



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Meeting October 13, 2010

Attending:

H. Berger	Sherman
P. Schaer	Sherman
C. Reppenhagen	Sherman
R. Stroh	New Fairfield
R. Guendelsberger -	New Milford
H. Mayer	New Milford
M. Toussaint	New Milford
J. Murphy	Brookfield
W. Lohan	Brookfield
E. Siergiej	Danbury
G. Dufel	Danbury

Absent:

M. Calandrino	Danbury
J. Hodge	New Fairfield
B. Kemble	New Fairfield
F. Cioffi	Brookfield

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

Recorder: R. Stroh

Guests: D. Gilbert, CT Bass Federation Nation
M. Propper, CLUB-A
Joseph Wodarski, CLUB-A
Sui Wodarski, CLUB-A

Howie Berger, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:32 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. He welcomed the guests.

Secretary's Report: Rich Stroh, Secretary, noted that there were corrections to the minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting. Frances Frattini read the corrections to the minutes on Page 2 under Watershed Management fourth line down delete "generally" after the word basis add "and that controls the milfoil", on the next line after consistent add "an the milfoil grew enormously". Eleven lines down from the top after Mr. Gates - delete seemed amenable and change it to "said this was feasible". Ed Siergiej moved to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting as corrected, seconded by Harold Mavor and voted with all in favor, minutes have been accepted.

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Chairman's Report – Howie Berger advised items would be covered during the course of the meeting. Items that will be covered this evening will be the interactive weed map, meeting with FirstLight, research on effects of multiple deep drawdowns and Public Safety regarding the Lake Patrol.

Larry Marsicano presented a power point of the weed map which was compiled from data collected this past summer by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on the Milfoil. It shows Milfoil up from the 451 acres in 2008 to 483 acres in 2010. He noted that approximately 295 acres (61%) could be killed off in an effective deep drawdown with 188 acres (39%) remaining based on the calculations of the mapping. Mr. Marsicano commented on a margin of error in GIS exercises due to differences in data sources, but suggested it provided a good approximation. This map will be available on the CL website. A special edition e-newsletter on Milfoil Management was sent to over 1500 recipients of the CLA E-News. It noted that the drawdown should reach 419' by January 7th and remain down until the last end February and with favorable weather conditions it should be effective - this will be tracked on the website. A letter has been sent to FirstLight advising what an effective drawdown consists of. The CLA would like the upcoming and future deep drawdowns to be effective by prescribing to the conditions noted above. Mark Howarth read a quote from Bob Gates of First Light that was included in the special E-newsletter which states: "it (FirstLight) will continue to conduct deep drawdowns in a manner that factors in the needs of the public with respect to shoreline structures and weed control, while also taking into consideration business operations, weather conditions and the recommendations of the experts that serve on the Nuisance Plant Technical Committee. First Light will endeavor to draw the water surface level of Candlewood Lake to its normal winter level by mid to late December so that ice damage to structures is minimized, and then complete the deep drawdown during cold periods in January, holding the water surface at that elevation through at least the end of February. Heavy rainfall or snowmelt may impact the timing of each drawdown phase."

Phyllis Schaer noted that strong public support for the effective deep drawdown as recommended by the CLA would be helpful.

Mr. Marsicano reported that EnviroScience should have their Weevil report for this season soon. He also noted that Dr. Lonagan of WCSU is into the next phase of his milfoil study which will be the effects of snow on the winter freeze of the plants.

Ed Siergiej noted that he had heard that the penstock is scheduled to be rebuilt – he was advised not this year.

Vice-Chairman's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis Schaer, Treasurer, reported that all the Towns have paid their 2010-2011 appropriations in full. She is scheduling two Finance Committee meetings in the coming year and also there will be a Finance Committee meeting in November and asked the committee chairs to have their 2011-2012 budget proposals by the November 3rd date. The Finance Committee will meet prior to the Executive Committee meeting on the same night. Also, the annual audit for the year ended 6/30/2010 is in the final stages.

