

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015
Salem Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Bob Neddo

Excused: Russ Smith, Mike Magliano, Jim McArdle, Larry Harrington

Henry Granger, Acting Chair, noted a quorum.
Guests in attendance: 8

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 9/16/15 through 10/15/15

2015 Gardner Lake Aquatic Plant Survey

Presented by Greg Bugbee and Jennifer Fanzutti, Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station (CAES)

CAES was hired by GLA to conduct a 2015 survey of the aquatic plants in Gardner Lake. CAES had previously conducted a study back in 2006. Approximately 28 locations around the lake were sampled, in addition to several new locations. There was increased growth of native plants, which is rather unusual, indicating good health of the lake. The two invasive plants found in both studies were variable-leaf watermilfoil, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*, and fanwort, *Cabomba caroliniana*. Methods of invasive plant eradication were discussed although no action is necessary at this time.

Comparing to the 2006 study, there has not been significant spread of the milfoil and fanwort. The annual drawdowns and citizen awareness are both contributing factors. Anyone seeing any floating plant particles are encouraged to gather them and dispose of them away from the water. Fragments are able spread by re-rooting themselves. A chemical study indicated that nutrient levels are possibly increasing. Upon completion, the study report will be available on the CAES website at www.ct.gov/caes/iapp.

Boating

Presented by Mike Payton, Supervisor, CT DEEP Boating Division

To **report violations** observed on the lake, citizens are encouraged to call **860-424-3333** with as much of the following information as possible;

1. date and time of violation;
2. what violation was observed;
3. location and direction of travel;
4. description of boat and the registration number, a picture if possible; and
5. description of driver and passengers.

DEEP enforcement does respond to these calls, and although it might not be possible to pinpoint the violator at that time, sometimes a repeat offender can be identified.

DEEP will be following up on swim permits to confirm which markers are legally permitted. No legal action can be taken within unpermitted markers. Markers must be 9 inches in diameter or bigger and 36 inches above the water. In Connecticut, markers are required to have a 3 inch reflective band at the top and the bottom (just above the water line) of the marker.

Concerns about loud weekend morning jet skis were discussed. For assistance with decibel readings, GLA could contact Captain Eric Lundin at DEEP's Eastern District Headquarters in Marlborough.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting were presented. Scott Soderberg made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 8/16/2015 through 9/15/2015

Correspondence & Communications

- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet**, dated 11/1/15.
- **Sympathy card to the family of Ed Socha**, former GLA member for many years.
- **Letter to Jennifer Perry, CT DEEP Engineering Services**, dated 11/9/15 reporting the leak in the dam, with accompanying photos.
- **Water Patrol invoice from Town of Montville**, returned from GLA request to revise date to current year.
- **Letter from DEEP confirming 2015-16 drawdown**, to 3 feet.

Treasurer's Report

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

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel reported that there are no changes at this time to report.
- Boating:** Presented by Mike Payton earlier in the meeting.
- Water Quality Sampling:**
 - **In-House Reports:** Scott Soderberg reported that the last sampling of the season has taken place [field data sheet 11/1/15 reported earlier under Correspondence].
 - **Outside Reports:** No updated reports have been received from the Uncas Health District.

Old Business

- **Gardner Lake Watershed:** Gardner Lake is a part of the Gardner Brook sub-regional watershed; which flows into the Yantic River regional watershed; which flows into the Thames River major watershed.

New Business

- **2015 Annual Report:** was presented. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Report; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2016 Annual Budget:** was drafted and presented. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the 2016 Annual Budget; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March, 2016 at the Bozrah Senior Center at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Kate Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.; seconded by Bill Wrobel. 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