



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Regular Meeting October 14, 2015

Attending:

P. Schaer	Sherman
G. Linkletter	Sherman
J. Murphy	Brookfield
C. Robinson	Danbury
M. Toussaint	New Milford
J. Wodarski	New Milford
W. Lohan	Brookfield
J. Keating	New Fairfield

Absent:

H. Berger	Sherman
B. Kemble	New Fairfield
J. Hodge	New Fairfield
P. Eng	New Milford
B. Brown	Brookfield
E. Siergiej	Danbury
D. Rosemark	Danbury

L. Marsicano, CLA Executive Director
 F. Frattini, CLA Administrative Coordinator
 M. Howarth, CLA Public Education Director
 D. Vane, CLAMP Chief of Marine Enforcement
 R. Barnard, CLAMP Captain, Marine Enforcement

Recorder: M. Toussaint

Guests: Sui Wodarski, New Milford
 Christina Alvarez, WCSU student-CLA intern, Danbury
 John & Lisa Scagnelli, Squantz Pond, Sherman
 Chuck Corbin, Squantz Pond, New Fairfield
 Noel Mac Carry, Lavelle Ave, Squantz Pond, New Fairfield
 Cynthia Peterson, Lavelle Ave, Squantz Pond, New Fairfield
 Patrick Raffaele, Candlewood Echoes, Squantz Pond, Sherman

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Phyllis Schaer, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:53 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. She welcomed all.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary, Frances Frattini noted that there were no changes to the minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular meeting. *Mark Toussaint made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular meeting as written, seconded by Jerry Murphy and voted with all in favor. Minutes have been accepted as written.*

Prior to the start of the reports, the residents of Squantz Pond read a letter dated October 10, 2015 to the CLA – which is attached to these minutes. There were 45 signatures either on an individual letter or as an addendum sheet of this letter, originals are on file at the CLA office. After the letter was read there was a discussion period between the CLA and the residents of Squantz Pond wherein they expressed the need for Squantz Pond to have Grass Carp for milfoil control. Mr. Marsicano advised that when the CLA wrote the grant and applied for the permit Squantz Pond was included but the DEEP would not permit it, as there was no weed mapping for that area. Discussion continued and the CLA advised the residents that they should work through their municipalities (Sherman and New Fairfield) regarding the permit and grant for stocking of Grass Carp in Squantz Pond. To understand, the residents noted the permit allows putting the fish in the water and the grant helps to pay for them, so if the permit were approved and other funding found then the fish could be put into the water. The residents stated that they want to be part of Candlewood they do not want to be separate. Mr. Marsicano noted that the permit for the Grass Carp in Candlewood did not require that there be a barrier to prevent the fish from entering Squantz Pond but when Ball Pond put in their Carp they had to prevent the fish from entering the Ball Pond Brook which flows into Candlewood. Discussion continued. Mrs. Schaer offered the help of the CLA, recommended they contact Cynthia Stevens of Ball Pond and thanked the residents for attending the meeting. The Squantz Pond residents left the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Public Safety Committee/CLAMP: Chief Doug Vane reported that the patrol had 1151 hours on water this season, they issued 220 verbal warnings, 19 written warnings, 31 Infractions, 131 other assists, 359 boating contacts and 273 violation stops. They towed approximately forty vessels. They are presently beginning the hiring process for the 2016 season and will be meeting to formulate their procedures.

Captain Ron Barnard thanked the delegates for their support of the Lake Patrol.

Jerry Murphy reported that the annual dinner will be Friday, November 13th at the Candlewood Lake Club Clubhouse

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Schaer noted she had attended a meeting in Brookfield regarding their septic ordinance revision and spoke in favor of keeping the visual aspect in addition to the record keeping. She reported that the 2016/17 Proposed Budget has stabilized costs and increases look to be around 2+%. The Patrol Boat cost would be a one-time capital non-recurring expense and will not be a part of the operating budget, it will be presented to the Towns to fund the purchase. The Lake Advisory Committee and Technical Committee meetings will be coming up soon. The NALMS conference will be in November and she and Mr. Marsicano plan on attending.