Howie Berger brought up the fact that the CLA has no policy regarding accrued vacation. He noted that HR recommends that vacation be capped at 4 weeks – i.e. if an employee has 3 weeks vacation and uses only two weeks he can carry forward one week into the next year, if he used only one week he can still only carry forward one week as three weeks plus the carry over week = the cap of 4 weeks. Also part time employees – those working less than 20 hours per week will also have vacation but it will take them twice as long to earn vacation days i.e. if it

takes 5 years for a full time employee to earn three weeks vacation for a part time person it will take ten years, they may also carry over same as full time employees. Discussion followed and Mr. Berger advised he would write it down, send it to the delegates and it will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting.

Executive Director: Larry Marsicano noted that his report is attached to these minutes. He presented a brief overview of the literature search and review done by the CLA Intern, Shannon Ring, on the effects of drawdown. This was in response to a recent Citizen News article by Alex Messerle who wrote in support of annual deep drawdowns. Mr. Marsicano noted that annual deep drawdowns cause repetitive stressing of the system and alter the biodiversity of the lake. He also noted that there was a literature search and review done for the CLA back in 1990 with a number of scientific articles cited in the "Effects of Winter Drawdown on Fish and Benthic Macroinvertebrates". Discussion followed. It was noted that the CLA still supports biennial deep drawdown. Discussion continued. The CLA website will have lake friendly ways to control milfoil, e.g. cutting, raking, barriers, etc.

Public Education Director: Mark Howarth reported that he had completed the publication "Candlewood Lake, A promise...for the future" which has been distributed in conjunction with the Candlewood Watershed Initiative's Storm Drain marking program in New Fairfield which will be done in Sherman also. Another reprinting may be needed to distribute to the other towns. An electronic version will be available on the website. He worked on two issues of the CLA E-News, spoke to the Danbury Lions Club and designed and ordered new signs for the ARK II.

Public Safety: Rich Stroh asked for a motion to send a letter to the DEP asking for a three month extension to January 31, 2011 of the MOA which is due to expire on October 31. Charlie Reppenhagen moved to send the letter to DEP, seconded by Ed Siergiej and voted with all in favor. The letter will be sent requesting the extension. Mr. Stroh also reported that Joe Yedowitz is leaving CLAMP both as Chief and an officer.

Mr. Berger advised that Mr. Yedowitz had sent a letter outlining a number of points that need to be addressed with DEP when discussing the 2011 MOA. Also the CLA would like to get the input of the Towns before sitting down with the DEP. The CLA does not want to be without an agreement for next season. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Equipment/Facilities: Ed Siergiej reported they are preparing to remove the buoys at the end of the season. Work on the ARK has been completed which was to replace the cabin and install new signs.

Public Awareness – Mark Toussaint noted the committee started the year with 15 initiatives and has completed 8 with three in various stages of completion and 4 may no longer be relevant. He also reminded the delegates that if the media calls there is a difference between CLA policy and personal opinion and if approached by the media that needs to be kept in mind.

Mark Propper complemented Mark Howarth on the publication and asked if it will be available other than on the website. Mr. Howarth noted that methods of distribution to the City of Danbury, and Towns of Brookfield and New Milford still needs to be determined.

Watershed Management: Harold Mayer reported the committee would like to invite the public to work with the CLA and that Phyllis Schaer will chair a sub-committee to join in a study on what is going on other lakes. Mrs. Schaer invited the members of the audience to work on the

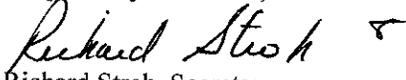
sub committee and Mr. Mayer advised that any members of the Watershed Management Committee could also be members.

Mr. Mayer advised that Northeast Utilities has prepared a draft land management plan for the land it owns on the lake (Vaughn's Neck, Candlewood Mountain, the two islands in Sherman and a parcel in New Fairfield, etc.). It is very thorough on the forest management (trees), it does show a desire to keep the land as open space and provide public access but is not as detailed as the Forest Management portion, it is a good plan, the CLA has made some suggestions and members of NU plan on meeting with CLA on October 28 for a boat ride to see the lands. Mr. Mayer noted that he hoped that an easement to keep the lands as open space could be worked out "in his lifetime".

Old/New Business: Mr. Marsicano advised that Glenn (former Brookfield delegate) and KristiLynn Hofsess have a new baby girl.

