

## GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road  
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2018  
Maples Farm, Bozrah

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

### Attendees

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

A quorum was noted.

Guests: Bill Schultz, Barbara Magliano, Russ Smith, Melissa Smith

### Minutes

The minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Mike Magliano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Scott Soderberg. The motion passed unanimously.

### Attachments

- Treasurer's Report through 5/17/2018
- Client Monitoring Field Data Sheet, dated 5/26/2018

### Administration, Correspondence & Communication

- **Email from Bruce Henry:** Dated 6/12/18. Bruce submitted his resignation as Salem representative to the Gardner Lake Authority. By consensus, his resignation was accepted and a letter of appreciation will be sent.
- **Draft Drawdown Letter:** Henry presented the draft drawdown letter. It was agreed to proceed with the standard annual request to DEEP.
- **Email from Chief Jim Savalle, GLVFC:** Dated 6/12/18. Jim submitted a request to GLA to send a letter to the three chief town officials requesting to not do the drawdown for 2018-19 - due to the Oxoboxo Lake drawdown for their dam repair. Jim also noted that not doing the drawdown would impact GLVFD's repair of the boat launch hydrant, which has needed repairs for several years. It was noted that the annual three foot drawdown controls the two invasive aquatic plants present at Gardner Lake.
- **2018 Boater Safety Course Flyer:** Bob Neddo distributed the flyer from GLVFC for this year's Boater Safety Course which will be held on July 10, 12 and 17. For more information, email: [command27@ymail.com](mailto:command27@ymail.com).

### Treasurer's Report

Scott Soderberg presented the June Treasurer's Report (4/18/18-5/17/18) for approval. Bill Wrobel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Business

- A) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel reported that he has spoken with Lt. Bunnell about this year's patrol. Lt. Bunnell confirmed that the Montville Police Dept. is still dealing with staffing issues to get patrols on the lake. Russ Smith suggested hiring someone qualified in enforcement (one option was to contact the Coast Guard Auxiliary) to be hired as a subcontractor, to research other rates for patrolling, and/or to reach out to our legislators to learn what the DEEP patrol's obligations are to CT

waterbodies. A second consideration was reaching out for someone without enforcement qualifications to do safety inspections before launching, possibly checking with DEEP's EnCon officers for assistance.

- B) Boating:** Bob Neddo assisted the GLVFC by distributing the Boater Safety Course flyers to the Salem campgrounds.
- C) Water Quality Sampling:** Scott Soderberg reported that storm samples were taken and that this year the lake experienced a blue gill fish kill, which could possibly be due to spawning stress. Readings and samples were collected on May 26 and submitted to UConn for analysis.

#### **Old Business**

- **Oxoboxo Dam Repair:** The condition of the boat launch hydrant remains in question. Even during drawdowns, there is ample water supply for fire departments to drop a hose directly into the water to draw from. DEEP watershed staff is looking into the two watersheds that Gardner and Oxoboxo Lakes belong to for any hydrology issues during the Oxoboxo drawdown. Russ Smith has checked with other fire departments and has been told that often hydrants are "silted in," obstructing water suction. GLA will check to learn who plows the boat launch in the winter. Water is available year-round at the dam hydrant, as there is always water movement flowing through.

#### **New Business**

- **Drawdown Request for 2018-19:** Jim McArdle made a motion to request the standard 3-4' drawdown for the 2018-19 season; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously. GLA will work with the staff from DEEP that performs weekly monitoring of the dam during the season to watch for any changes in the lake's levels during the Oxoboxo drawdown.

#### **Other Business**

- **Annual Monitoring Report:** Scott will follow up with a second request to Dr. Kortmann to schedule his Annual Report for the October meeting. He will also check with Dr. Kortmann for his view on any potential effect(s) to Gardner Lake during the Oxoboxo drawdown.

**Public Comment** None.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the Montville Public Safety Building, beginning at 7:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Kate Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Bill Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,  
Secretary