

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY  
270 HARTFORD RD.  
SALEM, CT 06420

Minutes for May 10, 2012  
Salem Town Hall  
7:00 p.m.

Meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Russ Smith

- 1) Member Roll Call  
Present: Scott Soderberg, Henry Grainger, Bob Neddo, Ed Socha, Russ Smith, Bill Wrobel,  
Excused Jim McArdle, Kate Johnson, Lou Allen  
Guests: Russ Smith, Bill Schultz
- 2) Minutes of Last Meeting: Review & Approve (April)  
Read by Russ Smith. Motion to accept by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry – vote: unanimous.
- 3) Administration, Correspondence & Communication  
Henry received a letter from Bozrah that appointed Ed Socha for a 3 year term.  
Correspondence from Dept. of Commerce requesting info on payroll, GLA has no payroll so no action was taken.
  - Treasurer's Report: Review and Approve  
It was voted that a new format for the treasurer's report would become the standard. Motion was made by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill - vote: unanimous.  
Designate signers:  
It was discussed that the bank will require minutes from the GLA appointing Scott Soderberg and Russ Smith as new signers on the banking accounts.  
Henry made the motion to appoint Scott & Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Wrobel – vote: unanimous.  
Following discussion, Russ & Scott commented that it would be prudent to discuss the structure of the current, transitional 18 month budget amongst the treasurer, chair and secretary to develop a clear understanding of the present budget and future budgets.
- 4) Committee Business
  - A) Law Enforcement Patrol  
Gregg Jacobson from Montville PD did a presentation. He noted that: 1) he was in the process of trying to receive a grant for a new well equipped boat; and 2) new officers have been trained for boating patrol. It was discussed that we will copy him on minutes of meetings so he is up to date

with any discussions or issues that GLA may have or need his assistance with. GLA will communicate with him through his non-public email address.

The budget for lake patrol was addressed. It was decided that a new patrol budget for this year should be developed [based upon a fixed number of patrols per week – weather permitting] beginning Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend.

Gregg conveyed that Gardner Lake is a high priority for patrolling. Gregg conveyed that he would submit monthly reports [most likely via email] of actions and police activities on the lake.

#### B) Boating

Bob Neddo made his presentation. He has flyers made up for classes. One was given to Gregg Jacobson. Bob has requested volunteers for assistance with scoring the testing on 7/17. The classes are scheduled for 7/10, 7/12 & 7/17. He stated this is the earliest he has begun marketing the classes and expects a good turnout. It was suggested that possibly Gregg could attend the last class to reinforce the patrol of the lake for the students.

#### C) Water Quality Sampling

- 2011 Water Sampling Report (by Dr. Kortmann)  
Russ read an email sent to Dr. Kortmann requesting a revised bid for services more in line with budget and with previous years' work. There was no response from Dr. Kortmann to date. Russ will make additional attempts for the revised bid and the yearend report (hard copy) for the 2011 season, which has not yet been provided. Water sampling by Scott should begin in May, but since we are awaiting a revised bid from Dr. Kortmann and do not have any bottles for sampling, it will have to be further looked into in order to make progress with sampling. Scott discussed the possibility of visiting another lake to see how they handle their sampling and that they may share info with GLA. It was also discussed that GLA should join the CT Federation of Lakes and, if possible, an additional group. A motion was made by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott, vote – unanimous that GLA should join the CT Federation of Lakes. Russ will follow up. It was noted that the lake level is lowest it has been in many years.

#### 5) Old Business

- Drafting handout flyer with FGL  
A draft flyer was shown by Bill Schultz. It was reviewed by GLA and commented on. A final draft should be available at next month's *Friends of Gardner Lake* meeting and GLA. It is intended for distribution to the public for education about Gardner Lake and the efforts of GLA and *Friends*.

6) New Business

Henry brought up that the request for the lake to be lowered needed to be sent to the state prior to 6/1. Russ will ask Kate for a previous letter as a format and get it to the town officials for signing and get it sent to the State before 6/1.

The rowing shells that have been on the lake were discussed.

A request was made by Tyler Perry of the Southeastern CT Rowing Club (SERC) to sign off on an application for a rowing event. The event was subsequently cancelled.

Russ did speak with and suggested to Mr. Perry that in the future he should attend the GLA meetings to provide GLA with more detailed plans for events. Requests would need to be made in a timely fashion.

The State had forwarded to Mr. Perry an event application that stated it needed to be signed by the lake's governing authority.

It was discussed that there may be liability associated with GLA signing this and that more info was needed prior to any approvals of such events. It was also discussed that if the State felt that, in this case, GLA needed to approve the event, why is it that we do not need to approve the bass tournaments. Russ said he will try and investigate and also will discuss with Sue Coffee of *Friends*.

Bob Neddo commented that he had been approached by someone who was looking for a new swim area permit. It was discussed that the permitting process in the past was controlled by the State. It was also discussed that GLA should confirm what the actual controlling entity is of this type of request and what GLA's role truly is.

7) Public Comment

Informal discussion concerning flyer, patrol by Montville PD.

8) Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed - vote: unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith, Chair