Vice Chairman's Report: Mark Toussaint, Vice Chairman, had nothing to report. He did note that Mark Howarth has been in contact with FLPR regarding the trash on Dike's Point and Vaughn's Neck. He also noted that there appears to be an increase in illegal camping on the lake this summer. He advised the delegates that Mark Howarth did a great presentation to Boy Scout Troop 158 of New Milford when they were camping on Green Island. "Thank you Mark for a very interesting presentation."

Treasurer's Report: Bill Lohan, Treasurer, reported that one quarter of the year is over, noting that 70% receipts have been received. Expenditures are in good shape with Administration 31%, Equipment/Facilities 31%, Public Safety 45%, Public Awareness 49%, Watershed Management 38%, with an overall of 37% to September 30th. He noted that three line items have gone over and asked for a motion to allow Public Awareness and Watershed Management to exceed line items but not go over committee budget, moved by Jerry Murphy, seconded by Mark Toussaint and voted with all in favor and Jack Keating opposed. Motion carried. Mr. Lohan responded to a question noting that some expenses are seasonal and are following a typical pattern. He advised that the annual Audit for the year ended June 30, 2015 has begun and should have preliminary numbers in November

Jerry Murphy moved that the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended September 30, 2015 be approved as presented, seconded by Mark Toussaint and voted with all in favor. Motion passed and the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended September 30, 2015 has been approved and filed for audit.

Executive Director: Mr. Marsicano report is attached to these minutes and he reviewed the items covered. He introduced Christina Alveraz from Western CT State University who has been working on reviewing the 2003 Action Plan and which Towns have/have not incorporated the recommendations made in the Plan. She noted that New Milford, Brookfield and Danbury have and Sherman and New Fairfield appear to be working on it. She is working on a Matrix for the Towns showing those that are the same and those that have changed. Mrs. Schaeer noted that the best from the five towns, the best from the State and the best from other states should all be looked at. Thank you Kristina.

Mr. Marsicano reported that he had received notification that the Technical Committee meeting was postponed due to several members not being able to accommodate on a week's notice and that he has been invited and plans to attend the US-EPA's Cyanobacteria Monitoring Workgroup on October 20th in North Chelmsford, MA.

Public Education Director: Mark Howarth had left the meeting at 8PM and his report is attached to these minutes.

Public Awareness: George Linkletter, Committee Chairman, reported that a Newsletter summarizing the season had gone out and another highlighting the Grass Carp is in the works.

Mr. Linkletter added that the committee is working on a Matrix of activities for the year that should help make scheduling more efficient.

He read the Draft Social Media Policy, which is attached, and it will be discussed and voted on at the next CLA meeting.

Equipment/Facilities: In the absence of the Committee Chair, there was no report.

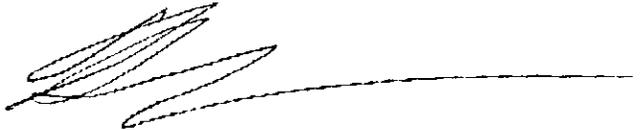
Watershed Management Committee: In the absence of the Committee Chair, there was no report.

Old Business/New Business: None

Any and All Business:

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, *Jerry Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Bill Lohan*
Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



Howie Berger, Secretary
Frances Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

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

October 10, 2015

To the Board of the Candlewood Lake Authority:

News coverage this summer in the News-Times and Citizen News reported that milfoil continues to be a serious problem on Squantz Pond. In spite of last winter's deep drawdown, the milfoil has made safe swimming nearly impossible along the eastern shoreline for both New Fairfield and Sherman residents. The intensity increased since the time of the mapping study, which can be easily seen by anyone from the shore by boat and by plane.

We, the residents of Squantz Pond communities: Lavelle Avenue, Candlewood Echoes, Deerhill and Pine Wood Shores, are grateful that First Light did a mapping study of the pond which would make us eligible for grants to stock carp that could remedy the problem. Now that the mapping has been completed, we respectfully request that CLA submit a grant for stocking carp in Squantz. Because we are under the jurisdiction of CLA, we believe that Squantz Pond needs to be included in every effort to insure the water quality of the adjoining water systems. Many New Fairfield and Sherman residents felt that it was an oversight for Squantz Pond not to be included in the initial stockings of carp.

