

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 8, 2023

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on March 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Dennis Overfield. The following members were present: Toni Phillips, Maneesha Joshi, Mark Hastings (via phone), Jenell Janes, and Dick Smith. There was also an estimate of 3 local attendees. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

The February 8th minutes were read aloud and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Jenell Janes and seconded by Toni Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

February 2023, budget review.

- SWCA final invoice received – came in just under budget on this item

Hiring update - HR person hired in December is no longer with the town

- New procedure in place – Dennis is following up on this
- Recruiting for seasonal help – have started offer process with 1 candidate; going back to discuss further with another candidate; 3rd never responded but do have enough to run the boat. Next step will be to meet all together with boat crew in May.

Asian Clam report follow up

- Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station – Dennis spoke with Greg Bugby who recommended to do another quantitative survey in 5 years or so. Dennis reached out to 2 people at DEEP – Shannon Kiernan and Lauren S.

Water Quality report update – Dennis sent Andrew’s comments to everyone. Still waiting on chemicals to come in to finish this. Andrew has not seen any changes and they are already back on the lake. Dennis did ask Greg about weed growth with no ice this year and Greg said will likely have better fishing. Jenell shared that Yale freezes the sample until they have the chemicals they need to test it so there is no need to be concerned as she was at the February meeting that the water quality will change while waiting for testing.

NEW BUSINESS

Pond & Lake quote for survey submitted for approval – got quote for \$1900. If find there are more weeds during survey in July that need to be treated they will give us a quote and we will use the budgeted money to get it taken care of. Last treatment was June 2022.

Patrol boat – last year rate was \$125/month for total of \$750 and cost will be the same for 2023.

Jenell Janes made a motion to house the patrol boat when it is not in service on the lake at Tom Mondelci's residence at the rate of \$125/month from May – October. Maneesha Joshi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Spring newsletter generation – Give Jenell suggested topics by end of March and she will draft it in April.

New RLA webpage – all board members to look at website and communicate with each other and the town to keep it up to date with correct information. Also need to put information on West Shores web page.

Meeting with DEEP on signage – Mark has discussed signage with contact from Dave Evers and is waiting to hear back. Sign that DEEP is recommending is to be put on land so the coordinates in the water are not 100% accurate. The radius of the coordinates in the original permit will allow us to put the sign where we want to without any issue and still adhering to the permit. “No Motors in Cove Sign” – got 3 quotes – 2 were over \$500 and correction facility was \$206.

Jenell Janes made a motion to spend the \$206 on the signage from the Department of Corrections to make the sign to put on Picnic Island. Maneesha Joshi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Any other new business – Jenell received a question from community member if RLA will be doing cleanup where there are logs, etc? RLA will do a spring clean-up.

New hires offer letter states dates of employment will be May 14, 2023 – October 14, 2023.

Public Comment – Dave Evers asks if RLA board is interested in having a group of people addle the eggs? He has 2 people who will help. Board stated addling is the best option because they are smart and other options don't work.

High School rowing starts week of 3/18 3p-5pm. Master rowers will start rowing Sat/Sun at 7am and Tues/Thurs evening. Must have 4 oars to be on the lake until it is 50 degrees out. CT state law must wear a life preserver.

1st Saturday of June is Learn to Row/Open House day.

Jenell Janes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm and Toni Phillips seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023.