Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 8,2025 7:30pm
Rogers Lake West Shores Club House
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1. Call to Order – Mark Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

2. Attendance – Mark Hastings, Dick Smith, Jenell Smith, Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins and 4 members of the public

3. Approval of Minutes

   Jenell Smith made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the December meeting. SECOND by Toni Phillips. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL OPPOSED: None. APPROVED. Motion Passed.

4. Old Business
   a. Review expenditures for December 2024 – normal clerical fees and contracted services of $3555. Unsure what $32.18 for boat expenses was – maybe cell phone.
   b. Status of Notice of Violation – Did receive approval from both Selectman's committee and Board of Finance Committee to support our application for the water diversion permit. As required by the notice we submitted an updated notice of compliance to show them what we are doing and expect to have the study completed around 2/15/25.

5. Water Quality Update – Did get an analysis of the tributary samples back from Yale. Has been a slow rise in phosphate over the years which prompted us to look back at a report from about 20 years ago. Looking at water coming in from individual tributaries as shown on the map. Shows that Site 5 is higher than the others in hydrogen and phosphorous. Sent this info to water quality contacts who agreed it would be good to get more data at these locations as well as other locations to be able to pinpoint where the issue is if there is an issue so will continue to do sampling and send them for testing.

6. New Business
   a. Lake events: none
   b. Plan for Patrol Boat Start Up This Season – Boat is normally in the water a week before Memorial Day which is 5/26 this year. Will likely start posting the job in March and will review the job description in February to ensure it still makes sense. Will need to set up a shared spreadsheet for scheduling of the patrol boat operators.
   c. Potential Speaker Schedule – Confirmed with Yale that David Post (professor) will present at our meeting in February to discuss water quality. Jenell will get his bio on town website and RLA website to publicize. Mark will work with Joel to try to coordinate a speaker regarding Invasive Species.
   d. Events Magazine submissions are due to the towns on the following dates – 2/7; 5/2; 7/25; 10/24

7. Public Comment

a. Tom B - 11 Town Woods Rd – Geese flock this winter has probably tripled since last year. Would like to see consideration for flock control submitted from RLA. Will also be speaking with Parks & Rec department. We've got a problem and it is going to continue to grow. This is a perfect time to see collaboration between Parks & Rec and RLA. Believes this is necessary. The flock left previously when Parks & Rec hired dogs but we have proven that mechanical attempts do not work. There are several businesses in and around New London County who offer the service with dogs. Geese will start to nest in February/early March and if we can do this before they nest we will have a better chance at handling the situation. Not one thing by itself will continuously work, it must be combined until the geese finally leave.
b. 2 RLA members were notified today that someone one the northwest side of the lake shot at geese today. Unsure if geese were harmed but the event did happen. If anyone observes this activity it is important to record date and time, take pictures, and get as much info as possible so the info can be shared with the DEEP Environmental police so they can follow up.

8. Adjourn – Jenell Smith made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. SECOND by Dick Smith. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL OPPOSED: None. APPROVED. Motion Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2025