

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2011
Bozrah Senior Center

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Jim McArdle, Chair; Henry Granger, Co-Chair; Scott Soderberg
Montville: Ed Socha, Jr., Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith

Absent: Lou Allen

Election of Officers

Chair: **Jim McArdle** was nominated by Henry Granger; seconded by Bill Wrobel. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Co-Chair: **Henry Granger** was nominated by Jim McArdle; seconded by Bill Wrobel. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer: **Russ Smith** was nominated by Jim McArdle; seconded by Bill Wrobel. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Secretary: **Kate Johnson** was nominated by Bill Wrobel; seconded by Russ Smith. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2010 meeting were presented. Henry Granger made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Russ Smith. Kate Johnson abstained. The motion passed.

Correspondence & Communication

- A letter from the Town of Bozrah, dated December 20, 2010, informed the GLA that Lake Road by the dam is scheduled to reopen after 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 22, 2010.
- No bills were presented.

Treasurer's Report

The following reports were presented for approval:

- 1)** Ed Socha made a motion to accept the Oct. 16, 2010 – Nov. 15, 2010 treasurer's report; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2)** Bill Wrobel made a motion to accept the Nov. 16, 2010 – Dec. 15, 2010 treasurer's report; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3)** Ed Socha made a motion to accept the Dec. 16, 2010 – Jan. 14, 2011 treasurer's report; seconded by Russ Smith. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4)** Russ Smith made a motion to approve the Jan. 15, 2011 – Feb. 16, 2011 treasurer's report; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim and Russ will update signature cards at ChelseaGroton Bank, will plan to request dual signatures on checks, and will confirm the tax reporting number on the account. GLA will look into liability coverage for members, including state statutes on town partnered authorities. At the April meeting, GLA will begin a review of by-laws and committees.

Old Business

- A) **Lake Study:** There was discussion regarding water sampling procedures, cost and reporting. It was noted that Dr. Kortman, Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc., monitors both water quality and aquatic plants. He has extensive historical knowledge of the Lake as a result of his years of monitoring here. We will check with him on recommendations and costs to do additional testing [testing to be determined – one possible test: checking water coming into the Lake]. As proactive management, GLA will make inquiries regarding water quality monitoring options for 2012. GLA will begin research on watersheds surrounding, and also coming into, the Lake.
- B) **Drawdown:** Bob reported that this season's drawdown went to approx. 4'. At present, with rain and snow melt, the drawdown is at 14", and the dam is still open. Recently, Ed had measured the drawdown at 24". In December, the dam gate was adjusted due to a reported concern that the drawdown was almost 4' [and purportedly should be at 3']. This concern was not submitted by GLA. The correlation between deeper drawdown and invasive aquatic plant control was discussed.

Committee Business

- A) **Boating:** Bob reported that Boater Safety courses were still in the planning stages for 2011.
- B) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel will work with Montville Patrol to set up a report format for Gardner Lake incidents. There was discussion regarding online access to [ideally flagged, if possible] Gardner Lake incidents.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

- **Beach violations:** A Salem resident expressed concern regarding violations at the beach area, and that those violations should be reported to the Town of Salem. It was noted that the GLA manages the water area only. DEP is responsible for beach-related issues.
- **Friends of Gardner Lake:** Sue Coffee, Coordinator of *Friends of Gardner Lake* (FGL), discussed interest in forming partnership with GLA, with discussion on FGL developing association goals. Sue offered to maintain active communications with GLA via email and looks forward to a co-supporting relationship with GLA.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the Montville Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Bill Wrobel made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary