



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Meeting October 14, 2009

Attending:

P. Callahan	New Fairfield
R. Stroh	New Fairfield
H. Mayer	New Milford
C. Reppenhagen	Sherman
S. Murphy	Brookfield
H. Berger	Sherman
E. Siergiej	Danbury
P. Schaer	Sherman
G. Dufel	Danbury

Absent:

B. Kemble	New Fairfield
M. Toussaint	New Milford
R. Guendelsberger	New Milford
G. Hofsess	Brookfield
F. Cioffi	Brookfield

L. Marsicano, CLA Executive Director
M. Howarth, CLA Public Ed. Director
F. Frattini, CLA Administrative Coordinator

Recorder M. Howarth

Guests: M Propper, Danbury

Prior to the meeting Mark Howarth presented a short film on the Dragon Boat Race to be used for the 2010 race. He also presented the Project CLEAR documentary that was done by the students this past June.

Chairman, Pat Callahan, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 8:05 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT.

Mr. Callahan welcomed the guest.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Callahan advised that the Project CLEAR video was excellent. He noted that he, Mr. Marsicano, Mr. Siergiej, Mrs. Murphy, and Mr. Cioffi had attended the 80th Anniversary celebration of the lake at the New Fairfield Senior Center. It was a good presentation and a nice evening. Mr. Callahan mentioned that this evening was his 13th Anniversary as a delegate for New Fairfield. He noted that he had no other items to cover, as they would be included in the following reports.

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Vice-Chairman's Report: Howie Berger reported that the CLA now has a new website with Mark Howarth taking the lead in creating it. Technology and education were to merge the Facebook "fans" on the new site. Mr. Berger asked Mr. Siergiej if he could see if Mr. Kemble could research the technology for a CLA web cam. Mr. Berger thanked Mr. Howarth for all his efforts on the new site.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Callahan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009 meeting. There were no corrections, deletions or additions. Phyllis Schaer moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Harold Mayer and voted with all in favor. Minutes have been accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer – there was no report.

Executive Director's Report: Larry Marsicano noted that his report for September and October is attached to these minutes. He reviewed a few items covered. He also reported on a memo received today that Project CLEAR will now be filtering down to the 8th grade and he also thanked Mark Howarth and Nic Marsicano for helping out with the teacher training during September. He advised that NALMS would be having their annual conference in Hartford this year October 27 to 31. He reported that he spoke at the Public Hearing in new Fairfield in favor of the zoning proposal for the lake zone – he later learned that the Zoning Commission adopted the new regulations. That leaves only Sherman and Danbury that have not yet adopted similar language in their zoning regulations. Mr. Siergiej asked and Mr. Marsicano advised that the ERT Report done for New Fairfield concurred with the recommendations of the CLA's ACTION PLAN regarding the lake zone and for preserving the lake. The possibility of having a seminar series at WESCON beginning with one on the drawdown and invasive plants is being discussed for early December. Mr. Callahan thanked Mr. Propper for being a CLUB-A liaison. Mr. Propper advised that he thinks the seminar series is a good idea.

Public Education Director Report: Mark Howarth reported that Howie Berger is the man behind the website and thanked him for all his help and guidance. He advised that on the site you will see a lot of changes – it is evolving. He noted that to broaden the audience the site has a Facebook page with an invite to become a fan of the CLA, this is a good way to get information out quickly and thus far there are 61 fans and he would like to see 500 by the end of the year. Other items are covered in his report attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Rich Stroh had nothing to report. Mr. Callahan asked about a date for the annual Patrol dinner – November 6 was the date chosen. It was decided that it would be a CLA function for delegates and employees including the patrol. Location will be Candlewood Lake Club and delegates will bring the food. Susan Murphy will be coordinating the food.

Watershed Management: Harold Mayer, Committee Chair, noted that they had spoken with a staff person of Rep. Murphy regarding the potential problem with the number of docks on the lake as indicated by the Candlewood Pines development in Danbury where a single piece of property with the right to a dock was subdivided and would like to have one dock for each of the 20 lots in the subdivision. This could be a critical situation, the CLA is not opposed to FERC approving the SMP but the CLA would just like FERC to address this potential dock problem. He is asking that each Town have a delegate meet with their CEO to make them aware that the CLA is not asking that FERC reject the SMP but to approve with a caveat that the dock situation needs to be addressed. This is critical and asked that the delegates contact their CEO'S. Mr. Siergiej asked if there was something written up on this – Mr. Marsicano noted that he would provide such a document.

