

## **ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 13, 2021**

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened virtually at 7:30 PM on January 13, 2021. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Richard Smith, Toni Phillips, Jenell Janes, and Mark Hastings. Two local attendees joined the meeting. The minutes were recorded by Nicole Krol.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:42 pm by Dennis Overfield.

The minutes from November were read aloud. A motion to accept the minutes from November was made by Toni, Mark second, motion passed unanimously.

#### **Lake Patrol**

None

#### **Weeds**

None

#### **Budget**

The board reviewed the remaining budget, there have not been many new expenditures since November.

#### **Old Business**

Dick provided a contact number for the DEEP patrol person, Dakota Flis.

The Rogers Lake Dam Operation and Maintenance document has been submitted to the town of Old Lyme, the RLA efforts towards the document were appreciated. The vested control of the sluiceway should be in control of the RLA. Currently, the town has assigned keys to a total of 4 people including public works. The key holders are in communication regarding the dam but there is not a formal communication procedure. The RLA would like to have Dick oversee the sluiceway. There is an emergency plan document which is being drafted. Review of the Rogers Lake Dam Operation and Maintenance document is on the selectman's agenda for their meeting next week.

Request for quotes to remove invasive weeds from the lake was sent to SWCA, The Pond and Lake Connection, and C & D Underwater Maintenance. If there is anyone else interested in quoting, they need to contact Dennis by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The labels have not yet been created for the fishing line receptacles, Jenell may have time to work on it this weekend. If signposts are needed, they can be gathered from public works. DEEP was specific about the location of the receptacles at the boat launch.

## **New Business**

Robert Recor has resigned from the RLA board, he has been a board member for many years and the work and efforts he has put in is greatly appreciated by all.

The water quality report indicates the lake is in good condition. A quote for water quality testing was received, it was more expensive than last year, lab fees have increased dramatically. The board is considering finding another contractor for the testing, which may be less expensive. Dennis will reach out to AER for a new estimate, there is no need to approve a quote right away. It may be something that does not need to be done every year as well.

Dennis reached out to the CT Agricultural Experimental Station and it is confirmed they are coming to do the weed survey at a cost of \$4000. They have been at Roger's Lake in the past, so they will have a nice base line for the survey.

The board is in need of finding an alternative Lake Safety Supervisor. Jenell created a draft of the requirements for the position. The board discussed the drafted proposal and provided comments and feedback for the position requirements. Jenell proposed the Lake Safety Supervisor become a paid position. The budget will be reviewed to find money for the payment of the position and the job will be posted on the Town of Old Lyme website. Dock space for the RLA boat is available at Tom Mendelci's house for \$100 per month.

A question about where to find the water quality report was asked, it is available on the Town of Old Lyme's website along with other reports and surveys. The enforcement of ordinances was discussed with Mary J Nosel and she thought the RLA should be allowed to issue tickets. The board will discuss further with the town after reviewing the ordinances. Discussion took place on the horsepower of boats on the lake, DEEP recommended controlling the speeding on the lake vs horsepower. The goal is to create a safe lake environment for all to enjoy.

Grants are available for invasive weeds; the grant applications have to be in by February 12<sup>th</sup>. The board may be able to get grants for the weed survey or the weed pulling if the quotes can come in before the 12<sup>th</sup>. Toni has offered to assist Dennis with the grant applications.

Jenell recommended Maneesha, who joined the meeting tonight, to fill Robert Recors position on the RLA board. Maneesha is interested in the position and would be happy to join the board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jenell, Toni second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 9:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Association will be on February 10, 2021, 7:30PM at the Rogers Lake West Shores Clubhouse.