Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Meeting

November 12,2025
7:30pm
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 7:30pm.

   Attendance- Mark Hastings, Jenell Smith Janes, Toni Phillips, and Joel Hawkins and Tom Mondelci and members of the public.

2. Approval of Minutes

   a. Meeting October 8, 2025 – Jenell Smith made a MOTION to approve the October 8th meeting minutes with the one correction discussed. Toni Phillips SECONDED.
   Discussion: Old Business bullet f .3rd sentence should read - RLA still needs an answer on riparian rights of the dock and Martha has asked the town attorney about this. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; APPROVED. Motion Passed

   b. Special Meeting October 21, 2025 - Jenell Smith made a MOTION to approve the October 21st Special meeting minutes as submitted. Toni Phillips SECONDED.
   Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; APPROVED. Motion Passed

3. Old Business

   a. Review expenditures for October 2025 – Clerical fees, one last payment for seasonal employment, and last docking fee. $42.08 was cell phone which Mark will remind them to shut down for the next few months.

   b. Development of Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species – Meeting has not been scheduled to complete the plan. Jenell will schedule the meeting.

   c. Update on water quality testing – Yale is not going to be able to work with us next year. Mark is getting quotes from Pond & Lake and is reaching out to see if anyone else can do it. Mark is speaking with Joel as we need samples of phosphorous and nitrogen from the tributaries. Currently spending $8500 but a couple of years ago it was $12-$13k and old quotes were much higher. Current data on water quality testing is in an excel spreadsheet and Mark will send it to Joel so we have a back-up copy. Will circle back on what the cost of testing will be and how much we will be able to do with testing. Jenell will do a google search to see if there are other vendors that we haven't contacted yet.

   d. Discussion on wake surfing – CT Federation of Lakes came out with a detailed bibliography of studies that have been done after we sent in our letter from RLA. Draft report will be out in mid-December and we are supposed to have comments sent in by January 9th.

e. Patrol boat docking at Hains Park – Mark met with Parks & Rec last week and they are ok with us purchasing the dock. Mark goes to the First Selectwoman for approval next Monday and then Finance on Tuesday. He will ask about parking permits for the patrol boat operators to ensure we have a process as they are town employees.

4. New Business

   a. Lake events: None

   b. DEEP Grants for the control of Aquatic Invasive Species – DEEP has put out an RFP for grants for the control of aquatic invasive species. All grants are between $10k - $75k, require at least a 25% match, and are due on December 10th. Discussed an idea that a grant could be used for but will require further discussion.

5. Public Comment – Dennis Overfield – Generated email group called Rogers Lake Authority and used it for postings. When he went off the RLA the group wasn't very active but now people have found the group and Dennis has to approve them if they ask to join. Dennis conferred with the RLA and he will shut the group down as it is no longer needed.

6. Adjourn – Jenell Smith Janes made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. SECOND by Toni Phillips. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; APPROVED. Motion Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025