

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025
Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Attendees

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

Recording Secretary: Kate Johnson
Absent: Mike Magliano, Kim Diamatini

A quorum was noted.

Minutes

Minutes of the August 14, 2025 meeting were presented. One change was noted: The Montville Patrol invoice has been corrected from \$1,639.38 to \$2,131.19. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Lou Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Administration, Communication and Correspondence

- **Montville Patrol Invoice:** Chris received a second invoice for Montville Patrol for one day (7/8/2025) in the amount of \$828.17. Montville has reported the following: 4 patrols in June, 1 in July and 1 in August. There were 6 contacts made in June and 6 contacts made in July. Following discussion, Lou Allen made a motion to table approval of the two patrol invoices (\$2,131.19 and \$828.17) until a more detailed report is received, as mutually agreed upon prior to contract award; seconded by Justin LaPre. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** Kate submitted an invoice in the amount of \$95 for the August minutes (meeting attendance, preparation of minutes and electronic distribution). Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Justin LaPre. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Letter from DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes:** Dated 9/3/2025, received by Henry, noting approval of the 2025-2026 Annual Drawdown, beginning on or around 10/25/2025 and ending on 2/25/2026. It is recommended that DEEP should assess the amount of any ice cover on the lake prior to closing the dam gate in February. Reaching the drawdown quickly will support aquatic wildlife migration into deeper waters prior to freezing temperatures.
- **Reporting the Start of Drawdown to the Public:** Henry has submitted a press release to the Norwich Bulletin. He has received a contact at The Day for submitting the press release, but has not been able to reach the contact person.
- **Mowing Channel Between the Dam Gate and the Road Culvert:** Kate will contact Ray Knoop at Gillette Castle regarding mowing the channel before the drawdown begins.
- **GZA Invoice:** Scott has received a progress billing from GZA in the amount of \$5,850 for 45% of work performed to date. GLA is still awaiting the 2024 Macrophyte Survey Report and Presentation as contracted. There was discussion about reaching out to GZA for a possible credit on this year's final bill for skipping the 2024 presentation, although the 2024 report is still required. Scott made a motion to pay this initial bill; seconded by Lou Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Rios presented the September Treasurer's Report.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** The season has concluded with six patrols provided (see above).
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott presented the Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet dated 9/9/2025.
- **Dam/Drawdown Updates:** Currently the water level is at-level.

Old Business

- **Dominion Grants:** To apply, an organization must be a non-profit with the CT Secretary of State's office. GLA will check into an older EIN to see if it is still in effect.

New Business None.

Public Comment

- **Invasive Aquatic Plants:** Less fanwort and water-leaf milfoil have been noted this year. The spread of hydrilla appears mostly in deeper water columns. GLA will see what GZA reports on this.
- **Boat Washing Station(s):** GLA is still awaiting confirmation from the State on the approved washing station(s).
- **Gardner Lake's CT River Hydrilla Infestation:** Dated September 2025. Kate submitted a list of considerations going forward with the spread of hydrilla in the lake. It is recommended that a plant survey be scheduled for 2026. Kate will check with Greg Bugbee with the CT Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species to see if their plant survey is acceptable for DEEP's Natural Diversity Data Base's drawdown approval for Gardner Lake, and if GLA can schedule a survey for 2026.
- **Other Lakes with Hydrilla:** GLA will look at reaching out to other lakes infected with hydrilla to learn how they are managing it.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 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 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Lou Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Recording Secretary