

**From:** [amsavela@aol.com](mailto:amsavela@aol.com)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake Association Petition  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:10:26 AM

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Dear Matthew Probasco,

I am writing in regards to the Petition for Temporary Closure of a portion of Shadow Lake in Glover, VT.

Firstly, I should have been notified of the informal meeting that was held on August 12, as I am specifically named and directly impacted by this petition. I learned of the meeting through word of mouth. There were many questions asked that evening, to which there were no answers. I believe this is a reflection of a very poorly run, but very important department in the State of Vermont. The State has just implemented the Shoreline Protection Act, but if water quality doesn't improve or stay status quo, then what's the point? The point here is the petition, so I will get back to that.

I strongly believe that if it were not for the tireless efforts of the Shadow Lake Association, our cove and Shadow Lake would be much worse off than it is today. The Association is relentless in battling this infestation, they are extremely knowledgeable about the milfoil and its whereabouts on the Lake. Therefore, as much as I personally will be impacted by a Temporary Closure, I feel it is more important to preserve the future beauty of Shadow Lake and support the efforts of Shadow Lake Association by supporting this Petition.

Thoughtfully Submitted,

Anne-Marie Vespa  
99 South Hollow Rd.  
Stowe, VT 05672

**From:** Bob Townsend <btownsendglo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2014 3:08 PM  
**To:** Probasco, Matthew  
**Cc:** Bob Townsend  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake, Vermont Use of Public Water Rules Petition  
**Attachments:** Lake Closure.docx; Lake Closure.pdf

Bob Townsend  
[btownsendglo@gmail.com](mailto:btownsendglo@gmail.com)

Lake Closure.pdf

To:

The Watershed Management Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation  
& Matthew Probasco  
Aquatic Nuisance Control &  
Pesticide General Permit Coordinator

From:

Robert Townsend  
Camp # 109 Danforth Farmhouse  
Former President of Shadow Lake Association  
Glover, Vermont

I write this letter in opposition to the Petition to close off approximately 1 acre of to boating or swimming in the Danforth Cove of Shadow Lake. I believe that such a restriction of use is unnecessary and punitive to those of us in this area of the lake.

The "Danforth Beach" has historically been used by both camp owners and Glover year round residents as quasi public access to the waters of the lake. Past & current owners of these 7 camps have graciously allowed "locals" beach, swimming & boating access. Closure would severely limit that access, as the Town Beach is over 5 miles away from these neighbors.

The beach did have a large outbreak of EWM over 2 years ago but the placement of bottom barrier mats was successful and now there seems to be desire by the SLA to place the blame and cause of the outbreak on these camps and the use of the beach area by those of us here. A restriction on our present use for swimming and non-motorized watercraft is a treatment that is unnecessary and unneeded to "cure" a nonexistent problem. A few individual plants have been found in subsequent inspections of the area but no more frequently than in other areas of the lake.

Presently the area is saturated with over 20 orange buoys placed by the association without consultation of the neighboring camp owners. A sign permanently proclaiming "Diver Down" is the only explanation of the reason for the marking of the area. Swimming with out crossing these buoys allows only about 4 feet in depth and since the area is shallow a channel does not exist for powerboats in both directions.

In my over 40 years of year round observation of this area of the lake I have not noticed an increase of bottom siltation or delta growth. The natural currents in the lake wash a great deal of debris in this north west corner and it is extremely likely that milfoil was washed here from other parts of the lake. To punish this area of the lake with a undefined "temporary" restriction seems to be a misguided attempt by those who will not be affected in reaction to possible restriction of their future use. Future vigilance and re-use of the bottom barriers in other areas would seem to be a much more effective course.

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**From:** [mpollack@videotron.ca](mailto:mpollack@videotron.ca)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Cc:** [Maria Pollack](#)  
**Subject:** Lakeside Haven - Milfoil Contamination Precautionary Measures Consideration of the State of Vermont  
**Date:** Friday, August 29, 2014 4:29:41 PM

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Hello,

I've been informed by the owner of Lakeside Haven, Gwen Maynard, that as a precautionary measure to control the Milfoil contamination, there is serious consideration by the State of Vermont to close access to specific areas of Shadow Lake, namely the bay area that surrounds this establishment.

This email is to inform you that we have been vacationing at this fabulous and professionally-operated establishment for over eight (8) consecutive years. Our children enjoy swimming, kayaking, canoeing and all the other wonderful lake activities this establishment can currently offer it's guests. We've always respected the rules and regulations and Gwen has been diligent to forewarn our family of any changes to such rules and regulations before we arrive for our stay.

It would be important to consider that we also bring substantial & regular business to the local stores over the course of our stay, such as Courier's, C&C Market, fresh garden produce markets, Parker's Pie, antique shops, etc.

That said, it would be a grave shame if this establishment could no longer offer it's guests such services as this would likely influence our decision, as well as other guests undoubtedly, to continue to select Lakeside Haven as a recurring vacation destination of choice.

