

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2009

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Community Center on June 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Fred Holth, Chairman, and Elizabeth Sunshine (secretary) of Lyme, and Dick Smith and Roger Breunig and Robert Recor of Old Lyme. Absent were Rob Roach and Walter Buch of Lyme.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Chairman, Fred Holth, welcomed new member of the Authority, Robert Recor as a member in place of Brian Kyle, deceased member of the Authority. Appreciation was voiced for Brian's years of service as a Lake Authority member. It was noted that Thomas Baehr had been suggested as an alternative member, but that the request came in only after Rob Recor was proposed and accepted by the selectmen. Discussion of possible additional alternative members through amendment of the lake ordinance was discussed.

The chairman announced that the authority had completed the purchase of five ten foot by 40 foot weed bottom blankets at \$200.00 each plus shipping from Lake Bottom Blankets Derma-Safe Company, 32 Juniper Road, Wayne, New Jersey. They were paid for by the Town of Lyme; it had been previously confirmed that no bidding was necessary for this acquisition. The Chairman had purchased an additional mat for use at his residence, paying for same separately. Permission was granted by the Old Lyme Conservation Commission and Inlands Wetlands Agency for the deployment of five mats in the Old Lyme portion of Rogers Lake. No Department of Environmental Protection permits were necessary. Each mat would require use of nine 9'10" 3/8" rebar for deployment; United Builders Supply can provide rebar at \$8.50 per 20 foot section, cut to the prescribed length.

First priority for the use of the mats on a trial basis (at least three) would be for the rowing shells and swimming area in Haines Park. Additional mats as available would be applied to beach associations and private property owners. It was indicated that the use of the mats would eliminate, or greatly reduce the need for hydroraking if properly applied. The mats can be relocated after 30 days deployment, thus covering an additional area, and have a useful life if properly stored out of sunlight of approximately five years or more.

The Town of Lyme has refused to pay for police patrols until a regular schedule can be established; the issue is the sharing of police personnel between Sound View and Rogers Lake - which tends to see the police in Sound View in good weather when lake use is greatest. A monitor will be present at the State Boat Launch again this summer, paid by the RLA.

Discussion of alternative methods of weed control were voiced. The Chair indicated that neither town had budgeted for additional harvesting in 2010. Aquatic Control Technology's harvester used in the past for Rogers Lake was in course of rebuild and might be delayed in arrival, but was expected within two weeks. The current budget of \$20,000 applicable for fiscal 2008-9 would have to see funds expended by July 31st. Arrangements for the State Boat Launch ramp to be used for disposal and the Old Lyme Town crew to remove same will be initiated by Roger Breunig and Fred Holth

It was noted that there is a state statutory section enabling municipal assessments for lake corrective steps against property owners who benefit from them.

It was noted that the Conservation Commission had invited the RLA members to its meeting of July 1, 2009 to discuss the future of the lake, in the interest of developing a long range planning recommendation to the Planning Commission; for the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development. Dam replacement and a long term dredging project had been voiced in an email to the Chairman by George James on behalf of the Old Lyme Conservation Commission as key elements in preserving water quality. Members of the Water Pollution Control Authority would also be present.

A discussion of dredging ensued; it was pointed out that one method of accomplishing this might be to remove silt in a selected area, use the gravel then removed for land fill cover for the towns, then replace the silt in the created hole, thus progressing down the lake without having to dewater and remove large quantities of silt. Estimates to remove the central corridor down to 12 feet would be approximately 200,000 cubic yards, with corresponding extensive truck transport of removed material. There was also discussion of using the excess gravel to fill the Lyme Dump.

It was noted that the fish ladder on the Eight Mile River, similar to the proposal voiced for Roger Lake, had allegedly not been maintained in service.

The meeting was adjourned, ending at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Elizabeth Sunshine
Secretary for RLA