

Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee

Friday, September 21, 2012 – 3 PM

Members: Cheryl Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Ellie Strack, Arkley Mastro John Matthews, Phil Mitchell, MaryLou Lempert, John Salvadore, Joann Maddox, 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 Ban Petitions - Signed petitions were not presented to the Lake George Park Commission at the September meeting due to the length of the meeting (four hours) and the Commission's preoccupation with the invasive species issue. We will continue to accumulate signatures to be presented to the Commission at a meeting in the future. Over 500 people have signed petitions so far. The DBWQAC will get petitions to each bay homeowner in the spring so that signatures can be added throughout the summer season from visitors to our properties. (Note – the October 5th issue of "The Lake George Mirror" had an article on page 4 about these petitions.)

2. Lake-shore Buffer Project - The Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee (DBWQAC) will contact all association members using email and direct mail regarding the availability of grant money to provide lake-shore buffers on several properties. Kathy Bozony will evaluate the properties of those interested and select those that best suit the project. Volunteers will be needed for the spring planting. Ten DBA homeowners have expressed an interest in being considered for this grant so far.

3. Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Survey (OWTSS) – The DBWQAC looked at a draft OWTSS and made some initial comments regarding the format. The Committee members were asked to fill out the draft OWTS survey and make recommendations regarding the ease or difficulty of filling out the form.

4. Letter to Dunhams Bay Property Owners – The DBWQAC reviewed a draft of a letter that could be sent to property owners who have an observed algal bloom along or near their waterfront. The committee made recommendations for revisions. Kathy Bozony will work on the final wording and get approval from the Lake George Waterkeeper’s Office/The Fund for Lake George. It was the desire of the committee (motion made, seconded, and passed) that any letter to property owners be sent from the Lake George Waterkeeper’s Office in conjunction with the DBQWAC and the DBA.

5. Dunhams Bay SeaRay – During the DBWQAC discussion of algal blooms and waste water treatment systems, committee members expressed concern with the dramatic amount of algae Kathy Bazony witnessed in the water near the marina. Kathy will contact the owner(s) to discuss their current wastewater treatment system.

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Next meeting: Friday, November 2, 2012 at 3:00 PM

Location: Upper Simms’ house

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.