

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Westshore Community Center on September 19, 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 of weeds
3. Discussion of general administrative issues

The minutes from the past meeting were submitted and approved.

The meeting began with a question regarding dredging by the boat launch and controlling the water lilies. It was mentioned that if the boat launch looked too attractive that would bring more people to the lake. But it was determined that the State is responsible for the cost of the dredging. At this point in time, no one has contacted the state with regards to dredging. As for the water lily population, the way it has been handled in the past is to hydrorake. If a resident is interested in hydroraking, a contract is drawn up between that resident and Aquatic Control Technologies. There is currently a 5 year maintenance permit with the town of Old Lyme but none with Lyme. A permit with the town of Lyme will be obtained and hydroraking will be offered to Lyme residents next year.

The issue of monitoring the lake was then brought up. It was asked if the town of Lyme contributes to the upkeep of the lake. A resident complained that when he called to inquire about a problem boater, he was hung up on. The lake has a monitor but does not have the authority to issue tickets, nor does it have the authority to use the blue light on the boat. The monitor watches for problems and reports them to the Old Lyme Police Dept. It was mentioned that the person who monitors the boat launch was giving out incorrect times (while posted to the contrary) and did not have a boaters regulation book. Also at issue is the use of jet skies. The state will not allow the banning of jet skies on Rogers Lake. The 135 horsepower limit is a town ordinance, not state.

A discussion regarding buoy placement began with a question from a resident inquiring about the marking of a destructive rock (outside the narrows). A motion was presented and passed regarding the placement of 4 buoys around the west shores, one near Dick Smith's property and another near Picnic Cove.

An invoice was submitted on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 for \$19,982 for the mowing. Several residents commented on their disapproval of the handling of the weed situation. It was agreed at past meetings that the mowing would take place for several years and it would be decided after that time how well it worked. It has currently only been 2 years. It was

mentioned by several people that the weeds were already growing back. It was mentioned about getting on ACP's list for next July, and the possibility of canceling that appointment if it was found to be unnecessary. The use of beetles and/or carp was suggested. However the State will not allow the use of carp in Rogers Lake. It was mentioned that Rogers Lake is a created lake, not formed by glacial scouring – thus adding to the weed problem. It is estimated that the weeds are growing at an 1" a day. It was suggested that the Connecticut Agricultural Station mediate, as a third party, a possible solution to the weed problem.

Fred made mention of the fact that water quality samples were going to be taken of the ground and surface waters to see what's coming into the lake. The Jacobson Association would be handling this.

It was determined that the issue of drawdown would be addressed at a later date, hopefully a meeting in November. The current proposal of drawdown is 20".

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by



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