

Association for the Preservation of Long Pond

August 5, 2014

Dear Members:

As some of you may have heard, our beautiful Long Pond remains Hydrilla free!!!! This happy announcement is based on two very thorough surveys completed by Senior Biologist Keith Gazaille of Aquatic Control. The surveys were conducted on June 19 and most recently on July 29. It should be noted that the growing cycle of Hydrilla is such that plants would be about 2 to 3 feet high by the July 29 date and therefore rather easy to locate. Having said that, I should add that these wonderful survey results do not come with a guarantee of future results. Nevertheless, we truly have reason to celebrate. No hydrilla, no barriers, no treatments !!!!

It should be noted by the membership that these surveys were recommended by Rob Gatewood of the Barnstable Conservation Department and approved by the Barnstable Conservation Commission. Funding for the surveys was approved by the Barnstable Town Council with continued strong support from Centerville Councilor Fred Chirigotis and Town Manager Tom Lynch. Well-deserved and sincere thanks go out to all of the Town leaders who have supported the efforts to eradicate the Hydrilla that threatened to destroy the beauty of Long Pond.

2014 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday August 28 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Victory. Meeting will be followed by casual socializing and light help-yourself refreshments. And yes, there will be a drawing for a really nice door prize. Like a champagne cruise on beautiful Hydrilla-free Long Pond !!!!

If you were unable to make the meeting last year, please consider joining us this year. It's casual and very informal, and it's a nice way to keep in touch.

Our Membership

As I've said before, that's you! Without our members we would have no Association and we would have no formal liaison with our Town and Community leaders. So thank you for your support and participation. And please let me know if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns. If you'd like to take a tour of the Lake sometime this Summer or Fall, please let me know so we can work on a date and time. I can be reached on 508-771-7225. My e-mail is sirchmo@aol.com.

Our Treasury and Dues

As a result of support from the membership through annual dues, voluntary contributions from our Super Supporters, and the transfer of funds from the original Committee for the Preservation of Long Pond, we have a bank balance \$15,621. The account has been and continues to be carefully guarded and cared for by our Treasurer Kallie Garoufes. Our current expenses are relatively modest but as I've said before, it is important to have a reserve that we can use should unforeseen contingencies arise which might require assistance from consultants or require legal assistance (beyond that which Ted Schilling so willingly volunteers). As we are comfortable with the current level of our reserves, we have lowered the annual dues for this year to \$5 per family.

So once again, I'd like to appeal to each of you to renew your membership by sending the enclosed form (which also helps us get info to you) along with your 2014 dues of \$5 per household to Kallie Garoufes. Your information is never shared and is carefully maintained by Membership Chairman Walt Jebens. 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.

Our Steering Committee

This is the group I call the ESC. Yes, The Esteemed Steering Committee! Just want to say thanks to the group. They really are special. Maybe even Esteemed!! ☺ We'll miss Tony and Jean Antin who have just moved to Thirwood to enjoy some easy living. Tony has been on the SC since day one of our journey and we will miss his input and help. Thank you Tony!! Now we welcome Larry Spence to the group. Good guy, good ideas and he gives us another set of eyes on the Pond which he frequents often – and usually with his wife Polly. They both use paddle boards as their observation posts!!!

Sincerely,



Ron Sirch, APLP Chairman
and

The APLP Steering Committee:

- Barbara Enos Bob Enos
- Kallie Garoufes Walt Jebens
- Tim Luzietti Ron Fone
- Sandy Bartlett David Elmer, MD
- Larry Spence Ted Schilling, Esq

Attachment