

Dunhams Bay Water Quality Awareness Committee
Minutes of Meeting held August 10th, 2012

Members Present: Dan Slote, Dick Lempert, MaryLou Lempert,
Barbara Simms, Len Simms, Kathy Bozony

Members Not Present: Ellie Strack, Joanne Maddox, Mary Lou
Dunton, Bill Dunton, Cheryl Baldwin

Agenda Items Discussed:

Mission Statement

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

Fertilizer Petitions

Copies of the petition were emailed to DBA members. The committee will record the names of bay residents who have signed and make personal contact with the residents who have not. It is our hope to have a large percentage of DBA members on record as supporting this effort. Through our contacts we will try to put together a more complete email list of DBA members.

Dan Slote volunteered to take a copy of the petition to the Cleverdale Store.

Lake Side Buffer Project

Kathy Bozony was awarded \$10,000 to provide shoreline buffers for at least 25 homes around the lake. She would like to identify 2-4 homes in our bay that would qualify for her program. Kathy is currently developing criteria that will be used to choose the homes. Kathy will keep the committee informed.

Barbara will contact DEC to see if any programs exist for getting native plants to homeowners for their buffering projects.

FYI - The Waterkeeper's office has organized a native plant sale to be held at Up Yonda farm on September 15th.

Stormwater Management Retrofits

By now, everyone should have received the leaflet "A Guide to help protect our waterbodies from stormwater runoff" prepared by the Waterkeeper's office and sent out by the Town of Queensbury. Each of us can do something to reduce the runoff from our property. The Waterkeeper has a checklist for homeowners to use in the assessment of their stormwater management. It will be forwarded to association members when received.

Identified Problem Areas

Kathy Bazony has not finished her underwater canvassing of the bay. Many DBA members have contacted her regarding the state of the lake-bed in front of their properties. Kathy will be speaking with those members as soon as possible.

The committee will draft a letter that will be sent, in conjunction with the Waterkeeper's office, to those homes where problems have been identified and who have NOT contacted Kathy's office. DBA members should be on the lookout for a "State of the Lake" document that will be published by The Fund for Lake George.

Kathy has a checklist for homeowners to use in assessing the state of their septic system. It will be forwarded to members as soon as it is received.

Other topics discussed:

Adopt-A-Portion of the Lake - Dan suggested a program similar to the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Route 9L run-off at bridge - This might be an issue the committee could address with the town and State Department of Transportation.

A date for the next meeting has not yet been set. Members will be notified as soon as one can be scheduled.