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Jerry Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Harold Mayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Stroh, Secretary
Frances Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

r/b/s

*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 October 8, 2010 Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes activities August 30, 2010 to October 8, 2010.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH

We continue to implement the plan set forth by the CLA earlier in the year. After Executive / Watershed Committees' meeting with Bob Gates in August we sent a letter to more officially make a request for a deep drawdown that followed the traditional model (hitting target depth by at least early January, maintaining the level until the end of February, and getting the level up by mid April). Mr. Gates did respond back with his comments which are in the Special October Electronic Newsletter on the milfoil issue we sent out on October 5th.

We examined the weed mapping data collected in the summer of 2010. A short presentation will be given at the October CLA meeting on how we are using the data to predict how much of the milfoil will be exposed, and theoretically killed, if the deep drawdown is effective.

I received email from Nancy Cushing from EnviroScience telling me that their field season is about over and that they will begin working on a report regarding their findings on our 2010 milfoil stocking sites based on their August 24th visit.

Dr. Tom Lonergan shared some recent and interesting results from their research on the environmental sensitivities of milfoil, i.e. freezing roots in saturated soils vs freezing in water, and plans for examining other variables, e.g. snow cover's effect on drawdowns. We are scheduled to assist in collections of more living plant material on October 14th.

LITERATURE SEARCHS ON DRAWDOWNS & IMPACTS TO LITTORAL ZONE

In an article printed in the Citizen News in September, the author reported that New Fairfield Town officials were calling on the CLA and CT DEP to document why successive deep drawdowns could be ill advised. The author also committed to conducting "a world-wide literature search for academic, state environmental agency, lake authority, and consultant studies on the impact of lake level drawdowns on plants and particularly animals that inhabit lakes." On October 5th I learned that the aforementioned literature search was conducted sent to Bob Gates of FirstLight on September 23rd, carbon copied to New Fairfield Town officials, and that purportedly the First Selectman of New Fairfield wanted a response from the CLA and DEP on the literature search. We did not receive any direct request from New Fairfield for the literature search.

The package of material was reviewed. It included a cover letter to Mr. Gates and the report on the literature search. The literature search was divided into two parts. The first part contained a summary of the findings from the literature search. The second part contained sections of the literature cited. There were only eight references, none of which appeared to be primary scientific literature, i.e. from peer-reviewed scientific journals. The focus of the review appeared

to be impacts on fish and invertebrates and made no mention of other known impacts such as erosion, habitat loss, nutrient releases, etc. While the author seemed to support annual deep draw downs, some of his findings supported a more conservative approach. For example, the materials referenced regularly noted that lakes where drawdowns were conducted did not show a loss in numbers of organisms, but rather a loss of species diversity.

We collect scientific literature on drawdowns and impacts to lakes on an ongoing basis. We tasked our intern from WCSU, Shannon Ring, to do some searching of her own, catalog our references and create a summary table showing the impacts of drawdowns to lakes and the literature they were discussed in. Shannon's work to date will be provided at the board meeting. In addition, Frances Frattini provided me a copy of the literature search commissioned by the CLA in 1990 which was designed to focus exclusively on impacts to fish and invertebrates. A summary was provided and based on 30 references (most of which were primary scientific literature). A copy of the 1990 literature review will be provided at the board meeting as well.

It is important to note that the CLA continues to support biennial deep drawdowns, but does not support annual deep drawdowns at this time, nor should it until all other options are fully explored.

RECREATION / PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGEMENT

The current MOA with the CT DEP that our Patrol is operating under will expire on October 31st. We met with Public Safety Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee working on this issue to discuss the current MOA. At that meeting, it was made clear that there are areas in that agreement that need further consideration. CLAMP Chief Joe Yedowitz has articulated a number of those areas in writing. We met with Attorney Backer on October 5th to discuss how to proceed. Recommendations were discussed at the October 6th Executive Committee meeting, with agreement that a memo be sent to the municipal CEO's updating them. Another recommendation – to request a three month extension of the existing MOA should be discussed and acted on at this board meeting. The letter to the CEO's and draft letter to the CTDEP are attached.

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

On Wednesday, September 22nd I lectured to the Conservation Biology class at Western Connecticut State University. On Friday, September 24th we provided a field trip to the class on the CLA's Research and Education Vessel. We also provided a field trip to the Vertebrate Biology class from WCSU on October 7th. We are scheduled to provide a field trip for the Environmental Science class from Post University on October 18th.