Equipment/Facilities: Committee Chair, Ed Siergiej, reported the season is winding down. Staff was preparing for the removal of the buoys and boats. He has replaced some of the glass on the windows and doors of ARK II. He advised that he had spoken to the Mayor's Chief of Staff regarding the delegate opening from Danbury – he said they have a few candidates.

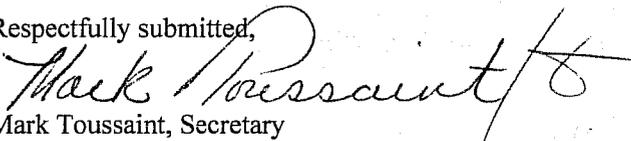
Mrs. Frattini advised that Mr. Siergiej had some out-of-pocket expenses for repairs to the ARKII totaling \$90.00 and a motion to reimburse him would be needed. Mr. Siergiej advised that was for the safety glass. Charlie Reppenhagen moved to reimburse Mr. Siergiej the \$90.00 seconded by Rich Stroh and voted with all in favor. Mr. Siergiej will be reimbursed.

Public Awareness: In the absence of the Committee Chair – there was no report.

Old/New Business:

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Mr. Mayer moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reppenhagen.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Toussaint, Secretary
Frances Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

n/r/b/t

*These minutes are not considered official until they
have been approved at the next regularly scheduled
meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority.*



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Executive Director's Report September 3, 2009 Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes activities from August 6 to September 3, 2009

PROJECT CLEAR – CANDLEWOOD LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY

A CLEAR teacher training / curriculum development workshop took place on August 17th and 18th on Deer Island. Another is scheduled for September 12th and 13th.

A meeting with Western Connecticut State University and Education Connection occurred on August 21st to revise a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to expand Project CLEAR. Dr. Pinou from WCSU has suggested that she and I may need to go and visit the NSF directly in Washington, DC later this year.

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

A CLA delegation of Harold Mayer, Phyllis Schaer and me met with District Director Rob Michalik to discuss our submittal to FERC on the SMP, including the Recreation Report.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

We received the King's Mark Environmental Review Team report CANDLEWOOD LAKE: WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ISSUES. This report precipitated out of our request and the New Fairfield Selectmen's support for an environmental review of the factors surrounding proposed zoning regulations in the Town of New Fairfield. The report confirms many of the CLA's long held views of lake and watershed management, and repeatedly cited the CLA's ACTION PLAN and ECONOMIC ANALYSIS studies. The report can be viewed on the CLA's new website.

We met with members of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative to discuss the report and other CWI plans. One recommendation made which we are pursuing is a program on September 28th where members of the public can hear from some of the authors of the ERT report, as well as hear from Susan Murphy and Gary Smolen on their book on Candlewood Lake. The event is scheduled to be held at the New Fairfield Community room and will be televised in that area via local access television.

The Watershed Committee met on August 25th.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Per AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF CANDLEWOOD LAKE that was signed into law by the Governor, the CT DEP has begun collecting data on

boat size, engine size, and public perception of the problems at Candlewood. On August 19th we assisted the CT DEP in a boat count where all boats docked or moored on the lake were counted and categorized by size, engine type, and engine size if the engine type was an outboard. The CLA performed the count at all the commercial marinas while the CTDEP covered the rest of the lake. The CTDEP also devised a survey, which we were asked for input on. The survey was discussed at a meeting of the CTDEP and the CEOs (or their representatives) of the Candlewood municipalities on September 3rd. Others participating in the meeting were State Senator Michael McLachlin and I. Phyllis Schaer attended representing the Town of Sherman. The survey was disseminated via the CLA's Electronic News emailing list on September 5th, via the CLA website, and through other venues by the CTDEP.

MILFOIL WEEVIL PROJECT

Dr. Michelle Marko visited Candlewood on August 12th. Dr. Marko is faculty at Concordia College, MN; is overseeing the weevil pilot project for the CT Agricultural Experiment Station; and is considered an expert in this field. Dr. Marko and I surveyed the original sites and found that milfoil beds were still thin and plants were not breaking the surface to flower. Dr. Marko confirmed that postponing the introduction of additional weevils this summer was probably in the best interest of this project.

