

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF November 29, 2006

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Community Center on November 29, 2006 at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Fred Holth, Walter Buck and Elizabeth Sunshine (secretary) of Lyme, and Roger Breunig and Richard Smith of Old Lyme. Also in attendance were approximately ten area residents.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of past meeting.
2. Discussion on Policing the lake, enforcement issues of the past year
3. Discussion of weed harvesting
4. Discussion with Chuck Lyons

The minutes from the past meeting were submitted and approved.

The meeting began with a discussion regarding availability of funds in respect to lake studies and management. Also discussed as a form of weed management were a lake drawdown, possible need of permits for drawdown, and the issue of wells pertaining to the drawdown. A motion was carried to drawdown the lake to 20inches – it was approved unanimously and is ongoing.

The issue of mowing the lake was discussed, a motion was carried and approved about requesting funds for repetitive mowing of Rogers Lake

Residential homeowner raking was discussed as a form of weed management.

A discussion ensued about buoys and their locations. A motion was carried about appropriating funds for additional buoys. It was approved and decided that buoys would be placed 100 feet from shore at the north bound state boat launch, on the southside of Blood St in the corner, at the outtake of the same area, and at the entrance of Picnic Island. It was also mentioned about needing signs.

The need for a budget session to determine prices on buoys and dredging was discussed. All parties agreed but deferred on scheduling a time for the budget session.

A discussion about a survey that was sent to area residents from Rogers Lake West Shore Association Community for the Health of Rogers Lake ensued. The purpose of the survey was to get a general idea of usage by the residents and ideas on how to clean up the lake. It was mentioned that Old Lyme has a provision that septic tanks are to be pumped out every 5 years, where as Lyme does not have such an ordinance. To date there are about 60 residents who have not complied with that ordinance.

The issue of mandated septic pumping every 5 years in Old Lyme was discussed. Residents expressed an interest in the same requirements for the lake residents of Lyme.

Rob Roach responded that the RLA has no jurisdiction in the septic matter. An appeal to the board of selectmen would be necessary to change any town ordinances.

Policing issues:

Also mentioned was a suspect boat traveling clockwise, not counterclockwise, with 8 people in the boat with an engine bigger than the allowed 135 horsepower. Also discussed was the effects of the wakes from watercraft and who is responsible for damages from those wakes.

The question was raised on how to enforce the 135 horsepower limit. It was stated that a letter had been sent to the Selectmen regarding the enforcement. However, the municipality did not have the budget to train nor enforce such regulations.

It was brought up that the Old Lyme Water Authority would be meeting the next night to review plans for a new system for the water shed. Over 90 houses would be affected and it was the decision of the members that the plan would not be recommended at the meeting.

Questions were raised concerning the Sandy Beach Association and possible legal problems. There were a couple of lawsuits against docks being built.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:45pm.

Minutes from all RLA meetings are available at www.oldlyme.ct.gov under “minutes”

Respectfully Submitted by



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Secretary