

Lake Watershed Council
Minutes – April 14, 2011

In attendance: Amy Mann, Stan Maziuk, Ralph Montfort, Bill Zuppan, Kurt Wheeler

1. Review previous minutes
 - Ralph moved, Kurt second, approved.
2. State of the Lake follow-up
 - Positive feedback on the event, good dialogue, brings in new faces, may become an annual event.
 - Timing was good to review data from previous year.
 - Zupan commented it is good to have lake survey to show native species vs milfoil.
3. Weed control action 2011 follow up
 - Town and CLA will guide Allied to do initial rake toss. We will get baseline info to determine amount of triclopyr in creek, and show agriculture impact on water quality. Late spring early summer testing, and second rake survey in early fall. Glen Sullivan has been contacted. Town will pick up first testing, CLA second.
 - Preston Gilbert said CLA may do an educational program on milfoil, lake health, at Lake Day.
 - Lake Day/Family fun day – Camillus kayak interested in a paddle fest, with multiple vendors, races, etc. Could grow larger than we could handle...camping, etc. What is the focus...fun for kids. Education, engage community in conversations. Should Chamber be involved? Ralph thought they would participate.
 - Preston also stated Camillus Kayak is interested in leasing Carriage building. Amy said renovations won't start until fall. Kayak or outdoor sports business would be good to bring in.
 - Stan. What should the day be? Keep fishing. Include table on milfoil. Keep music.
4. Lake Health/invasive species update
 - Amy showed final brochure. Very clear, good graphics. Ran 1000. Depths add great dimension, thanks Charlie. Add a pdf to town and village websites. Kyle can add to facebook.
 - Stan noted info on Watershed Council on town website not up to date. Ralph will take care of.
 - Amy noted no link to WSC on village site. Ralph mentioned town could help consolidate services re: website management.
 - Checklist for boat launch. They will keep track of how many are in the boat, are they using live bait and do they have a receipt to show it is certified.
 - Launch – nothing new. Same dates of operation. Fees same. Added \$30 late removal.
 - 3 local stewards, less expensive, Morris will be used to supplement. Amy foresees being within budget, but depends on permit sales.

5. South End

- Boulder – town has permit to move the boulders. Need to get state engineer down to do it. Will be marked so we'll know if they are moved. Carry in, carry out. May be able to make do with ones that are there without getting more, but it wouldn't hurt to get a few more as long as have the permit. Permit expires once we do it.

6. Watershed Management Plan

- Need to expand pieces of the plan...public outreach and education. Amy noted people at state of the lake had questions about what they could plant. Amy showed samples of brochures from other lakes on vegetation. Amy suggested Lake George uses emailings. We should be documenting everything we do in the Plan, like Sharye Skinner's visits to schools. Liz Moran does an annual report card on Conesus, tracks what they are doing for each recommendation. CLA will review priorities for education at next month's meeting. Bill and Amy agreed we should do a report card because we are omitting relevant projects, i.e. haven't documented Lake Day. Preston suggested picking a month and make it an agenda item at CLA and open to both boards to review and update actions. Actually doesn't have to be done at a meeting, if everyone collects info on an ongoing basis.
- Liz Moran said DEC was invited to attend state of the lake but couldn't attend. But region 7 is interested in how the treatment worked, what can be improved, wants Caz to do a workshop at DEC to give feedback to them. Who should go, what is the message, what do we want out of it. Permit process – what was it like for us, challenges, timing, notification procedure, signage, dye study wasn't used. Tell them collectively how much time we invested in preparing before we started permit process. May not have appreciated how much research we did. Needs to be more user-friendly – give cell phone #s. Tell them what they did well. Notifications to people who drew water went better second year. Go in June or July.

7. Public Comments – none

8. Meeting adjourned. Ralph moved, Amy seconded.