

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF June 14, 2023

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:31 PM on June 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Mark Hastings. The following members were present: Toni Phillips, Maneesha Joshi, Mark Hastings, Jenell Janes, and Dick Smith. Greg Brennan was in attendance and there were no other attendees. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

Welcome Joel Hawkins (in attendance) newly appointed Authority member from Lyme.

May 10th, 2023 minutes were read aloud and revisions are as follows: Attendees should include Mark Hastings (via phone) and Dennis Overfield.

Motion to accept the minutes as revised was made by Toni Phillips and seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

May budget review

- Overall still in good position budget wise
- Town is asking for any carryover items for next year. Mark will follow up with Dennis regarding the \$8000 for water testing that we pay to Yale to have this carried over into 2024 and any other items necessary to carry over. Weed treatment is the other big item that was not spent because we decided not to do this treatment in 2023 so may also carry over another \$5000.

Patrol Boat

- Welcome Greg Brennan as supervisor – no new updates
- Employee update – Greg Brennan, Mark Dishaw, Peter Zack, Dick Smith, Paul Hyatt, and one other candidate
- Boat repair status – Dick will call tomorrow to get an update
- Patrol boat schedule – Tuesday and Thursday 3:00pm-7:30pm; Friday 3:00pm – 7:30pm; Saturday and Sunday 10:00am – 7:30pm; Holidays (4th of July and Labor Day) should be same schedule as Saturday and Sunday. July 3rd will also be 10:00am – 7:30pm
- Patrol Handbook draft – will take changes/comments at next meeting

Water Quality report update – Yale does not have report ready yet. Mark is following up with them and Jenell suggests there is a service level agreement built into new contract. In early June Ledge Light found the water unsafe in Haines Park. Mark asked them to test other parts of the lake as well and they agreed so Mark has emailed the board members of Rogers Lake West Shores to suggest they do 3 right-aways so Ledge Light can test in these places.

Spring Newsletter – Jenell completed and it is awesome! Greg has copies so he can hand them out as needed.

Meeting with DEEP

- Map sign for launch ramp – has been approved and sign has been ordered. DEEP will install it once it arrives
- Launch ramp presence – Yolanda got back to Mark and there is a Zoom training set up for 6/21/23 for 2 hours. Any RLA members are welcome to attend. Greg will have Patrol Boat staff be on the meeting as well if they are available. Next step after training is to get a permit from the state to allow us to be on the ramp. Will need a certificate of insurance from Town of Old Lyme. Mark will move this forward.
- Unauthorized manipulation of Rogers Lake water level – Had a call on 5/31/23 and it went well. They want to be notified when we are opening or closing the dam. Mark is continuing spreadsheet from Dennis to track weather report, actual rain that falls, and level of lake. Will have a follow up call with them in September.
- Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP) – was supposed to be submitted in 2020. Mark is following up.

One Way Sign - was installed by Dennis

Status of Weed Study – will be completed in August and September. In 2024 RLA will need to get a permit for 2025 and beyond to continue weed treatment and survey.

RLA Notify Me Webpage – super easy and all can sign-up. Jenell will contact Katie Balocca to have a message put up about the RLA Safety boat being out of order and any necessary messages going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lake events:
 - o Fishing tournaments: 6/3/23 from 6 AM till 2 PM, 6/18/2023 from 7 AM till 2: PM; 7/11/23 from 7 AM till 2 PM
- Any other new business

- RLA Organization going forward - Mark will be Co-Chairman for one year; Jenell - Communications; Dick – Co-Chairman & RLA Safety Patrol Boat; Maneesha - DEEP; Joel – Water Quality; Toni - grants and spreadsheet of dates that things need to be done
- Jenell Janes made motion to nominate Mark Hastings to be the Lead Chair with Dick Smith continuing as Co-Chair for the next fiscal year. Seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Motion passed unanimously.

- Public Comment – N/A

Jenell Janes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm and Dick Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, 2023