

Lake Management study committee

10 jun 2014

Present

Cliff Towner  
Mike Goldstein  
Todd Arnold  
Steve Weiss

Begin 7:42.

For the first time in memory, a few citizens have come as well.

Members signed request of Cliff Towner to get re-imbursed for the ramp passes we have been required to purchase for the last two years.

Discussion on the lake lowering required by National Heritage in order for Lycot to treat the lake for the fanwort. National Heritage agreed that the lake is low enough and the permit will be forthcoming. Treatment expected to begin at the end of the week of June 10.

Lycot will come at the end of the year with divers to check the status of the plants. Believe that these plants probably came from an aquarium some years ago. Also seen for the first time in the lake are some Pond Lily.

Discussion, mostly for the edification of our guests, on the lake water budget, the cedar swamp, the water table and the town wells.

Prediction for the summer: If the heat is up, with the levels down, very possible for major algae blooms. Short discussion on possible beach closings due to Dogs and Geese.

Election of officers of committee.

Todd made a motion to delay until all members present.

Steve Seconded.

All in favor.

Cliff Spoke on the impact of the new ramp fees.

Felt the selectmen were acting the recreation director.

the new \$150 ramp fee is almost double the next highest in the state.

as a consequence, the State is withholding the stocking of the lake.

so far this year 21 - non resident passes and

40 resident passes have been sold. noted that the resident fee is higher than many other non-resident fees.

last year over 60 resident and 60 non-resident passes sold.

rec dept cannot have worked after 8pm but the gates are open.  
rec director unable to perform her duties.  
police will not patrol the ramp. do not know why.  
belief that the selectmen has town counsel checking on the legality  
of the con-con jetski ban, with an eye to override it.

over the years the state has invested over 1 million dollars in massapoag  
with studies, stocking and other support.

called for accountability for selectmen and police.  
believe the selectmen are acting (ie ramp fees) without consulting any  
other town boards or committees

discussion of the public stance of the lake advisory committee. in the  
past the committee has had a low profile, advising the other boards,  
with an occasional article in the advocate.

we would like to see consistent ramp coverage from 6-8 pm, and  
police to regularly patrol the ramp and inspect trailers.

Todd talked about the tone of the committee and what would be most  
productive.

motion to accept minutes of 4/29

motion to adjourn by Steve Weiss, Todd Arnold Second.