STORM DRAIN MARKING / BMPS AT HOME FOR THE WATERSHED

On Saturday, September 25th the Candlewood Watershed Initiative kicked off their stormdrain marking / information distribution project. We have worked closely with CWI in developing this program, and in recent weeks helped enlist high school / college student volunteers. The publication Mark completed last month was part of the information distributed. I was able to participate on the 25th and teamed up with two students from WCSU to mark approximately 20 stormdrains in the center of New Fairfield. The project is ongoing. CWI plans on assisting the Town of Sherman in a similar stormdrain marking / information distribution program in the near future.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Water quality monitoring was conducted on September 23rd. The final monitoring event of the season will take place later in October. Bacteria monitoring was performed up through September 7th by the New Fairfield Senior Environment Corps.

MEETING WITH FIRSTLIGHT

On Wednesday, October 6th, Howie Berger, Gary Dufel, Jerry Murphy and I from the CLA and John Hodge and Tim Simpkins from the Town of New Fairfield met with Jim Ginnetti, Bob Gates and Brian Wood of FirstLight as a follow up to the meeting on August 16th discussed in last month's report. The goal was to work on the lack of trust issues that have developed over that last several years and address specific projects on FirstLight property along the shore of the lake. We provided a presentation showing before and after pictures of selected locations along the shoreline where disturbances from projects had occurred. The meeting was beneficial and another is planned for the coming months.

LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Lake Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 20th at 11 AM at FirstLight's Office in New Milford. I will be attending.

MEETING WITH NORTHEAST UTILITIES RE: CANDLEWOOD LAKE PROPERTY

Our meeting scheduled for September 28th was rescheduled for October 25th. We did receive a 120-page draft *Management Plan for Northeast Utilities' Candlewood Lake Properties*. We reviewed that document and also had it reviewed by a land management expert. A letter with our comments on the plan was sent to NU on September 9th. In general we thought the draft plan reflected desires of NU to keep their Candlewood Lake properties as open space. The plan provided general concepts and detailed plan for continued forestry practices. There were promising conceptual language on recreational use, conservation goals, etc.

A copy of our letter to NU is available upon request.

OTHER

Our Summary Annual Report for FY 09-10 was written and submitted to the Town of Sherman as requested. A copy has been attached to this report.

On the morning of Thursday, October 7th we met with the New Fairfield Senior Environment Corp, a group from the NF Senior Center. This is the group that now does the CLA's collections of water samples for bacteria analyses during the summer. The NFSEC is looking for other opportunities to contribute. A number of possibilities were discussed. One that seemed to raise interest was training in the Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Curriculum so that the members could provide teach lessons from the curriculum at the elementary school level. We offered to contact the division of the CT DEP that provides that training.

**TO: Hon. Mark D. Boughton, Mayor, City of Danbury
Hon. Patricia Murphy, Mayor, Town of New Milford
Hon. John Hodge, First Selectmen, Town of New Fairfield
Hon. William Davidson, First Selectman, Town of Brookfield
Hon. Andrea O'Connor, First Selectman, Town of Sherman**

FROM: Ted D. Backer

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2010

STATUS MEMO RE: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY FOR DELEGATION OF BOATING LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (MOA)

EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CTDEP AND CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY: OCTOBER 31, 2010

Please consider this a brief status of the hereinabove.

For informational purposes regarding extension of the current MOA, the Agreement states: "This MOA shall continue in force and effect until October 31, 2010, unless extended by both parties, in writing, to a later date of termination..."

The Public Safety Committee of the Candlewood Lake Authority met within the last two weeks and has recommended that the current Agreement with CTDEP be extended for a three-month period to January 31, 2011 allowing the Candlewood Lake Authority to have the current MOA Agreement remain in effect with CTDEP while reviewing and clarifying the following issues and any issues the Chief Elected Officials may have.

The issues the Candlewood Lake Authority Public Safety Committee was seeking clarification are as follows:

1. Clarification of responsibilities of an LPO who is also a post-certified officers. At a meeting of the Public Safety Committee issues were raised about obligations, risks and responsibility of a post-certified officer who is a Lake Patrol Officer (LPO).
2. Clarifying under what circumstances, if any, would LPO's that are not post certified be allowed to carry a fire arm? (ie. both as to retired post certified officers, who are no longer considered post certified because they have retired from an active police agency and non post certified LPO's)
3. Would there be any set of circumstances that the CTDEP would be willing to allow non-post-certified LPO's who have never been post certified carry a firearm?

