ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF April 14, 2021

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on April 14, 2021. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Richard Smith, Toni Phillips, Jenell Janes, Maneesha Joshi, and Mark Hastings. Two local attendees joined the meeting as well. The minutes were recorded by Nicole Krol.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:31pm by Dennis Overfield.

The minutes from March were read aloud. A motion to accept the minutes from March, with one correction, minutes which were read aloud at last month's meeting were from February not March, was made by Jenell, Dick second, motion passed unanimously.

Lake Patrol

None

Weeds

None

Budget

The board reviewed the budget.

Old Business

New lake ordinances will need to be approved at the Lyme town hall meeting as well as Old Lyme. Lyme will be notified that the RLA is working on updating the lake ordinances. Dennis spoke to the town the of Old Lyme about hiring staff for the summer. The board needs to vote on approval of employees, the recommendation is then passed along to the town of Old Lyme and a letter of acceptance is sent out to the applicant. Jenell made a motion to accept Mike Secord's application for the seasonal summer help for 2021, Toni second, motion passed unanimously. The board spoke with John Freer who has applied for the seasonal summer position, he updated the board on his interest in the position, his background, and boating experience. He is interested in educating boaters on safe boating practices on the lake. There was a question-and-answer period between the board and John. Dennis also provided John with a detailed job description. Dick made a motion to recommend John Freer as a candidate for the seasonal summer position, Toni second, motion passed unanimously. Jenell has posted flyers for the lake patrol position in many locations around town.

New Business

Toni attended the Connecticut Federation of Lakes (CFL) Secchi Disc event. The Secchi Disk is used to monitor the health of lakes by measuring transparency of the water. This may be an alternative to water quality testing each year. Some benefits of the Secchi Disk are that it is low cost, simple, has quick results, and consistent.

The University of Connecticut has begun a study of alewives leaving the lake. Yale studies and counts the alewives coming into the lake.

DEEP has issued two permits for the lake, one for the sandbar and the other for the North Cove.

Of the estimates received for the hand pulling of the invasive weeds, SWCA provided an estimate and job description that fit the needs of the RLA board and budget. Jenell made a motion to accept the contract from SWCA dated March 22,2021 for the rare freshwater mussel survey and report, water quality sampling and report, and invasive plant removal; Maneesha second, motion passed unanimously.

Maneesha and Mark gave an update on the status of revising the lake ordinances. Noise regulation and boat length and size restrictions will be researched.

The RLA newsletter will be going out soon, the board discussed material to include in this year's addition.

CFL has a grant program this year, Toni outlined the details to apply for the grant which can be used for hand pulling invasive weeds.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jenell, Maneesha second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on May 12, 2021, 7:30PM.