

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2012

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 pm on April 11, 2012. The following members were present: Robert Recor and Richard Smith, and Tom Baehr of Old Lyme, Dennis Overfield, and Mike Sicord of Lyme. Members absent: Tom Mondelci, and Secretary Liz Sunshine

There were approximately attendees 15 people, Ralph Eno, Lyme 1st selectman, Roger Breoning, George James, Members of Conservation Commission, and area residents.

The meeting was called to order at approx 7:30 pm.

Minutes of March meeting were reviewed

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Robert Recor, and 2nd by Tom Baehr. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Budget:

It was noted that a preliminary budget of \$85,000.00 was waiting full approval of the Old Lyme Town budget on Monday evening with both towns sharing the expense.

Police Patrol:

Mike Sicord and Dennis Overfield had attended a Rogers Lake Invasive Species Training on April 10th which involved a lecture and training to be used at the boat launch for boat inspection prior to launching. Specific forms to be used in inspection of boats, shirts used to identify volunteers during inspection. Mike has a new volunteer named Norm Carlson a retired police officer to help at the boat launch. 1st Selectman Ralph Eno of Lyme has offered State Police presence to be used at the boat launch. Specific dated to be announced, preferably on holidays and special occasions. Mike Sicord also has met with Tom Hiensenn of the Old Lyme Police Department about some scheduled patrons on the lake this summer.

Boat Launch

Dennis Overfield has reviewed the signage at the boat launch and proposed new signage with more details about the lake regulations. Motion to approve new signage by Tom Baehr, second by R. Recor - motion passed. There will be a fishing tournament on May 20th, approximately a dozen boats are expected. Bill Freeman of CT DEEP authorizes tournaments with limitations. See CT DEEP website.

Weeds:

With the proposed passage of the new budget work will begin with the removal of the fanwort at the boat launch and down Grassy Hill Road side. New benthic mats will be purchased and planted accordingly. Also suction harvesting of the variable milfoil will begin in the main travel area in the center of the lake. A letter was sent to Daniel Esty, commissioner of DEEP involving the weed situation at the launch area by Ralph Eno to see if some assistance can be forthcoming from the State of Connecticut.

Received 5/23/12
Allen H. Coffey TC

Dam:

Nathan Jacobs of Essex to design and get permits for dam repair sometime in 2013. The fish ladder has been discussed, therefore the May meeting will include Tim Griswold, CT Watershed Commission, CT DEEP to explain the design, repairs and reason for the fish ladder. Residents bring your questions. George James asked if anything could be done to prepare for a dry summer and well problems. With the leakage of the Dam, we can only hope for needed rain. We explained that in the past dry summers several people have well problems. Mike Sicord explained that Rogers Lake can't support zebra mussels due to the lack of calcium in the lake.

Septic:

This subject has invoked questions, R. Recor asked if there were any real problems around the lake. Roger Bruenig of the Water Pollution Control Authority explained there are no real problems at this time. Could sewers be an answer or a problem, maybe it might deplete our ground water for our wells. Lyme has no interest at this time to do mandatory pump outs as done in Old Lyme.

No New Business or Old Business at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted



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