There has been some discussion that the carp from Candlewood will eventually make their way into Squantz. This seems unlikely a) given that they would have to swim through a dark conduit underneath a causeway separating Squantz Pond from Candlewood Lake when there is a plentiful supply of milfoil food in their current Candlewood Lake habitat and b) given the fact that the carp would not discover the abundant supply of milfoil on Squantz Pond until they swam halfway up the 2.5 mile-long pond where the milfoil is concentrated.

The residents of Lavelle Avenue, Candlewood Echoes, Deerhill and Pine Wood Shores respectfully request that CLA follow upon the efforts made to map Squantz Pond by applying for the grant to stock carp in a part of the Candlewood lake system that affects so many residents of New Fairfield and Sherman. We want Squantz Pond to always be considered an integral part of all CLA's wonderful efforts to insure the health of our magnificent lake system.

We would very much appreciate your help – we know that your political influence and environmental expertise will achieve this for the Squantz Pond part of Candlewood Lake.

Read at the CLA Meeting October 14, 2015

Copies of the original signed letters and signature sheet on file at the CLA office.

CLA Social Media Policy

(Draft #1)

The CLA utilizes its Social Media Assets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. and staff) to achieve its mission of protecting and preserving Candlewood Lake and assuring the safety of Lake users. This includes notification about significant weather events, or other lake-wide or major recreational events than an impact lake users.

The CLA also utilizes its Social Media assists to report on specific activities of outside organizations (such as Lake Authorities, academic institutions, governmental entities, profit-making and non-profit groups and individuals) when those specific activities have the potential for advancing the CLA mission or otherwise benefitting the welfare of Candlewood Lake and/or its users. This includes countering advocacy or action that have the potential of inhibiting the CLA mission, or harming the general welfare of the Lake or its users.

Organizations and individuals that have an interest in the CLA mission, or in the general welfare of Candlewood Lake and its users, may access relevant CLA Social Media assets, such as the LA Facebook page, to post relevant announcements.

The CLA reserves the right to remove content posted on our social media pages in our sole discretion. Also, CLA does not endorse third party groups and has no liability for comments or statements made via our Social Media Assets.

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Executive Director's Report October 6, 2015 Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes Executive Director activities from September 3, 2015 to October 6, 2015.

Winter Drawdown

Late last month FirstLight Power released to local media information regarding the upcoming winter drawdown. The News-Times article ran electronically on September 28th and stated that the drawdown will begin November 1st, that the water will be at the minimum pond levels so planned maintenance and inspections can be completed at the Rocky River hydroelectric power station, and that water levels are expected to return to normal on April 20, 2016. On October 5th we received email from FirstLight with the same information. On October 7th we received notification of the annual meeting of the Technical Committee scheduled for October 14th, at 9am. Per FirstLight's FERC license drawdown limits in any given winter will be determined by FirstLight, in consultation with the technical committee comprised of FirstLight, CTDEEP, USFWS and the CLA.

On September 28th my co-authors, Drs. Tom Lonergan and Mitch Wagener, and I were informed that the paper we published in the Journal of Lake and Reservoir Management was one of eight papers nominated for the James LaBounty Award for Best Paper over the last year. The title of the paper was *A laboratory examination of the effectiveness of a winter seasonal lake drawdown to control invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum)* and provided scientific evidence that alterations in timing and duration of winter drawdowns could have reduced effectiveness of the management technique. The notification went on to say that the Editorial Board felt that our paper was one of the more important contributions to lake and reservoir management this past year.

Water Quality

Water quality monitoring was conducted again on September 17th in Candlewood Lake and on the 18th at Squantz Pond. Based on Secchi disk transparency, water quality at Candlewood has rebounded a bit from August conditions, unlike what occurred in 2013, and were similar to levels observed in September of 2014 (see below). Chlorophyll levels in September will likely be less than August levels which were highest levels recorded in 30 years for that month.

