Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 13, 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 7:27 PM.

2. Present: Mark Hastings, Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins, Richard Smith, Candace Fuchs. Also present: Dennis Overfield and Joanne Slezycki.

3. Approval of RLA Minutes dated July 9th, 2025:

A **motion** was made by T. Phillips, seconded by J. Hawkins, to approve the July 9th, 2025 RLA meeting minutes.

Voting in favor: M. Hastings, T. Phillips, J. Hawkins; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: R. Smith, C. Fuchs. The vote passed 3-0-2.

4. Old Business
   a. Review of expenditures for July 2025
      Co-Chair Hastings reviewed July expenditures: RLA Seasonal employment: $2475; RLA Docking Fee: $150; RLA Boat Expenses: $396.40. Co-Chair Hastings commented that the funds for the remaining fiscal year for seasonal employment should be sufficient.
   b. Status of Water Diversion Permit Application
      Co-Chair Hastings commented that he contacted CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT-DEEP) multiple times for a status on the permit application. He has not received a response from CT-DEEP yet.
   c. Development of Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species
      Ms. Fuchs suggested that signs be posted at Hains Park requesting visitors to ensure there is no visible green residue and/or watercrafts are thoroughly washed prior to lake entry. Mr. Overfield suggested the RLA contact CT-DEEP and request a sign for that area (and their approval is needed to post signage at the boat launch). Another suggestion was to hire seasonal employees to inspect boats prior to lake entry. Ms. Fuchs took the action to email Co-Chair Hastings information for a resident of Bashan Lake to explore options to attempt to speed up the permit approval. There will be more discussion by the RLA about this issue when the season is over.
   d. Results of Invasive Plant Survey and herbicide application
      The permit for herbicide application expired at the end of 2024. A new application was submitted in February 2025. Co-Chair Hastings and the vendor who applied for the application have reached out to CT-DEEP for a status update. No response has been received yet.

e. Patrol Boat operations: Going well, nothing to report.

f. Discussion about town use of herbicides on Blood St.

A letter has been drafted requesting that the town of Lyme use mechanical means of weed control instead of herbicide.

A **motion** was made by C. Fuchs, seconded by R. Smith, to approve the letter drafted by the RLA requesting that the town of Lyme limit or remove the use of herbicides around the lake and within proximity of any water.

Voting in favor: M. Hastings, T. Phillips, J. Hawkins, R. Smith, C. Fuchs; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None. The vote passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

5. New Business

a. Lake events:

No action needed from the RLA on the following events:

i. Fishing tournament SEC Bass Masters: August 24th, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
ii. Sailfish Regatta: September 20th, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
iii. Fishing tournament Size Matters: August 26th, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
iv. Fishing tournament Butterball Baits: August 31st, 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

b. Goose egg addling: Ms. Fuchs noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in an egg addling program per Ms. Sara van Vliet, Chair of the PRC Hanes Park Enhancement Sub-Committee. Co-Chair Hastings volunteered the RLA to help train volunteers about egg addling.

c. Wake Surfing: RLA members discussed wake-surfing and noted that a friendly reminder about the town's ordinance would be a good idea. The reminder is posted in the annual newsletter; however, Co-Chair Hastings suggested the RLA investigate further. Co-Chair Hastings also noted that the RLA should draft a proposal to the town to ban wake surfing.

6. Public Comment:

a. Use of Buoys: Mr. Overfield commented that a few lake residents appear to be using illegal buoys. All buoys, except for mooring buoys, require a permit from CT-DEEP. The RLA noted that buoys could impact lake activities such as rowing and water skiing, and a buoy owner could be liable for injuries if the buoy is not permitted.

b. Ms. Fuchs noted that Monday evening, August 18th, the Board of Selectmen will hear a presentation from the Parks and Recreation Commission about dredging the Hanes Park beach.

Ms. Phillips commented that she will not be present for the September RLA meeting.

7. Adjourn:

A **motion** was made by T. Phillips, seconded by C. Fuchs, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting in favor: M. Hastings, T. Phillips, J. Hawkins, R. Smith, C. Fuchs; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None. The vote passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Huot, Clerk

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, September 19, 2025