Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 12,2025 7:30pm
Rogers Lake West Shores Club House and
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1. Call to Order - Mark Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

2. Attendance - Mark Hastings, Dick Smith, Jenell Smith, Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins and approximately 20 members of the public

3. Presentation by David Post, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, "Alewife and the Ecology of Rogers Lake"

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

5. Old Business
   a. Review expenditures for January 2025 – clerical was the only expense from last month. Budget was reviewed by Selectman and approved but we have not been scheduled to go before Board of Finance yet.

   b. Status of Notice of Violation – Mark had conference call with Brian from DEEP regarding this process. Hydrologist is helping with application for water diversion and doing a water study and Brian approved the study that the hydrologist is doing. By early March we will try to get signed off on this part of the process. Received extension to submit application for water diversion until 6/1/25.

   c. Review 2024 Water Quality Report – was reviewed during presentation. Mark will call to thank David.

   d. Invasive plant workshop and development of Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species – presentation from Western CT State University suggests having a plan in place in case an invasive species is found in Rogers Lake. We need a sub-group of committee members to work through how we would handle an invasive species. Can also highlight specific species in our newsletter to help educate residents. Toni will call to see if anyone can come and do a training session on invasive species in June.

   e. Discussion on Geese problem – Parks and Rec has requested $5k to hire USDA to do goose addling in the spring.

6. New Business
    a. Lake events: -
        i. LOL High School Rowing Regattas 2 pm to 6 pm on
            • 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14 – these dates are approved so Mark will respond that the dates are approved.
    b. Review of the patrol boat job description – Sunny and John will both be returning this summer. There is someone else who may also be interested. Dick will also be a back-up. Will add buying fuel and fueling the boat into the job description and removing wording of "safety supervisor".
    c. Review draft revision to Dam Operations and Maintenance Manual – Have separated operating procedure thought process for migration and non-migration times. Will present this to DEEP Fisheries and likely operate under these parameters until we get the final permit. RLA members made suggestions around certain formatting, edits, and bullet points to help finalize document.

7. Public Comment – N/A

8. Adjourn - Jenell Smith made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:44pm. SECOND by Toni Phillips. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL OPPOSED: None. APPROVED. Motion Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, March 12, 2025