

# ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 pm on September 21, 2011. The following members were present: Mike Sicord, Tom Mondelci and Elizabeth Sunshine (Secretary) of Lyme, Dick Smith and Robert Recor, and Tom Baehr of Old Lyme and approximately 8 residents.

The meeting was called to order at approx 7:39 pm, the first order of business being to pay tribute to our long standing chairman Fred Holth who passed away in August 2011. Several forms of commemoration were discussed; including Plaques, letters of thanks, and a memorial bench. The group felt that a bench with a plaque of gratitude to be placed at the Haynes Park area of Rogers Lake would be an fitting tribute to his many years of service to the RLA and our communities.

Minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting were read and approved without change.

The Board welcomes newly appointed Lyme member Thomas Mondelci to the Authority, and noted that there is a Lyme board member vacancy left with Fred Holth's passing. The Board will look to the Lyme Selectmen to appoint a new Lyme member to the Authority as soon as possible. Any Lyme resident interested in the position should express their interest to the Lyme Selectman.

Secretary, Liz Sunshine, has contacted Fred's family and requested RLA documents that they could locate. Thor Holth (Fred's son) has stated that he is in process of trying to identify and separate Fred's many philanthropic projects, but that much of it was in the computer and would take some time to locate and print the communications.

A motion to appoint Dick Smith as the new Chairman was made by Robert Recor and seconded by Thomas Baehr and passed by unanimous vote.

A discussion was held to the effect of the tremendous loss of knowledge that has passed with Fred, and how to get a better understanding of past undertakings of the RLA. The board decided to meet once a month for the next 3 months, in an effort to bring the relatively new members to date with current issues of the authority and some of the previous efforts undertaken to handle these issues. The 3rd Wednesday of the month was chosen as a day available to all current board members.

### **Budget - Weeds**

Dick Smith will contact George Knocklein's, for the results of a study and conclusion report of the current weed status in Rogers Lake, that he was engaged in this summer.

It was noted by a resident in attendance that the state had been conducting deep water and shallow water surveys during August this year.

It was also noted by a resident in attendance that there should be more education made available to lakefront property owners in regards to the effects of buffer planting and fertilization use on the lake ecosystem.

**Policing:**

There was a discussion regarding the appropriated funds for policing of the lake, the patrol frequency and scheduled timeframes.

There was discussion regarding having the "Launch monitor" physically hand each boater entering a "lake rules" card to inform boaters entering the lake from the state boat launch of the lake rules, horsepower restrictions. A more comprehensive job description for this position will be created for 2012.

**Dam:**

Recent information has dam repairs estimated at about 2 years away. The dam will need to be reengineered deeper, with a larger spillway and a fish ladder in order to receive any state funds. Currently the dam is leaking badly and only allows a maximum 3 inch drop per day to a max of approx 20" total drop.

**New Business:**

A resident in attendance recommended that we contact towns public works departments to have all the storm drain basins cleaned out on a regular basis.

A courtesy copy of plans was dropped off to the RLA regarding a proposed sea wall on the property at 135 Blood St. This project is going before the In lands Wet lands commission for approval.

A resident in attendance stated that Huntington Bay is filling in and in need of attention or possible dredging.

The meeting was adjourned, ending at approximately 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



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