

## GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road  
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2020  
Bozrah Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair, Chris Rios.

### Attendees

Bozrah: Scott Soderberg  
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano  
Salem: Bob Neddo, Chris Rios, Tony Lasaracina

Excused: Henry Granger

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Barbara Magliano and Bill Schultz

Newly appointed Salem member Tony Lasaracina was welcomed.

### Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

### Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 7/18/2020 through 8/17/2020
- Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet, dated 9/8/2020

### Correspondence & Communication

- **2020 Bozrah Invoice:** Sent to the First Selectman, Carl Zorn.
- **Letter from WestRock:** Dated 8/7/2020, to the residents of Oxoboxo Lake, notifying them of plans to move forward on the dam project. WestRock will be lowering Oxoboxo Lake levels approximately 15 feet from the summer level. The drawdown will begin after Labor Day, between September 5-7. The project is expected to be completed in the spring, with refill commencing upon project completion.
- **Client Monitoring Field Monitoring Sheet:** Dated 9/8/2020.
- **FaceBook Post, Jim Savalle (GLVFC):** Dated 9/9/2020, regarding the Oxoboxo Dam drawdown.
- **Email from Robert Hannon, DEEP:** Dated 9/10/20, confirming receipt of GLA's signed request for the 2020-21 drawdown.
- **DEEP Violations Handout:** To report boating violations call **860-424-3333**.
- **Ecosystem Consulting Service Invoice:** Initial invoice in the amount of \$3,489.86. There was an additional charge included for a sample pickup. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Invasive Plant Guide:** Scott passed around a copy of an Invasive Plant Guide that he received which was prepared by the CT Agricultural Experiment Station.
- **East Lyme Times Article:** Bob shared an article providing information on a proposal for East Lyme to change their upland review area from 100 feet to 500 feet. The article also referenced increased sodium levels from road salting runoff going into the nearby waterbodies over the last decade. GLA will check with Dr. Kortmann to see what challenges Gardner Lake might be facing with salt runoff from our local roads.
- **Updated 2020 Members List:** For confirmation of contact info.

### Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the September Treasurer's Report (July 18, 2020 to August 17, 2020) for approval. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

## Committee Business

- A) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** We will request a breakdown of hours with DEEP's patrol invoice. There was discussion about DEEP's limited presence on the lake this year.
- B) **Boating:** The GLVFC did not offer a Boater Safety Course this year.
- C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg reported that there was excellent transparency this year, and that the filamentous green algae that was present at the beginning of the season is gone. Gardner Lake was invited to participate in a volunteer cyanobacteria study this year. Scott was unable to locate any samples to submit, which is excellent news. Bob reported that water flowed over the old spillway up until the end of August. Scott was unable to collect stormwater runoff samples due to lack of rain storms. By consensus, there was approval to purchase sample bottles.

Old Business – None.

## New Business

- **DEEP Patrol Report:** GLA will request a DEEP Patrol report from Captain Lundin.
- **Press Release for Dr. Kortmann's October Presentation:** We do not yet have a confirmation from Ecosystem that they will be able to attend the October meeting. We will likely forgo this year's meeting's press release. Upon confirmation of Ecosystem's attendance, GLA will include the announcement in the agendas that go to the towns and to the *Friends of Gardner Lake* FaceBook page.
- **Oxoboxo Lake Drawdown:** According to the *Friends of Gardner Lake* FaceBook page, the Oxoboxo drawdown has started.

## Other Business

### Public Comment

Bill Schultz recommended that GLA should request an opportunity to speak before the Salem Board of Finance to introduce ourselves and to provide awareness of the responsibilities, and the importance of those responsibilities, assigned to the Gardner Lake Authority.

Kate read a text message sent by Val Hornat, Laurel Lock Campground, expressing concerns about a jet ski pulling a tuber with only one spotter, the reckless activities of a group of jet skis in front of Laurel Lock and a boater traveling too closely behind another boat. Additionally, Val reported repeated sightings of jet skis circling boats and jumping boat wakes. It is uncertain what can be done to limit jet ski usage on the lake. Violations should be reported to DEEP at **860-424-3333**. Any identifying information that can be gathered should be reported to assist DEEP in responding, including:

>Location, time, date and nature of the violation or suspicious activity;

>Description of boat or vehicle involved: registration or license plate number, color, make, model, etc.;

>Direction of travel of the boat or vehicle;

>Description of suspect(s): note clothing and/or distinguishing features.

Photos and/or videos are also very helpful.

### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Montville Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

### Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,  
Secretary