Larry Marsicano has been in communication with Kyle Overturf of CTDEP to obtain clarification of items 1 and 2.

In conclusion, the three (3) month extension of the current MOA is to clarify any issues and any other items the Chief Elective Officials may have with the current MOA Agreement in anticipation of executing a new or amended Agreement for the 2011 Boating Season.

October 12, 2010

Melinda M. Decker, Esq.
Agency Legal Director
Office of Legal Counsel
CT Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

**Re: Candlewood Lake Authority Lake Patrol Issues
and Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection**

Dear Ms. Decker:

The Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Environmental Protection and Candlewood Lake Authority for Delegation of Boating Law Enforcement Authority at Paragraph 20 states:

"20. Termination. This MOA shall continue in force and effect until October 31, 2010, unless extended by both parties, in writing, to a later date of termination. ..."

Please consider this a request by the Candlewood Lake Authority to extend the MOA for an additional three (3) months, until January 31, 2011. Therefore, Paragraph 20 would be amended to read as follows:

"20. Termination. This MOA shall continue in force and effect until January 31, 2011, Unless extended by both parties, in writing, to a later date of termination. ..."

Respectfully submitted,

CRAMER & ANDERSON LLP

By _____
Ted D. Backer

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AGREED:

CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

By _____
Name: Howie Berger
Title: Chairman

By _____
Name:
Title:

(Date)

(Date)

**CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY (CLA)
ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR FY 2009 – 2010**

FERC License / FirstLight Power Resources (FLPR) Management Plans

The CLA submitted several substantiate documents to FERC: one was our 2009 report, *An Examination of Recreational Pressures on Candlewood Lake*, submitted as additional information; the other was comments on the SMP after FERC noticed the document in February in 2010. Our response included an inventory of shoreline structures/uses based on the CLA's Candlewood Lake GIS with the 2006 photographic record of the shoreline. We were also active participants at FirstLight's Drawdown Technical Committee, Nuisance Plant Monitoring Technical Committee, and Lake Advisory Committee meetings.

Recreation Management

The CLA conducted its annual moored/docked vessel count. We also assisted CT DEP with their count and a recreational use survey as part of data collection per Special Act 09-12 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF CANDLEWOOD LAKE. We were also participants in meetings with CT DEP who discussed the data with our community leaders and submitted recommendations to the CT General Assembly Environment Committee. Those recommendations resulted in HB 5241 – AN ACT CONCERNING CANDLEWOOD LAKE, which later became Special Act 10-3, authorizing the CT DEP to develop and adopt regulations limiting the size of vessels on the lake. CLA provided written and oral testimony to the CGA Environment Committee during the public hearing process for that legislation.

Public Safety / Candlewood Lake Authority Marine Patrol (CLAMP)

The 2009 boating season marked the first that CLAMP operated without supervision of an established law enforcement agency. Nonetheless CLAMP logged in 1565 man-hours on the water, 578 man-hours off the water, and 173 man-hours of training resulting in a wide variety of professionally handled contacts with the public (e.g. infractions, warnings, assistance) and participation in public events (Fire & Safety Days, parades, etc.). Upon recommendation from the CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), our CLAMP Chief of Patrol developed a draft General Orders for CLA Lake Patrol Officers. During a legal review of the draft, the legitimacy of operating without supervision of an established law enforcement agency was questioned, prompting a dialog and meetings with the CT DEP to reestablish their former supervisory role.

***Myriophyllum spicatum* (Eurasian Watermilfoil) Management Research**

The CLA continued its collaborations with Western Connecticut State University and the CT Agricultural Experiment Station on *M. spicatum*-related studies including: use of the milfoil weevil; temperature and soil moisture sensitivity of *M. spicatum*, etc. CLA also coordinated two seminars on related issues and was active in FirstLight's Nuisance Plant Monitoring and Drawdown Technical Committees. At recent Technical Committee meetings, we reiterated our findings on how traditional deep drawdowns had a longer impact (2 years) and how that model should be considered for future deep drawdowns.

