

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020 Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees

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

Excused: Mike Magliano

Resigned: Suzanne Bennett, Salem, effective March 11, 2020.

Vacancies: There are two vacancies on the Authority, one in Bozrah and one in Salem.

A quorum was noted.

Guests: State Representative Kevin Ryan, Bozrah First Selectman Carl Zorn, Montville Police Lieutenant David Radford, Montville Administrative Sargent Matt Northrop, Bill Schultz and Sue Coffee.

Election of Officers

The following slate of officer nominations was presented:

Chair: Henry Granger
Co-Chair: Chris Rios
Treasurer: Scott Soderberg
Secretary: Kate Johnson

With no other nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast one vote to accept the slate of officers.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. One correction was noted: under *Next Meeting Date* the correct year should be 2020. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 12/31/2019
- Treasurer's Report from 1/1/2020 through 2/14/2020

Correspondence & Communication

- **Montville Payment:** The Montville payment in the amount of \$6,980 was received. This amount reflects the 2019 request, and is the amount Montville budgeted again for this year. The 2020 request was for \$7,335. Bozrah and Salem will be notified and given the option to pay accordingly. This year's increase included an additional water quality testing procedure to analyze phytoplankton levels. Lakes throughout CT are seeing a reduction in those levels.
- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** Kate submitted an invoice for reimbursement in the amount of \$138.24 for printer toner. Bob Neddo made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Invoice to the Towns:** An invoice was sent to the three towns on January 9, 2020 for their 2020-2021 budget planning.
- **GLA 2019 Annual Report:** The approved report was submitted to the towns on December 12, 2019.
- **Revised Timeline:** The revised task timeline was provided to members.
- **Salem Office Hour:** Kate Johnson and Sue Coffee, Coordinator of *Friends of Gardner Lake*, attended an informational session hosted by State Senator Paul Formica and State Representative Holly Cheeseman on

February 19 at the Salem Town Hall. The meeting was to offer Salem residents an opportunity for conversation about the upcoming 2020 Legislative Session and any other important issues of concern.

- **Salem No Parking Signs:** Bob Neddo reported that Salem First Selectman Kevin Lyden sent questionnaires to Salem residents living on Lakeview Drive, which runs adjacent to the State Beach, regarding the installation of *No Parking* signs along the road. Residents responded in favor of the signs, which have been installed.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the following reports for approval:

- 1) Oct. 18, 2019 – Nov. 15, 2019 Treasurer's Report;
- 2) Nov. 16, 2019 – Dec. 17, 2019 Treasurer's Report;
- 3) Dec. 18, 2019 – Jan. 17, 2020 Treasurer's Report;
- 4) Jan. 18, 2020 – Feb. 14, 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Chris Rios made a motion to approve the four reports; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel has been in communication with Montville Mayor Ron McDaniel. Lt. David Radford reported on staffing for patrol. Several officers have been certified for boating through the State's Boater Safety Course. He submitted a pricing outline. Sgt. Northrop will check further to learn if there will be additional costs for travel and rental of the patrol boat. Each shift would be billed at four hours, which includes travel and approximately 3 to 3.25 hours on the water. The rates provided are subject to a 2.5% increase as of July 1, and will apply for all days including holidays. GLA will request rates from DEEP also. Montville is required to have two officers on the boat at all times, doubling the cost of patrol time, whereas DEEP is able to have a single officer on the boat.
- Boating:** Bob Neddo reported that the Boater Safety books are now available. He hasn't received any information yet on when the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company will be holding their safety classes.
- Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg noted that he will need to purchase sampling bottles this year and will research prices. He has requested information from Ecosystem Consulting Service on the new phytoplankton sampling but hasn't heard back. He will reach out to them again.

Old Business

- **Oxoboxo Drawdown:** There are continuing plans to remove the dam downstream of Oxobox Lake by the intersection of Route 32 and Route 163.

New Business

- **CT DEEP Staffing Cutbacks:** Rep. Kevin Ryan answered questions regarding a planned change in state benefits in 2022 that could result in a significant amount of retirements, thereby reducing DEEP staffing.
- **New Members:** Current GLA members and town officials will seek interested residents to fill the two GLA vacancies.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment

- **Sue Coffee:** spoke about last year's state beach concerns that she forwarded to DEEP regarding porta-pottys, pop-up tents obstructing visibility of children swimming; noting that there was one drowning victim; dumpster rates and the State's carry in – carry out trash policy. Sue also commented on the improved coverage following the 4th of July problems.
- **Carl Zorn:** spoke about the benefits of keeping up good momentum with the patrol.
- **Bill Schultz:** made the recommendation to write to the Town of Montville and DEEP with a list of preferred patrol dates and base a hiring decision on available coverage commitments.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at the Montville Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Scott Soderberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kate Johnson,
Secretary