

# *Committee for the Preservation of Long Pond*

83 Dunaskin Rd., Centerville, Massachusetts 02632

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Dear Members:

This is to bring you a brief up-date on a number of issues prior to the release of the summer edition of the Long Pond Sentinel Newsletter.

First of all, as many of you may know, the Conservation Commission approved the proposed plan to treat Long Pond at their meeting on April 23 (see attached letter). This was the best news we've had since we started our organization last Fall! We then had another 16- 20 days to worry about the possibility that someone might appeal the decision to the State EPA. Even better news: No appeal! For the first time since our inception we have no regulatory hurdles before us! We'd like to point out that there are a number of *wonderful* people from our Town and State that have been of immense help along the way. We will provide you with an "Honor Roll" listing in the Newsletter and will prepare thank you letters for those individuals, even though doing so will leave us feeling that such a gesture may be totally inadequate.

**The date for treating Long Pond with Sonar has been set for June 6.** The hydrilla growing cycle has begun and that is the prime requirement to begin treatment. There will be no restrictions with regard to swimming or fishing except for the day of application. In fact, there will not even be any restrictions for drinking the water- if anyone were so inclined - except for the day of application. We would remind you, however, that sonar might well adversely affect your lawn if used for irrigation. This is a good time, incidentally, to remind everyone that pumping water from the lake for domestic purposes like watering lawns is prohibited unless you have a permit from the Conservation department and to further note that it is unlikely that such a permit would be granted.

Notification/Warning Signs will be posted prominently around the Lake prior to the commencement of treatment.

We'll close by saying thanks again for your support. To the extent that we were engaged in a political process with many potential failure points along the way, it was extremely important to have the backing of our 215 members. We look forward to enjoying the results of this very important victory. We believe it is fair to say that you all helped to save this beautiful resource we call Long Pond.

Sincerely,



**Jerry Gilmore, CPLP Chairman**

And The Steering Subcommittee for  
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