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

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on November 8th and was called to order by Mark Hastings. The following members were present: Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins, Maneesha Joshi, Mark Hastings, and Dick Smith. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

The October 11th, 2023 minutes were read aloud. Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Discussion: Remove "with Mark abstaining as he was not in attendance" from October 11th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget review – Minimal expenses in October – clerk fee, last docking fee, publication, and $95 in boat expenses. Finance committee will want a draft budget so Mark will draft one for review at next meeting.

Patrol Boat

Personnel planning for next season – Discussion around do we need the patrol boat next year as the lake has gotten slower? RLA members agree that the boat is still needed. Discussion around increasing wages for patrol boat personnel since there is money available in the budget even with an increased rate of pay. Mark will speak with Finance Director prior to next meeting to discuss what rate of pay makes sense.

Steps Forward on Water Quality – Yale will provide their report in January and RLA should also receive weed report in January. Would like to have the most current information before presenting to Selectman. Discussion around testing water running from streams into the lake and how much this would cost to do. Joel asked if we can have Yale provide all data including raw data in their report and Mark will make that request to Yale.

DEEP Meeting at Dam on October 16th – Had discussion around how to manage sluice gate without killing fish and it led to solution of pulling back wall to make it more vertical which would give the fish room to get out without hitting rocks right away. Mark received an email from DEEP that says they think they have found a source of funds to pay for it. Contractor wants to see what it looks like

without water going over the dam. Lake level can be lowered after November 15th so contractor can see it dry.
Mark and Dennis met to work on policy and procedure manual and Dennis will send to Maneesha for her to look over.

RLA Calendar – Toni moved the quarterly write-ups about 2 weeks earlier to give time to get them created. Mark will send Toni information on muscle survey that has to be completed every 5 years so it can be added in.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Events – None

Meeting in December – Will need to have budget, boat personnel wages, and water quality conversations.

Any Other New Business – Mark listened to symposium on rapid plant loss and has screen shots of many slides that he can share.

Public Comment – None

Toni Phillips made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dick Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13th, 2023.