

LAKE STUDY COMMITTEE FY 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The Lake Study Committee (LSC) was established by Annual Town Meeting to work on lake issues and to report to the Board of Selectmen. LSC has six (6) members appointed by the Selectmen who are all Town residents except one person may be a Wales property owner but not a Town resident. Liaison from the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Board of Selectmen may be appointed by their respective boards to attend LSC meetings and participate.

This year the LSC:

1. Drafted a Request for Proposal to treat the Lake which was issued by the Selectmen with Lycott Environmental being selected as the treater.
2. Lycott performed Water Quality and Aquatic Vegetation testing. The test results indicated that we should treat the weeds and the Lilly Pads. At a cost of \$3,700.00 which was funded 50/50 by the Lake Association and the Town, only weeds were treated due to the Lilly Pads were better left for fish habitat.
3. Draw Down reached eighteen inches (18"). Bill Anair, the Town's dam keeper, works with the rain to ensure we do not allow flood conditions downstream while trying to maximize the Draw Down. Do to the weather it was not possible to achieve the maximum thirty six (36) inches allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency.
4. The return of the beavers was monitored. No action steps were taken.
5. Canadian Geese and Ducks continue to be the largest Lake pollution source. No one has identified a reasonable method of reducing their pollution.

LSC members Bob Boronski, Bill Anair, David Hamel, Brett Robinson and Bill Terry. We all thank Annual Town Meeting for approving matching funds for Lake weed control.