

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2015
Montville Public Safety Building

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

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg, Jim McArdle

Montville: Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano

Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith

Excused: Bill Wrobel, Larry Harrington

Russ Smith, Chair, noted a quorum.

Guests in attendance: 4

Minutes

The minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting were presented. Mike Magliano made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Jim McArdle. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 5/16/2015 through 6/15/2015

Correspondence & Communications

- **Letter to Chief Town Officials, DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee and DEEP Director of Boating Eleanor Mariani, 6/11/15:** A letter was sent to the towns and DEEP apprising them of Montville's difficulties in providing qualified staffing for the patrol, and requesting suggestions and/or recommendations to provide patrol coverage for the lake.
- **Drawdown Request for Winter 2015-16:** Russ obtained signatures from the selectmen and mayor, and forwarded the request for this winter's drawdown to Robert Kaliszewski, DEEP.
- **GLA Invoices to Towns:** There was discussion about the appropriate time to send annual invoices to the three towns with regard to municipal fiscal year budgeting. It was determined that GLA could send invoices to the towns on January 1 for the calendar year (now GLA's fiscal year) which would enable towns to continue payments within their current payment cycles.
- **July Boating Safety Course:** A press release for the July course was sent to the Bulletin, the Day and the three towns requesting insertion as an article or as an upcoming calendar event.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Scott Soderberg. Kate Johnson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel continues communications with Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel and Patrolman Gregg Jacobson. Patrol staffing continues to be a problem. Mike Magliano has informed Mike Payton, DEEP Boating, of this ongoing concern.
- Boating:** This year's summer class is currently going on, with 42 signups. The test will be given on Tuesday, July 14. The Gardner Lake Fire Dept. has informed Bob Neddo that they are set to host two courses in 2016, in March and July.

C) Water Quality Sampling:

- **In-House Reports:** Scott Soderberg reported that he had to redo sampling done in June due to sample delivery issues. July samples were frozen until they can be picked up at the end of July by Ecosystem. Data is gathered at 1 meter, 5 meters and 10 meters, which assists in providing the lake profile. Stormwater runoff is separate data. Jim McArdle is assisting Scott with sample collection.
- **Outside Reports:** Mike Magliano noted that Uncas Health District (UHD) sampling routine has undergone changes this year, beginning just before July 4 (formerly beginning around Memorial Day). UHD will be testing once every two weeks. Discussion of historical sampling followed. Henry Granger made a motion to draft a letter to the town officials requesting notification of the UHD schedule of testing in each town; and to learn how GLA can obtain the testing results; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously. The CT Agriculture Experiment Station [a State of CT facility] will be conducting their Aquatic Plant Survey this July. GLA will inquire to see if they do water quality sampling.

Old Business

- **Slow-No-Wake-Zone Markers:** Mike Magliano hand delivered the completed marker permit paperwork to DEEP in Old Lyme and has spoken with Mike Payton, who will be traveling to review the Slow-No-Wake-Zone, and is expected on Monday, July 13. Mike Payton explained that only Montville enforcement [including Montville Patrol] can ticket violators of the Slow-No-Wake-Zone between Pequot Ledge Campground and Minnie Island.

New Business

- **State Beach area:** Russ reported that he inspected the conditions at the State Beach following the 4th of July holiday weekend. He shared a photo he had taken of the trash near the water, noting that the beach was filled to capacity and raised concerns about the safety levels, both to the public and to the water body. He will draft a letter to town and state officials to make them aware of the safety & health concerns and the water quality conditions at such times.

Public Comment

- **Beach Conditions:** Montville resident, Ashley Stebenne, spoke about the appalling beach conditions on behalf of herself and a group of over 50 outraged citizens that use the beach area. DEEP's lack of participation in beach safety was addressed. Sue Coffee, founder of the former *Friends of Gardner Lake*, shared her struggle to get DEEP involved in the management of the beach before a serious accident or condition occurred. DEEP's understaffing and financial restrictions contribute to their lack of stewardship. Additionally, the public needs to take responsibility to keep the area clean and safe.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Salem Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Kate Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary

