

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018
Montville Town Hall, Room 102

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Jim McArdle, Scott Soderberg
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson
Salem: Bob Neddo, Bruce Henry

Excused: Mike Magliano

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Ross & Florence Robbins, Oxoboxo Lake Beach & Boat Association; Bill Schultz

Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bruce Henry. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 3/16/2018
- 2017 Gardner Lake Water Quality Report

Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **2017 Water Quality Report:** Prepared by Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc..
- **Conducting Legal Meetings Announcement:** Sent by Katie Sandberg, Montville Town Clerk. Kate Johnson would like to attend if the meeting is offered again in the future.
- **CFL Monthly Update:** Sent by The Connecticut Federation of Lakes, including an announcement about their upcoming Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at Eversource, Berlin, CT, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **Email to Ross & Florence Robbins, Oxoboxo Lake:** Inquiring about Oxoboxo's 14-15 foot drawdown this fall for their dam repair.
- **Email from Chief Jim Savalle, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company:** Requesting GLA announcements and providing hydrant project update.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the April Treasurer's Report (2/17/18-3/16/18) for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Kate Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel will check on the status of Montville's projected staffing for the upcoming season for the next meeting. There was a question about the DEEP Water Patrol. GLA will check with DEEP to learn more about state funded DEEP patrols.
- Boating:** Bob Neddo checked recently. To date there is no information available about any scheduled Boating Safety Courses to be held at GLVFC for 2018. Henry will check the DEEP website to see what courses have been scheduled in the area.

C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg is planning to begin water sampling this month.

Old Business

- **Hydrants:** Jim Savalle reported that the GLVFC is waiting for information from a microbiologist at DEEP so that they may proceed with maintaining and extending the hydrant at 126 Old Colchester Road, Salem (boat launch). GLA has learned that the hydrant at the boat launch has not been operational, and hopes that the upcoming maintenance and extension will restore service there.

New Business

- **Drawdown Request for 2018-19:** Henry will prepare the drawdown request for May, and Bob is available to bring it around for signatures.

Other Business

- **Oxoboxo Lake Dam Repair:** As a follow-up to an article in The Day on February 20, 2018; and updated on February 21, 2018; Ross and Florence Robbins reported that the drawdown and repairs to the Oxoboxo Dam will begin around September-October. The plan is to drawdown Oxoboxo Lake approximately 15 feet in order to do the repair.

The two lakes are in separate, abutting watersheds, so the hydrology between them is uncertain. Drawing Oxoboxo down 15 feet will not leave their lake dry, as it goes as deep as 40 feet in some areas.

Even with a 3 foot drawdown at Gardner Lake, it was noted that the hydrant by the dam does not freeze up, as there is always constant water movement, and remains a water supply throughout the winter months.

- **Bass Tournaments:** GLA will reach out to our legislators to learn why the State Fisheries Division does not charge for clubs to get their state tournament permits.
- **90-Day Alcohol Ban at the State Beach:** With the ban in place during the summer, First Selectman Kevin Lyden and the Salem resident trooper are working together with DEEP Encon officers to see that the ban is observed.

Public Comment None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Salem Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary