

## **2013 Gardner Lake Authority Annual Report**

The Gardner Lake Authority (GLA) is established with the Towns of Bozrah, Montville and Salem to govern the body of water know as Gardner Lake.

The Authority shall act as agent for the Towns, cooperating with the State Boating Commission in the enforcement of boating laws on Gardner Lake.

The Authority shall also control and abate algae and aquatic weeds thorough DEEP managed drawdowns, and study and make recommendations concerning water management.

This year GLA hired a consulting service to continue the lake sampling and assess aquatic plant life, and will provide data analysis.

GLA purchased water quality monitoring equipment and is developing its own water sampling program with training and assistance from the consulting service.

The Montville Police Water Patrol and CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) patrolled the lake. Following are Montville Patrol stats:

***Safety Inspections:*** 49.

***Assists:*** Boat-4.

***Warnings:*** No-Wake Violaion-41, Operating Without Boating Safety Certificate-1, Failure to Carry Boating Safety Certificate-5, Insufficient Number of PDFs-7, Failure to Display Decals-2, Park Swimmers Out of Swim Area-3, Illegal Operation PWC-No Safe Boating Certificate/Underage Riders-6, Overloading-1, Boating Regs-Skiing Observer Under 12-1, Riders Outside of Vessel-2.

***Infractions:*** No-Wake-5, Operating Unregistered Vessel-1, Illegal Operation PWC-No Safe Boating Certificate/Underage Riders-3.

GLA worked directly with DEEP personnel to meet the needs of lowering of the lake for the winter months to help control the invasive weed population, accommodate dock removal and lake wall & shore repair.

In addition to working as liaison between citizen inquiries, town officials and DEEP, GLA continuously worked with committees including Boat Patrol, Finance, Environmental, Education and Friends of Gardner Lake Citizens Group.

GLA sponsored a highly attended boater safety course with approximately 50 passing certificates awarded. The proceeds from registrations were donated to the Gardner Lake Fire Department for the use of their facility.

The Gardner Lake Authority meets the second Thursday of the month from March through November (no meetings in December, January and February).

The location is on a rotating basis beginning at the Bozrah Senior Center in March, Montville Town Hall in April, Salem Town Hall in May, and the cycle rotates twice more.

The public is invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Gardner Lake Authority

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Vice Chair; Jim McArdle, Scott Soderberg, Treasurer  
Montville: Kate Johnson, Secretary; Ed Socha (through September 2013), Bill Wrobel  
Salem: Lou Allen, Bob Neddo, Russ Smith, Chair