

Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee

Friday, November 2, 2012 – 3 pm

Members: Cheryl Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Ellie Strack, Arkley Mastro, John Matthews, Phil Mitchell, John Salvadore, Barbara Simms, Len Simms, Kathy Bozony

Mission: To be the eyes and voice for Dunhams Bay...to note what we see regarding water quality issues in our bay and to advocate for the remediation of those issues.

Agenda:

1. Fertilizer Petitions – Signed petitions will be presented to the Lake George Park Commission at their November 27th meeting at 10 am at the Fort William Henry Conference Center. Kathy Bozony will make a presentation and committee members are urged to attend and to make a public comment. Interested Dunhams Bay Association and Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee members will meet at 9 am, at the conference center to plan our presentation.

2. Lake-shore Buffer Project – Eleven properties were visited by Kathy Bozony and Eric Siy (the new executive director for The FUND for Lake George) on November 1st. Properties that will formally be a part of Kathy's buffering project will be chosen at the January DBWQA committee meeting. Kathy felt that all the properties would qualify for some tree, shrub and/or perennial enhancement. Kathy indicated she will see if Dunhams Bay Association members might also be able to purchase plants at a reduced price from the vendors that she will be using.

3. Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Survey – This survey will be sent to bay property owners in January.

4. Letter to Dunhams Bay Property Owners – The Committee, again, reviewed a draft of a letter to be sent to property owners who have an observed algal bloom along or near their waterfront. The committee made recommendations for further revisions. Kathy Bozony will rework the letter based upon the discussion. All Dunhams Bay residents will receive a general, informational letter. Another version of the letter, with

photographs, will be sent to property owners where algal blooms have been observed. Letters will be mailed in November.

5. Dunhams Bay SeaRay – Kathy Bozony has contacted the owner to discuss the algal bloom and is waiting for a reply.

6. Kathy Bazony is applying for a \$35,000 grant that will provide funding for the water quality awareness committees being set up around the lake.

7. The Assembly Point Water Quality Awareness Committee is interested in coordinating a potluck dinner, after the holidays, with the various Water Quality Awareness Committees around the lake. A more informal wine and cheese get together is planned for December 5th at 4:30 at Lisa Adamson's house, 128 Lake Parkway, Assembly Point.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

For additional information or questions regarding the Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee, contact Barbara Simms at 518-656-9072 or dbwqac@gmail.com or go to dunhamsbayassociation.com

Next meeting: January 2013, 3:00 pm (date to be determined)

Locaton: Simms house (656-9072)

Directions: Route 9L to Old Assembly Point Road. First left onto Burnt Ridge Road. Past the gated driveway, first house (gray wood sided) on the right.