

# \$80K planned for Hadlock Pond

Supervisor lays out budget for milfoil harvesting projects

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FORT ANN — Lake Hadlock Park District will spend close to \$80,000 on milfoil harvesting and related expenses for Hadlock Pond this year.

The work, designed to reduce the spread of the invasive species, will include eight weeks of mechanical harvesting.

Town Supervisor Richard Moore, board members Dennis Fletcher and Gretchen Stark, and Joe Loszynski, the lake project manager, discussed the harvesting plans and the district bud-

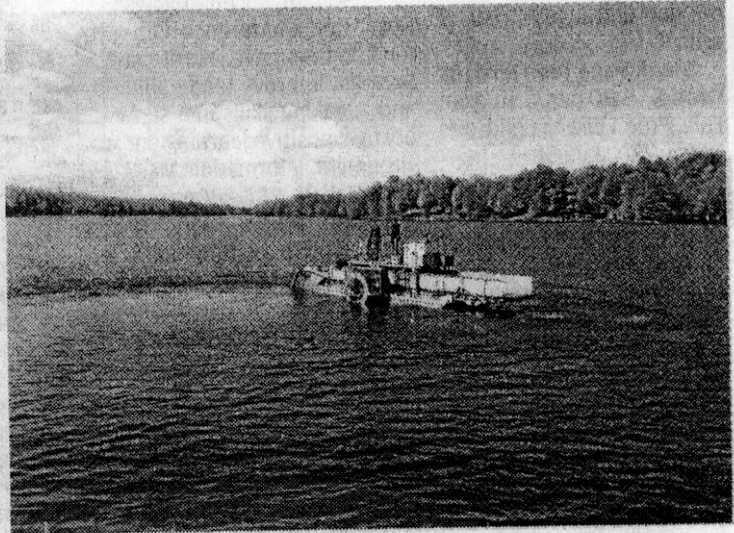
get at a special meeting late last month. Moore called the meeting for the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, so summer residents would be able to attend. About 80 people went to the meeting.

Moore and Loszynski stressed the importance of making the cleanup of the lake a community effort. Moore also complimented Loszynski and said he has heard positive feedback from the Adirondack Park Agency about the management of the lake.

The overall budget for the park district this year is \$258,081. The total cost for milfoil operations is \$75,387.

The eight weeks of surface harvesting includes \$29,600 for labor for a harvester operator,

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Milfoil harvesting is again scheduled for Hadlock Pond this summer. Both machine harvesting and underwater hand harvesting are in this year's budget.

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four surface collectors and two pontoon operators; as well as \$915 for fuel; \$2,627 for repairs, winterization and maintenance; \$3,600 for spring launch and fall pullout of the harvester; \$920 for inventory of parts and rental space; and \$4,200 for removal of the harvested milfoil and transportation to the landfill.

The project fee for consultant Steven Lamear, the lake manager, will be \$9,550. Also included in this year's budget was \$8,000 for the purchase of two used pontoon boats and up to \$15,000 for a

used conveyor. Additional equipment purchases totaled \$975.

This year's initial budget appropriation was \$17,000 more than last year's and \$34,000 higher than in 2013. The initial budget also called for \$20,000 for hand harvesting, but Moore said that will not be done this year.

Moore also reviewed the insurance policy from Chubb Global Underwriting Group, which has a total limit of \$5.2 million and covers all risks of direct physical loss or damage from earth movement, flood or a named wind-storm.

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