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Greeting to all,

Summer is starting to take shape around the lake. It seems like most residents are back and in the process of getting settled in for another busy summer of on the water activities, family visits, and parties. Boats are back on their moorings, and cruising the lake. There have even been a few water skiers braving the cool water temps.

Our access greeter program is up and running, after a busy season last year. Maryanne O'Brien and Patti Lennon have worked very hard and spent many hours to make sure this key program is working well!

We inspected more boats than any other season, and most importantly found and removed Eurasian Milfoil from two boats before they entered the lake!! In addition to three paid staff, we have a number of volunteers, Ann Beams, Mary Kennison, Terry O'Brien, Lee Topshe, and Mike Vinton. Mary Kennison also interviewed our applicants for the greeter program! Our volunteers cover Monday and Tuesday. There are times that need to be covered, so if you want to help we can use you.

We were very fortunate to receive two grants this year. Echo Lake was one of only 15 recipients in Vermont to receive a \$5,000 Watershed Grant. There were 58 applications. We had not received this grant for the past two years. We also received a \$6,400 Aquatic Nuisance Grant. The grants were provided because of our committed efforts at inspection, monitoring, and education. Many thanks to Cindy Swanson who expertly wrote the grant applications.

However, we cannot continue to rely on grants as our major source of funding. Your dues and contributions are key. We will not be able to run our access greeter program without you. Please return the enclosed Membership Form with you dues as soon as possible. Thanks for all your previous support.

Tom Wagner

Notes from the Boating Access Greeter Program - Patti Lennon

This year we say farewell and thank you to Diane Anderson for her many years of dedicated service as an access greeter. We welcome back Cheryl Hryckiewicz, our veteran greeter, and also welcome Edward Singer and V Pierce, our two new access greeters. We are looking forward to the 2014 season where our access greeters will continue to provide boat inspections and educate boaters about the dangers aquatic invasive species present to Vermont's waterways. Our program will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day with our three paid employees manning the boat access from 6AM-6PM Wednesday through Sunday. As we have in the past, we will rely on volunteer access greeters to cover as many hours as possible on Monday and Tuesday.

Last summer was a very successful season in spite of the cold and rainy start. Our access greeters inspected 716 watercraft which included motor boats, trailers, jet skis, kayaks and canoes. There were two incidents in which Eurasian Milfoil was positively identified and removed from boats launching on Echo Lake. Through grants and generous donations we have been able to continue in our efforts to protect Echo Lake.

Financial Highlights for 2013 vs. 2012 Bill Mann ,Treasurer

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Dues*	\$2,190	\$1,759
Donations	\$3,522	\$2,545
Milfoil Grant	\$4,590	\$5,180
Town Grant	\$1,000	\$800
Map Sales	\$50	N/A
Watershed Grant	\$0	\$2,500
Total	\$11,352	\$12,784

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Payroll	\$11,154	\$8,299
Insurance	\$500	\$250
Northwoods Donation	\$200	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$359	\$222
Total	\$12,213	\$8,771

Shoreline Buffer Demonstration

Saturday July 12 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Visit 3 sites on Echo!!!Northwoods, using grant money they received, installed buffers at the Vintons, Wilsons, and Koenigsbauers. We will meet at the access, car pool and drive to each site. Come see the different installations and learn proper shoreline management. This is a very timely subject given the new Shoreline Protection Act. We are required to host this presentation as one of the conditions of a grant we received. Please help support Echo Lake by attending.

Annual Meeting

Saturday July 26

Our annual meeting is a change from recent years past. This year on Saturday July 26 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM our business meeting will be at the Charlestown School. Amy Picotte who heads up Lakeshore Management for the State of Vermont will discuss the new Shoreline Protection Act. I know everyone has a lot of questions. This will be the time to get them answered. This day will be a business meeting only. See the information that follows about our two upcoming social events.

Joint Social with Seymour.

Saturday August 2 5:00PM to 7PM at Camp Winape. Our friends at Seymour felt it was time to get to know their Echo Lake neighbors, so they have asked us to join them in their annual social party. Meet new people, swap fish tales, make friends, and have a great time. Bring an appetizer for 12, and whatever you want to drink. Some of us from Echo went last year as a trial run and it was a blast! Adults only!

Echo Lake Social

Saturday August 16

Please join for a late afternoon and evening of fun for the entire family. Instead of having a lunch after the business meeting, we will host a social on the lake at the lakeshore properties of the Beams, Koenigsbauers, and Wilsons on West Echo Lake Road. It will be 4:00PM to 7:00PM ish. Potluck, and bring your own drinks, but we will be grilling burgers and chicken as well. Bring the entire family, kayaks, paddleboards, your swim suit, and other fun things. Meet your neighbors you have been meaning to, or catch up with people you pass on the lake and around the lake, but plan to come for a fun time!