A debate on whether to do another deep drawdown or not is developing. I've discussed this with CLUB*A's David Marsillio, who has also spoken to others to express his feelings that another deep drawdown should be done. Mr. Marsillio was honest about his perspective, i.e. his use and enjoyment of the lake. I expressed that the CLA must maintain a larger perspective, which includes the lake's health, habitat, etc. The CLA should discuss / confirm its position on the biennial deep drawdown.

OTHER

I was invited by Danbury Councilman and President of the Driftwood Point Association, Michael Calandrino, to celebrate Candlewood's 80 anniversary celebration at their beach on the night of Saturday, August 15th. Also attending were Mayor Mark Boughton and Common Council President Joe Cavo.

A Finance Committee meeting was held on September 2nd.



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Executive Director's Report October 8, 2009 Larry Marsicano

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PROJECT CLEAR – CANDLEWOOD LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY

Teacher training / curriculum development workshops were conducted on Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th, respectively. Mark and Nick from our staff facilitated. The first classroom day is scheduled for November 6th.

Copies of the documentary created by CLEAR students and Mark Howarth and shown at this meeting are being created. We will be sending a copy, along with the program from the Project CLEAR 2009 final program to the CEOs and Superintendents of our towns.

NORTH AMERICAN LAKE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

The International Symposium of the North American Lakes Management Society is scheduled for October 27th to 31st in Hartford, CT. Candlewood Lake and CLA are well-represented by the following:

- oral presentation by L. Marsicano and A. Peklo on Project CLEAR on October 30th
- oral presentation by A. Ogama on Weevil Research at Candlewood Lake on October 30th
- poster presentation by L. Marsicano, K. Ponak and J. Cordes on Boat Density on Candlewood Lake
- poster presentation by A. Ogama, E. Healy, S. Wagener & L. Marsicano on Weevil Research at Candlewood Lake

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

We were approached by members of the community and Patrick to investigate conditions at Pine Island on Candlewood Lake (see Mark's report). We were also asked by the Danbury EIC to review plans for 67 Cedar Drive, Danbury. Gary Dufel and I reviewed an original and revised plan, put together a letter with our concerns and have sent it to the EIC, the engineering firm representing the owner, and Brian Wood at FirstLight. We met with Brian Wood of FirstLight on October 1st to discuss several shoreline issues.

1. 2 Indian Trail in Brookfield where the shoreline had been nearly completely cleared even though only invasive plants were to be removed. Brian is working with homeowner to finalize a planting plan. Part of the land was community

owed. Brian sent along a draft planting plan and will request that office staff cc us with correspondence on this and other projects in a timely manner.

2. Pine Island – a field trip with Brian, New Fairfield land use officers and the CLA is planned for early November.
3. 67 Cedar Drive in Danbury who are installing an onsite septic treatment system as well as knocking down the existing home and rebuilding. We discussed the applicant proposing a vegetated buffer as part of the stormwater management and water quality protection plan.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

The CLA partnered with the CWI to put on an event on Monday night, September 28th that celebrated the 80th Anniversary year of Candlewood Lake and provide educational programming on how to protect the lake in the future. Susan Murphy and Gary Smolen from FirstLight provided their presentation on the “Making of Candlewood Lake.” Their program was followed by John Rozum of the UCONN Cooperative Extension NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials) and Sean Hayden of the Northwest Conservation District. Both Mr. Rozum and Mr. Hayden were contributors to the ERT report which looked at conditions in the Candlewood watershed and recommendations to modify zoning regulations to better protect water resources.

On the night of October 1st the New Fairfield Zoning Commission held a public meeting to take comments on proposed zoning regulation revisions. Revisions included setting standards for total impervious and effective impervious in any new site work in residential areas. A summary of those regulations, which the Zoning Commission adopted at the end of their meeting, is attached to the end of this report.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

We were asked to summarize the measures we undertook this past season to address Marine Patrol liability issues. A draft summary is attached to this report.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL / MILFOIL WEEVIL PROJECT

A baseline analysis of the milfoil weevil population was performed on September 9th in Patrol Cove (inside cove west of Knollcrest). This is one of the sites for additional weevil stocking proposed for this past summer but postponed to next summer due to low milfoil densities. Andy Ogama of WCSU who was involved in the weevil research in the summer of 2008 and I visited the site, selected areas on both sides of the cove and sampled along transects. Ogama performed biomass and weevil presence analyses in the laboratory at WCSU.

