

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2011
Salem Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Member Roll Call

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Acting Chair; Scott Soderberg

Montville: Kate Johnson

Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith, Lou Allen

Excused: Jim McArdle, Ed Socha, Bill Wrobel

A quorum was noted.

Guests in attendance: 9

Guest Speakers

Dr. Robert Kortmann and Anne Ewert of Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc. in Coventry reported on their water sampling results from this summer, sharing detailed information on phosphorus, ammonia, nitrate, iron and manganese readings, and emphasized the importance of zooplankton levels for the lake's wellbeing. Gardner Lake continues to maintain good water quality. Invasive aquatic plants, including fanwort and milfoil were less of a problem this year than last year, and didn't reach the water's surface. Shoreline residents wishing to combat weeds could consider the following:

- Using a muck mat to kill out invasive plants, while still letting gases through
- Using zero phosphorus fertilizers
- Establishing a citizen monitoring program
- Planting garden landscape features to capture stormwater runoff from heading into the lake and redirecting it into the ground

Plans for a citizen water monitoring program for next year were discussed. GLA will do research on acquiring a secchi disk and an oxygen temperature probe for testing and maintaining oxygen temperature profiles.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting were presented. Russ Smith made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: Treasurer's Report dated 10/15/11, for the period September 16-October 15 (faxed).
2011 Annual Report
2012 Meeting Dates

Administration/Correspondence/Communication

- **Letter from DEEP Deputy Commissioner Susan Frechette:** Dated 10/31/11 addressing issues raised by GLA letter to Commission Esty dated 10/14/11.
- **2011 Annual Report**
- **2012 Meeting Dates**
- **2011 Notes to GLA Members:** A list of side items covered in 2011.

Treasurer's Report

Russ presented the October 15 Treasurer's Report:

Kate Johnson made a motion to accept the September 16, 2011 – October 15, 2011 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously. A request was made to hold a budget workshop during the winter to review the status of the current 18 month budget.

Committee Business

- A) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** None. Season concluded.
- B) **Boating:** None. Next spring Bob will check on sponsoring a Boater Safety Class.
- C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Reported above.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- **2011 Annual Report:** By consensus the GLA approved the 2011 Annual Report with one addition.
- **2012 Meeting Dates:** By consensus the GLA approved the proposed 2012 meeting dates with locations and 7:00 pm start time.

Public Comment

- **Friends of Gardner Lake:** Sue Coffee shared a response from Matt Fritz, DEEP Bureau Chief of Outdoor Recreation, regarding his visit to an FGL meeting this season. Areas he will be looking into this winter in preparation for next year are: signs, building out the park, porta-potties, DEEP law enforcement presence on the lake, drawdown, park swimming area size and notes on fishing tournaments.
- **Information Dissemination:** Marty Schwartz, Salem, made recommendations on reaching out to the area residents to keep them informed about water monitoring and other issues involving the lake. There was discussion regarding meeting schedules, doing newsletters in partnership with Friends of Gardner Lake (FGL) and creating databases for standard mail and email.
- **Lighting Issue:** FGL is working with lake residents and Indianfield Campground to find a resolution to lighting complaints.
- **Russ Smith's Closing Comment:** Russ noted the proactive work that has been done by FGL and GLA to bring awareness of our concerns to the area and to the State. DEEP will be considering ways to make improvements and implementing those changes beginning in 2012.

Adjournment

This meeting concludes the 2011 season. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Bozrah Senior Center at 7:00 pm. Kate Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary