including the CT River. At present, Gardner Lake is not on that list. There is concern about the use of Diquat and its ability to kill off all aquatic vegetation and other hazards to waterbodies.
- **Montville Patrol:** Bill spoke with Lt. Radford about the patrol's lack of presence on the lake, and will reach out to Sgt. Stuart while Lt. Radford is away. Chris Rios made a motion to send the patrol contract to the three Chief Town Officials for transparency; seconded by Justin LaPre. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business None.

Public Comment None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at the Salem Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Recording Secretary