We have received a preliminary report from Dr. Tom Lonigan from WCSU. He and his graduate students conducted research over the summer looking at the response and sensitivity of the milfoil to freezing and desiccation and varying lengths of exposure. The report is available on our website. We will be facilitating additional collections of milfoil on Sunday, October 18th for additional tests.

I have had several conversations with Dave Marsillio of CLUB*A who is advocating for another deep drawdown. We are working with WCSU in planning an educational seminar for the public in early December on the deep drawdown for weed control. Dr. Linda Vaden-Goad (Dean of Arts and Sciences), Dr. Tom Lonegan (Chair of Biology / Environmental Science Dept.) and Dr. Chris Kukk have expressed great support. A planning meeting is scheduled for this Friday.

OTHER

A Lake Advisory Committee Meeting per the Recreation Management Plan is tentatively scheduled for November 9th.

I've been invited to attend the November meeting of the Lake Candlewood Power Squadron on the night of November 19th and discuss current Candlewood events and topics.

Selected sections of the proposed and adopted Zoning Regulations for the Town of New Fairfield

1.1 PURPOSE

These Regulations are enacted for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Town of New Fairfield and for the purposes set forth at §8-2 of the General Statutes; To carry out these purposes, these Regulations are designed:

D. To encourage the provision of housing options and opportunities; to control soil erosion and sedimentation; to protect existing and potential sources of potable water; to protect water quality in Ball Pond, Candlewood Lake and other surface water resources;

1.5 GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS

1.5.4 Storm Water Management In all districts all development shall be designed to the extent practicable with the goal of no net runoff from the site through the use Best Management Practices ("BMP") to minimize, treat, prevent, and/or reduce degradation of water quality and flooding potential due to storm water runoff from parking and other impervious surfaces and to reduce Effective Impervious Coverage wherever possible. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant a variance from the Effective Impervious Coverage requirements of these Regulations including the particular requirements for each zoning district. No net runoff shall mean that the volume of runoff from the site after development shall not, to the extent practicable, exceed the volume of site runoff prior to the proposed development. In addition the storm water management system shall be designed, constructed and maintained with the BMP to minimize run-off volumes, prevent flooding, reduce soil erosion, and protect water quality.

2.1 DEFINITIONS

IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE: The total actual Impervious Surface calculated for post-development conditions on a lot or parcel **reduced** by the amount of Impervious Surface that is subject to implementation of a Stormwater Management Plan. The Stormwater Management Plan must employ Low Impact Development as described in Section 6.7 and other techniques that capture, treat, and reduce the negative impact of storm water up to and including a twenty-five (25)-year storm event.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: The area of a parcel covered by buildings, structures, pavement, sidewalks, roadways, driveways paved and unpaved, swimming pools, basketball and tennis courts, and other similar recreation courts, as well as other impervious surfaces that prevent storm water from being absorbed into the ground. Other areas covered by manufactured materials designed to allow water infiltration and vehicle traffic, may be considered impervious by the Commission in the percentage reliably documented by manufacturer or integrator specifications.

CHAPTER 3 - RESIDENCE ZONES

3.0.2.A. Table of Zoning Requirements – Residential Districts, Existing Lots, and Divisions into Four (4) Lots or Less

Zoning Requirement	R-88	R-44	OS	MFDE
Minimum Lot Area	2 ac.	1 ac.	10 ac. ⁽¹⁾	5 ac.
Minimum Road Frontage	175'	125'	175'	125'
Setback Requirements ⁽²⁾				
Front – minimum	75'	40'	75' ⁽¹⁾	50'
Front – minimum after modification	40'	40'	40' ⁽¹⁾	50'
Side – minimum	35'	20'	35' ⁽¹⁾	50'
Side – minimum after modification	20'	20'	20' ⁽¹⁾	50'
Rear – minimum	60'	50'	60' ⁽¹⁾	50'
Rear – minimum after modification	50'	50'	50' ⁽¹⁾	50'
Building and Coverage Requirements				
Maximum Building Area	15%	20% ⁽¹⁾	6% ⁽¹⁾	25%
Maximum Impervious Surfaces	25%	25%	12%	50%
Maximum Effective Impervious Coverage ⁽³⁾	10%	10%	6%	35%
Maximum Building Height	35'	35'	35'	35'

⁽¹⁾To achieve the Maximum Effective Impervious Coverage requirement, the requirements of Section 6.7 shall apply.