Project CLEAR – Candlewood Lake Environmental Awareness and Responsibility

Due in part to the CLA, Project CLEAR had another successful year with participation of ~100 students and numerous teachers and others. The CLA edited and produced a 20-minute documentary based on Project CLEAR student filming of the 2009 program. Another 2-year grant was secured by Education Connection to continue this program.

Watershed Management

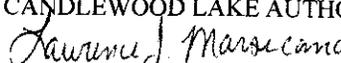
The CLA reviewed, commented and/or participated in at least six site plan applications or land use issues coming before local land use commissions or agencies including: 67 Cedar Drive, Danbury; 17 Old Neversink Road, Danbury; Pine Island, New Fairfield; Northwest Passway, Danbury, 4 Harbour View in New Fairfield; 8 Sylvan Road in New Fairfield. We also participated in finalizing revisions to the New Fairfield's Zoning Regulations that better protect Candlewood by adopting impervious surface standards and mitigation requirements. The revisions were due, in part, to the work we had done with the CT Environmental Review Team and their report on Candlewood, and our interactions with the Candlewood Watershed Initiative (CWI).

Advocacy / Outreach / Fundraising

The CLA coordinated and co-sponsored two milfoil-related seminars and one recreational boating-related seminar at WCSU that were well attended. An information poster was developed and installed in the kiosk in Buffer Garden. We provided educational opportunities or presentations to classes from WCSU, community service groups, and others throughout the year. We initiated the Buffer Recognition Program that recognized a number of ecologically functional shorelines. We collaborated with the CWI in the Special Celebration of Candlewood in September. We also released five editions of the CLA Electronic News, revised our website, and coordinated the 11th Annual Lake Clean Up. Plans for the 2nd Annual Dragon Boat Race were also developed.

General Operations and Administration

The CLA conducted water quality and bacteria monitoring; deployed 72 hazard and speed buoys; completed a Canada goose depredation program; and maintained five vessels, a truck, and CLA office facilities and/or grounds in Sherman and New Milford. The interior of the Sherman office was painted thru a Corporate Day of Giving program coordinated by the United Way.

Respectfully,
CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

Laurence J. Marsicano, Executive Director



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October 13, 2010
Public Education
Mark Howarth

Candlewood Lake Publication:

The Candlewood Lake publication has been completed, printed and is in the process of being distributed through the Candlewood Watershed Initiative's Storm Drain Marking Program in the towns of New Fairfield and Sherman. We printed 7,500 copies of the program, nearly all of which will be used with the storm drain marking distribution. There are plans to make some minor changes to the publication and do a second run to be distributed through other channels in other Lake towns to reach more of our residents. We will also be modifying the publication for electronic distribution, using our website. Plans are to make the publication interactive for users to get more information about topics covered in the publication if they so desire.

September CandlewoodNews:

In September we put out another issue of the CandlewoodNews, electronic newsletter. Articles for the issue included the New Fairfield Senior Environmental Corps Bacteria Monitoring Program, Weevil Research, the Clean Up, CWI Storm Drain Marking Program, CT Weather's Storm Force service, the Boat Count and an update on the fish kills seen this year.

October Special Issue CandlewoodNews:

We also sent out a special issue of the CandlewoodNews which covered, in depth, the drawdowns. The history of drawdowns, with data that shows how they have changed over the years was shown, and our request to FLPR for a return to original drawdown methods with their response was also included. Expectations as well as factors influencing the effectiveness of a drawdown were explained. Also included was a section announcing the CLA's Milfoil Initiative – an online resource created by the CLA for residents about milfoil, lake-friendly control methods they can use on their shoreline etc. that they will be able to use to get the information they need about this invasive aquatic plant.

Danbury Lions Club:

We were asked to be the guest speaker at the Danbury Lions Club on Thursday, September 23rd. I went and presented to the group that afternoon and discussed a little Candlewood Lake history, our weevil research and events like the Clean Up and the Dragon Boat Races.

Ark Signs:

We designed and created new signs for the Ark, to replace the 10 year old signs that were on there. These signs contain the CLA logo, but also reflect the many educational and scientific uses of the boat, where now the signs contain the phrase "Research & Education Vessel".