

# Augur Lake Property Owners Association

## 2009 Annual Meeting Highlights

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### **Questions or Concerns?**

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On July 11, 2009, thirty-four ALPOA members attended the ALPOA annual membership meeting. Some highlights of the meeting include:

### ***Presentation by Supervisor Morrow***

Town of Chesterfield Town Supervisor, Gerald Morrow listened and addressed member questions, concerns and cost estimates regarding the Aquatic Plant Control District.

### ***Lake Management Committee Report***

The ALPOA Lake Management Committee reported on the increased

weed level within the lake and the progress of plans to erect a fish barrier as required by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) prior to the agency's issuance of a Carp stocking permit for Augur Lake.

### ***Welcome New Board Members***

ALPOA Treasurer Arlene Romanchuk and Director Jim Shaw were thanked for their many years of service to the association as a new slate of ALPOA officers and directors were elected: new members of the board include **Diane Hull** and **Sarah Smithson** who join the ALPOA board as directors; in addition, former directors **Noel Cacchio** and **Heidi Wells**

were elected to the positions of vice president and treasurer, respectively.

### ***2010 Annual Membership Meeting***

The 2010 meeting date was set. It will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 9:00 AM at the Town of Chesterfield Town Hall, Keeseville, NY.

### ***Meeting Minutes and Financial Report***

Annual meeting minutes, along with the 2008-09 ALPOA Financial Report and the 2009-10 Adopted ALPOA Budget are contained within this newsletter.

## Aquatic Plant Growth Control District Established

The Town Board officially established the Augur Lake Aquatic Plant Growth Control District on September 14, 2009. The Town Board created the district after months of careful consideration. The board held a public hearing to solicit a wide range of views for and against the creation of this district. After a 78-21

mail ballot vote of lake property owners in support of the district and the 54-24 vote in favor of the ad valorem method of sharing costs, the district was officially established. The cost to set up the district and the annual maintenance are currently estimated at \$0.48 per \$1,000 in assessed value. This would amount to \$48 for a lake property

assessed at \$100,000. Supervisor Morrow is currently working on filing variance and permit applications with the APA to install a fish barrier and to stock sterile grass carp to control Eurasian watermilfoil through this new district. We hope that the district will allow for more effective protection of the waters of Augur Lake.

**Augur Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting Minutes  
Town of Chesterfield Town Hall  
July 11, 2009**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Co-President Lynn Livingston called the meeting to order at 9 AM and reviewed the voting rights of members: if a property is jointly owned, the various co-owners are entitled to cast one vote and owners of multiple lots are entitled to only one vote. Only those whose dues are current may vote at the annual meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting.

**Carried Unanimously**

**TOWN SUPERVISOR GERALD MORROW'S PRESENTATION**

Supervisor Morrow reported that after multiple public hearings on July 1, 2009 the petition/vote for the creation of the Aquatic Plant Control District in the Town of Chesterfield passed overwhelmingly. Of the 99 votes cast, 78 were for the creation of the district and 21 were against it. Of the 78 voters who voted for the district, the ad valorem option (based on assessed value) passed 54 as compared to 24 for the benefit district (each parcel pays the same).

The next step in the process for the creation of the Aquatic Plant Control District, will be a Public Hearing at 6:45 on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Town's regular board meeting is to follow at 7:00 that evening and it is at this meeting that it is anticipated that the district will be created. The cost to set up the district is estimated at \$1,000 per year or a cost of \$0.08 per thousand to all parcels within the district. Maintenance is estimated at \$5,000 per year which equates to an estimated cost of \$0.40 per thousand annually, this can include stocking of the carp, paid biologist, testing of the water, etc. Any money collected from parcels within the Aquatic Plant Control District will be accounted for separately from the town's general funds. The estimated costs are to be included in the January 2010 tax bills. For a parcel assessed at \$100,000, the cost to set up the district and the annual maintenance would amount to \$48. It is estimated that there will be a committee set up to provide guidance to the town board on the Aquatic Plant Control District and that ALPOA will have a presence on this committee.

The Aquatic Plant Control District is a mechanism to deal with the annual carp restocking and also to assure that the water quality of the lake continues to be pristine. Eventually it is intended that the district will also provide a mechanism to deal with the repair/replacement of the dam.

Supervisor Morrow was commended by the 34 ALPOA members in attendance at the meeting for all his hard work and assistance. Supervisor Morrow indicated that he is available to lake owners should any owner have any additional questions. His number at town hall is 518-834-9042.

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

Members in attendance at the annual meeting were asked by Co-President Livingston if there was support for funding dam repairs via voluntary donations rather than eventually through the Aquatic Plant Growth Control District. Discussion ensued. Some members felt that addressing the dam at this point was a bit premature until we saw how the new district would function, and others felt that it would be very difficult to come up with the funds required to repair/replace the dam.

Ultimately, there were no members at the meeting who spoke up in support of funding the dam repairs via voluntary donations.

**MOTION:** To approve the President's report.

**Carried Unanimously**

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Arlene Romanchuck presented the ALPOA financials as of July 8, 2009. In 2008-09, 49 lake owners were members of the association. Many thanks to outgoing Treasurer Arlene Romanchuck for her hard work and dedication to the association.

**MOTION:** To approve the Treasurer's report.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **2009-2010 BUDGET**

The 2009-2010 ALPOA Budget was presented by Treasurer Arlene Romanchuck. There was some discussion over the proposed expenditures budgeted from the carp fund to build a more sound fish barrier. The APA requires a fish barrier before issuing a permit for further carp stocking and is thus directly related. This summer's annual lake assessment and a full plant inventory by Steve La Mere are also required by the APA although these expenses will be paid for in the future under the new district. It was clarified that Steve LaMere is contracted to monitor the effects of carp restocking program as required by the APA and is not hired by ALPOA as a lake manager.