3.0.2.B. Table of Zoning Requirements – Residential Subdivisions of Five (5) or More Lots

Same Maximum Impervious Surface and Maximum Effective Impervious Coverage as in 3.0.2.A.

3.4 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT OS - LARGE LOT ZONING

3.4.1. Intent and Purpose

The intent and purpose of the Open Space District is to:

- A. preserve significant Open Space on Vaughn's Neck, a peninsula surrounded by Candlewood Lake and very remote from other areas of New Fairfield;
- B. protection of the water quality and other sensitive resources of Candlewood Lake;
- C. provide for development that reflects the remote and unique location and character of Vaughn's Neck, which is distant and non-contiguous to the balance of New Fairfield making it seriously inaccessible to fire protection, emergency services, and other community facilities; and,
- D. Implement development consistent with the concerns set forth in the Plan of Conservation and Development regarding development in the Vaughn's Neck area.

3.4.5. Minimum Lot Area and Frontage

A. The minimum Lot Area shall be ten (10) acres.

6.7 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Where a proposed zoning application or site plan application involves a residential lot or residential development where more than ten (10) percent of a total Lot Area consists of existing or proposed Impervious Surfaces and for all other non-residential proposed development without regard to the percentage of proposed or existing impervious surfaces, a site plan application and a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP), shall be required and submitted to the Commission or the ZEO.

The purpose of the SWMP is to insure that proper measures will be taken to filter and treat storm water from impervious surfaces on the site and thus protect the quality of groundwater and surface water. All Storm Water Management Plans shall be subject to review by the Town Engineer.

Storm water management plans shall be meet the following requirements.

The entire proposed and adopted Zoning Regulations can be found at:
http://www.newfairfield.org/filestorage/66/512/1803/NFZoningRegs_8-13-09.pdf



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Measures and Policies to Reduce Municipal Liability October 13, 2009

In light of threatened legal action against the Candlewood Lake Authority and the member municipalities stemming from the July 2008 boating accident, the following measures and policy modifications went into affect in 2009:

1. The CLA investigated and purchased a \$5,000,000.00 umbrella insurance policy to supplement its \$1,000,000.00 general liability and \$1,000,000.00 professional liability policies that it already holds. As requested by member municipalities, the City of Danbury and the Towns of Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford and Sherman have all been named on all policies as additionally insured.
2. All new recruits for Lake Patrol Officers (LPO) will be subject to psychological examinations and polygraphs as part of the screening process. Those failing the psychological exam or the polygraph will not be hired by the CLA as a LPO.

In addition and as part of the already established LPO probationary period (see below), new LPOs will not be initially allowed to carry side arms on their belts. Only upon successful completion of the probationary field training period (1 to 1 ½ years) will LPOs be allowed to carry side arms provided that they were qualified by a State-certified side arms instructor from the CTDEP.

It is also important to recognize the measures that have always been in place designed to ensure that our Lake Patrol operates only in the most professional manner.

- All LPOs attend yearly training in boating safety, personal defense, and firearms safety. These yearly qualifications are considered to be at a level of "*Basic Police Training*" as defined in Sec. 7-294a of the CGS. Each LPO must successfully complete the training program and be qualified by State-certified instructors annually in order to work as an LPO for the CLA. The training program is the same one attended by the CTDEP's Special Conservation Officers and Seasonal Park Officers
- In addition to yearly training and qualifying, new LPO recruits go through a series of vetting protocols and training. Upon a conditional hire, they are subject to comprehensive background check inclusive of a criminal background check, a criminal motor vehicle check, a thorough employment check, and personal reference check. Background checks are done in conjunction with the CTDEP.
- A LPO recruit then attends 60+ hours of Lake Patrol Officer training, which is a comprehensive program written and instructed by the CTDEP's Environmental Conservation Police. Upon successful completion of the program, new LPOs begin a 1 to 1½ year probationary field training program where the new LPO works closely with one or more of our seasoned LPOs for that period of time.



