

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on August 14th. The following members were present: Mark Hastings, Jenell Janes, Dennis Overfield, Toni Phillips, and Robert Recor. Five local attendees were also present. The minutes were typed by Dennis Overfield.

Dennis Overfield called the meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority to order at 7:43 PM.

The minutes from August were read aloud. The following corrections were made to the August minutes:

- The meeting was convened on August 14th not July 10th.
- Under new business, a lake resident not Ray provided information on jet skiers.
- Under new business, Nick McMahon of The Pond and Lake Connection, not Nick of Pond and Lake, will be included in a requested meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Jenell with a second by Robert, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- The patrol boat is still occasionally having problems with the starter motor. This will be looked at when the boat is winterized.
- Budget
 - No budget information was received for the month of August.
 - Still have not received the final 2018/2019 budget summary. Dennis will try to obtain this information.
- No activity on safety signage on the lake.
- No activity on jet ski travel restrictions between the islands

New Business

- Mark participated in the post weed treatment survey with Nick McMahon of The Pond and Lake Connection. In summary the invasive weeds have been greatly reduced and the native weeds are thriving in the areas that were treated. Invasive weeds were observed in untreated areas, and Nick suggested that a full lake survey be done. See the attached memo from Mark for further details.
- Jenell and Rob Janes assembled the first of two monofilament-recycling containers. Jenell demonstrated its use. This container will be mounted at the boat launch. The second container will be mounted at the Haines Park Beach. Approvals have been obtained from DEEP and the Town of Old Lyme.
- Tim Goss has lodged a complaint against the RLA that guests of his were poorly treated by the RLA patrol person. Jennifer Carbone was on the RLA patrol boat and Dennis Overfield observed the safety stop from his boat. Dennis was wearing the RLA uniform. The safety stop by Jennifer was conducted professionally and was like all the other stops that have been video recorded. The incident involved a boat (CT 9228 AZ) and jet ski (CT 7794 BJ) that were operating unsafely. The following unsafe operations were observed:
 - The jet ski hull was out of the water from jumping the wake of the power boat. This is in violation of DEEP rules.

- The jet ski was operating within 50 feet of the power boat. DEEP rules require 200 feet minimum. The jet ski operator indicated he was aware of this rule.
- The boat was operated within a designated swim area and cut the lines delineating the swim area. Again this is in violation of DEEP rules.
- The Towns ordinances specify that travel around the lake be in a counter clockwise direction. The boat and jet ski were traveling in random and erratic directions.

The patrol boat stopped the boat and jet ski to remind the operators of their unsafe boating activities as a courtesy instead of reporting them to DEEP. The RLA agreed that from now on any violation of DEEP rules would be reported immediately to DEEP, in addition to addressing safety issues impacting other users of the lake.

- The Connecticut Federation of Lakes is holding a forum on September 21, at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. Two board members are planning on attending.
- A fishing tournament is scheduled for 9/21 with seven boats and eight people participating.
- A number of RLA members were not available for the regularly scheduled meeting on October 9th. It was agreed to meet on Tuesday, October 8th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Toni, Jenell second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Overfield, Co-Chairman RLA, dennisoverfield@sbcglobal.net

The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on Tuesday, October 8th, 7:30 PM at the Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse.

To: Rogers Lake Authority
From: Mark Hastings
Date: September 10, 2019
Re: Notes from Post Treatment Survey

