

# *Association for the Preservation of Long Pond*

67 Long Pond Circle, Centerville, MA 02632

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Dear Members:

Fall is in the air as we bid a fond farewell to the summer of 2009. Slow start as you may recall but when we got into the prime months, it was as Cape Cod and Long Pond should be: Beautiful.

## **Hydrilla Control Update**

We reported to you back in June that Aquatic Control Technology had found widely scattered hydrilla plants 2-3 inches high in all three basins of the lake and that another series of Sonar treatments would be conducted over the summer. The initial treatment and subsequent bump-up treatments are designed to maintain the Sonar level at the desired concentration throughout the course of the summer growing season.

By the end of the summer, the hydrilla plants - and their tubers - were no longer viable as a result of the successful Sonar treatments. After considerable review and discussions involving your Association, Aquatic Control, the Conservation Division and the Mass Lakes and Ponds Division, the Town Manager issued a notice that Long Pond's Town Ways to Water would be reopened for the Fall fishing season from October 1 until November 30, 2009. Although limited to a two-month window, the re-opening of the ramps is the first outward definitive sign that the expenditures by the Town and the State are yielding beneficial and measurable results. This may help us support our goals if, as expected, further treatments - and expenditures - are required over the next few years.

## **Annual Meeting**

About 50 Association members attended the Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Victory. It was as advertised: informal, friendly and informative. Fred Chirigotis, our Town Councilor, also attended. Fred reiterated his support of our Association's objectives and many members had a chance to chat with him before and after the meeting. Although Fred has an extremely busy schedule, he has always found time to discuss your Association's issues, attend our meetings and support our goals. He even stayed well after this year's meeting ended and helped us return tables back to the storage room!

We missed having Rob Gatewood at the meeting. The Conservation Commission also had a meeting that evening. He continues to be amazing as our primary contact at the Conservation division. I'm also impressed with caliber and good work of the current Conservation Commission, especially with regard to Chairman Dennis Houle.

All of our Steering Committee members agreed to serve another year and I am thankful for their willingness to continue on. I noted at the meeting that we are so lucky to have such a talented group of leaders. I call them the Esteemed SC. Thinking back, it is hard to imagine that we could assemble such a group from a base of zero. It started sort of like a pick-up baseball game. Nevertheless, we have a Doctor (David Elmer, MD); an Attorney (Ted Schilling, Esq.); a Biologist (Barbara Enos); a retired Reader's Digest VP and outstanding wordsmith (Tony Antin); a wonderful and detail-oriented Treasurer (Kallie Garoufes); the Treasurer of our predecessor organization - the Committee for the Preservation of Long Pond (Dick Teel); a retired Exxon exec who is a fabulous computer-oriented Membership Chairman (Walt Jebens); a retired teacher with good advisory talents who assists our Biologist (Bob Enos); and a former elected Town Trustee, Jerry Gilmore. Once again, my sincere thanks to this Esteemed SC.