

Lake Parker Association, Inc. 1976-77 (?)

West Glover, Vt. 05875

MEMBERS, LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE WEED PROBLEM

There are inevitably varying and sometimes conflicting opinions as to the solution of this problem. Input of fertilizing materials must be controlled and the existing weeds be deterred from further seeding and spreading and, finally, existing detrimental growth be destroyed.

FERTILIZATION INPUT

East Road Drainage. We continue to urge the Selectmen to proceed now to reroute the drainage along the road to a point in Roaring Brook beyond the dam. A commitment was made for this work this year. This input is one of the two or three major causes of the entire problem.

Stevens Farm. The State authorities are well aware of this situation, having urged the owner to proceed with certain preventative actions. At the moment, the exact progress cannot be reported to you. However, we understand that definite progress has been made and we will continue this winter to be informed in this matter.

Other Inputs. The extent of these has not been determined. It may be minimal.

TEMPORARY ACTION

Obviously, the cessation of weed fertilization is the basic step in the ultimate rejuvenation of the lake. In the meantime, some of the residents want temporary remedies. A number of them so stated at our annual meeting. Mr. Rene Monette has built a weedcutter for the Association. Supervision will be given by Mr. Monette and Mr. Leo Millette. Boats of local residents are also available. Labor for 3 or 4 persons from the immediate area will be paid by each subscribing member at the rate of \$3 per hour each, plus gas and oil charges. It will take two to three hours to clear a typical frontage. At least six residents of the north end have already agreed.

Experiments with the weedcutter have proven its relative success. It is well realized that this is a temporary operation and may well need to be repeated during the summer at the discretion of the resident. It is now planned to make the first cutting and clearing in early June 1977. If you wish to be included, please contact the secretary, Mrs. Norma Mason, 51 Water Street, Orleans, Vermont, Telephone (802) 754-6675.


FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

After undesirable input has been eliminated, continued actions of several categories may be considered including freezing and the use of chemicals. As to the use of herbicides, there are conflicting official and unofficial statements regarding their use. In any event, such action can only be undertaken by the State. Information concerning costs of herbicide treatment has not yet been made available by the State. The prime argument in favor of such treatment is the quick action. The prime argument against such treatment is the resulting decomposition may result in a new and perhaps larger crop of weeds. Physical harvesting - cutting, pulling, and removal - may be the best solution.

We will continue to cooperate with all State and Local authorities in mutual efforts to make Lake Parker one of the finest recreational lakes in Vermont. No major actions will be urged or taken by this Association without the approval of its membership. A second meeting of the membership, which now totals 116, is not called this year in the absence of any new explanations or information from authorities. Mr. James Morse, the State Department of Water Resources representative, was unable to appear at the next scheduled meeting on August 21st.

Regarding the new dam, we understand that further action by the State will be taken to improve the channel in Roaring Brook so as to permit proper operation of the dam to allow dropping lake level in the fall.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy winter.


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Vice-President

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