

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2007

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Community Center on June 20, 2007 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 fifteen area residents.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of past meeting.
2. Discussion on police patrols
3. Discussion of weeds
4. Discussion with Judy Preston of the Tidewater Institute
5. Discussion of general administrative issues

The minutes from the past meeting were submitted and approved.

The meeting began with a discussion of police patrols. Unfortunately Rob Roach was not in attendance. Several people noticed a hydroplanner this past week. He was not going fast but the noise was excessive. There is not a noise ordinance on the lake, only a hp limit.

Judy Preston from the Tidewater Institute addressed the meeting. She proposed a contract that would integrate evaluations of all shore properties with recommendations as to the planning of buffer zones to avoid as much residual traffic and nitrates as possible. Ms. Preston presented recent study (with maps) completed with the help of the EPA that showed proper and improper plant arrangements. The study and all corresponding maps are located on the website for the Connecticut River Estuary Regulatory Planning Agency at [www.crerpa.org](http://www.crerpa.org). If the study were adopted the Tidewater Institute would like to see the town help with funding. Unfortunately the budget is already closed for the fiscal year of 2007. A motion was made to endorse the concept and to explore the possibility of requesting additional funding from the town for next year to explore buffers in the LOL watershed. The motion was passed.

Weed control was the next subject of discussion. It was noted that the draw down did not work as anticipated due to the warm winter. A resident voiced displeasure with the fact that the current plan was not working, there seemed to be twice as many weeds after the mowing and drawdown. Also noted was that the west side residents were against a further drawdown due to the impact on their wells. Dredging was mentioned as a long term fix, however the price is still prohibitive. There was a request to explore the use of chemicals treating the lake in spots and some discussion in opposition. Also questioned was whether the funds for harvesting which is currently scheduled for August would be better off spent on a June 2008 harvest as lake use significantly drops off in late

Aug/Sept. Also brought up was the possibility of buying a harvester and performing the harvest more than is currently done.

Finally Charles Ritrovato addressed the meeting. He is addressing the ZBA town meeting tomorrow to get clearance to put an addition on the backside of his cabin. Fred excused himself from the debate as his property is adjacent to Mr. Ritrovato's. No one had any objections to Mr. Ritrovato's plan. A motion to not oppose his plan was made and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Minutes from all RLA meetings are available at [www.oldlyme.ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme.ct.gov) under "minutes"

Respectfully Submitted by



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