Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 10,2025
7:30pm
Rogers Lake West Shores Club House
Hybrid Meeting

Disclaimer: Please note these minutes are considered draft until accepted at the next meeting.

1. Call to Order - Mark Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

1. Attendance- Mark Hastings, Jenell Smith Janes, Dick Smith, Toni Phillips, Candace Fuchs, and Joel Hawkins and several members of the public.

2. Approval of Minutes

    a. Meeting August 13, 2025 – Jenell Smith made a MOTION to approve the August meeting minutes as submitted. Toni Phillips SECONDED.
    Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; APPROVED. Motion Passed

3. Old Business

    a. Review expenditures for August 2025 – Seasonal employment $2725, weed survey $1750 and normal docking fee. Boat expenses are $322. $7600 is remaining in the budget for seasonal employment. In September we will spend approximately $1900. Leaves us with about $5700 for next May and June, which equals about 228 patrol hours. This is more than we have planned to schedule so all good.
    b. Development of Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species – Co-Chair Mark Hastings thanked Candace for setting up google survey. Pond & Lake has developed a step-by-step response for invasive species in the lake, and it is a good piece of work that we can use. Another sub-committee meeting will be scheduled before the October meeting and we will have discussion around doing boat inspections, etc.
    c. Update on water quality testing – Co-Chair Hastings has had email communication with Yale, and they will continue through November. RLA needs to meet with Andrew to discuss what can be done next year in terms of water testing. Joel took some samples after the last rain event. The student interested in science and working with RLA could potentially help with the water testing.
    d. Update on herbicide permitting – received permit 2 days after August meeting. Pond & Lake suggested we do not proceed with an application at this point because the benefits would not be as great as if was done in early June. The permit runs for 3 years so it can be re-issued next February and will have 2026, 2027, and 2028 until will have to re-apply.
    e. Patrol Boat operations – Operations will cease at the end of this week as traffic is down on the lake. Sunny will be able to take the boat out.
    f. Letter on use of herbicides on town streets – Letter was sent out regarding this (herbicide use on sides of road that is killing vegetation) and Toni spoke with David Long at the town hall. It was passed on to the next step for review to see what can be done for next year. Discussion around why is asphalt under some guardrails but not all and if this could be a solution going forward. Toni will follow up on this.
    g. Discussion on wake surfing – There was a ban passed in August on Lake Waramaug, and they went through the process of getting a town ordinance just as we would have to. Discussion on whether we can budget to have

someone on the boat who can issue tickets or if the process to get an ordinance should be started. It would have to go through both Lyme and Old Lyme to change the ordinance. This conversation will continue, and Mark will try to get time with Martha to discuss which path may be best to go forward.

4. New Business
    a. Clean up of creek leading to boat launch – Mark checked with Inland Wetlands, and they do not have to get a permit to clean up the waterway. Mark will work on getting a work party set up.
    b. Discussion of patrol boat dock – Mark and Candace met with Don Bugbee to discuss what a potential dock could look like at Hains Park. Discussion on how big the dock could be without breaking law or ordinance. Dock would cost approximately $10,000. It would have to be a cooperative effort. Would have to get a storage shed to store gasoline and any valuables from the boat.
    c. Lake events:
        i. 1. Sailfish Regatta – 9/20 9 am to 5 pm

5. Public Comment - N/A

6. Adjourn – Jenell Smith Janes made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. SECOND by Toni Phillips. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; APPROVED. Motion Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday October 8, 2025