

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 10, 2024

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on January 10th and was called to order by Mark Hastings. The following members were present: Toni Phillips (via phone), Joel Hawkins, Jenell Janes, Maneesha Joshi, and Mark Hastings. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The December 13th, 2023 minutes were read aloud. Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Jenell Janes and seconded by Toni Phillips. Motion passed unanimously with Maneesha abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget review – Minimal expenses of clerk fee and \$28.25 boat expense. Mark is scheduled to discuss RLA budget with Old Lyme First Selectwoman on January 29th.

Patrol Boat

Personnel planning for next season – Joel, Jenell, and Maneesha will help with looking for job descriptions for patrol boat operators to come up with comparable pay and will get information to Mark by mid-week next week so Mark has it for the meeting on January 29th.

Update on Water Quality Report from Yale – Yale had another supply issue so the report has not come in yet.

A muscle survey needs to be done this year and we need to submit a RFP for that. We have done one previously so that one will be used as a template.

Update on Dam Embankment Improvements to Allow For Safe Sluiceway Operation – Mark met with Kevin Job, Dave Evers and Mgmt Construction company and all agreed that what was being proposed is workable. Mark contacted Jacobson who is the company that originally did the dam and sent them the capital request we had made to the town so Jacobson could have a sense of what we are doing. Jacobson wants to review the subsoil to ensure what the box is going on is stable enough to support the box. DEEP has a range of what is needed for permitting if you are making changes to a dam and the dam project falls under moving less than 75 cubic yards of material so the town

will have to communicate what we are doing but will not require a permit. Mark will follow up with town officials to understand what role RLA should take on this project and so town engineer can approve. Still have \$3000 in Misc/Other budget line available so would make sense to use this money to get this project going.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Events – None

Any Other New Business – Need to submit RFP for fresh-water muscle survey. To renew pesticide permit will need to have the fresh-water muscle survey done. To our knowledge at the moment, we do not have a way to get rid of Asian clams although we do expect their presence to increase. Is there anything else we should study that could contribute to higher levels of nitrogen, etc in the lake? Suggestion of studying the impacts of the geese on water quality and tracing sources of phosphate upstream. Mark shared that the grants are primarily for aquatic invasive species and the requests are due at the end of January so we can think of what we want to request next year.

Next newsletter will go out just before Memorial Day and is an opportunity to remind people of the impacts of fertilizer on water quality, share new sign at boat launch, remind people of the rules of the lake, congratulate on a safe summer last year.

Need back-up for Dick Smith in terms of doing the gate. How do we get that person or people trained?

Public Comment – None

Jenell Janes made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Maneesha Joshi. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 7th, 2023.

