

**CEDAR LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CLAC)**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 2019**

Call to order at 7:05pm 29 July 2019

In attendance were Tom Brelsford, Chris Fryxell, Bill Bernhart and Nancy Byrne

Reading of the minutes postponed to 26 August 2019 meeting. A copy of last months minutes was not available at this meeting.

Audience of citizens.

Margo Burns from Conservation Commission gave a talk on two invasive plant species: hydrilla and water chestnuts. Both plants are found in the Connecticut River and in various lakes in our state. They are not known to be in Cedar Lake. Tom suggested members of the CLAC perform a survey of the Lake since both plants are easy to identify by laymen. Commission members agreed and will set out on this task asap.

Margo explained the threats to the ecosystem, water quality and recreational resources these plants present. She recommended googling hydrilla and water chestnuts for more information. Early detection and removal are key to management.

Margo expressed the need to keep these plants out of Cedar Lake. Invasive plant material may be transported to Cedar Lake on boat engines and trailers launched at the State ramp. The Commission discussed the possibility of closing the ramp temporarily. Other States have exercised this option. Tom will discuss this option with the DEEP Boating Division.

Margo mentioned Coventry Lake contains hydrilla. The Town of Coventry may be a good resource of information.

Old business:

Road drain marking. Tom got two stencils and some paint from the Conservation Commission for painting road drains in Cedar Lake Terrace and Cedar Lake Road. He perform a test painting and the results were good. We will need more paint from the Conservation Commission. Members of CLAC will finish the painting when the heat/humidity decreases and the paint dries quicker to avoid unwanted footprints.

Card mailings.

The latest card mailing was a success (Thanks Chris). Each mailing costs approx. \$768. We have \$2,000 in budget. We will hold off on the next mailing until after the next winter.

Lake water quality

We will coordinate CLAC water sampling with the Town water sampling program. The Town collects water samples on Monday mornings from both town beaches. CLAC has 3 additional sample sites located along the western shoreline of Cedar Lake. CLAC will take water samples only after a heavy rain. Hopefully we have a heavy rain on a Sunday.

#### Weed removal

The weed killer chemical “Clipper” was discussed. Mechanical weed removal options were discussed. We will continue discussions. A decision on which method to use should be made by January.

Bill suggested we check on CLAC member term limits and current status.

#### Budget

Our annual \$8K became available on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### New business

##### Lake Federation

Tom discussed becoming a member of the Lake Federation. CLAC members discussed where membership fees would come from. Individual membership is approx. \$40/yr while group membership of approx. \$150/yr. Discussion to continue.

No other new business.

Next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 26 August 2019 at Camp Hazen.

Thank you Denise and Camp Hazen for hosting the CLAC meeting(s).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Nancy Byrne