

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2011
Montville Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Member Roll Call

Bozrah: Jim McArdle, Chair; Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg

Montville: Ed Socha, Jr., Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson

Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith

Absent: Lou Allen

A quorum was noted.

Guests in attendance: 7

Minutes

The minutes of the June 9, 2011 meeting were presented. Henry Granger made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed.

Attachments: Treasurer's Report dated 6/15/11, for the period May 16-June 15.

Administration/Correspondence/Communication

- **Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc. Proposal Acceptance/Agreement for *Gardner Lake Monitoring Program 2011***, dated May 11, 2011, in the amount of \$2,900 was signed and submitted by Jim [as approved at the April 14, 2011 meeting].
- **Requests to Towns:** Jim sent written requests to the three towns requesting funding by September 10, 2011.
- **Montville payment:** \$6,290 was received from Montville and forwarded to Russ for deposit.
- **Letter from Bozrah First Selectman, William Ballinger:** dated 6/28/11, noting their approved, upcoming payment of \$1200.00, reduced due to uncertainty of economic times; and an inquiry as to what fiscal year funding was being requested. Jim spoke with them personally and explained GLA's goal of moving from a municipal to a calendar fiscal year. In order to accomplish this transition, we are requesting funding for an 18-month period.
- **Montville Water Patrol Report**, dated 7/14/11, prepared by Gregg Jacobson and submitted by Bill.
- **Drawdown request:** to DEP [aka Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection - DEEP - as of July 1, 2011] for 2011-2012 of 3-4 feet, signed by Kevin Lyden, Salem First Selectman; Joseph Jaskiewicz, Montville Mayor; William Balling, Bozrah First Selectman; and James McArdle, Chair, Gardner Lake Authority, has been submitted to State of CT D.E.P.
- **Public beach swim markers:** Kate sent an email to Scott Dawley, DEP, on June 15, 2011 informing him that the condition of the swim markers at the public swim area requires attention.
- **Lake Field Data Sheet:** used by the Webster Lake Association, presented as a reference for possible future development of water quality monitoring check list.

Treasurer's Report

Russ presented the June Treasurer's Report:

Bill Wrobel made a motion to accept the May 16, 2011 - June 15, 2011 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ed Socha. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- A) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill noted that there is significant focus on performing safety checks of kayaks for Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), due to a growing number drownings of kayakers not wearing PFDs. There have been 75 stops to date this year, including safety checks, warnings and infractions (tickets).
- B) **Boating:** Bob reported on this year's GLA sponsored Boater Safety Course, which was held at the Gardner Lake Fire House. 110 people signed up, 92 attended the classes and 89 took and passed the test. There has been discussion about possibly changing the classes to online or offering them at Community College. \$840 was donated to the Fire Dept. Kate will prepare and send out a press release to local papers.
- C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott reported that Dr. Kortman has dropped off bottles for GLA members to collect water samples from tributary runoff. Scott will collect samples after the next storm and send to ECS in Coventry. The majority of the cost in sampling is the travel. Jim and Russ are available to help with sampling. Kate will give Scott contact info for water quality monitor coordinator Jean Pillo, with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District and the Last Green Valley.

Old Business

- A) **Dam Expenditures:** Henry checked with DEEP regarding questions on the 2010-2011 drawdown bill. When the new bridge was installed, DEP was made aware of several vulnerable areas of soil near the dam.
- Russ Smith made a motion to draft and send a letter to legislators and town officials requesting clarification of understanding why the financial responsibility of drawdown and dam maintenance falls on the three Towns and GLA instead of DEEP; seconded by Kate Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. Russ will draft the letter.
 - Ed Socha made a motion to pay the 2010-2011 drawdown bill in the amount of \$1,648.46; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion passed unanimously.
- B) **Dr. Kortman's Presentation, November 2010:** Russ Smith made a motion to pay \$30 and the cost of four DVDs to have last year's November presentation put onto DVDs by Sue Coffee's (Friends of Gardner Lake) contact person; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion about possibly putting the video on the GLA website and sending to the towns to have available to the public for viewing.

New Business

- A) **Issues at Boat Launch:** Kate reported seeing a swimmer and his dog from the boat launch pier as someone was launching their boat, and spoke with him about safety issues. She also reported seeing a bike ramp set up at the end of the pier with kids doing flips into the water. She phoned the 800 number and reported the incident. More visible signage would help. Scott Dawley will be contacting Sue Coffee regarding the correct depth of swim markers, and what to do as water levels go down.
- B) **Construction Permit Notification:** There was discussion if GLA should request notification from the towns when they approve a construction permit for work along the waterfront, so we would be aware. No decision was reached.

Public Comment

Leon Aquino and sons Gerald and Giannpierre: Attended a public meeting as part of a Boy Scout requirement. They followed up with insightful questions about the role of the GLA.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at the Salem Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Scott Soderberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Johnson,
Secretary