

Board of Health
50 The Common
Phillipston Ma. 01331

June 15, 2007

Dear Queen Lake Neighbor:

Last summer's water quality, of the lake, took us all by surprise. But this years testing is not showing any improvement. The bacteria levels determined by the weekly laboratory testing, are unacceptable by state standards, and are most dangerous to our children. I know, separating kids from playing in the water, is not a fun job, for a mother or grandmother. We have moved forward with actions to determine the source and to prevent a contamination this summer.

The Board of Health has conducted an investigation into the source of this pollution and need your help in solving this problem. We must locate the source or sources of this bacterial contamination. These bacteria can only be found in human or animal waste. We encourage you, to patrol your neighborhoods and report all areas of suspicion, in a collective effort to find the pollution, affecting the full enjoyment of your lake property

Your participation, in our investigation, is critical if this problem is to be solved this year. Without your help, an Environmental Engineering Company will be contracted to research and conduct massive testing to locate the contamination. This would be very costly, and funded by taxes, and wouldn't happen until late summer of '08 at the earliest.

The following informational survey is intended, to complete the missing information, in the Board of Health files, about your property. If you haven't fill in a survey form, you will be contacted for a site inspection of your property, to obtain the information required to complete our data base.

This information on page one, will be public record, and will be kept on file for your future use. However any information submitted on sheet 2 will be **confidential**, and use only for the process of solving the pollution at Queen Lake.

We encourage you to be a part of this solution, and to know that low interest loans are available thru the town for the repair or replacement of a septic system or well. Thank-you for your attention, and concern. For any questions please call Valorie Daigle, at 978-249-1735 on Wend. Morning or mail to the Health Board Office.

Sincerely;

Valorie Daigle

Health Director

LAKE SURVEY

SIDE 1

QUEEN LAKE ADDRESS _____

Direction to CAMP _____

Telephone Camp _____ Home or Cell _____

MAP/LOT# _____

OWNER _____

ADDRESS (if different) _____

TOWN _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

How many occupants? (avg.) _____ How many rooms in your camp? _____

Do you rent or lease your property? _____ for how long at a time? _____

If Yearly, Tenants Name _____

What kind of water supply do you have for drinking and washing? (check all that apply)

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|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAKE DRAW | <input type="checkbox"/> ARTESIAN WELL | <input type="checkbox"/> NONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTLED WATER | <input type="checkbox"/> DUG WELL | <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHARED WELL (House Number sharing water) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN | |

ON the ground surface is your well buried ? visible ?

PLEASE SKETCH YOUR LOT SHOWING;

C= CAMP
T= TRAILER
Y= YEAR
 ROUND
W= WELL
D= LAKE
 DRAW
A= ARTESIAN
 WELL
S= SEPTIC
 TANK
L = LEACH
 AREA
G= LAKE

SIDE 2

HAVE you ever had your tank pumped? _____ How many Gals. _____

- YEARLY 2-4 YRS. OVER 5 YRS.

HAS anyone else in your neighborhood had their tank pumped in the last 2 years? _____

Approximately how old is your septic system _____

Did you know the town has 5% interest septic loans? _____

Have you ever see anyone trying to repair their own septic system? _____

IS your camp empty? _____ how long? _____

ARE any buildings or camps empty near you? _____ more than one _____

CAN you see water or wetlands from your camp? _____ on how many sides? _____

HOW many other camps can you see from your doorway? _____ or deck _____

IS there big surface rock or ledge in your area? _____

Is there a septic smell in your area?

- hot days? After heavy rains? early in the morning?

Do you used the lake water for: swimming boats fishing bathing wadding

Does the water get a foam at the edges near your camp? _____

STREET LOCATION

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Is there a septic smell in your area, hot days?

- After heavy rains? early in the morning?

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- boats fishing bathing wadding

Does the water get a foam at the edges? _____