



August 28, 2014

Dear Mr. Mapphew Probasco,
Dept. of Environmental Conservation

We are writing this in response to the petition filed by the Shadow Lake Association concerning milfoil in Shadow Lake. We are all concerned by the presence of milfoil being found in Shadow Lake. Ms. Gwen Maynard is also concerned by the presence of milfoil in the lake.

We take issue with the Shadow Lake Association's action to prohibit Ms. Maynard from running her bed & breakfast by petitioning that 1-2 acres of shore land water in front of her property be kept from use.

We feel they are unjustly assuming Ms. Maynard's business is contributing to the milfoil manifestation. Why is Ms. Maynard being singled out?

All camps have the potential for the spread of milfoil. Many camp owners have parties with numerous attendees. Many have motorboats which could be a contributing factor for the spread of milfoil.

Ms. Maynard has owned this property for many years and has paid taxes on this property to the state. She is also contributing to taxes paid to the state generated by her business. Ms. Maynard is 82 years old and works very hard every day to keep her business, which is her only source of income, in operation. In addition to this Ms. Maynard takes care of her 96 year old aunt in her home.

I feel the Shadow Lake Association should be ashamed of themselves for trying to single out Ms. Maynard and her business as a source of milfoil contamination, which is unfounded. We understand nineteen plants of milfoil were found in front of camp Number 26 in 2014, where only one buoy was put in place. While Zero plants were found in front of Ms. Maynard's property but numerous buoys were put in the water in front of her property. Why is she being singled out?

We feel there should be an independent study done on the presence of milfoil in Shadow Lake. We question the impartiality of a study done solely by the Shadow Lake Association.

Please deny this petition by the Shadow Lake Association and let Ms. Maynard continue her bed & breakfast business and enjoy her lake front property. Thank you for taking the time to consider our view of this petition.

Very Sincerely yours,

Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Lanpher,
108 Janes Road
Swanton VT, 05488

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rolland Lanpher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila A Lanpher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

From: [Martin, Sharon](#)
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow lake Milfoil Association
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 9:49:06 AM

Please support this association in their efforts to try and preserve this beautiful lake versus having it go to waste when no one will enjoy its beauty or recreation in the future. Simply said why would we not try and keep this lake free of milfoil?

Sharon Martin, a friend of the water and beauty of the lake.

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From: slschott@juno.com
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:09:01 PM

Dear Sir,

We have been summer residents for 42 years at Shadow Lake, Glover, Vt and have taken great pride in the beauty and the clarity of "our" lake. Our family has enjoyed many years here and we're planning on generations to come to do the same.

The recent problem with the Eurasian Milfoil has been very disappointing and stressful. The group of people who have worked so diligently deserve much praise. They continue to work hard and we all are very mindful of how we can do our part.....except for a few residents. Whether this is done out of ignorance or deliberately it seems the only way to get cooperation from these few is for the state to grant the petition to restrict the small area where the milfoil originated. We have seen people paddle boating and fishing in the middle of this area as recently as this past Sunday, Aug 24.

It is to every homeowners advantage to confine the spread of this nuisance and keep our waters clean and pure. I urge the state to approve of our petition to restrict this area so that we can get our lake cleaned up and rid of this menace.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sharon Schott

From: escsac@mediacombb.net
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Cc: [Maynard, Gwen](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake Assaciation/milfoil/Maynard
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 10:11:22 AM

Dear Mr. Probasco,

We are concerned by a petition filed in your office by the Shadow Lake Association with regards to the presence of milfoil in Shadow Lake, specifically the area around Gwen Maynard's bed and breakfast.

The Association's petition to prohibit the use of shore land water front at Ms. Maynard's establishment clearly demonstates their desire to deprive Ms. Maynard of her livelihood. Why? Jealousy?

The milfoil problem as stated by some of the association's divers, to some lake users, is not in front of Ms. Maynard's unit as none was found there but several buoys were placed there anyway, restricting use. Nineteen (19) milfoil plants were found in front of number 26 in 2014 but only 1 buoy was placed there.

The association's assumption that the business of a bed and breakfast is the reason for a milfoil infestation would, to us, seem biased. There are many boaters and swimmers using the lake and infestation has many ways of incurring. Even Mother Nature and the water fowl should be suspect!

It appears that Ms. Maynard is being singled out. Why?

Ms. Maynard works hard to maintain her home and business and pays taxes for both. She does volunteer work in the community and that says a lot for an 82 year old person.

We feel an independent study should be done employing state divers so there is no question of impartiality.

The Shadow Lake Association divers were rude and demanding on several occasions to people using the lake where they were told to.

