

members of Eagle Lake in raising the required funds to fight Milfoil in Eagle Lake.

Jim asked us to tell the membership to send copies of all correspondence to the Board so that the information could be used as additional leverage in the permit and funding process. See Newsletter cover page for addresses.

PHASE III *Monitoring* Jim indicated to us that between his office at the DEC and with the efforts of SePRO monitoring after the treatment would be completed. Along with this monitoring Jim suggested that we continue our efforts to complete the septic dye testing. He also suggested that we join the DEC's Citizens State Wide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). CSLAP trains people from lake groups to monitor water quality by collecting samples and information from May-Sept.. Samples sent to NYS DEC are analyzed, creating long-term informational databases. After five years the DEC reports on the information. This is a free program for which volunteers are given training and equipment (bottles, manuals, etc.). (3/99 update: We are 2nd on the waiting list for this program)

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting

August 29, 1998

- Discussed the windstorm on August 24th which knocked down trees and caused power loss to all but a very few on the south side of the lake.
- Discussed whether 911 numbers were working on the north side of the lake due to party line nature of some of the phones there.
- Milfoil was discussed. NYS DEC was on the Lake on August 28th looking for Milfoil patches as they do annually. The Board of Directors will continue work on pushing along the Milfoil treatment project. Lloyd Burroughs and Wendy Davis, sub-committee members for the Eagle Lake Pilot Project, continue as contact persons with Dr. Sutherland of the DEC.
- Discussed sources for non potable water during the sonar treatment time. Jim Davis stated that the ELPOI could ask the Chilson Fire Dept. if they would be willing to bring around non potable water after treatment during the time of lake water use restrictions. Jim mentioned that storage containers

would be the property owners responsibility.

- Discussed the need for water control at the dam for 30 or so days after treatment. The control of the water during this time will be the responsibility of those managing the pilot project, most likely the DEC.

- Discussed the testing of Eagle Lake property owners' on site-waste water treatment systems with dye. Dye testing is a required part of in-kind-services for receiving the Department of State Water Front Revitalization Grant. The Grant is covering some of the costs incurred with the permit and application process for Sonar. To date about 1/3 of the property owners have returned their surveys. Rolf Tiedemann and Jim Davis will be contacting the remaining members again about their survey's. Wayne Wagner, Town of Ticonderoga Code Officer, will assist with the testing and survey data collection. His assistance is also part of the Grant.

- Discussed the dollar value of the Milfoil fund pledges. The Board was pleased that the members pledges totaled \$14,400.00 from 29 responses. The Board decided to send out the pledge letter again this time stating specifically that pledges and contributions to ELPOI are NY State and Federal tax deductible. The hope is that we can increase the number of people pledging their support to the Milfoil project to over 75%. Dr. Sutherland, DEC, in his previous meeting with us stated that the more unanimous the membership support for the pilot project the more likely the State will try to find funding, Actual dollar value amount is not as important as you returning the pledge letter with your support.

- Discussed the treasurers expenses and agreed to keep dues at \$25.00 for the next year. This covers operating expenses. Heard that all current obligations have been paid since the annual meeting. Reapproved the value for the contingency fund of \$500.00. Heard that the money given to the ELPOI for legal defense as it pursued the use of Sonar is still in tact in a Certificate of Deposit CD account.

- Completed Annual Resolution business to give the Officers and Committees the same responsibilities as in the past.

- Discussed the need for an Education committee. There is currently no one completing the duties for this. Anyone interested should contact Vice President, Lloyd Burroughs. The Education

Committee in the past covered boating safety, visitors to the lake, general quality of life on the lake, Milfoil, new families etc..

- Heard that there are 107 properties on the lake, owned by 70 - 80 families, of whom 52 have paid dues in 1998 (65 paid dues in 1996). As far as the State is concerned, ELPOI Association represents the majority of Eagle Lake property owners.
- Discussed the lake level and again restated the need for constant monitoring and the patients of the membership in keeping it in the +/- range during times of heavy rain or drought. Agreed that the level is decided by the majority of people and is measured on the gauge by the bridge. As of the vote on 7/11/98 at the Annual Meeting a level of between -1 and +2 was to be the target.
- Heard that this past years lake water testing for 4 or 5 Chemical tests cost \$150.00. Tests were conducted for fecal coliform, nitrate, phosphate, pH and chloride.
- Discussed traffic along Rt. 74 and the need for increased police patrols. Authorized Dianne Tiedemann to draft letters to: the NYS Troopers asking them to patrol more often, and to IP and Walmart asking them to remind their drivers that during the summer months they need to pay particular attention due to the increased seasonal traffic.

Reminders and General Interest

- Boat safety and swimming safety are very important. All boaters are reminded to check the safe boater guides and keep a good distance from swimmers and Milfoil beds. Remember NYS recently changed the law about personal flotation devices and now requires one for each person in the boat.
- A recent newcomer to Eagle Lake, Sharon Zankel,

has expressed an interest in compiling a pictorial history of the lake and its residents. She has just authored a pictorial history about her hometown of Brunswick, New York - where she serves as Town Historian. Ms. Zankel has experience in recording and writing local history. She also has the ability and equipment to reproduce photographs and is willing to donate this service to ELPOI so that our organization may publish old photographs in a newsletter or, perhaps, down the road, a book! Please call her at (518) 279-9714 or e-mail at SZANKEL@aol.com, if you have information, photographs, or ideas to share.

- Ms. Zankel also suggests, if ELPOI does have to raise money to support the Milfoil problem, that WALMART be approached about matching funds. WALMART here in Brunswick has given several hundred thousand dollars to the Town and not-for-profits over the last three years. Is there anyone willing to approach them? Contact VP Lloyd Burroughs and she will pass the information to the Board.
- The Culley's have sold their place on Eagle Lake but expect to be back at Putts Pond next year. The association wishes them well and will miss them.
- Members may receive delayed mailings during the summer due to "inactive" summer postal addresses that are currently listed in our membership roster. If you will not be activating your Eagle Lake postal address please contact Membership Chairperson Lloyd Burroughs.

• The ELPOI Members would like to thank DEC Director Dr. Jim Sutherland, Town Supervisors Dale French and Mike Connery, SePRO's Bo Burns and Ti Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Wagner, as well as many others for all the time and effort they have given for continuing to help edge the milfiol project closer to completion.