

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2017
Montville Public Safety Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Bruce Henry

A quorum was noted.

Guests: State Representative Holly Chessman, Bill Schultz, Stu Gadbois, Merle Johnson, Jill Johnson, Sue Coffee, Lisa Schneider, Barbara Magliano, Ross Johnson, Jennifer Seal, Sarah Santora, John Hummel, State Senator Kathy Osten

Minutes

The minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Kate Johnson made the following amendment to the minutes: Public Comment, Paragraph 1: Addition of "**As reported by Peter Lodi,**" according to the Town of Salem... Jim McArdle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 7/17/17

Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **Card of well wishes to former Chair, Russ Smith**
- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheets:** July 17, July 21, July 31
- **Letter from State Senator Paul Formica to DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee:** Dated 7/31/17 and signed by the legislators and chief town officials of Gardner Lake, requesting a 90 day ban on alcohol at Gardner Lake State Park.
- **Email from Susan Whalen, DEEP Deputy Commissioner:** Approval of a temporary alcohol ban at Gardner Lake by Commissioner Klee, effective from August 5, 2017 to October 9, 2017.
- **Email from Dr. Kortmann:** Dated 8/8/17, reporting that oxygen loss in the water has stabilized.
- **Reimbursement request from Kate Johnson:** In the amount of \$128.58 for toner cartridges and paper. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed.
- **Town of Salem GLA payment:** Received, in the amount of \$8,500 [\$10,975 requested].
- **Town of Montville GLA payment:** Received, in the amount of \$5,488.
- **Invoice from CT DEEP:** In the amount of \$1,332.57 for the 2016-17 Drawdown. Bob Neddo made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Chelsea Groton Savings Bank:** Two pieces of mail offering a credit card.
- **DEEP P2View:** DEEP newsletter received.
- **Day Article "More Road Salt is Getting into Lakes, Study Finds"**
- **CFL Donation Letter:** Presented by Scott Soderberg. By consensus, it was agreed that GLA would send their annual donation of \$150 for the continuation of CFL's work with lakes statewide.
- **Invoice from CESE:** For lab analysis of lake water samples in the amount of \$210.55. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Invoice from ZORO:** For monitoring equipment replacement membrane in the amount of \$70.19. Bruce Henry made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the Treasurer's Report (June 18 to July 17) for approval. Mike Magliano 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:** Bill Wrobel noted the dates that the patrol has been on the lake. Gregg Jacobson has trained staff to serve as lead on the boat, and has stepped back from some patrols. There was a second state beach closing due to bacteria. The announcement on Channel 3 is still reporting that Gardner Lake is closed, and not specifying that it is ONLY the state beach that is closed. People are interpreting that the whole lake is closed, which is not the case. Mike Magliano called Channel 3 to learn who is doing the press release, in order to stop this incorrect reporting, which is negatively affecting campgrounds by reducing the number of campers believing that the whole lake is closed.
- B) **Boating:** Nothing new to report. Bruce Henry will check with the Fire Department to see if he can learn the head count of attendees to last month's Boater Safety Course.
- C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg noted that the dissolved oxygen numbers are beginning to improve, and can return to taking monthly samples. Scott has been taking readings weekly since changes were initially discovered this spring. GLA has received the closure bacteria levels from DEEP. The State takes two samples, one at each end of the beach. There was a question if the re-contouring of the beach by the State plays a role in higher readings. The presence of waterfowl, especially geese and ducks, is likely playing a significant role in the bacteria levels. Runoff from porta-pottys could be contributing as well. A suggestion was made to see if the State could move the gate between the beach and boat launch up the hill, along with the porta potty to get it away from the lake. Scott will request the 2018 Ecosystems invoice.

Old Business

- Henry Granger looked into procedure to install No Parking signs on Route 354 for the state beach. First Selectman Kevin Lyden would need to make the request to the State.

New Business

- **Lights at Indianfield Campground:** Jim McArdle found, during research, "*Public Act No. 06-86 An Act Concerning Luminaires at State Agencies,*" and is requesting that a letter be sent to Indianfield Board of Directors regarding "light trespass" shining beyond the boundaries of their property. Bruce Henry reported that the lights have been angled down as far as they can go, and there is no funding this year or next to replace the poles, and will bring the concerns expressed to the Indianfield Board. Sen. Cathy Osten invited Bruce to visit Sprague's solar lights along the river Monday-Thursday during Public Works' hours of 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost of solar (could be installed at the end of the docks facing in towards the shoreline) or LED lights would pay for themselves over a relatively short period of time in energy cost savings. Jim McArdle made a motion to send a letter to Indianfield Campground addressing the light issue; seconded by Scott Soderberg. 6 voted in favor, Kate Johnson opposed, Bruce Henry abstained. The motion passed.
- **GLA Chair Vacancy:** GLA members will address the Chair vacancy at the September meeting.

Public Comment

- **State Beach Closing:** Holly Chessman informed GLA that Salem First Selectman Kevin Lyden has asked the resident trooper to serve as an enforcement presence, along with DEEP Encon officers that are patrolling the state beach. There are approximately 22 out of 142 state parks in CT that have an alcohol ban.

The park experiences overcrowding during the peak summer weekends and holidays, with excess parking occurring on Route 354 and also on private property. When the State was contacted on the 4th of July about overcrowding, they reported that it is not possible to limit the number of people on the beach.

Local resident, Stu Gadbois, expressed concerns for safety with boats parked and pulled up on shore next to the swim area.

Sue Coffee talked about educating the children at the park about “Carry In, Carry Out” in the hope that they would be able to pass this along to their parents and guardians, and that tickets should be issued for littering.

Senator Osten and Representative Chessman have offered to have a conversation with Troop K State Police in Colchester, who cover the Town of Salem, to do safety patrols at the state beach.

Mike Magliano expressed thanks and appreciation to Gardner Lake’s legislators and chief town officials for their time and effort on behalf of Gardner Lake.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Bozrah Senior Center at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 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-colored rectangular background.

Kate Johnson,
Secretary