**MOTION:** To approve the 2009-2010 ALPOA Budget.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bob Shaw presented the report for the committee. Vice President Shaw indicated that it is good that temperatures have been low and water levels have been high as this controls the growth of lake weeds. The last stocking of 500 carp was in 2007. If the APA approves a plan for a new fish barrier and ALPOA installs it this summer or fall, the next stocking of 500 to 750 fish is anticipated to be in the fall of 2009 or spring of 2010 and will cost (at current prices) \$4.85 per fish plus \$3.00 per fish for delivery (the fish are shipped in from Arkansas).

The Committee prepared a Lake Care Brochure, and all lake owners are encouraged to review this report to help us all maintain a healthy lake. The Lake Care Brochure is available on-line at [www.augurlake.net](http://www.augurlake.net). The members of the Lake Management Committee were commended for preparing this helpful document. Director Knott also noted that ALPOA will participate in a water quality study with CLASP.

Directors Cacchio and Wells provided visual samples of weeds that are currently in Augur Lake. Brochures on Aquatic Invasive Species and Environmentally Boating were also presented. There are indications that native weed species are coming back to the lake which is a good sign. Lake owners are encouraged to remove any floating weeds that make their way to the lake front as these weeds can re-seed. Lake owners and their guests were also encouraged to wash boats thoroughly before putting them into the lake so we can eliminate the introduction of non-native species like zebra mussels.

A final discussion centered around septic systems. The rule of thumb for pumping our septic systems is once every three years – more frequently if the septic system is undersized for your lake home. The Lake Care Brochure contains the names of local companies that can assist lake owners with septic issues.

**MOTION:** To approve the Lake Management Committee Report.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The 2009-2010 ALPOA slate of officers and directors was presented:

Officers (1 year terms – maximum 3 consecutive terms)

Co-Presidents	Livingston, Lynn and Schell, Ellen. (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)
Vice President	Cacchio, Noel (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)
Secretary	Lockwood, Jeff (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term)
Treasurer	Wells, Heidi (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)

Directors (3 year terms – maximum 3 consecutive terms)

Directors	Birdsall, Nancy Gucker (1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending 2011)
	Fitzmaurice, Tim (1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending 2010)
	FitzRandolph, Bob (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term ending 2012)
	Hull, Diane (Remainder of Wells 1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending 2011)
	Knott, Paul (1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending 2011)
	Shaw, Bob (Remainder of Cacchio 1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending 2010)
	Smithson, Sarah (1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending 2012)

**MOTION:** To approve the 2009-2010 slate of ALPOA officers and directors.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS**

There was reminder to please watch boat speed and that there is a restriction of 5 mph if you are within 100 feet of the shore.

## **NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 9:00 AM, Town of Chesterfield Town Hall, Keeseville, NY.

AUGUR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

2008-2009

Beginning Balance as of July 8, 2008 \$ 8,623.37

Receipts:

Membership Dues: \$3,800.00  
Carp Donations: 620.00  
Dam Donations: 100.00

Total Receipts: + \$ 4,520.00

Disbursements:

Ck.#345-A. Romanchuk(Do-nuts) \$ 28.79  
Ck.#346-NYS FOLA 285.00  
Ck.#347-S. LaMere (Consulting  
Services) 1,250.00  
Ck.#348-Rose & Keirnan(Ins.) 1,050.00

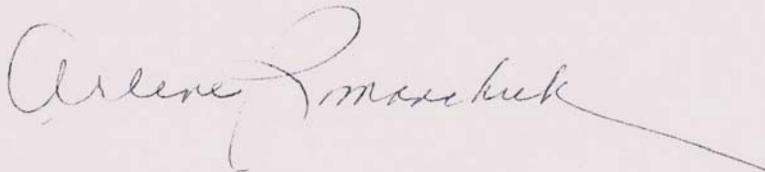
Mailing Costs for owners  
donated by Jeff Lockwood (95.00)

Total Disbursements: - \$ 2,613.79

Ending Balance as of July 8, 2009 \$10,529.58

Check Book Bal. \$10,529.58  
Fish Fund - 6,969.76  
Actual Operating  
Balance \$ 3,559.82

Prepared by Arlene Romanchuk, Treas.  
July 8, 2009



**AUGUR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET**

ANNUAL EXPENSES:

Directors and Officers Insurance	\$1050
Steve La Mere annual lake monitoring for summer 2009*	\$1250
Steve La Mere full-lake assessment (done every 2-3 years)	\$1250
NYSFOLA and CSLAP dues	\$ 285
Postage and mailing expenses	\$ 250
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 215</u>
Subtotal	\$4300

ANNUAL INCOME:

43 Memberships @ 100	\$4300
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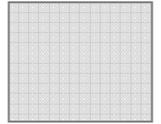
CAPITAL EXPENSE :

Up to a maximum of \$3500 for materials, labor and installation of  
APA-required fish barrier (to be taken from the Fish Fund)

\*Steve La Mere's expenses should be assumed by the new Augur Lake  
Aquatic Plant Growth Control District in this budget year.

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### ***Join the Augur Lake Property Owners Association!***

We invite you to join the Augur Lake Property Owners Association and join us in our goal of preserving and protecting Augur Lake

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