

Minutes of December 9, 2022 Water Quality Committee Meeting via Zoom facilitated by **Tracey**

Present: Peggy, Tracey, Trish, Rhonda, Erik, Kit, Rob and Andy

Discussion Items:

How can we have the most impact on water quality?

Consensus: Lake Wise Program should be our first priority

Action Items:

LAKE WISE PROGRAM - Develop a communications plan to increase participation:

- Update website Lake Wise section with a video inviting participation - **Rob**
- Expand the use of Lake Wise ambassadors for recruiting participants, scheduling evaluations and supporting participants
 - Current ambassadors - **Tracey, Kit, Rob, Neal, Trish and Peggy**
- Use SLA's newsletter to:
 - highlight Lake Wise participants in SLA Annual membership list - **Erik**
 - spotlight a Lake Wise participant with their statement of the benefits of the *program* - **????**
 - promote the July 7, 2023 Lake Wise Workshop in the spring newsletter - **Tracey**
- Utilize email blasts, Facebook and Kiosk to update on Lake Wise participation and give a shout out to participants - **????**
- Create a graph to illustrate historical progress with Lake Wise awarded properties - **Erik**

AGRICULTURE - Publicize in *SLA's Newsletter* farmers who have made improvements to protect the lake's water quality - **Neal**

TOWN REPORT - Committee supplied recommendations for SLA article in Morgan Town Report - **Rhonda**

WEB SITE - **Rhonda** pointed out the need to update phragmites control on the web site - **Peggy**

Updates:

Rhonda: Progress re: wake boat petition to better protect larger lakes like Seymour
Pending SLA participation in a Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP)
Potential for grant funding for water quality protection management of private roads near the lake shore

Next meeting in March

See next page for reports submitted prior to meeting -

Reports submitted prior to meeting:

Lake Wise - Tracey: final outcome of last summer's assessments - 12 properties were evaluated for Lake Wise awards and 8 passed. For next year, I am going to come up with a door hanger that can be left as the hardest part is getting in contact with owners. Once I am able to actually meet an owner, I have had only one person decline to be evaluated. The problem is finding people when they are actually at the lake! Kit & Rob's pilot project? Awarded Properties, neighborhood recruitment

July 7 Workshop - Tracey - For the Lake Wise seminar with Alison on Friday, July 7, I am really hoping to enlist the property owners off of Twin Camp Road. My second idea is properties along Jones Rd. and I would love to get the Jenness/Fountain owners to agree but that is a real long shot. I will have something agreed upon in May to give us plenty of time to promote it.

Lake Wise related BMP grants - Peggy - Will contact those from past years who are eligible for the grants, using the master Lake Wise files on Google Drive

Kiosk - Andy - kiosk will be ready to use this spring

Wake Boat Content for Kiosk - Dan and Ron mention potential need to keep up to date with Beth, Candy & Rhonda?

SLA's newsletter articles - Trish and Tracey - wrote articles for fall newsletter; Neal - has begun planning with Sarah for spring newsletter

Terrestrial Invasive species control - Gerry and Tracey - cut & pulled twice, plants much less robust, Gerry found some at her place on the lake ; Peggy and Tracey - Recruited neighboring Rossi and Fraleigh families who applied for Lake shore owners grants to fund control, contacted Weiselmans - have not heard whether grants were awarded

Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) - Peggy and Rhonda - Rhonda has communicated with Echo Lake Protective Association's President Steve Gratton who agreed to work collaboratively on a watershed Action Plan for the entire Echo watershed which includes Seymour's watershed. DEC has obtained funding for 3 LWAPs with Echo/Seymour being one of the three. Rhonda has learned that we will not need to apply for the LWAP, but will be informed when plans are final.

Web Site – Lake Wise information has been added to the WQ Section; Peggy will submit the Littoral Zone slides to be added to a new submenu item: Lake Ecology: Rhonda has requested us to update the Terrestrial Invasive control info which is outdated.