

## GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road  
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2017  
Montville Public Safety Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Henry Granger, Acting Chair.

### Attendees

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

Absent: Bruce Henry

A quorum was noted.

Guests: State Senator Paul Formica, Montville Patrol Officer Gregg Jacobson, Barbara Magliano, Gary Grenier, John Hummel, Peter Lodi and Irene Smith

### Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Jim McArdle. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

### Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 6/15/17

### Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **Letter of Resignation, Russ Smith:** GLA acknowledged receipt of Russ's letter, dated 6/25/17.
- **Invoice from Container & Packaging Supply:** Scott presented an invoice for sampling bottles in the amount of \$74.38 for reimbursement. Jim McArdle made a motion to approve reimbursement to Scott; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Invoice from UConn CESE:** Scott received an invoice for sampling analysis in the amount of \$171.12. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously. Scott informed GLA that he needs to replace some equipment membranes for approximately \$66. By consensus, the purchase was approved. Approval of final payment will be voted on when the invoice is received.
- **Day Article:** *Gardner Lake Beach Closed to Swimmers*, dated 7/7/17
- **Email to DEEP Parks & Boating:** Beach & chemistry concerns
- **Email to Chief Town Officials, Bozrah, Montville & Salem:** Upcoming meeting items
- **Email to State Legislators:** Beach & chemistry concerns
- **Email from Chief Jim Savalle, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Dept.:** GLFD is awaiting DEEP permits to extend the hydrant pipeline. The hydrants were vacuumed out in November in preparation for the project.
- **Email to DEEP Water Planning and Management Div. and Land & Water Resources Div.:** Beach & chemistry concerns
- **Letter from Salem First Selectman Kevin Ryan to DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee:** State Beach concerns and recommendations, dated 7/12/17.
- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet:** Dated 7/5/17

- **Gardner Lake Profiles 7/5/17:** Dr. Kortmann sent a comparison of dissolved oxygen readings from May 31, June 28 and July 5.

### Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the Treasurer's Report (May 18 to June 17) for approval. Jim McArdle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Business

- A) Law Enforcement Patrol:** Gregg Jacobson shared photos he had taken of the beach on July 4<sup>th</sup>, showing the overcrowded conditions. This year DEEP has drastically reduced the amount of the swim area, which is allowing for boaters to pull their boats and watercraft ashore on the public beach, presenting a safety concern. Boats are not allowed to tie up at the pier except for brief periods during launching and pulling out, but convenience tie ups have been occurring. It was noted that the number of canopies on the beach would be difficult to regulate. Without "No Parking" signs, cars are legally allowed to park along the sides of Route 354. If signs are posted, state police and DEEP Encons can enforce no parking. Other issues discussed were:
- ❖ Hiring of a DEEP intern to collect at the gate, at least on weekends (can only be done for beachgoers, not people launching boats due to federal funding of boat launch).
  - ❖ Enforcement of park closing at sunset.
  - ❖ Alcohol consumption.
  - ❖ To report problems, citizens should call the DEEP hotline at **860-424-3333**. Each incident is recorded. Any information that can be provided is helpful, including photos, registration numbers, descriptions, etc.
  - ❖ The number of fishing tournaments and the lake's ability to sustain native fish.
- B) Boating:** Bob Neddo reported that GLFD is now working directly with the DEEP on Boating Safety Courses. There was no class in March, but one was held in June. Bob was not made aware of the number of attendees.
- C) Water Quality Sampling:** Scott has been able to collect stormwater runoff samples with the rain we have had this year. At the end of June, dissolved oxygen readings dropped off at 5-6 meters. Dr. Kortmann concludes that there is cause to be concerned and that readings should go to weekly to see if those readings remain at that level, or if they continue to change. Dr. Kortmann acknowledged how fortunate for Gardner Lake that Scott's monitoring has effectively caught this change and alerted him to watch the lake's chemistry more closely this year. One of the issues lakes across the state have experienced is change due to the massive amount of gypsy moth caterpillar feces running into our lakes.

**Old Business** Photos of the dam gate replacement this spring were passed around.

### New Business

- **Parking Signs Along Route 354:** GLA would support No Parking signs along Route 354 to help manage overcrowding at the beach.

