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Rogers Lake Authority Minutes - Regular Meeting

April 12, 2023 – 7:30 pm

Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse |
75 Rogers Lake Trail, Old Lyme, CT

1. **Call to Order:** 7:31pm by Dick Smith
2. **Attendance:** Members present: Jenell Janes, Maneesha Joshi, Toni Phillips, and Dick Smith, Mark Hastings and Dennis Overfield joined via phone. John Freer was also in attendance as well as four local attendees.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting were read aloud and a motion to approve the March minutes was made by Jenell Janes and seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Old Business:**
 - 1) Budget Review – The Finance Director did not issue a monthly summary for February or March so there was no discussion.
 - 2) PATROL BOAT
 - a) Greg Brennan and Paul Hyatt have completed all employment documents for the Town of Old Lyme, and Peter Zack and Richard Smith need to see Amy Jensen to finalize their employment.
 - b) Toni Phillips is coordinating shirts and hats for the patrol boat operators. There was a request for a sun shirt that covers the arms. Toni has contacted the uniform vendor and one is available in the same color as the current short sleeve shirts. Toni will contact the patrol boat operators to see who may want one.
 - c) Dick Smith will move the patrol boat from the Old Lyme Public Works garage the first week in May to 121 Shore Drive so that it can be commissioned. The goal is to have it on the water for the May 13 weekend as there are multiple events scheduled for May 13.
 - 3) WATER QUALITY REPORT
 - a) Yale has finally received the chemicals to perform the last of the water quality analysis. A report should be available in May. Yale would like to present their water quality and alewives activities to the RLA in the fall.
 - 4) SPRING NEWSLETTER
 - a) Jenell will send out a draft of the RLA Spring newsletter before the next RLA meeting so that it can be approved for mailing. Mark will get approval of the map verbiage so that it can be included in the newsletter. John Freer indicated that the enlarged map in the newsletter would be good to handout at the launch ramp and included in a covered holder with the new signage to be installed at the boat launch.

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5) MEETING WITH DEEP

- a) Mark Hastings met with Yolanda Cooley at the DEEP facility in Old Lyme and discussed the following:
 - i) A review of the Connecticut boating laws and Rogers Lake Ordinances was done to check for accuracy of the map contents. Mark to make updates on the map for final DEEP approval and inclusion in the newsletter, and on the new sign at the boat launch. Dennis Overfield will order the sign at the boat launch ramp once the map is approved.
 - ii) DEEP will give permission for a patrol boat operator to be at the boat launch ramp on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. DEEP will try to provide training in June for people that will be at the boat launch.
 - iii) DEEP would like the RLA to request a change for the One-Way sign permit to go from three signs around Picnic Island to only one on the West side. Mark to address this.

5. New Business

1. The Rogers Lake Authority has received a “Complaint Regarding Elevation Changes at Rogers Lake, Old Lyme”, from Brian Golembiewski, Connecticut DEEP Supervising Environmental Analyst. This has been an ongoing discussion with DEEP about the RLA opening the dam sluice gate per the “Dam Operation & Maintenance Manual” revised 2-6-2021, specifically to address flooding of residences on Rogers Lake. The RLA agreed that Mark Hasting should contact Brian Golembiewski to set up a meeting to try and resolve this issue. RLA members and Dave Evers would like to be included in any meeting.
2. To try and address issues with geese on Rogers Lake, around 30 eggs have already been addled. This is an ongoing effort.
3. ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS
 - a) John Freer asked about a notification system like what the Lyme/Old Lyme school system has, to notify Rogers Lake subscribers of important issues on the lake. Katie Balocca indicated this might be possible and will work with John Freer on this. If this can be implemented, it would be good to make notice of this in the RLA newsletter.
 - b) DEEP has issued permits for the following activities:
 - i) Fishing tournaments:
 - 4/15/23 from 7 AM till 2 PM;
 - 4/16/23 from 8 AM till 4 PM;
 - 4/29/23 from 7 AM till 3 PM;
 - 5/13/23 from 6 AM till 2 PM;
 - 5/14/23 from 6 AM till 2 PM;
 - 5/17/23 from 5 PM till 8:30 PM.
 - ii) Rowing regattas:
 - 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 and 5/10 from 3 PM till 6 PM, and
 - 5/13 from 8 AM till 1 PM.

6. Public Comment: No Public comment.

7. Adjournment: 8:21pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Jenell Janes, Maneesha Joshi second. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
jointly by Katie Balocca & Dennis Overfield