Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Meeting

January 14,2026 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, Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins, Candace Fuchs, Jenell Smith Janes and members of the public.

2. Approval of Minutes

   a. Meeting November 12, 2025 – Jenell Smith Janes made a MOTION to approve the November 12th meeting minutes with the one correction discussed. SECOND by Joel Hawkins.
   Discussion: November meeting minutes should reflect that "Mark went to meeting with Board of Selectmen, not just First Selectwoman"
   VOTED: ALL. OPPOSED: NONE. ABSTAINING: 1. **APPROVED**
   b. Meeting December 10, 2025 – Toni Phillips made a MOTION to approve the December 10th meeting minutes. SECOND by Joel Hawkins.
   VOTED: ALL. OPPOSED: NONE. ABSTAINING: 1. **APPROVED**

3. Old Business

   a. Review expenditures for December 2025 – Clerical fees, boat expenses (winterization and motor check). Credit from school district for their half of the dock. $8724.98 will flag in January for the dock. Carryover of $1750 from weed treatment last year which bumps our weed treatment budget for this year. Contracted expenses are costs that we will incur because we have already contracted for them.
   We normally pay Yale in the spring but we will be paying Pond & Lake on a per sample basis. We must determine how many samples we can have them do based on how much money we have left for the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2026. It costs $625 per sample and about $230 for freight so about $850/sample total. Joel will prepare a plan of what testing will fit where in terms of water testing between now and June.

   b. Status of budget 2026/2027 – Discussed potential for launch attendant to inspect boats for hydrilla and Board of Selectmen focused on whoever is at the launch needing enforcement power or it is not as worthwhile. A local ordinance was also suggested which would need permission from DEEP. Currently working through what that could look like. Mark reached out to UConn Avery Point to inquire about water testing.

   c. Development of Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species – Jenell will coordinate a meeting for this.

   d. Discussion on wake surfing – Mark has been checking website to get information and there has been no change since December 9th when the responses were posted. Mark will continue to try to get info on any

updates.

4. New Business

    a. Lake events: None

    b. Planning for 2026 – Would be useful to update document that calendarizes RLA events for the year and have it set up as a group document to all members can edit it. Candace will set this up.

    c. Twin Lakes Association of Salisbury presentation on Hydrilla January 27 online – just an FYI for members if anyone is interested.

    d. Morgan needs someone who can document his volunteer hours and that will be taken care of. Morgan is now in touch with Kevin from DEEP.

    e. Enhancement of recreational activities in the lake – Consensus is that RLA does not have a responsibility in swimming/recreation in the lake. Quality of water/lake ecology/and safety on the lake are the authority of RLA.

5. Public Comment – Dennis Overfield: Swimmers who don't disturb the sediment are fine but if stir up the bottom you can become infected by a parasite. Had more weeds show near his dock when he had a bubbler vs when he did not.

6. Adjourn – Jenell Smith Janes made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. SECOND by Candace Fuchs. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; APPROVED. Motion Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, February 11, 2026