

## GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road  
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2021  
Montville Public Safety Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

### Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg  
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano  
Salem: Tony Lasaracina

Excused: Chris Rios

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Barbara Magliano, Sue Coffee, John Hummel

### Minutes

The minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Kate Johnson noted that the Next Meeting Date should be July 8, 2021, not June 10. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

### Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 5/18/2021 to 6/17/2021.
- Client Field Monitoring Data Sheet, dated 6/24/21.

### Correspondence & Communication

- **Email from Sue Coffee:** Dated 6/14/21, forwarding a letter she received regarding safety concerns with jet skiers.
- **2021 Executed DEEP Patrol Contract:** Dated 6/30/2021.
- **LIS Beach Report Released! Webinar:** Forwarded by Sue Coffee on 6/15/21.
- **New London Day Article:** Dated 6/15/21, reporting on activities at the state beach and activities on the water.
- **Webinar – How to Run a Legal & Effective Public Meeting:** Email dated 6/16/21. Invitation to participate forwarded by Montville Town Clerk Katie Sandberg.
- **2020 Ecosystem Consulting Service Invoice:** Received statement on 6/23/21 for Invoice #3438 in the amount of \$165. We never received the invoice. Kate will request a copy to confirm what service was covered. Approval for payment was tabled.
- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet:** Dated 6/24/21.
- **Email to Mary Morgillo, DEEP Financial Services:** Dated 7/1/21, inquiring who we should contact with our billing question on the 2020-2021 drawdown invoice.
- **Phone call to Chair Henry Granger:** Henry received a call inquiring about DEEP checking on swim markers. There is a process to follow with DEEP for a swim marker permit.

### Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the July Treasurer's Report (May 18, 2021 to June 17, 2021) for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** DEEP has been patrolling on the weekends.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott reported that transparency hasn't been as clear, possibly due to recent rain and the dying off of filamentous green algae which becomes brownish.

Old Business – None.

### New Business

- **Dam Opening and Closing:** The 2021-2022 DEEP drawdown request has been sent out. In the future we might consider requesting, in the letter, advance notification when the State is planning to open and close the dam gate.
- **2021 Invoices to Towns:** Invoices will be sent to the town officials for the 2021 season, and are now due.
- **Quiet Times:** There was discussion about creating “quiet time” on the lake, limiting jet skis and setting speed limits.
- **Creating a Website:** The benefits of offering a website were considered, including cost and inquiring if there might be an option through one of the towns. An administrator would need to monitor the site.
- **State Beach’s Lake View Ave. Emergency Gate:** Tony showed a photo of recent destruction to the gate, which is being used for access to the beach via Lake View Ave.

Other Business – None.

### Public Comment

Sue Coffee shared information on hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant, that is spreading around the state. This invasive is very choking and damaging to our waterbodies and ecosystems, and grows very rapidly and prolifically. Within two years, hydrilla has infested coves along the Connecticut River and has been reported on by retired marine biologist Steve Gephard and Greg Bugbee with the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, along with area conservationists and residents. Hydrilla spreads very easily by fragments, seeds, buds and roots. It was recommended that we work with DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes and our local legislators to protect our lake. Several steps might be to install washing stations for boats at the state boat launch, paying staff/interns to inspect incoming boats, and having the State send notices to the fishing tournament participants.

### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at Salem Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

### Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Tony Lasaracina. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,  
Secretary