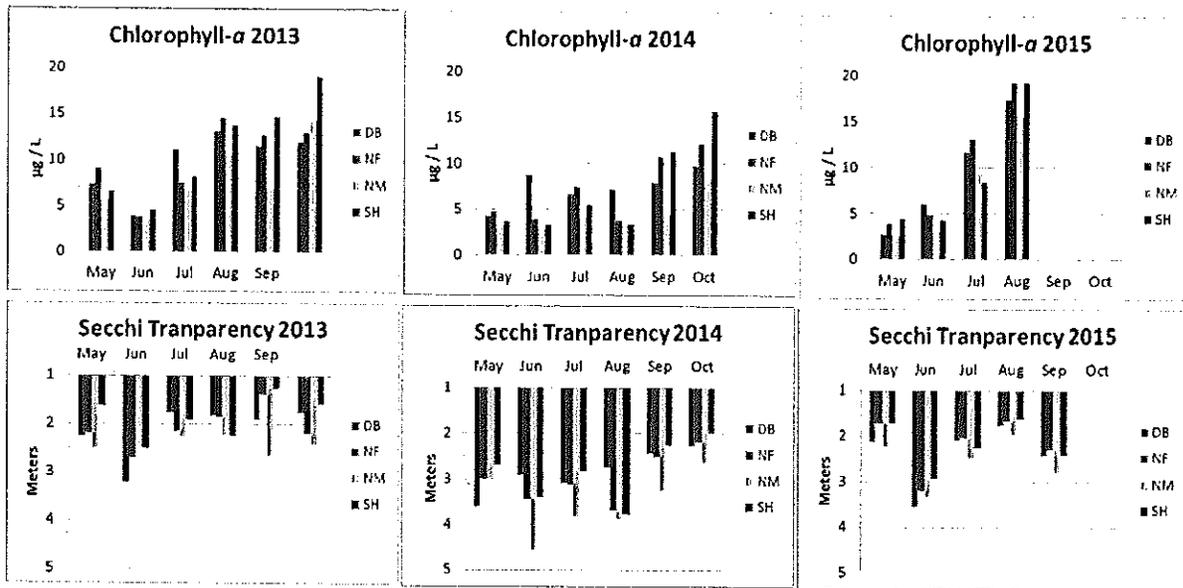


Figure 1. Chlorophyll-a and Secchi transparency measured in Candlewood Lake in 2013, 2014, and 2015.

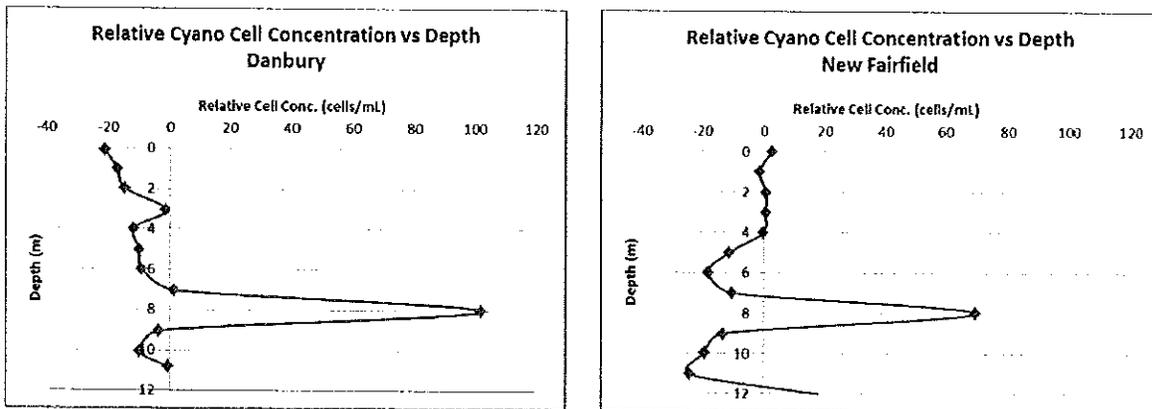


Figure 2. Profiles of relative cyanobacteria cell concentrations observed at the Danbury and New Fairfield site on September 18.

Observed in the relative cyanobacteria cell concentration profiles were significant lenses at or just above the thermocline at each of the four sites. Much of the cyanobacteria in the water column has regulated buoyancy and “layered” itself at approximately 8 m depth (see above).

August total phosphorus levels at the surface were not abnormal and ranged from 13 to 27 µg/L. In September however, they ranged from 10 to 70 µg/L and averaged 37 µg/L.