We ask that you deny the petition by the Shadow Lake Association and let Ms. Maynard and her Lakeside Haven customers continue to enjoy her lake front.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia and Eugene Chaney
16 Timberlane Drive
Geneseo, IL 61254

CC: Gwen Maynard

From: [Sylvia Herbstritt](#)
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake Milfoil, Glover VT
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 9:56:26 PM

From: Sylvia Herbstritt <davidmechler@hotmail.com>
Date: September 5, 2014
To: "Matthew.Probasco@State.VT.US" <Matthew.Probasco@State.VT.US>
Subject: Shadow Lake Milfoil, Glover VT

I, Sylvia Herbstritt, part owner of camp 98 on Shadow Lake, Glover VT, am in support of the petition to blockade a limited portion of the Danforth area of the lake for control of Eurasian Milfoil. I am in full support of The Lake Association and their program to rid the lake of Eurasian Milfoil and any other non native flora.
Sincerely,
Sylvia Herbstritt
802 525 4703 camp phone number
Sent from my iPad

From: slschott@juno.com
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake milfoil
Date: Monday, September 01, 2014 7:54:40 AM

Dear Matthew,

My family and I would like to express our concern for the growing problem of spreading milfoil in Shadow Lake. We whole heartedly support the Shadow Lake Association's request for a state petition to temporarily close a small portion of the lake to boating and swimming in an effort to eradicate this invasive weed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Whit Schott

Randall Schott

Michelle Clayton Schott

Daniel Schott

Erica Clayton

Carlie Clayton

Debra Schott

Abby Schott

Amy Schott Vonderhorst

Shawn Vonderhorst

Emily Vonderhorst

Wendy Schott Leone

John Leone

Jackson Leone

Cade Leone

Marshall Leone

From: bchamber@charter.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 6:28 AM
To: Probasco, Matthew
Subject: Lakeside Haven
Attachments: September 1 Lakeside Haven.docx

Please find attached a letter on behalf of Lakeside Haven in Glover, Vt. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

William and Paula Chamberlin

September 1, 2014

Dear Mr. Probasco,

We are writing in reference to the closing of an area at Shadow Lake in Glover Vermont. We have a personal interest in this property. I have been going to the property since 1962 when we cleared the land to build a family camp to enjoy. In this time many area residents and families have also enjoyed the recreational use of the property swimming, boating and fishing. It is our understanding that the Shadow Lake Association has petitioned the State of Vermont to close off this area and a small adjoining area as well. The association states that these milfoil plants have been found and started at the Lakeside Haven property due to the number of renters. We do not know how the association can come to the conclusion that the milfoil started in front of any designated property. There is no member of this association that is certified or holds a degree in aquatic plant life. The association has hired their own divers and a diver that is also an association member to locate and place buoys at the location of these plants. They have placed approximately 15 – 19 buoys in front of Lakeside Haven, however there are more plants that have been discovered in property located adjacent to Lakeside Haven and no buoys have been placed. This property is a close friend of the association. There are also a number of these plants that have been found across the lake and no buoys are placed there either. It appears that this is a personal vendetta and continued harassment of Lakeside Haven. The association has gone so far as to police the renters and told them that they cannot use the water in the area of these buoys. In this petition that was filed with the state many statements were incorrect. The owner of the rental property does in fact live on the property within 200 feet and also maintains daily contact with the renters. No boat launch is available at Lakeside Haven and there are 3 rental families with boats that use the public boat wash facility before entering their boat in the lake. The kayaks used at Lakeside Haven are owned by Lakeside Haven and never leave the property. There are many residents and campers that rent out their personal property during the summer months to help assist with the cost of taxes. There are many families that do bring their own kayaks and boats to the lake as well during their rental period. To target one area and one person for the milfoil problem is absurd. There are many lakes in Vermont that have this same problem with this invasive plant, but only 1 lake has been closed to recreation by an association. The renters at this property spend a great deal of money locally at the stores, restaurants, churches and many other facilities. They are tourists to the area and the community welcomes them. If in fact the state feels that this is an overwhelming situation with the milfoil, then they should indeed close all of the lake for a period of time to avoid further issues. We feel that educated and certified divers for the State of Vermont should be overseeing this association's involvement. There have been many calls to the association to find out what is happening out in front of Lakeside Haven, but no calls are being returned. There have been in fact several conflicting statements by the association and the state in regard to what should happen at the property during this rental period.

This association has harassed Lakeside Haven and it's renters by policing the area when they were using the water and posting signs. This harassment against Lakeside Haven has been an ongoing event for years.

There have even been suggestions that she sell some property to help her financially if the lake is closed to her. It is our understanding that Lakeside Haven has indeed been licensed for the rental property and has abided by all rules and laws of the state. We also are aware that the owner of Lakeside Haven has contributed financially to help assist with the burden of the association to continue to clean up the lake.

We feel that the State of Vermont is a wonderful place to live and raise our children. We do in fact need tourists to come to Vermont and appreciate what is here. It is unfortunate that a few can create such a negative atmosphere for our tourists and families who wish to use the recreation that is offered here. The closure of this property area will certainly decrease the value of the property and the hard work that has been put into it. This will also burden the town as taxes for this property and the surrounding ones will decrease and someone will need to make up the difference. There are too many factors here that do not add up to close this property to water usage.

We hope a decision will be made swiftly and positively in favor of Lakeside Haven so that this does not escalate further and for people to be able to make arrangements on their futures.

Thank you for your immediate consideration to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

William and Paula Chamberlin

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From: [Chris](#)
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Petition for Shadow Lake
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 2:33:44 PM

9/05/14

Dear Sir,

I am a Shadow Lake property owner and tax payer. I completely support the Shadow Lake Association and the Petition to close part of Danforth Cove to human activity.

My wife and I have spent over a decade upgrading and lovingly maintaining our lake front property. During any and all work we were always acutely aware of our responsibility to shoreline protection and water quality. It would be devastating to have our beautiful lake overrun with Milfoil, not just for us but for our entire lake community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald B. Hill