**Please don't hesitate to contact us to further discuss this matter of concern.**

Cordially,

The Chouinard Family  
6 Lakebreeze Avenue  
Pointe-Claire, Quebec  
Canada

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**Tél: 514-426-0054**

**From:** Chris <mermaid@myfairpoint.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:02 PM  
**To:** Probasco, Matthew  
**Subject:** Revised SLA petition comment  
**Attachments:** Revised SLA petition comment.pdf

Hi Matt, whoops, I found a slight phrasing mistake in my earlier emailed comment to you and for clarity have corrected my comment to this version. Please except this final version as my official comment and delete the previous version. Thank you. Sorry to bother you.  
Best wishes, Chrissie

Ps. Thank you for your positive remarks about the SLA when interviewed over the phone by the reporter from the Chronicle newspaper. Many locals have commented it was a good article. I will mail a copy to Ann and she can show it to you if you are interested.

September 04 2014

To: Matthew Probasco

My husband and I are shore front property owners at Shadow Lake and consider this spot our haven. We are in full support of this SLA petition.

My family has owned property for 80 years on a VT pristine lake. For close to 60 years, since my infancy, and every year of my life, I have been fortunate to enjoy all sorts of lake recreation in clear, clean, unspoiled water. Before arriving at Shadow Lake, while my husband and I were considering lake real estate to purchase, our top priority was first and foremost to be on a lake with pristine water quality. We certainly would of never invested in expensive lakefront anywhere plagued with an invasive species.

Now, due to the recent infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil, all of us at Shadow no longer have the luxury of pristine water. Shadow Lake now falls into the official classification of having 'impaired' water quality. This situation is heartbreaking for many and more importantly it deserves our strongest efforts to diligently work together to eradicate this Milfoil spread before this problem becomes quickly and vastly way too late!

From visiting many lakes and ponds both in VT and elsewhere, I have seen the devastation caused by huge beds of milfoil rampantly spreading to choke out aquatic and wildlife habitat while also ruining human recreational enjoyment. A trip to Lake Bomoseen is all it takes to clearly understand if or when this Milfoil spreads to take over this Lake it will ruin this environment for everyone. No one here at Shadow wants their kids to swim through a mass of nasty weeds or to watch their property values decline because their shore front is unusable and gross.

We also support this petition because we know first hand how difficult this battle is. Together we join with a dedicated team of volunteers, both above and below the water, to stay educated and work to strategize on how to best manage this Milfoil. I have personally snorkeled many hours to hand pull the invading plants and have charted every new Milfoil site as it has spread around the Lake. I know this insidious alien well! To date, the SLA Milfoil team, with support from the State DEC, has found and mapped 18 sites of EWM around the Lake since the first site was confirmed in 2011 at Danforth Cove. Six of those sites are new this summer, and are currently under control thanks to the rapid response and ever vigilance of many volunteers. We have experienced great success in controlling those sites as they pop up and at present, it is entirely realistic to believe we are very close to eradication, however, the Danforth Cove area remains problematic.

We are hopeful we have achieved killing the Milfoil under the barrier mats and have scheduled removal of those mats for necessary maintenance and after careful monitoring for any regrowth we can then determine our success rate. The lake bottom there will be vulnerable to any Milfoil easily repopulating that area. Because Milfoil is still moving around this Lake, and has recently been found growing in the Cove close to the mats we must continue to protect this zone and not lose any ground. This petition will strengthen our control project. A few of our neighbors in the Cove will be somewhat inconvenienced for awhile but in the long run will equally benefit from this control as will everyone else.

We still have time to greatly reduce this spread risk for the greater good of all, but the clock is ticking. The majority of lakeshore owners agree **now** is the pivotal moment in time for all to unite, pull in the reins hard and take significant action to stop this invasion!

The Shadow Lake Association's mission statement is consistent with the VT ANR water quality policies to protect, maintain, enhance and restore the quality of Vermont's surface water resources to the benefit of all.

I would like to close by empathizing, we must all work together to remain good stewards of Shadow Lake and stop the Milfoil spreading from here to our sister Lakes or any other VT waters. Conservation is a wide view. Many generations before us have wisely advised we must protect the environment now if we are to preserve it for future generations to enjoy. Please do grant this petition and let's try to save Shadow Lake's future now.

Thoughtfully submitted, Christine Cano

**From:** [Connie Ashe](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake petition  
**Date:** Friday, August 22, 2014 1:01:47 PM

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Hello Matthew,

My feelings about the petition are as follows:

We as lakefront Shadow Lake property owners need to do everything possible to eradicate our milfoil infestation.

If closing the area within the present buoys is necessary for a short period of time to allow the divers etc. to work toward this goal, then that is what we should do.

Unfortunately, the wording in the petition upset some of the lake front owners, and I agree with those involved who were offended, but the directors certainly did not mean to upset anyone, I am very sure of that. Without the Shadow Lake Association's participation in this eradication, we would still be in the baby stages for sure, and the cove area would be unfit to boat or swim.