Secchi transparency in Squantz Pond in July, August and September was recorded at 2.95 m, 4.15 m, and 3.58 m, respectively. Chlorophyll in July and August was reported at 3.64 and 4.15 µg/L, respectively. Total phosphorus in the epilimnion was 37 and 13 µg/L, respectively and 23 and 20 µg/L in the hypolimnion, respectively.

Public Outreach

This past month we were asked to provide presentations at a variety of public events. These included at an art exhibit by artist Elisabeth Levy with a focus on Candlewood Lake on Saturday, September 12th, and at the New Milford Historical Society / Museum on Sunday, September 20th. We have received thanks from both Ms. Levy and the NM Historical Society for our participation in their well attended events.

Land Use

We were asked by Danbury EIC to provide comment on plans resubmitted for 84 Forty Acre Mountain Road in Danbury. With the help and guidance of former Danbury delegate Gary Dufel, we have provided comments in a timely fashion on October 6th.

On Tuesday, September 15th we reported suspicious activity at 12 Candlewood Harbor Road in Brookfield. Alice Drew who manages the Land Use office for Brookfield followed up on September 16th with the applicant and issued a Cease and Restore order and reached out to Brian Woods of FirstLight. She informed me on September 24th that she had not heard back from Brian on this matter.

We were asked by First Selectman Clay Cope of Sherman to take the lead in their *Health of the Lake Forum* held on Saturday, October 3rd. A power point presentation was developed and delivered. As listed in the agenda septic systems, buffers, and phosphorus reduction strategies were addressed.

We also prepared remarks for the Brookfield public meeting on Monday night, October 5th to discuss the proposed change in their septic management ordinance. Phyllis attended and spoke at that meeting.

We continue to guide the efforts of Christina Alvarez of WCSU who is working on a revisiting of the ACTION PLAN. I have been meeting weekly with Christina to review her work.

Sherman Annual Report

The Sherman Annual Summary Report (attached) was prepared and sent to the Selectmen's Office on September 15th. Fran subsequently sent it to the CEO's office in the other four towns.

FY 16/17 Budget Preparations and Auditor

We have been working with the Chairs of the Standing Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee and Phyllis in preparing a budget for FY 16/17. Finance Committee met on the night of Wednesday, September 30th and continued the work. On Thursday, October 8th Fran and I met with the new auditor.

Brookfield Community Celebration

On Saturday, September 26th we helped in the "Ribbon Cutting" event at the revitalized Caddigan Park in Brookfield. Part of our contribution was development of a small fleet to provide short tours of the lake for those who attending the event. All CLA Delegates from

Brookfield – Jerry Murphy, Bill Brown, and Bill Lohan – were part of that fleet. Additional vessels were provided by Brookfield Bay Marina, Echo Bay Marina, and Gerard’s Waters Edge Marina. We also set up a zebra mussel table which was largely manned by Sofia Licht, who provided a coloring contest and “guess how many zebra mussel shells” contest. The event was preceded by a weekly night meeting, many of which we attended, and correspondence with other members of the Committee, in particular Pamela and Phillip Kurtz.

