

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2008

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Lyme Town Hall on December 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Fred Holth, Walter Buch and Elizabeth Sunshine (secretary) of Lyme, and Dick Smith and Roger Breunig of Old Lyme. Absent were Rob Roach of Lyme and Brian Kyle of Old Lyme.

The minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget

There was discussion with regards to budget items. The consensus was that the budget would remain essentially equivalent to 2008 budget. We should also request funds for weed control for 2010 in the budget sufficient to maintain 20 acres of harvesting or \$20,000, whichever is more. These funds should not be allocated specifically for harvesting.

Police Budget: Deferred to Rob to handle and submit. There was discussion as to the effectiveness of the police on the lake versus its cost. They aren't there when needed to enforce town rules, and they don't enforce the lake rules. Are there other ways to police the lake more cost effectively? Parking lot attendant and more hours in the lake monitoring boat?

Motion to adopt the budget; 2nd, all in favor.

Weed Control

Fred sent email to aquatic control asking for an early target date in the summer of 2009; no response as of yet. We should also request mowing for 2010 in budget under weed control instead of mowing, sufficient to maintain 20 acres of harvesting or \$20,000, whichever is more. We will need to work out placement of cuttings. There is an issue concerning disposal and dry out.

WC Mats

Application for permits will be submitted to Old Lyme for Spring 2009 application. Fred will put in applications for Dick and Roger's places and public access by Hanes Park initially. After those are reviewed, we'll follow with a 2nd round (when we get a clean test).

The application to Wetlands will include a request to test certain areas of the lake. If the test is positive, we should give the Authority the ability to issue a limited number of matt placement approvals for general public. The optimum time for deployment is April to June; we will plan for April 2009 for the test areas. There is a limited number of applications and limited area.

We authorized up to \$1000 and will buy the mats and weighting systems for the test areas in the Spring.

Roger will try to set up Mr. Bugbee to present in the June meeting on alternative methods of weed control that he has experience with.

Schedule for 2009 Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Lyme Town Hall	RLCC	RLCC	Lyme Town Hall
March 11, 2009	June 10, 2009	September 9, 2009	December 9, 2009

DAM

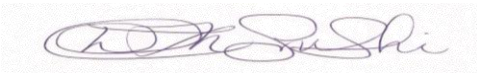
The Dam is leaking more than ever and information from the Alewives study by DEP and Yale is not yet available. The study seems to study the effect on the fish, not the effect on the lake. Questions were raised as to what the reduction of biodiversity in the lake is and the impact of the existing structure. We should have study results by next meeting (March). There were questions about length of the study, questions about costs of repairing the dam and if this DEP assistance is our only option.

Lake Height and Water Levels

Dick has received two calls regarding low well water levels. Most have completed any maintenance and the lake level is coming back up.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40; 2nd, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted



Liz Sunshine