### Public Comment

Lake resident, Peter Lodi, shared the challenges he faces leaving near the state property, including swimmers coming into and using his swim area. Peter made the recommendation that one method of controlling the overcrowding would be to reduce the parking area. According to the Town of Salem, private property owners are not allowed to charge for parking on their property unless the owners have a permit to do so, which becomes a zoning issue as well. The Town will be notifying property owners that parking is not allowed.

John Hummel, speaking on behalf of Sue Coffee and himself, reported on the deplorable conditions of the porta pottys and the trash that is left behind (photos were circulated around). Gregg Jacobson noted that 800 people came to the beach on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the number of porta pottys was drastically insufficient for such a crowd,

rendering the pottys unusable, which was one of the major conditions leading to the closing of the state beach for bacteria on July 6. The company that supplies the porta pottys, upon request, provided the number of porta pottys necessary for a crowd of 500 for a period of 8 hours would be 8 restrooms. Presently there are 5. Unfortunately, not all people are respectful with their use of the porta pottys or observing the carry in, carry out policy, which worsens the situation. There is a distance requirement for placing porta pottys near the water that GLA will check on.

If a jet skier is found to not have a license, GLA will check if enforcement sees that the jet ski is then pulled out of the water. We will check with Gregg Jacobson to learn if boats are supposed to be 100 feet from the swim area, except for launching and pulling out at the launch.

After listening to all the concerns and participating in discussions, Senator Formica has a scheduled meeting with DEEP on July 17 and will speak with DEEP on the following matters:

1. Adjusting the width of the swim area;
2. conditions, locations and sufficiency of porta pottys;
3. the placement of a dumpster (carry in, carry out is the policy, but when it is not working there is contamination running into the lake); and
4. parking.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the Salem Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Bill Wrobel made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Kate Johnson,  
Secretary

**GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY**  
 270 Hartford Road  
 Salem, CT 06420  
*Serving the Towns of Bozrah, Montville and Salem*  
**Budget for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

Date	Description	Bank Transactions				Administration Expenses				Education Expenses		Public Health & Safety Expenses				Acct. Bals.
		Checking	Checking Bal.	Savings	Savings Bal.	Secy Fees	Equip/Printer	Publicity	Flyers	Forums	CFL	Police Patrol	Dam Control	Lake Studies	Misc.	
<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>						\$400.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$8,000.00	\$400.00	
1/1/17	Starting Balances	\$2,521.68	\$2,521.68	\$5,250.38	\$5,250.38											\$7,772.06
1/15/17	CESE sampling analysis (2016)	-\$28.00	\$2,493.68		\$5,250.38											\$7,744.06
1/15/17	Savings interest		\$2,493.68	\$0.23	\$5,250.61											\$7,744.29
2/15/17	Savings interest		\$2,493.68	\$0.22	\$5,250.83											\$7,744.51
3/15/17	Savings interest		\$2,493.68	\$0.20	\$5,251.03											\$7,744.71
4/15/17	Savings interest		\$2,493.68	\$0.22	\$5,251.25											\$7,744.93
5/15/17	Savings interest		\$2,493.68	\$0.22	\$5,251.47											\$7,745.15
6/15/17	Savings interest		\$2,493.68	\$0.22	\$5,251.69											\$7,745.37
Account Balances		\$2,493.68		\$5,251.69		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Spent to date
		<b>Checking</b>	<b>Bal. to Date</b>	<b>Savings</b>	<b>Bal. to Date</b>	\$400.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$8,000.00	\$400.00	Remaining
						<b>Secy Fees</b>	<b>Equip/Printer</b>	<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Flyers</b>	<b>Forums</b>	<b>CFL</b>	<b>Police Patrol</b>	<b>Dam Control</b>	<b>Lake Studies</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>Acct. Bals.</b>

2017 Town Requests:

Bozrah:	at 10% =	\$1,829.00
Montville:	at 30% =	\$5,488.00
Salem:	at 60% =	\$10,975.00
		<u>\$18,292.00</u>

\$23,950.00	2017 Budget
<u>-\$5,658.00</u>	Less projected year end account balance overage.
<u><u>\$18,292.00</u></u>	