

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2021
Salem Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Attendees

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

A quorum was noted.

Guests: State Rep. Holly Cheeseman, Barbara Magliano

New Member Welcome

Jim Miller, a newly appointed member to GLA representing Salem, was welcomed.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 6/18/2021 to 7/16/2021.
- Client Field Monitoring Data Sheet, dated 7/20/21.

Correspondence & Communication

- **Carl Zorn's Passing:** Bozrah First Selectman Carl Zorn passed away on August 9 after a difficult battle with pancreatic cancer. GLA will send a card to the family.
- **New Salem GLA Member:** Dated 7/13/21, Salem Town Clerk Linda Flugrad notified GLA that Salem has appointed a new member, Jim Miller, to fill the Salem vacancy.
- **Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet:** Dated 7/20/21.
- **Invoice to Towns:** The 2021 invoice to the three towns was sent on 7/15/21.
- **Salem Payment:** Check from Salem in the amount of \$10,000 was received. Salem First Selectman Kevin Lyden said an additional amount of \$2,000 is being prepared to send.
- **Montville Payment:** Montville's full payment in the amount of \$7,335 has been received.
- **Email from Major Brian Newman:** Dated 7/26/21, notifying GLA that on the previous weekend the DEEP Patrol monitored a fishing tournament and observed no illegal activity.
- **2021-2022 Drawdown Request Letter:** GLA's fully executed drawdown request letter was submitted to Robert Hannon. Robert will be retiring in September.
- **Email from Montville Lt. David Radford:** Dated 8/3, notifying GLA that the Montville Patrol is planning to put their patrol boat on the lake on Sunday, August 8 (no charge).
- **2021 DEEP Patrol Report to-date:** Received in an email dated 8/4/21 from Major Newman. We will request identification of the codes used in the report.
- **Email from Jean Pillo:** Dated 8/4/21, notifying Scott that she has secured a test kit for Gardner Lake's participation again in this year's statewide cyanobacteria testing program.
- **Ecosystem Consulting Service Invoice:** Dr. Kortmann submitted his invoice, in the amount of \$165.00, from 2020 for processing the final Co-op sample analysis from UConn CESE. The amount of the invoice falls within last year's budgeted line item for Lake Studies. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve payment of the invoice; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** Dated 7/9/21, for reimbursement in the amount of \$180.77 for the purchase of a spinner file case from Staples. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Top Ten Most Beautiful Lakes in CT:** Dated 7/23/21. Henry forwarded an article from “New England with Love,” recognizing Gardner Lake as the #4 most beautiful lake in CT.
- **DEEP Dam Personnel:** Rep. Holly Cheeseman listened to the challenges we face with the change in personnel managing our dam. In an effort to pay our 2020-2021 drawdown invoice, we need some questions answered first regarding the two months we have been billed following the early dam gate closing. There was no communication from DEEP on the early closing that occurred close to (or on the same day as) Governor Lamont’s announcement of Open Fishing Season on February 15. Our attempts to speak with the person/people in charge of the Gardner Lake dam have proved futile. Kate will email our concerns to Rep. Cheeseman and she will see what she can learn in Hartford. Meanwhile, Tom Tyler at DEEP has offered his assistance in trying to answer some of our questions.

Treasurer’s Report

Scott Soderberg presented the August Treasurer’s Report (June 18, 2021 to July 16, 2021) for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Tony Lasaracina. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** DEEP has been patrolling on the weekends, and Montville was out for one day. DEEP’s new strategy is to education boaters and jet skiers of problems taking place. Concern was raised about the need to issue violations for offenses, not just education.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott will be ending the volunteer sampling for this year in October. Conditions are normal for this time of year.

Old Business

- **Swim Markers:** Following recent discussions on the number of swim markers around the lake, the question was raised if the maps which need to accompany permit applications can be hand drawn or if they need to be done by a licensed surveyor, which would be costly to the property owner.

New Business

- **Weed Sign at Boat Launch:** It was reported that a new sign has been installed at the boat launch addressing fines to be issued for boats carrying attached weeds to Gardner Lake.

Other Business

- **Jet Ski Hours:** Discussions continue about reducing jet ski hours. Coventry Lake has been able to limit hours providing a quiet time on their lake. It would be difficult to limit jet skis owned by people who live on the lake.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at Bozrah Senior Center beginning at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Johnson

Kate Johnson,
Secretary