

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF November 9, 2022

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on November 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Dennis Overfield. The following members were present: Toni Phillips, Maneesha Joshi, Mark Hastings, Dick Smith, and Dennis Overfield. There was also an estimate 4 local attendees. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

The October 12th meeting minutes were read aloud and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

October budget review – Brainstorming over 22/23 budget proposal.

No proposed changes yet except the following - Patrol Boat Operator/Supervisor/Launch Attendant should all go under 1 line item for new budget.

A new line item will be added RLA Marine Patrol with a budget of \$3k.

Patrol boat - Winterization – was being shrink-wrapped yesterday and is still being worked on.

Report of association meeting – Jenell and Maneesha met with Dave Evers, Mike Secor, Steve Wells, Bo Harris on 10/13. Reviewed interaction summary with association members. Discussed issue of providing safety education on the lake. Mike noted area of concern is heading north toward Blueberry Island. Consensus was way to address it is to put a one-way sign near Picnic Island. Dave raised concern of no wake permit that is outstanding and what is being done with it? DEEP told us that if it is not in the ordinance it can't have a sign. Did confirm it was DEEP who removed the sign at the boat launch. Associations agree that 135 HP is appropriate because cannot enforce the speed. All attendees will go back to associations to see if they have any ideas on how to continue to make the lake safer. Will meet again after the 1st of the year.

Connecticut Federation of Lakes Conference update – Was supposed to be held 10/22/22 but was cancelled because of lack of participation.

Alyssa Mullen – Dennis has continued to call her but it immediately goes to voicemail and we now don't know how to reach her. Maneesha will reach out to Jenell to see if there is anything else we can do to reach Alyssa.

Deed for Channel – Maneesha is going to find out about this but Dennis stated if there is water over it than it is part of the lake and no one owns it.

NEW BUSINESS

DEEP dam operation and maintenance discussion – Dam owned by Old Lyme and they say it is RLA's responsibility. Kevin Job's boss let Dennis know that RLA's documentation states that RLA does not have to maintain minimum flow for the dam. Dennis asked for operation and maintenance manual to be updated because of this but was met with adversity. Dennis stated lake level is critical – too low or too high causes problems for homeowners. Can't open sluice gate unless doing draw down and when they do they have to maintain a minimum flow. Dennis asked him for something in writing stating they cannot open the sluice gate. Dennis and Dennis, Mark, and Dick had a meeting with DEEP on 11/4. DEEP said they will review and get back to us within a month. Positive outcome is that we do not have to release water downstream going forward. Pecking order is Kevin Job (Old Lyme); Charles Lee is the head person's name.

UConn – presenting work they were doing capturing eelwives leaving the lake and Mike Burgess told Dennis they have not yet been successful in capturing them.

John Freer – sent well thought out plan of what they need to do to get ready for next year and Dennis sent to RLA board. Dennis met with him on October 6th and Dennis told Finance the boat operators were done October 6th but John worked until October 10th and submitted a timesheet for his plan.

Dennis proposed that recruiting be turned over to John and have him start working January 1 with a limited number of hours/month allowed. John will now be running the Ferry to Fisher's Island so will have more time to work himself.

Dick wants a copy of the Job Description of the Patrol Boat Supervisor and Mark stated he will send it to him. Job Description will be approved and voted on along with the amount of hours John and team can work each month in winter by the board at the next meeting.

Any other new business – DEEP has provided stickers and brochures for residents to put on their boats/kayaks/canoes/etc to identify their items.

Public Comment – N/A

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hasting, Maneesha. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:30pm.