Squantz Pond Milfoil Issues

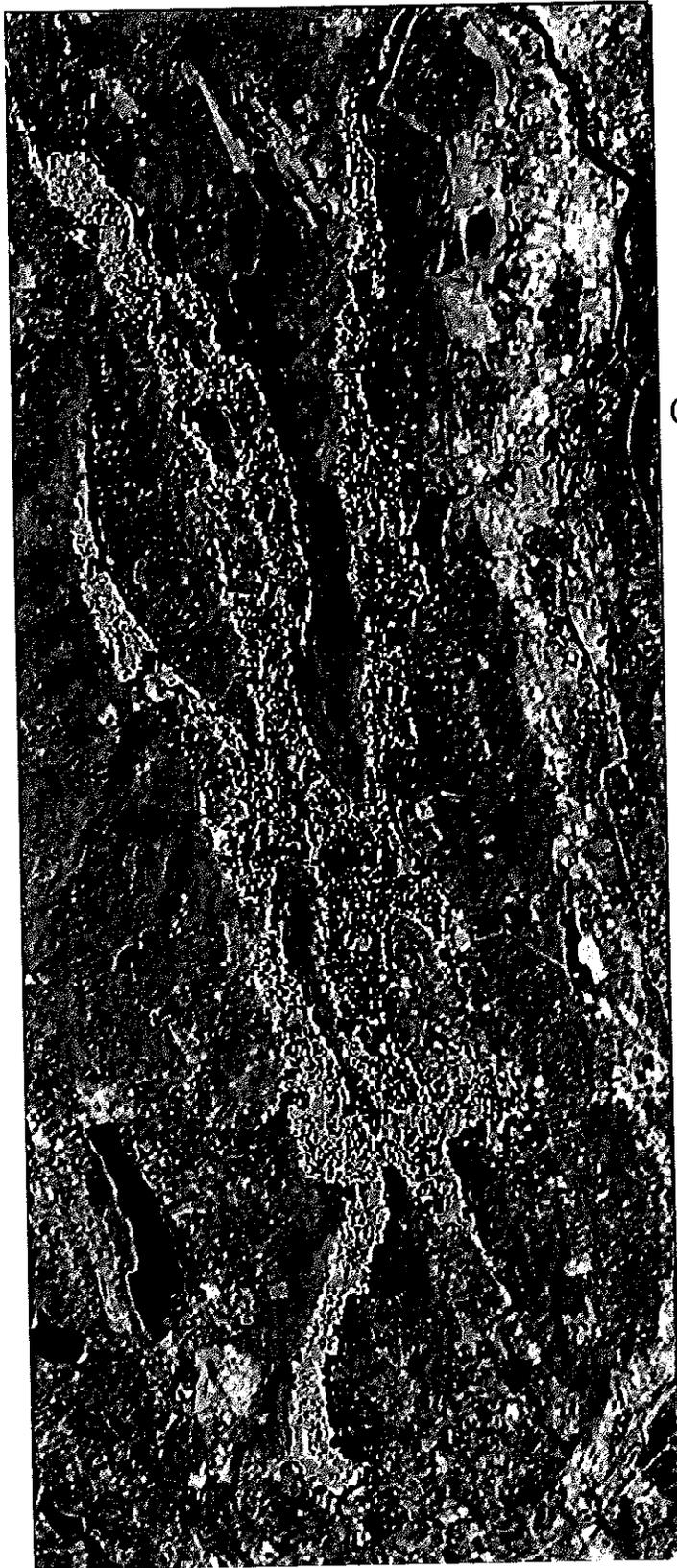
For some time I have had regular contact with communities on Squantz Pond who want to address their Eurasian watermilfoil issue, in particular Lisa Scagnelli. I sent Ms. Scagnelli the report on the different techniques we investigated and had telephone conversations with her. Also in May of 2015 I was invited to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Lavelle Avenue Association on Squantz Pond. There they expressed interest in the triploid grass carp program proposed at Candlewood (at that time). They were interested in having carp stocked at Squantz Pond as part of our project. I discussed with them some of the requirements for the grant and permit which included baseline mapping data on the weeds in Squantz and encouraged them to request that FirstLight include Squantz in future weed mappings. The Squantz community acted on that recommendation and weeds were mapped in Squantz Pond this season, albeit results are probably a few months away. I also informed them that I was working with State Sen. Chapin to have the line in the State’s budget receive another year of funding. Phyllis and I also discussed stocking at Squantz with the CT DEEP in February of 2015.

On September 22nd, I was forwarded correspondence sent by Cherry Dumauval of the Lavelle Avenue Association to First Selectman Chapman of New Fairfield. The correspondence included, *“For some reason, the Candlewood Lake Authority and FirstLight Power Resources, don’t seem to understand the seriousness of the thick milfoil invasion in Squantz Pond... Selectman Chapman, I think an interview with you by Katrina (News-Times) concerning your vision for keeping the Squantz Pond State Park and its waters safe and enjoyable for New Fairfield residents would resonate with our town.*

I have since contacted Ms. Scagnelli regarding the correspondence and further discussed their issue. Subsequently, Ms. Scagnelli informed me that she and several members of her and other Squantz communities will be attending our October board meeting to read into the minutes a letter signed by several of the associations on Squantz Pond to raise the milfoil issue.

