

Association for the Preservation of Long Pond

67 Long Pond Circle, Centerville, MA 02632

December 2, 2011

Dear Members:

It was another beautiful summer on and around Long Pond. And it seems like it wants to keep going. 60 to 65 in late November feels pretty good to me. A few boaters have been enjoying the Pond and it's so good to see. But once again, the really good news is that we continue to enjoy the beauty of Long Pond without any signs of a resurgence of hydrilla.

Another Year of Keeping Hydrilla Under Control

Aquatic Control Technologies has continued to provide us with outstanding service and I believe we can say that in 2011, we moved yet another step closer toward totally eradicating hydrilla from Long Pond. Difficult task but we are probably closer to achieving that objective than anyone else that has undertaken a hydrilla treatment program. No growth in the western basin and very little growth in the eastern basin. That's a long long way from where we started. In addition to the fine work of ACT's Keith Gazaille and his staff, we continue to get great support from Fred Chirigotis and the Town Council and from Rob Gatewood and the entire Conservation Department Staff.

Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting for the Association was held on August 23 in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Victory with about 35 members in attendance. Rob Gatewood, Director of the Barnstable Conservation Division, and Fred Chirigotis, Centerville Councilman and President of the Town Council, were once again our honored guests.

This was the tenth annual meeting of our Association which was organized in 2001, replacing the inactive Committee for the Preservation of Long Pond. Once again the meeting was informal, friendly and informative. Those in attendance were enjoying each other's company so much prior to the start of the meeting, I really didn't want to interrupt by starting the meeting. Once we got started we were able to move through the business of electing our Steering Committee Members and approving the reports from Secretary Barbara Enos, Treasurer Kallie Garoufes, Membership Chairman Walt Jebens, Nominating Committee Chairman Tony Antin, and myself. Attendees got a chance to informally meet and hear directly from Rob Gatewood and Fred Chirigotis. We also had the annual drawing for a champagne cruise on Long Pond. Elaine Pyne was the happy winner!

All of our Steering Committee Members agreed to serve for another year and once again I am very thankful for their willingness to continue on. Sandy Bartlett was nominated by the Nominating Committee and was elected unanimously. Welcome Sandy! We look forward to having her enthusiasm and love for Long Pond as a part of our future discussions.

Fred Chirigotis made it clear that he will remain a supporter of our Association and our goals. Once again he was very supportive of providing the funding needed for Long Pond when it went before the Town Council this year.

Annual Meeting (continued)

Rob Gatewood was his usual intellectual and Long Pond-friendly self. He has been so supportive of our efforts and we will always remember how he was there when we needed his assistance early on. We appreciate his continued support as well. I said exactly the same thing last year and have voiced similar comments since we started this journey with his help and guidance.

I've mentioned that Long Pond's clarity remains excellent and I believe that is so important. I visited Santuit Pond in Mashpee earlier this year and it was so sad to see the problem they are having with clarity and toxic blue-green algae. The water there is quite dormant and that seems to be the root of their problem. I am still pleased to note that the water flow we have down the herring run from Wequaquet Lake and then out to the Centerville River helps us by providing circulation of our water. I believe this circulation and the underground springs feeding the Lake continue to serve us well.

Yes, the homemade cookies by Barbara and Judie were fantastic. If you weren't able to make the meeting, please consider joining us next year.

Our Membership

I'd like to stress once again that without YOU we really do not have an Association. We would have no stature when we appeal to the Conservation Commission or the Town Council. So thank you again for being a part of this organization. Please know that you can call me anytime to discuss questions and suggestions you may have regarding the Lake. I can be reached on 508-771-7225. My e-mail is sirchmo@aol.com.

Our Treasury and Dues

The support from members through annual dues, voluntary contributions, and the transfer of funds from the original Long Pond Preservation Committee has given us a bank balance of \$12,488. Considering our modest operating expenses, this is almost entirely a reserve contingency fund for use if things should not continue to go as smoothly as they have. Such unforeseen contingencies could include the need to hire expert consultants (as other Cape Cod Lake Associations have had to do) or legal assistance (beyond that which Ted Schilling so willingly volunteers) and the possibility of a request to help with the cost of treating the pond as the Town and State continue to face severe budget problems.

That leads us once again to an appeal for you to renew your membership by sending the enclosed form with your 2012 dues of \$10 per household to our Treasurer Kallie Garoufes. To our good neighbors and new residents who are not currently members, we hope you will join us in our ongoing efforts to maintain this beautiful resource called Long Pond.

Sincerely,



Ron Sirch, APLP Chairman
and
The APLP Steering Committee:
Dick Teel Barbara Enos
Bob Enos Kallie Garoufes
Tony Antin Jerry Gilmore
Walt Jebens Tim Luzietti
Ron Fone David Elmer, MD
Sandy Bartlett Ted Schilling, Esq.

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