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September 9, 2009
Public Education
Mark Howarth

Website:

We have completed most of the work for the new website and uploaded it to the server. It has been activated and made available to the public. The new site will continue to go through some changes, both cosmetic and functional, to both the home page and some interior pages, as we look to continue to increase what we have to offer to the public. The new site has pages that describe our function and the various projects we are involved with, lake information and lake protection information among other things. Also available on our new site is a calendar, on which we will list our meetings with the time and location of the various meetings for all to see. We are in the process of filling in the remaining months on the calendar. We are also looking to connect with a different audience by offering a link to a Candlewood Lake Authority Facebook page. It is our hope that we can better communicate with this audience through this method. We are also working on completing an interactive Candlewood Lake Land Use map, to be made available through our home page.

Project CLEAR Documentary:

Our Project CLEAR documentary is in its final phase of production. At the moment, we are finishing the final "voice over" recording/work, which is the last step prior to its completion and release. We expect that work to be done this week. Once complete, the video will be uploaded to our website for the public to view to help them gain an understanding of what Project CLEAR involves – from the training the students receive during the school year, to the field work and presentations the students take part in each June. Upon completion we also plan to submit the video to National Geographic, to see if they will take an interest in our program.

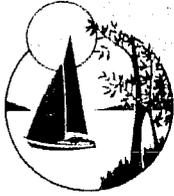
Project CLEAR Teacher Training:

We took part in the new two-day Project CLEAR teacher training which was held this August on Deer Island with a second session for the remaining teachers to be held in September.

CT DEP Boat Study:

We assisted the CT DEP efforts to document every moored vessel on Candlewood by documenting those at the commercial marinas for them. We

noted each boat's overall length (within one of 4 categories), engine size (outboard engines only) and vessel type (PWC, pontoon, sterndrive, inboard etc.)



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October 14, 2009
Public Education
Mark Howarth

Website:

Our new website has gone under continued changes and upgrades since its launch last month. Our goal is to create a site that becomes a valuable resource for the public. Of particular note are the following changes and additions.

Facebook Fan Page: We have a Candlewood Lake Authority Facebook page now. We are working to build our "fan base". Facebook gives us a convenient way to quickly notify our "fans" about what is going on here and on the Lake. It is updated regularly with new information.

Videos: We now have a way to show videos on our new website. We have several videos up on the site already – the Project CLEAR documentary, our weevil stocking video and a video slide show of scenic Candlewood photos. We anticipate increasing the number of videos we offer on the site, to provide the public a resource for information.

Home Page: Our home page is going through both aesthetic and functional changes. One change is the active window on the left, which creates visual interest, contains graphics and links and will give us the ability to make changes to that area with relative ease. We will continue to make changes to improve the look and functionality of the home page in the future.

Project CLEAR Documentary:

The Project CLEAR documentary is now finished. It has been uploaded and is available for viewing on our website. It is roughly 20 minutes in length. We are also working to show it on the local public access channels. There are already plans to have it run on Channel 17 in New Fairfield. We are currently working out some technical glitches with the DVD. Upon Education Connection's final approval, we will be sending the final DVD to National Geographic as mentioned before and we also plan to distribute the DVD to certain individuals to increase awareness of this educational student program.

Pine Island:

We have received complaints from area communities regarding Pine Island. In response to these complaints, on September 8th, we conducted bacteria sampling from the waters near the shoreline. The tests from that day came back within the acceptable range. On September 22nd, we went to Pine Island with Tim Simpkins (Town of New Fairfield Health Dept) and Maria Horowitz (Town of

New Fairfield Zoning) and toured it via boat, close to the shore. Based on that visit, Tim and Maria recommended another visit in the fall after the leaves have fallen where FirstLight is also present to also address issues below the 440' line. That visit is scheduled for later this fall.

September E-Newsletter:

We sent out another electronic newsletter in September.

Article Titles Included:

- Eurasian Watermilfoil Research Continues – Candlewood Lake Weed Research To Expand
- Western Connecticut State University – An Important Candlewood Lake Partnership Grows
- Environmental Review Team – King's mark Team Issues Report
- DEP Boat Survey
- Candlewood Lake's 80th Year Celebrated at Driftwood Point
- Project Clear Training
- NALMS Hartford
- Brookfield Canoe & Kayak Race
- CLA Boat Count