

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021
Bozrah Senior Center

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

Excused: Tony Lasaracina, Jim Smith

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Barbara Magliano, Gary Grenier, Hugh McKenney, Sue Coffee, John Hummel.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 12, 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 7/17/2021 to 8/17/2021.

Correspondence & Communication

- **Carl Zorn's Passing:** A sympathy card was sent from GLA to the family of Bozrah First Selectman Carl Zorn.
- **Bozrah Payment:** Bozrah's 2021 payment was received in the requested amount of \$2,445.
- **Email to Tom Tyler, DEEP:** Dated 8/13/21, in response to his email. GLA inquired as to who is now servicing maintenance and billing of the dam, and also inquiring who GLA can speak with regarding questions on our 2020-2021 drawdown invoice.
- **Out-of-Office Email Reply from Jack Hine:** Dated 8/13/21, with available times to reach him regarding dam maintenance.
- **Posting from Friends of Gardner Lake Facebook Page:** Tony forwarded a screenshot of a posting which addresses limiting jet ski usage, which the towns would need to discuss collectively. Also included were notable improvements to the state beach and boat launch along with an adjustment to the swim area to improve safety.
- **Email to State Representative Holly Cheeseman:** Dated 8/13/21, reaching out for information from DEEP about who is now responsible for dam management and billing; and also who we can contact regarding our 2020-2021 drawdown invoice questions.
- **Email to DEEP Major Brian Newman:** Dated 8/13/21, requesting codes for the boating patrol report he had sent.
- **Email from Montville Town Clerk Katie Sandberg:** Dated 8/18/21, forwarding an email from Mayor Ron McDaniel noting that effective August 23 staff and visitors will now be required to wear proper face protection inside town facilities in common areas. All unvaccinated persons are required to wear face masks at all times when indoors at town facilities unless they are in a single person office.
- **Drawdown Approval Letter from DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes:** Dated 8/24/21, approving a 3' drawdown, to begin around November 1, and will be managed to restore water surface elevation by early April 2022 for the start of fishing season. The anticipated cost of the drawdown will be \$60-\$70 per hour plus any additional costs, and should not exceed 30 hours.
- **GZA Water Quality Monitoring:** Ecosystem Consulting Service has merged and is now a division of GZA, 95 Glastonbury Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Scott has been in communications with Stephan Roy, confirming this year's water quality monitoring contract as approved last November.

Treasurer's Report

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

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** GLA will invite DEEP's Major Newman and Sgt. Dwyer to attend the November meeting to report on this year's water patrol.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** GZA will be conducting their macrophyte survey on 9/10/21. Scott took storm samples today, 9/9/21. We will confirm with Dr. Kortmann about attending the October meeting for his annual presentation. The Co-op Volunteer Monitoring Field Data Sheet from August will be distributed at the October meeting. GLA will request the 2022 contract.

Old Business

- **2020-2021 Drawdown Invoice:** We are still inquiring as to who can answer our questions on last year's invoice that bills us for nine weeks beyond the dam closing. Invoice approval was tabled.

New Business – None.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment

Sue Coffee spoke about limiting jet skis and enforcement of limiting jet skiing hours. She also spoke about the mortality of bass caught in different parts of the lake for tournaments and then being released at the boat launch check-in. This practice leaves nests vulnerable, and reportedly there are many dead fish found by the boat launch area, possibly being released fish that did not survive their temporary capture. Sue also addressed the clogging up of the boat launch at the end of daytime tournaments on the weekends when anglers are lined up to pull their boats out of the water. Meanwhile, other weekend boaters are required to wait in long lines. Tournament organizers should be responsible for making sure participants are made aware of the lake's boating regulations.

There was discussion explaining how GLA conducts its budgeting process.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at the Montville Public Safety Building beginning at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary