

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2010

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Old Lyme Town Hall, March 9 at 7:30 PM. The following members were present: Fred Holth, Chairman, Elizabeth Sunshine (secretary) of Lyme, and Dick Smith and Robert Recor of Old Lyme. Roger Breunig participated via teleconference.

The minutes of the December 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with the correction that the town had purchased and deployed four (4) bottom blankets at Haines park not five as indicated.

Weed control Discussion regarding the suction weed pulling method that was presented at the December meeting by Jason Houghtling of Waters Edge Restoration and Management, LLC, ensued and it was determined that the method should be explored further in a sample area, and that funds for such a test method should be appropriated from each town for a sample area to be done in 2010/2011 season.

Three acres was determined to be a sufficient sample size area; all one acre tests swatches of approx 100X400' strips. The first located in Old Lyme from Haines Park out to the Island the second located in Lyme in the cove on the south side of the lake, and the third on the south side of Picnic Island.

A Motion to add \$9,000.00 to the draft budget for 2010/2011 was passed by unanimous vote.

Revised Budget The revised draft budget for the 2010/2011 year is as follows:

Boat launch attendant		
Memorial day to mid September	360 Hrs @ 16.00	5,760.00
Monitor – Lake authority boat		
Memorial day to mid September	360 Hrs @ 16.00	5,760.00
Police Patrols		
\$750.00 by each town		1,500.00
Lake authority boat		
Maintenance		1,000.00
Administrative		
Secretarial Services		400.00
Media and additional meetings		200.00
Educational materials		200.00
Membership fee to CT Federation of Lakes		150.00
Benthic Mats		1,000.00
Hand pulling weeds in 3 one acre test areas		<u>9,000.00</u>
Total Operating Budget for 2010/11		23,970.00
Lyme share \$11,985.00	Old Lyme share \$11,985.00	

A motion was made to approve the revised proposed 2010/2011 budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A discussion followed with regards to public communications of the agency being in concurrence with current votes as they have been taken by the agency.

Weed Proliferation

A brief review of many of the options that have been recently tried to reduce the weed proliferation and the results of each was discussed. These efforts included items such as Hydro raking, Harvesting, Bottom blankets, waterfront landowner prevention education, inspection of incoming boats by launch monitor and the idea of combination of handpicking and suction harvesting for which we are currently seeking funding. The discussion also touched on various items that were recently explored and not applied such as; introduction of weevils or carp, hand picking, dredging, aquacides etc.

Buoys

DEP has given the approval for swim buoys to be placed at the West Shores we have to identify the locations to set them.

The meeting was adjourned, ending at approximately 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Sunshine", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Elizabeth Sunshine
Secretary for RLA