

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2006

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Community Center on March 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Fred Holth, Walter Buck, Rob Roach and Elizabeth Sunshine (Secretary) of Lyme, and Brian Kyle, and Richard Smith of Old Lyme.

The RLA Chair, Fredrik Holth, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of December 13, 2005 meeting.
2. Appropriation of funds for harvesting
3. Boat Repairs
4. Horse Power Limits

The Minutes of the December 13, 2005 meeting were submitted and approved.

Rob Roach sent in the budget for the boat and patrols. Fred Holth separately sent in the request for funding for \$21,000.00. One thousand for general administration, education and overhead and \$20,000.00 for two mowings of 10 acres each.

A question was asked as to which ten acres would be mowed. The response was that a 1300 foot long corridor down the center to keep it free for shells and boats would be the most likely test area. The logic being this corridor is the highest traffic area and heavily infested, having this corridor mowed would keep boat props from chopping it up and propagating weed growth elsewhere. Some attention may be given to the access way from the boat launch. Approximately 10 acres, will be mowed each time. If this original 1300 foot North South corridor test area is not in need of a second mowing in August we could look at expanding the area on the second mowing.

Fred received two bids for harvesting, both were \$20,000.00 for ten acres; two mowings during the year. Fred mentioned that the difficulty with this method is the disposal of the debris pulled out. He has talked with Dave Evers of West Shores assoc. and The Sandy beach assoc president as to alternative sites (to Haynes Park) to remove the material thus minimizing the travel distance for waste removal. He noted that with multiple deposit sites each site would be inconvenienced for shorter period of time and the material dry out time would be reduced with smaller deposits in multiple locations.

Brian Kyle made a motion that 21,000.00 be put into the budget for the purpose of harvesting as discussed, administration of the same and education for weed control. The motion was seconded by Walter Buck and passed unanimously.

A question was raised as to the process of choosing a contractor to do the work once the funds were approved. Fred stated that the contract would go out to bid. He had with two

companies that gave verbal bids of 20,000 and a third that would like to submit a bid. Fred stated that one of the towns should take on the process of receiving the bids.

The point of the test harvesting is to see if this is a viable solution to the problem. If so then we may look to buy a harvester at a cost of ~\$110,000 run it and maintain it ourselves.

Richard Smith spoke on information being gathered about organic weed control methods that the health of Rogers Lake Group is looking into.

There is an application from the Sandy Beach association to place docks in the water off their right of way. There is a private party who is objecting to the docks, The Wetlands commission and Planning and Zoning have the final say, however, RLA has endorsed the conceptual renderings of the planed docks based on the proposition that they had no interference with navigation.

The Patrol Boat is currently undergoing some badly needed repairs. Fred has donated many hours labor, and will submit for reimbursement the receipts for the materials used in making the boat repairs, which are as follows:

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| Switch Panel | 84.79 |
| Bilge Pump | 21.99 |
| Bow Guard | 119.99 |
| Dock lines | 33.98 |
| Tax | 10.56 |
| Miscel | 50.00 |
| Cetol | 30.00 |
| Labor cost for helper | 550.00 |
| Nick Sahin Fiberglass | <u>1,190.00</u> |
| Total | 2,093.31 |

A motion was made to reimburse Fred Holth and/or pay directly any expenses related to boat repair. The motion was 2nd and passed unanimously.

The RLA would like to thank Fred as he did a tremendous amount of work on the boat, donating his time and equipment to completely rewire the boat and donate and install a depth finder. Thank you

Dam Repair - Brian Kyle will talk to Tim Griswold regarding the dam repair activities The RLA would like to see any proposals. Questions still remain as to: Will there be a fish ladder and what is the environmental impact. Who would be controlling it and what are the benefits.

Horsepower Limits of the Lake – there was much discussion on how to handle boats with motors over 135 hp. during fishing tournaments. The sentiment was that exceptions should not be made to allow use of motors in excess of 135 hp. The recommendation of several on the board was to allow the boats on the lake during fishing tournaments only.

And only if they remove the props on the motor over 135 hp. This ensures they use trolling motors during the tournament. The removal of a prop includes removing one bolt approximately two minute job and ensures fairness and equity to all with regards to abiding by the lake horse power limits. This option will be discussed further with Rob Roach upon his return.

The Idea of a “Lake Watch” a group along the lines of Neighborhood Watch was discussed again. People need to contact the local police if they feel something is wrong or laws are being broken. The members of the RLA do not have any authority to enforce lake rules or laws.

The lake patrols by the police department will be starting on Memorial Day. Any questions or concerns regarding illegal conduct on the lake should be addressed to the police department.

Minutes from meeting available at www.oldlyme.ct.gov under “minutes”

Next meeting scheduled for 2nd Tuesday in June.

Next Meeting of the RLA is scheduled for June 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM, and will be held at the West Shores Association Community Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted by



Elizabeth E. Sunshine
Secretary