

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015
Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg, Jim McArdle
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano
Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith

Absent: Larry Harrington

Russ Smith, Chair, noted a quorum.
Guests in attendance: 6

Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2015 meeting were presented. Bill Wrobel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 7/16/2015 through 8/15/2015

Correspondence & Communications

- **Email from Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel:** Montville's agreement for patrol assistance from CT DEEP, dated 8/17/15.
- **Letter to Public Officials:** Dated 8/18/15 regarding issues concerning the public beach area.
- **Draft Patrol Report:** Was emailed to DEEP on 8/24/15.
- **Email from Mary Morgillo:** Dated 9/9/15 requesting address to forward patrol pricing.
- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** Dated 9/9/15 in the amount of \$118.02 for two reams of paper and printer toner (black and color).
- **Three invoices from Ecosystems Consulting Service**
 - Dated 8/5/15 in the amount of \$520.78
 - Dated 9/2/15 in the amount of \$749.58
 - Dated 9/4/15 in the amount of \$1,671.90Invoices are within budget. Henry Granger made a motion to approve payment of the three Ecosystems invoices; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.
- **ECCD Outlook:** Summer newsletter of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District.

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:** No activity. GLA will work with Montville and DEEP for coverage in the 2016 season. Bill Wrobel will follow-up with Montville enforcement next season, and Kate will assist with DEEP follow-up.
- Boating:** Bob Neddo will be working out dates with DEEP and Gardner Lake Fire Department for Boater Safety Courses in the spring and summer. As a change in procedure, DEEP is now contacting former

hosts to hold courses. Mike Magliano offered to host courses at Pequot Ledge Campground; Bob Neddo will provide contact info to Mike.

C) **Water Quality Sampling:**

- **In-House Reports:** Scott Soderberg was able to arrange water samples pickup with Dr. Robert Kortmann. Dr. Kortmann reported that the lake looks good, the clarity is very good and he is scheduled to give his 2015-2016 report at the October meeting. Scott has been unable to collect storm runoff samples from the surrounding brooks due to the lack of rain.
- **Outside Reports:** Mike Magliano has phoned Uncas Health District for water sampling results, but has not had a response. They are testing at the Pequot Ledge Campground every other week. There was a second closure of the state park swim area with minimal signage, and GLA was not informed. Scott noted that invasive aquatic plant fanwort appears to be receding this year. The CT Ag Experiment Station conducted a comprehensive [budgeted] study on aquatic plants, and is hoping to have all the data compiled to report at the November meeting.

Old Business

- **Letter to Public Officials:** The letter sent by GLA addressed issues at the beach including littering, vandalism, trash, safety and other matters. State Senator Paul Formica and Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel were welcomed with appreciation for responding to the letter by attending and offering support. Additional responses were received from Susan Whalen, DEEP; State Representative Kevin Ryan, State Representative Ed Jutila, Tom Tyler, DEEP; and Salem First Selectman Kevin Lyden. It was reported that DEEP will be installing drainage to reduce erosion along the beach area.
- **Marker Permits:** Mike has not yet received the Slow-No-Wake Marker Permit. There was discussion regarding the need – and cost – to purchase new markers according to new state specifications.

New Business

- **Office Supplies:** Henry Granger made a motion to approve payment to Kate Johnson in the amount of \$118.02 for office supplies reimbursement; seconded by Jim McArdle. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Dam Safety:** GLA will send a letter to DEEP with a warning about what appears to be a leak in the dam, and request a safety inspection and any necessary steps to maintain, and insure, the integrity of the dam.

Public Comment

- **Beach Conditions:** State Representative Paul Formica spoke about budget reductions within the State's Recreation budget and offered his assistance to work with the issues that have existed at the State Park. The number of state wardens has undergone reductions as well. Concerns were discussed regarding the water quality, safety, citizens being accosted, dangers associated with debris left behind and the need for patrols.

Prior to their patrol staffing issues, Montville has been a good presence on the lake. Ron McDaniel explained that the Montville patrol is bound by union contract, and does require a minimum of one enforcement officer to be present on the boat, and a minimum of two people on the boat at all times.

This year Montville attempted to open up the second person position to firefighters, auxiliary members and EMTs, those organizations that have the necessary skill sets, but no participants came forward. Arrangements were discussed to get Rep. Formica and Mayor McDaniel on the lake to observe first-hand the need for patrol. GLA will continue to practice due diligence to get patrols on the lake for the 2016 season.

Addressing lake water quality, there was discussion about the design of the boat launch and storm runoff. The porta-potties have also become a water quality issue. The campgrounds around the lake are required to have porta-potties at least 75 feet away from the water's edge, but the porta-potties at the launch are much closer.

In response to Mike Magliano's ongoing work with DEEP to place Slow-No-Wake markers between Minnie Island and Pequot Ledge, Paul Formica requested that we forward information to him on securing the markers and he will provide assistance.

In addition to town chief officials, GLA will send meeting agendas and minutes to the state senators and representatives of Bozrah, Montville and Salem.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Montville Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Jim McArdle made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Johnson". The signature is written in black ink on a light green rectangular background.

Kate Johnson,
Secretary