ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 10, 2023

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on May 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Dennis Overfield. The following members were present: Toni Phillips, Maneesha Joshi, and Dick Smith. There was also 1local attendee. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

The April 12th minutes were read aloud and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Toni Phillips and seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

March & April 2023, budget review

- March expenditure were Clerk, John Freer, and Clam services
- Only expenditure in April was boat battery jumper
- Overall in good financial shape

Patrol Boat

- Shirts and hats – all set
- Commissioning Update – Boat will go back in water next weekend
- Renaming of Control Boat – RLA Safety Patrol. Can get the individual letters on Amazon for under $100 and will not have to replace entire thing if any individual letters get ruined. Dennis will order the letters and get it completed at some point next week.

Water Quality report update

- Monitoring the water twice per month. Clarity is up, water temperature is up.

Spring Newsletter

- RLA members gave Jenell feedback on newsletter and Yolanda did ask to have something about a jet ski removed.

Maneesha Joshi made a Motion to accept the newsletter with the edits and comments made as of May 10, 2023. Seconded by Dick Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting with DEEP

- Map sign for boat launch – total cost (3ftx3ft on aluminum) = $155.79
- Launch ramp presence – Mark will work to get letter that states we can be there.
- Unauthorized manipulation of Rogers Lake water level – Call with DEEP representative Matthew Goclowski (Supervising Fisheries Biologist) and others to discuss the manipulation of the lake levels with the dam. DEEP says it is a violation of state statue to open the sluice gate for flood control. DEEP is concerned with the alewives going over the dam and dying so RLA is trying to work with state to determine how we can not flood properties and also not hurt the alewives. DEEP will get back to us within a month. Matthew Goclowski said when dam was rebuilt in 2013 the town of Old Lyme had to file a new emergency operation procedure as part of the rebuild and this was not completed. Dennis will notify Tim Griswold that Matthew Goclowski stated the town needs to comply with this.

Toni Phillips made a motion that if sign for boat launch costs under $500 that Dennis Overfield go ahead and order the sign. Maneesha Joshi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 DEEP Boaters Guide and vessel identification stickers available in RLA Clubhouse

Any Other New Business – N/A

Public Comment

- Peter - Thank you to Dennis for your hard work and dedication.

Dick Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm and Maneesha Joshi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2023.