Association for the Preservation of Long Pond

August 10, 2013

Dear Association Members:

Happy days of August to all. A great time of year on Cape Cod and around Long Pond.

We do have news. Earlier this week, on August 7th, Aquatic Control Technology's Senior Biologist, Keith Gazielle, and his assistant completed their follow-up survey of Long Pond. Here's the outcome as I reported it to your Steering Committee :

SC -

Spent most of the afternoon with Senior Biologist Keith Gazielle and his assistant Michael. Keith looked and looked and dove with his flippers and got a slow tow in shallow water and looked and looked some more. Tried and tried but came up empty!

NO hydrilla in Long Pond!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
No treatment this year!!!!!!!
No barrier between the Eastern and Middle basins!!!!!!!

What are we going to do??????????????????

ENJOY! The hydrilla in Long Pond - the hydrilla that almost devastated our beautiful Pond – is no more!!!!

Doesn't mean we can relax and not worry about it coming back. Mystic Lake has demonstrated that hydrilla can appear anywhere anytime.

But for now, let's REJOICE!!! Hydrilla has been eradicated in Long Pond!

We didn't do it alone. The Town Council, the Conservation Commission, and the Conservation Division (Rob Gatewood) hung in there with us for some 11 years. WOW. Dr. Haller (Our University of Florida expert) told us that hydrilla is wicked stuff so whatever you do, NEVER LET UP. We didn't, **they didn't.**

Thanks SC and CONGRATULATIONS!!

Ron

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Want to know more? Want to hear from Keith himself? Want to hear and talk with Rob Gatewood? Or Centerville's Town Councilors Fred Chirigotis and Janet Joakim, or Town Manager Tom Lynch? Want a great chance just to say THANK YOU to them? Please join us at the Annual Meeting. Informal, friendly and worth an hour and a half or so of your time. Refreshments and socializing with neighbors after the meeting. It's scheduled for Thursday, August 29 at Our Lady of Victory at 7 PM. Hope to see you there!!