

QUEEN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LETTER

JULY 1, 2020

**DUE TO THE COVID -19 RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS YOUR QUEEN LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO POSTPONE THIS YEARS ANNUAL MEETING UNTIL JULY 2021.**

Officers and Board of Director Members terms will be extended for 1 year or until a regular annual meeting and election can be held.

This new Annual Letter is intended to update members on activities and efforts the BOD has taken during the past year and keep you informed of what's going on at Queen Lake.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Attached find the Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Following are records since Rusty Newcomb assumed responsibilities of Treasurer when Terry Dymek moved and resigned.

DEPOSITS:

Annual Dues	\$2,040	
Weed Treatment Fund	\$52,855	
Total Deposits this year as of 6/30/20		<u>\$54,895</u>

EXPENSES:

Replacement of Boat Washing sign for Gate	\$95	
Weed Treatment Contract costs paid to Solitude covering: Required filing, permitting, meetings for approval from State and Town Agencies; Round I of treatment.		\$50,340

**(Plus: up to additional \$18,000 due to Solitude after Round II and III of treatment)**

Athol Daily News (Notice of Round I Treatment)	\$57	
Registry of Deeds	\$105	
Postage and Mailing costs	\$244.11	
Total Expenses as of June 30, 2020		<u>\$50,841.11</u>

Present Account Balance \$ 30,197.35 **(Minus Upcoming major expense of \$18,000 due to Solitude after Final Round of Weed Treatment Contract.)**

## PUBLIC BEACH:

Many have voiced concerns over the absence of a sani-can and trash receptacle at the public beach area. The QLA Board of Directors presented these concerns and discussed possible solutions with the Town Selectman at their June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. A Beach Safety Committee is being formed with representatives from Town Selectman, Police, Board of Health, QLA Board of Directors, Queen Lake property owners and Boat Launch Gate Keeper to formalize a plan for safe use of the beach for this summer and the future. This committee will meet as soon as possible after the Annual Town Meeting. (I will keep you informed of results from this meeting.)

## BOAT RAMP:

The Town has hired Jim Buzzell as the Gate Keeper.

Gate will be closed from 10:00 AM---6:00PM on weekends and Holidays.

Signage is in place requesting and explaining the need for boat washing prior to launching in Queen Lake. Day boaters are required to park their boat trailers in the boat trailer lot and not on Queen Lake Road. Violators may be ticketed or towed.

The town is providing Jim Buzzell with face masks, gloves etc. to keep him safe while performing his duties.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

As requested at last year's meeting brush trimming along Burma Road has been done this Spring. Attempt was made to grade the boat ramp and move large rock in lake at end of ramp which causes obstruction when water levels are low. The rock would not budge. A larger machine would be needed. Buoys and ropes marking the Boat launch area from swimming area at the public beach are being readied to put in place.

## WATER LEVEL OF LAKE:

Presently, the water level is low due to the lack of rain.

The Dam Committee is "testing a modification to the dam to keep the water level higher, but we need significant rainfall to raise the water level and therefor test this temporary modification. If it proves successful then a more permanent modification will be applied.

## BOTTOM LINE WE NEED SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL!

The engineer for the Dam Project has provided the Town of Phillipston with the information for the required Certificate of Compliance. Once the Town approves it and sends it to the State the project should be complete.

## WEED TREATMENT:

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO ALL 128 PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE WEED TREATMENT FUND!**

It is not too late to join them, if you have not yet done so. Suggested contribution \$350 per lot.

Your Board of Directors has been very busy working and meeting with the Town's Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to get required approval for Treatment of the Lake.

The lake was given initial treatment on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> by Solitude Water Management Company. They will return by end of June to assess the results and plan for Second Round of Treatment by mid-July. Again, a seven-day notice of actual treatment date will be posted on access roads and via email. Three weeks later another assessment of results will take place and a possible Third Round scheduled if needed. The estimated entire cost of initial year of treatment will be nearly \$68,000.

As stated in the Initial Weed Treatment Fund contribution letter, the Treatment Plan from Solitude for Queen Lake calls for continued annual maintenance treatments until invasive weeds are under control at an estimated cost of \$19,000 per year. That would be approximately \$100 per lot annually. We should plan on this and continue conversations with the Town to find a Grant that would help with the cost.

Respectfully,

The Queen Lake Association

Any questions? Feel free to contact any of the Queen Lake Association Officers or Board Members for additional information.

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