



Seymour Lake Association Newsletter

Summer 2003

Notes from the President

I understand that this newsletter is late. I wanted to get it to you well before the annual meeting; however, I have been really busy this spring and summer and have not been able to devote the time to the newsletter.

There is good news. We have had a volunteer with experience express an interest in helping with the newsletter. I welcome the assistance and believe that the next newsletter will be considerably better than the past few that I have been publishing.

Since I am late, this edition will be short. I want to update you on two items before our annual meeting on July 26th..

Currently, the Association's two major issues are the lake level and keeping Eurasian watermilfoil out of our lake. These are of vital interest to members, lake property owners, and every resident of Morgan and the surrounding towns.

Milfoil

The Eurasian Milfoil threat is real. We hired full time monitors for the access area through last September. This

proved beneficial and was done again this year. Our monitors have discovered numerous boats and trailers coming from other lakes with milfoil on one or both. If you have the opportunity, please stop by and speak with our monitors and ask for a summary of what they have found.

Lake Level

The other area of _____ is the lake level and dam. The final _____ Quality Certificate for the project which included our dam was issued in August 2002. The Lake Association felt the certificate did not fully address the needs of Seymour Lake residents with regard to proper lake levels and protection from flooding.

Meetings were held with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VTNR), Citizens Electric and the designer of the dam. The State and design engineers explained the hydrologic report, relation to past and future lake levels and the design of the dam.

Our committee continued to be concerned that an operable gate was not included in the design. Discussions with the Agency of Natural Resources provided little indica-

tion that our concerns would be considered so we appealed the certification. The Association hired an attorney for the appeal process. Attorney Greg Howe, of Newport, did the Association, the Town of Morgan and all residents of Seymour Lake good service.

As a result of many meetings, phone conferences and influence of our elected representatives we were well prepared for the hearing of the appeal scheduled for April 1 and 2 before the Vermont Water Resources Board.

Prior to the hearing, literally at the last minute, a settlement was made with VTNR and Citizens which provides for a proper operable gate. A two year testing of the new dam is set up to review test data and lake levels

The Seymour Dam will probably be constructed in the Summer of 2004.

I am extremely proud of the work that all our committees of volunteers are doing. It is vital to all property owners and everyone in Morgan and the surrounding communities, that these efforts to keep our lake beautiful are continued.

**Annual Meeting, July 26th, 9:00 a.m. at the Morgan Community Center
We need your help. Please attend and join your lake association.**



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Treasurer's Report

Balance July 2002 (audited July 18, 2002)		\$ 7,218.35
Money received		
Map Sales	\$ 912.00	
Ice Out	\$ 1,190.00	
Membership	\$ 2,300.00	
Swimming	\$ 705.00	
Donations	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>	
	\$ 6,907.00	
		\$ 14,125.35
Money paid out		
Greg Howe Lawyer	\$ 6,500.00	
Milfoil Project	\$ 1,650.00	
Newsletter	\$ 400.00	
Miscellaneous/Supplies	<u>\$ 204.26</u>	
	\$ 8,754.26	
Total funds July 11, 2003		\$ 5,371.09

Personal Watercraft

At the last annual meeting of the Seymour Lake Association there were a number of questions asked regarding personal watercraft on the lake. Concerns were voiced by some of the attendees at the meeting that these watercraft are unsafe and should not be allowed to operate on the lake.

It was explained by the association board that this is a State jurisdictional matter. Further concerns were expressed that there were operators in violation of speed and distance from fisherman rules.

A member of the State Police explained that if violations are seen, registration numbers should be taken and reported to the State Police.

Would members of the Association with opinions concerning personal watercraft, please send me a note via e-mail at jtmcwain@earthlink.net or to PO Box 33, Morgan.

Thanks.

Association Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

President:	Jim McWain	Dam/Lake Level	Ron Kolar
Vice President	Fred Cummings	Education	vacant
Secretary	Janet Jackson	Fishing	Homer Selby
Treasurer	Marilyn Gray	Grants	Ron Frascoia
Directors (Term end)		Ice Out	Peter Morse
Fred Jackson 03	Derek Moore 04	Loon Watch	Janet Selby
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Peter Morse 04	Janet Selby 05	Milfoil	Fred Cummings
Kalman Samuels 04		Newsletter	Peter Morse
Committee Chairs		Personal Watercraft	Jim McWain
Boating	Ed Russell		Kalman Samuels

Morgan Town Officers

Moderator:	Stephen Marsh
Selectman	Brian Gray
	Richard LaFoe
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	Kelly Paul
	Cory Carpenter
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	Mary Jo Rigby
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	Diane Moore
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Seymour Lake Association—Membership Application 2003

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To: Marilyn Gray *(Include with the Ice Out Ticket if you wish)*
 Seymour Lake Association, P.O. Box 215, Morgan, Vermont 05853

Type of Membership— Family (\$15) _____ Individual (\$5) _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Names (s) _____
 Seymour Lake Address _____ Phone _____
 Mailing Address (if different than above)
 Street _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ phone _____

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 Join Your Lake Association**