

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF August 11, 2021

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on August 11, 2021. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Richard Smith, Toni Phillips, Jenell Janes, Mark Hastings and Maneesha Joshi. Eight 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 7:30 pm by Dennis Overfield.

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

Lake Patrol

John gave an update for the patrol boat operators. After observing lake activity, John noted speed is a large factor for safety on the lake and looking into creating a speed limit may be beneficial. The confined spaces around the islands along with the blind spots supports reason for a speed limit. Suggestions were given on how to respond to the jet skiers while on the lake. DEEP has not been able to patrol the lake yet but RLA will be in touch with the officer. John may be interested in the Ranger program if it is available next spring.

Weeds

None

Budget

The 2021 budget has not been reconciled for the board to review. The 2021-2022 budget was reviewed. The patrol boat operator line item was outlined and discussed.

Old Business

The hand pulling and mussel survey was performed on July 15th & 16th, there were six people and two boats. Reports have not been received but are expected in the fall. There was quite a bit of weed growth since the survey was done. Many more of the endangered mussels were found during the survey and a non-native mussel was found around Hains park. One theory is that the mussels were brought in with the sand delivered to the park. It is recommended that they be removed, the board will wait for the official report before proceeding. The CT Agricultural Experimental Station Survey was performed as well, a report will be issued, and they plan to speak with the board about the findings. An invasive Red Swamp Crayfish has been spotted in lakes around CT but have not been seen in Rogers Lake, notify DEEP Fisheries at 860-424-FISH if any are spotted.

New Business

Fishing tournaments are scheduled for the morning of August 14th, with seven boats and August 17th, with 15 boats.

The Irish Currach regatta scheduled for August 7 was canceled, Maureen is hoping to reschedule in October.

There will be a Sunfish regatta on August 29.

Public comment noted there has been a lot of weed growth near Hains park in the last year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick, Janell second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on September 8, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse.