

June 9, 2017

TO: Town Board, Town of Fort Ann, Washington County, New York

FM: Joseph F. Loszynski, Park Manager, Lake Hadlock Park District

SUBJ: Monthly Progress Report

MATTERS PENDING FROM MAY, 2017, PROGRESS REPORT:

1. During this reporting period, DEC has decided not to regulate benthic barriers this year. This decision has allowed the town to move forward with a permit process for lake owners to obtain permission to install barriers under our general permit with the APA. As you are aware, a letter was authored by me to all lake owners concerning this matter. With the letter was an application to obtain a permit to install mats. Pre-conditions that must be met in order to obtain a permit was outlined and mentioned numerous times in the letter as well as the permit application. As of today's date, no applications have been received for my review and approval. MATTER WILL REMAIN PENDING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
2. The mechanical harvester was successfully launched on May 23rd and determined to be sea worthy and ready for an aggressive season of harvesting. The program will commence on Monday, June 12th, with four consecutive days of operating. The preparation put into this program over the last several months will finally be put to a test of determining the durability and functionality of the mechanical harvester and the support systems that are in place to ensure our program goals are met for the year. The team responsible for overseeing this discipline has worked very hard to develop a preventive maintenance program that should minimize mechanical failures and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation. A backup operator will be trained to further enhance our capability of operating everyday consistent with the schedule that has been established. The operator trainee for the harvester will began the process of being trained on the machine and an ongoing evaluation will determine after a four week period if the trainee is a good fit for the program. The pontoon boats are prepared for a busy season and measures have been taken to ensure that all the equipment necessary to carry out the collection function has been purchased and available to the workers on the boats. MATTER REMAINS PENDING THROUGHOUT THE HARVESTING SEASON.
3. AIM(Aquatic Invasive Management) started their work hand harvesting on the southwest end of the lake this week. Several high density milfoil beds were discovered and proper emphasis was placed on sufficiently harvesting these areas to a point of picking all plants visible to the divers. The work was tedious due to the volume of milfoil and the weather conditions but the output was consistent with expectations. Their work will continue next week in areas determined to be suitable for a level of intervention necessary to either eradicate or control milfoil in these zones of the lake. These areas generally have

characteristics of being in the deeper parts of the littoral zone, rocky and difficult for milfoil to germinate. MATTER IS PENDING.

4. All backgrounds have been completed relating to the work detail, with the exception of one which is currently under review by the county. All persons operating equipment has submitted to the mandatory drug screening as required by the town. Every member on the detail attended a safety and operations meeting on June 3rd, which was a huge success in my opinion. The town supervisor addressed the group, followed by an extensive agenda which covered a host of topics centering on high expectations, outstanding outcomes and ensuring that everyone practices work habits that are safe to everyone working the detail and the environment. I feel that we have a excellent lineup of personnel who are more than capable of carrying out the responsibilities required to get the work done, consistent with the expectations of all stakeholders.

NEW BUSINESS OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2017:

1. Discussions have taken place over the last several weeks with the leadership of the Lake Hadlock Association concerning instituting a signage program for the lake that puts all users on notice regarding the dangers of transferring invasive species to Lake Hadlock. Contacts with APA and DEC were fruitless with obtaining free signs to erect in strategic points and locations on the roadways surrounding Hadlock. I was able to develop a template with the assistance of DEC that can be reproduced and made into large and highly visible signs that can be easily read by motorist that intend on using the lake for recreational purposes. The lake association has agreed to bear the expense of the signs and the process is moving forward with getting approval from private land owners to install the signs and get them erected before the busy boating season begins on the lake. Many thanks again to LHA for partnering with the town and assisting with projects that have not been budgeted this year. MATTER IS PENDING.
2. During this reporting period, APA advised me that Lake Hadlock could be one of the two lakes chosen to participate in an iMapping initiative, if funds are received through a state grant. I had respectfully asked the APA to consider us based upon our recent performance with executing our lake management plan and complying with all request and demands placed on us by regulatory agencies. This program essentially maps the entire littoral zone of the lake, documenting all aquatic conditions, which can be used in future planning of aquatic intervention going into the future. Being chosen as one of the participants would be a tremendous asset with designing our 3-5 year strategic plan as we move into a new chapter and era on the lake. MATTER IS PENDING.
3. The framework for a verification team to check the work of vendors who perform activities below the surface of the water is being developed as we speak. I have asked the leadership of the lake association to assist me with this project and solicit potential volunteers for their participation. The program will be tailored after the one used on Lake George which appears to have served their association and the Park Commission very well and has been very

effective in ensuring that private contractors are performing their work according to the contract that has been consummated. MATTER IS PENDING.

4. Due to the emphasis being placed on the development of a watershed management component by the regulators, as well as the Adirondack Lake Alliance, an effort is underway to develop a team of volunteers to assist me with assessing the shoreline of the lake for areas that contribute to nutrient loading, excessive storm water runoff, imprudent land development of the shoreline and so on. MATTER IS PENDING.

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