

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2011
Montville Town Hall

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

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Acting Chair
Montville: Ed Socha, Jr., Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Bob Neddo, Lou Allen

Excused: Jim McArdle, Scott Soderberg
Absent: Russ Smith

Guests in attendance: 5

Minutes

The minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were presented. Lou Allen made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed.

Attachments: Meeting agenda, DEP Invasive Investigator information sheet and sign up form.

Administration/Correspondence/Communication

- Sue Coffee, FGL Coordinator, presented information on an upcoming DEP class *Invasive Investigators Training Program*, which will be held at the Salem Library on Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.
- DEP Invasive Investigator Training information sheets and sign up forms were received.
- Alternative Gardner Lake Monitoring Programs – 2011.
- Gardner Brook Watershed maps were received.
- No bills were presented.

Treasurer's Report Not available.

Committee Business

- A) Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bob reported that the Patrol will be starting Memorial Day Weekend and plans to patrol the lake three times per week this season. Henry noted that we will need to receive Town funding. Patrolmen Dave Crowley and Greg Jacobson are working to develop a more detailed breakdown with electronic monthly reports identifying incidents [not names]. During discussion with Friends of Gardner Lake, the following points were noted:
- Patrol recommends against having a regular set schedule.
 - Mike Payton, DEP Boating Safety, encourages calling in violations to DEP Law Enforcement at 860-424-3333.
 - Although citizens trained as *Invasive Investigators* will not have enforcement authority, they can report boat registration numbers and violations (i.e. boats transporting invasive plants that are unwilling to adhere to boat launch guidelines).
 - Sue Coffee encourages each campground to send a representative to the *Invasive Investigators* training program. Sue also requested that DEP check swim area markers to confirm that they are permitted.
- B) Boating:** Bob has dates reserved for a Boater Safety Course, and is awaiting program approval. The reserved dates are at the end of June and beginning of July, and will be three nights with slightly extended hours, instead of four nights. A donation of \$10 per person will go to the Gardner Lake Fire Department.

Old Business

Water Quality Sampling: There was discussion about sampling done by local Health Districts which is required at the campgrounds [Uncas Health District does sampling at Pequot Ledge Campground, Montville]. If campground sampling results were made available to combine with GLA sampling, there could be a sampling cost reduction in the GLA budget. Concern was expressed about Salem reducing their allocation to GLA. Residents of Salem, Montville and Bozrah are encouraged to attend their Town's budget public hearings in support of the GLA line item.

Henry presented two options for this year's monitoring to be performed by Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc., which included: 1) a plan for two sampling trips at a cost of \$4,623; and 2) one sampling trip at a cost of \$2,904. Two **other services** are available with the two-trip plan, which are: 1) Tributary Stream Samples at \$275; and 2) Storm Runoff Samples at \$500.

Lou Allen made a motion to approve the One Sampling Trip option at a cost of \$2904 [with the possibility of conducting **other service(s)** as described above if available with the lesser option]; seconded by Bill Wrobel. Lou, Bill and Bob voted for; Kate and Ed voted against. The motion passed. Henry will check with Dr. Kortman on availability and/or need of other services.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Storm Water Runoff: Sue Coffee discussed storm water runoff from the boat launch parking area into the lake, and the design and effectiveness of the separator. One item for consideration would be to ask boats being towed away to pull their plugs at the top of the hill, away from the water.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the Salem Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Kate made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Bob Neddo. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary