

## **ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 14, 2021**

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on July 14, 2021. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Richard Smith, Toni Phillips, Jenell Janes, Mark Hastings and Maneesha Joshi. Seven local attendees joined the meeting as well. The minutes were recorded by Nicole Krol.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:30 pm by Dennis Overfield.

The minutes from June were read aloud. A motion to accept the minutes from June was made by Toni, Jenell second, motion passed unanimously.

#### **Lake Patrol**

Mike Secord gave an update on the lake patrol. There have been some issues with seasonal employees sticking to the schedule, however the boat launch attendants are now trained to patrol the lake as well so they will be able to cover if one of the other patrol staff are unavailable or need to leave early. A log for the patrol boat operators to record incidents on the lake will be implemented. The patrol boat operators can stop those who are violating boating rules to raise awareness and educate them. Unfortunately, there are regular offenders on the lake, they must be reported to DEEP with photos, videos, and a registration number. Jenell was able to connect with DEEP who may be able to assist with patrolling this season. There is also a ranger program available which may be an opportunity for the RLA to have a local ranger with ability to issue tickets on the lake next season. There is a sexual harassment training which is required for all town employees, the training needs to be completed and the certificate sent to the town.

#### **Weeds**

None

#### **Budget**

There was no budget to review. SWCA was unable to complete the hand pulling of the weeds by the end of June which may affect the next fiscal year's budget. They should be starting the hand pulling this Thursday.

#### **Old Business**

The branch near the boat launch was removed from the lake. Dennis contacted Yale about the dead fish that were noticed around the lake. Yale confirmed the oxygen levels in the lake are normal and there is nothing in the testing that would indicate why the fish may be dying. There does not seem to be reason to have concern. Four more RLA shirts will be ordered for staff.

The Lake Ordinance details were discussed, radar to capture speeding was highlighted, the board is trying to gather information on cost.

## **New Business**

The RLA recognized two Old Lyme locals who will compete in the Tokyo Olympics, Liam Corrigan and Austin Hack, congratulations!

There were complaints made to DEEP that the fishing was poor at Rogers Lake, DEEP requested the weed study report. A case of E. coli was reported by a local resident, but it does not seem to be related to lake conditions.

The Irish Regatta was approved, and will be held August 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11am.

There is a fishing tournament scheduled for the morning of July 17, with eight boats.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick, Janell second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on August 11, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse.