

Lake Mgmt Advisory Committee

30 Sept, 2014

Cliff Towner
Noah Seigel
Steve Weiss
Mike Goldstein
David Deitz (aprox 8:00)

7:30 pm.

Largest turnout yet of town citizens. great to see.

Cliff Distributed the letter sent to him by the selectment to appear later this evening.

Cliff explained his contact with the Rec Dept and 'city systems', as he has done in the past, to find out how many ramp stickers were sold this year. The first call he was told many fewer than last year ('less than 100') on a follow-up call Cliff was told they could not release the numbers to him. no contact after that.

Cliff has been spending much time at the ramp talking to fishermen and looking at their vessels and trailers. A lot of launching was happening after 6pm when the ramp is no longer monitored by the rec dept.

Cliff enlightened our guests as to some of the history of the lake and it's management, the water advisory committee, and past promises of weather monitoring and MWRA hookup with Stoughton. Also about how the the wells, ceder swamp, the water table and the lake are all interconnected. The various orders of condition that mandate how the lake is managed, and some of the down-stream requirements. It is a complicated system with no magic-bullets.

Stated that the town's water issues are being deflected to the lake to mask over 10 years of inaction by the town.

Paul Lauenstein noted that Beaver brook is at it's lowest level in the 8 years he has monitored it.

Cliff noted that the record low this year has created a 'cone of depression' and that this will cause the lake to draw water from the surrounding septic systems, and that this will have direct bearing on the water quality for some years to come.

This year both the Mussells and crayfish are dying. not known why.

state agencies no longer returns calls. believe this is a direct response to the high ramp fees and Sharon's air of 'elitism'.

as of sept 30. the lake is right at the water table.

we have 2 windows to recharge the aquifier: after the leaves fall and before the ground freezes, during spring snow melt before the trees are in bloom.

Auxiliary water in the summertime will help to rest the overtaxed wells in town.

Lycot's survey found no fanwort, no milfoil and no duckweed.

Praise and thanks to David Deitz for 25+ years of service. He has moved from sharon and thus has resigned from the committee. he will be sorely missed.

The Chair explained that our committee has no specific powers and is advisory only.

the Lake itself is managed by con-con.

David Goldstein asked specifically what the citizens could do.

Discussions of raising awareness.

Noted current on-line resources

the cedar swamp restoration project

friends of conservation

Virtual water tour.

can we get the data published from all the monitoring wells, not just the lowest lying wells.

Steve Weiss motion to adjourn at 8:46. Mike Goldstein second.