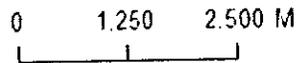
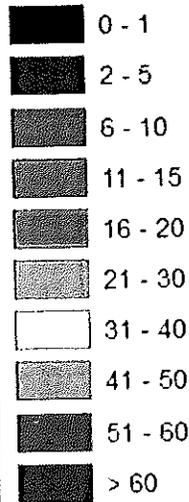
Satellite Imagery

In August of 2015 we received the satellite imagery purchased through a grant from the Meserve Memorial Fund and from a contribution from the Brookfield Water Pollution Control Authority. In September we enlisted the help of Kristen Ponak who is a staff scientist and GIS analyst for GEI Consultants. Kristen interned for the CLA many years ago. Howie and I met with Kristin on September 11th and since that time she has further process some the imagery we received. We will continue our work with Kristen and the satellite imagery to see if we can better understand temporal and spatial patterns in total phosphorus, chlorophyll, and cyanobacteria levels in Candlewood (e.g. see below).



Candlewood Lake
Connecticut
8/8/2014

**Total Phosphorus
in Water (ppb)**



**CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY (CLA):
ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR FY 2014-2015**

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management

After working with State Legislators to create a State AIS grant program, and with CT DEEP to revise regulations regarding the permitting of importation and release of triploid grass carp (TGC), the CLA successfully wrote and applied for a \$50K grant to initiate a TGC stocking program and for a permit. CLA also coordinated the CT DEEP's information meeting for the public at WCSU to air concerns about the permit application, developed a management plan, purchased and stocked ~3,800 milfoil-eating carp. CLA and partners visited the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to learn about their AIS inspection & decontamination program, attended follow up meetings in CT, and coordinated a training event by LGPC staff in Brookfield, CT on inspections and on the use of decontamination equipment purchased by the Town of Brookfield. CLA and WCSU faculty co-authored a paper published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Lake and Reservoir Management entitled "*A laboratory examination of the effectiveness of a winter seasonal lake drawdown to control invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum)*" and a technical report to the CT DEEP entitled "*Colonization and Population Growth of Zebra Mussels in Reservoirs of the Housatonic River Basin.*" CLA continued to monitor for larval stage and adult zebra mussels, coordinated aggressive AIS education initiatives (e.g. billboards and boat ramp stenciling), and worked with State Sen. Chapin to ensure funding in the State's 2015/16 budget for AIS.

Recreation Management / Public Safety / Candlewood Lake Authority Marine Patrol (CLAMP)

The CLAMP logged 1,795 man-hours on the water, 200 man-hours off the water and 115 man-hours of CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) required training resulting in 500+ professionally handled contacts with the recreational boating public (e.g. 17 infractions, 8 written warnings, 389 verbal warnings), participation in public events (e.g. Sherman Traffic Committee Safety Day, other Fire & Safety Days, Memorial Day Parades), and other services improving safety. CLAMP responded to public concerns including rafting and loud music in coves and in close proximity to shoreline communities. The Memorandum of Agreement with the CT DEEP outlining oversight of CLAMP was revised and renewed in 2015. A PFD loaner program was initiated. The CLA deployed, retrieved, and maintained 72 buoys on the water and conducted the resident vessel count.

Public Education / Outreach / Project CLEAR / Fundraising

The CLA maintained its informative website (www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org) and increased its Facebook followers from 893 to 1,589. Ten e-newsletters were written and distributed. Nine columns were written for the Citizen News. The CLA co-coordinated the 12th year of its environmental science enrichment program – Project CLEAR (Candlewood Lake Environmental Awareness and Responsibility) – offered to 125 high school students in five surrounding school districts. CLA planned and held its 15th Annual Lake Clean Up, its 6th Annual Dragon Boat Race, and its second lake-wide *State of the Lake* meeting. CLA participated in six community events (e.g. Sherman Memorial Day Parade, New Milford Village Fair Days, New Fairfield Days, and Brookfield Four Corners Day) and presented at five community events or for civic and

community groups including for Sherman's Planning and Zoning Commission, the Brookfield Selectmen, Danbury Chamber of Commerce, WCSU, and the Lavelle Avenue Tax District. Grant applications prepared and submitted by the CLA were approved by the CT DEEP (\$50K), FirstLight Power (\$22.5K), Goldring Family Foundation (\$10K), Meserve Memorial Fund (\$5K), and the Woman's Club of Danbury/New Fairfield (\$500). Two electronic appeals, one mailed appeal and sale of Candlewood merchandise rounded out additional revenues.

