

Quaddick Lake Association



August 27, 2006

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 11:10am at the Thompson Town Hall.

I. MINUTES

8/6/6 meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance: -\$14.00

Membership dues: \$1,825.00

Expenses: \$58.65

Current checking account balance: \$1,766.35.

III. ASSOCIATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Web site: www.quaddicklake.org

Address: Quaddick Lake Association

PO Box 408

Thompson, CT 06277

List of QLA Officers & Board of Directors with their contact information and membership applications are available on the web site.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUND RAISING & MEMBERSHIP: Multiple suggestions for fund raising presented. Membership cards distributed. Members please keep QLA informed of addresses, email & phone numbers. Dues are \$25 per voting member & can be mailed to QLA at above address. Send SASE for receipt & member card. Member card is needed for voting at meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS: Meetings posted in Thompson Villager Newspaper.

LAKE MANAGEMENT: Extensive review by Ron Jolicouer discussing weed issues and management options. The weeds are Variable Leaf Water Milfoil, Fanwort (most prominent weed now) & Bladderwort. Multiple treatment options discussed including natural methods (carp & weevils), harvesting, drawdown, herbicides (Diquat-treats milfoil & bladderwort only; Sonar-treats fanwort & is expensive). Meetings with DEP officials & treatment companies are in progress. Fund raising, grants and watershed management discussed. Plan of action to be submitted to members by mid December and final plan by January 2007.

V. WEED MANAGEMENT

Jim Rawson: Discussed dam issues. The main dam is approximately 11 years old. Four foot drawdown is the maximum and the drain pipe is small & easily clogged. Rob Binette, SCUBA diver (rescue & recovery certified) volunteered to clean drain pipe. The bridge dam is owned by Rawson Manufacturing & it does not affect water level in

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the lake. Please feel free to contact him @ 928-0126 with questions concerning the dam. Anticipated draw down is mid September.

Chuck Lee: DEP representative. He discussed ACT recommendation from 2000, herbicides, drawdown & harvesting. There is money available, however the legislature needs to authorize its use, then the State Bond Commission releases the money. This is a lengthy process. He recommended a new study for weed management when money becomes available. Greg Bugbee in the CT Agricultural Experiment Station is another information source. Concerns were raised about how the fish are affected by the weeds and weed management. Bob Jacobs is a Fishery Biologist with the DEP who is a bass specialist and can be contacted at 860 295 9523.

Gary Bessette: Spoke with State Representative Shawn Johnston who will look into methods of obtaining money from the state for weed control.

Barry McCarthy: Reviewing ACT study, Lycott study & Bugbee study.

VI. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Tax District: \$10,000 has been spent in the past to form a tax district for the lake to no avail. Rich Chevalier will contact Randy Schmora at the Putnam Assessor's Office for further information, as other lakes do have a tax district without providing Fire and Police Departments.

Fund Raising Suggestions: "Save Our Lakes" license plates, stickers to use boats on Quaddick Lake, Auction and Quaddick Lake Calendar.

Meeting closed at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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