

Clean Lakes Committee Minutes of 11/27/07

(Chuck Bush, Savas Danos, John Folsom, Dan Lord, Susan Silberberg, Leon Weaver in attendance.)

4th Tuesday of the month, @7, chosen for future meetings.

Spectacle Pond:

Environmental analysis now available. 3 year herbicide contract ending for both Spectacle Pond and Long Lake. January meeting will discuss renewal of the contract. Savas will prepare RFP for future treatments. Spectacle Pond considering benthic draw down to expose littoral muck and allow for removal of high nutrient sediments. Best to do this in winter. Conservation Commission will require permits for any machine work. 2 area residents requesting rain gardens.

Matawanakee:

Some residents concerned about potential impacts of draw downs on private wells. Draw down work is going well and expecting to proceed as exposed areas freeze. General discussion of dock permitting processes.

Long Lake:

Also needs new RFPs for future herbicide treatments and storm drain work. Work on Emerson area drains and maintenance at town beach discussed. Interest in investigating possibility of draw down to remove nutrients. This is likely to be difficult due to the nature of the lake. Growing interest in previous storm drain mitigation around Long Lake on the part of a variety of academics. LLNA reports that bags, but no receptacles, will be made available to encourage removal of dog waste.

Mill Pond:

New money is available through Senator Tsongas to help with Mill Pond restoration. Final samples are due soon. Army Corp of Engineers is again available to assist in the restoration. Public access needs to be provided via one of several areas along the shore. Ownership of parcels needs to be clarified in order to pursue this effort.

CLC news:

Will be involved in construction of a butterfly garden/outdoor classroom at the new middle school. CLC will continue to promote construction of rain gardens, suggestions for locations will be considered and chosen based on need for runoff mitigation and available money.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05

Minutes accepted as corrected, by unanimous vote, TU 4.08.08.
Jonathan Folsom, CLC Chairman