

## **ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF August 14, 2019**

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on July 10th. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Dick Smith, Mark Hastings, Robert Recor, Jenell Janes, and Toni Phillips. Eight local attendees were also present. The minutes were typed by Nicole Krol.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:30 pm by Dennis Overfield.

The minutes from July were read aloud, Toni made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob second, with the correction it was the launch attendant who did not show up for work, the motion passed unanimously. The executive minutes from July were read aloud, Dick made a motion to accept the executive minutes, Toni second, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Lake Patrol**

- The patrol boat is having an occasional issue with starting; a repair may need to happen soon.

#### **Weeds**

None

#### **Budget**

None

#### **Old Business**

- The board reviewed the 2019/2020 RLA budget. There is 72,721.00 set aside for the RLA. Dick has requested the end of year 2018/2019 review for RLA expenditure.
- The safety weekend which took place July 27-28 went well. Dennis was in the patrol boat along with another boat positioned at the opposite side of the lake. Overall the weekend was benign. The jet skiers continue to fail at staying 200ft from shore and other objects within the lake. Dick has the launch attendees keep track of how many jet skiers come into the lake each day, he will compile the data for review.

#### **New Business**

- Mid-season water quality report was sent to RLA; 2017, 2018, 2019 were compared in the data. Statistically there has not been much change within the three years. Dennis sent the report to Yale University and some of the board members met with them. Yale has been testing the lake as well and data from the report is consistent with their findings. Significant lack of oxygen in the deep portions of the lake has been noted. Small traces of algae were seen but considered important to control the quality of the lake. The open communication with Yale has been positive for RLA.
- Ray provided the board with information regarding where the jet skiers are allowed within the lake. Dennis was able to use google view to calculate the waterways distance in feet from shore

to islands. There are not many areas where jet skies are able to pass without making a wake, but they are cruising the waterways at full speed anyway. Jet skiers may not be aware of the limitations. Dennis suggested contacting DEEP to seek support to regulate the jet skis; DEEP may be able to offer recommendations. Dennis will finalize a plan to present to DEEP. Dennis is going to work on finalizing the forms for lake signage as well.

- Fishing tournaments: 8/17- 7 boats, 8/28- 8 boats, 9/18-10 boats
- Bob gave an update on water quality; the lake is doing well.
- The board sent a letter to Lyme and Old Lyme first selectman addressing concerns and discussed the questions within the letter and responses. RLA would like to follow up with the selectman of each town regarding the responses. The objective is to have better communication between the towns and RLA. Dennis will request a meeting including RLA members, first selectman, Nick of Pond and Lake, and Scott Fisher from SWCA in order to map out the treatment process for next year, if there is one.
- Mentioned: The sluiceway is not designed to be a flood control structure.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick, Jenell second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Krol, Secretary for RLA, Nicole-krol@att.net

The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Association will be on September 11th, 7:30PM at the Rogers Lake West Shores Clubhouse.