Lake / Shoreline / Watershed Management

The 2014 water quality monitoring, bacteria monitoring, zebra mussel (veligers and adults) monitoring and *Town Beach & Volunteer Secchi Disk Monitoring* programs were completed and the 2015 programs initiated. CLA continued its program of developing technology tools to make data collected in these and future monitoring programs available in real-time or near real time for decision makers, e.g. Health or Park and Recreation Directors. A number of these programs were part of efforts to understand and prepare for potential cyanobacteria blooms. Upon request from Danbury EIC, CLA reviewed and commented on five site plans proposed in Danbury. CLA continued its dialog with Northeast Utilities (now Eversource) which contributed to a formalizing of the trail on Vaughn's Neck. CLA was a contributing voice in discussions on expediting revegetating shoreline areas via FirstLight's Shoreline Management Plan and in creating a septic walkover ordinance in Sherman. A digital collection of CLA-authored and other documents was compiled, burned to DVD and provided to municipal CEOs, Land Use Chairs and Enforcement Officers.

FirstLight Power Resource (FLPR) & Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

The CLA participated in meetings, reviews of draft reports and minutes, and FLPR submittals to FERC stemming from a Recreation and Shoreline Management Lake Advisory Committee, a Technical Committee associated with the Nuisance Plant Monitoring, and another focused on winter drawdowns for milfoil control. CLA prepared written comments on issues discussed or not discussed due to meeting time constraints as suggested by FirstLight despite the fact that the FERC licensee was no longer attaching stakeholder comments to its required reports to FERC on those meetings.

General Operations / Administration / Achievements

The CLA maintained six vessels, five trailers, several docks, a truck, and office facilities and/or grounds in Sherman and New Milford. CLA also replaced a damaged small utility vessel. The Authority also maintained its demonstration Vegetated Buffer Garden and revamped its information technology infrastructure. CLA replaced its vessel communication systems because of statewide changes. The CLA's budget format was revised and the budget process was exceptionally challenging due to severe cuts in contributions proposed by FirstLight. CLA's Chairman received the Conservation Award from the Northwest Conservation District.



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**October 14, 2015
Public Education
Mark Howarth**

Summer Wrap Up Newsletter:

We completed and mailed out our summer wrap up newsletter. The newsletter covered a number of topics:

- 2015 Clean Up
- 2015 Project CLEAR
- 2015 Dragon Boat Race
- Blue-Green Algae
- Grants rec'd by CLA
- Sponsor Thank You

Troop 158 Presentation:

On Saturday September, 26th I took the Scouts and leaders from Troop 158 in New Milford out for their camping trip on Green Island. I was asked to do a talk with the Scouts about Candlewood Lake, since they'd be spending the night on the Lake.

I brought photos out to the island that covered the history of how Candlewood was created, the environmental challenges we're facing with milfoil, algae and the threat of zebra mussels and wrapped up with a tie in to the animals that rely on Candlewood for survival, showing them images of bald eagles, osprey, great blue heron, cormorant etc.

Brookfield High School Presentation:

I was asked by Ms. Mohan to present to her Environmental Science Class at Brookfield High School. The students had been asked to give a report on a current topic and one student did his on zebra mussels. The class took a huge interest in them and wanted to get more information, so Ms. Mohan contacted us and asked if I could come to the class to have a discussion with her class about them.

I went on October 1st to speak with her class. They had some prepared questions for me to answer and we spent about 75 minutes talking about zebra mussels.

Men's Breakfast Talk at NF Sr. Center:

On October 6th I presented at a men's breakfast at the New Fairfield Senior Center. They were interested in learning more about our grass carp program as well as the recent blue-green algae blooms that have hit the Lake.

Grass Carp Newsletter:

We are working on a newsletter that will do in-depth coverage of the CLA's grass carp program, covering the how we got to using grass carp, hurdles we had to overcome, the actual stocking, what to expect, FAQ's etc.

We anticipate this newsletter going out this month.

HTML 5 Website:

Work continues to completely redesign our website using an HTML 5 format, which will replace our outdated site that currently uses Flash technology, and is not supported on many mobile platforms, esp. Apple iPhones.