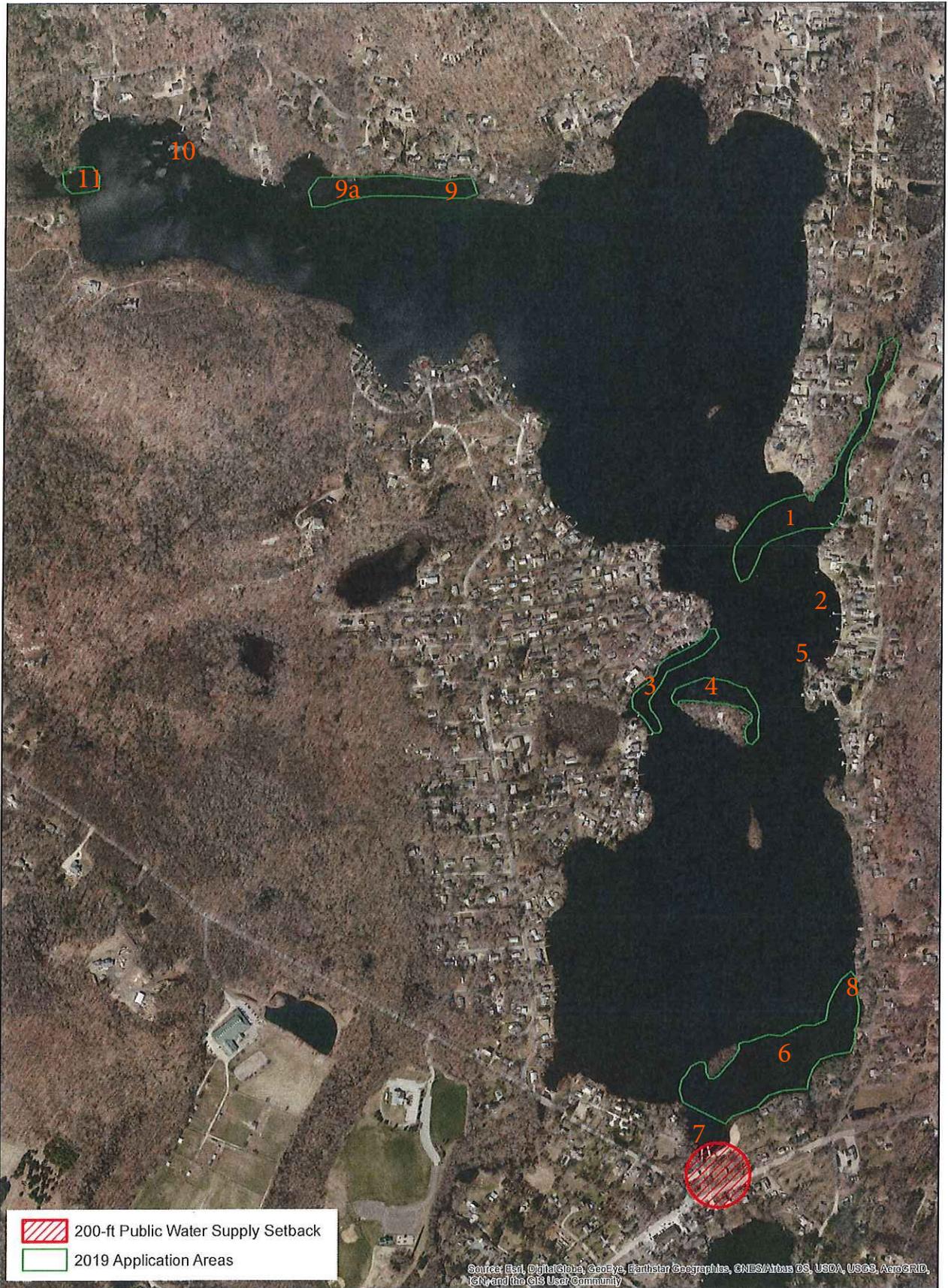
On Thursday, September 5, 2019, I met with Nick McMahon of The Pond and Lake Connection to ride along on his post treatment survey of the application that was performed on July 8, 2019. My notes of the survey are below.

General observations:

- Found no milfoil or fanwort overall. Only exception was small (12 inch) fanwort found in area 11.
- Native pond weeds and grasses are growing in many of the treated areas. Nick mentioned that the DEEP recommends 40% bottom coverage for healthy lake. Native plants should help keep out the invasive plants.
- Saw numerous varieties of fish and mussels.
- Some general algae bloom. Nick felt this was normal for this time of year. As the water gets colder the algae will recede.

Comments related to numbers on attached map:

- 1) No milfoil or fanwort found. Native pond weeds were evident. Good sign that native plants are growing in place of the invasive plants.
- 2) Yellow Spatterdock found. Bottom bare. No algae.
- 3) Similar to 2) some algae – normal for this time of year
- 4) Found spatterdock, also Robbins pond weed – native species
- 5) Found eel grass and mussels – sign of healthy environment
- 6) Found some plants of the naiad family
- 7) Saw phragmites on shore to the east side of the beach. These should be cut and/or removed
- 8) Not much vegetation. Some Robbins pond weed
- 9) Some type of naiad found – different than in area 6. One small floating fanwort.
9 A) Some Robbins pond weed and air grasses. “Islands” of plant matter are normal when roots systems die and matter floats to the top.
- 10) Area previously had significant fanwort and milfoil – none observed
- 11) Some fanwort found. No milfoil



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Figure 1
2019 Treatment Areas
Rogers Lake
Lyme & Old Lyme, CT

25 Jun 2019
SWCA Job # 48737

Data Source: Office of Geographic Information (MassGIS)
30 cm Color Digital Ortho Image 2008/2009
Digital Parcel Standard, Level 3

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Latitude 41° 21' 36" N
Longitude 72° 18' 4" W