Sincerely,

Connie Ashe

293 Stone Shore Road

Glover, Vermont 05839

**From:** [Warren, Susan](#)  
**To:** [LaFlamme, Pete](#); [Borg, Mary](#); [Bove, Ann](#)  
**Cc:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** FW: accolades - FW: Shadow Lake in Glover  
**Date:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 11:45:34 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCormack, Cameron On Behalf Of ANR - Webmaster  
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:10 AM  
To: Warren, Susan  
Cc: Percival, Penny  
Subject: accolades - FW: Shadow Lake in Glover

Hi Susan -

This congratulatory email was sent to the ANR webmaster email address this morning!

-----Original Message-----

From: Craig A. Johnson [<mailto:crajohnson@me.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 9:28 AM  
To: ANR - Webmaster  
Subject: Shadow Lake in Glover

I am one of the camp owners and Shadow Lake. I just want to let you know that I appreciate the work that ANR is doing with the Shadow Lake Association and group of local divers to keep the lake clean. Thank you for your continuing assistance.

Craig Johnson  
1583 Shadow Lake Road

Sent from my iPad

**From:** andyoung@myfairpoint.net  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2014 4:05 PM  
**To:** Probasco, Matthew  
**Subject:** Comment regarding Shadow Lake, Glover, VT  
**Attachments:** shadow lake letter 8.14.doc

We've attached a word document with comments regarding a petition to establish a temporary no boating/swimming zone on a portion of Shadow Lake in Glover.

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Dear Mr. Probasco:

We are writing in regard to the petition to establish a one acre temporary no boating or swimming zone on Shadow Lake in Glover. We have read the petition and strongly object to the proposed action.

While we recognize the importance of limiting the spread of milfoil, we believe that other less drastic action, including further education efforts, could realize that goal.

Shadow Lake is a busy place with hundreds and hundreds of users and potential agents for spreading milfoil.

Establishing the proposed no swimming or boating zone would place undue hardship on one individual. The zone could severely impact or perhaps eliminate entirely the livelihood of Gwen Maynard, the owner of the bed and breakfast near the zone. We have known Mrs. Maynard as neighbors for close to three decades. In our long experience, she has been a thoughtful, generous, and respectful neighbor who is community-minded and would do her best to address problems or concerns. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely, Darlene Young and Ned Andrews  
(802) 525-6961

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1877 Perron Hill  
Glover, VT 05839

Matthew Probasco  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
One National Life Drive, Main 2  
Montpelier VT 05620

29 August 2014

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Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darlene Young and Ned Andrews  
(802) 525-6961

**From:** Darrell Bussino <dbusvt@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:40 PM  
**To:** Probasco, Matthew  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake Petition  
**Attachments:** Danforth Cove Shadow Lake.pdf

Please see Letter opposition attached

Thank you,  
Darrell Bussino

TO:

9/2/2014

Vermont Agency Of Natural Resources  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Attention: Matthew Probasco

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the closure of Danforth Cove at Shadow Lake in Glover, as proposed in a petition filed on April 22, 2014 by the Shadow Lake Association (SLA).

In its petition the SLA states, "without temporary closure, SLA is fighting a losing battle!" The State of Vermont's Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) web page states at least three times, "Once Eurasian water milfoil has infested a lake there is no known way to eradicate it." Will closing Danforth Cove help the SLA battle to eradicate EWM in Shadow Lake? According to the State, it cannot be eradicated. It will most surely eradicate the livelihood of an "elderly woman" who has been a steward of the lake since 1962.

I looked at the most current State of VT chart from 2011 on EWM lake and pond infestations ([watershed.vt.gov/lakes/docs/ans/lp\\_ewm-lakelist.pdf](http://watershed.vt.gov/lakes/docs/ans/lp_ewm-lakelist.pdf)) it lists sixty-six lakes and ponds with EWM (Shadow Lake is *not* included). The information in this chart raises many questions: Of those sixty-six bodies of water how many have been closed by the state of Vermont or had sections closed by the state of Vermont due to EWM? How severe was the EWM found in any body of water closed by the state? How does the EWM problem in Danforth Cove compare to other bodies of water closed by the state due to EWM? Was EWM completely eradicated from any body of water closed by the state of Vermont? When was the last time state divers dove Danforth Cove? How many plants were pulled by the State of Vermont divers in Danforth Cove this year 2014?

Another issue brought up in the SLA's petition that is contradicted by information on the State's EWM webpage is that of the mats that are on the lake floor. The SLA alleges that, "A thin layer of silt sediments has settled on top the mats and have helped block the light from penetrating. When the silt is dissipated from human or canine disturbance more sunlight can filter through the mat and promote EWM growth." The State of Vermont refers to these 'mats' as 'Bottom Barriers' and they are defined as "specially made sheets of materials such as fiberglass, polypropylene, or polyvinyl chloride (PVC), anchored to a lake bottom [that] will prevent plant growth by blocking sunlight." The website continues on to say that "Bottom Barriers are most

appropriate to control growth in localized areas such as in **swimming areas**, around docks or to create boat lanes out to deeper water” ([watershedmanagement.vt.gov](http://watershedmanagement.vt.gov)). There are Bottom Barriers in place in Danforth Cove, presumably to control EWM in this *swimming* area. Also, the State does not mention silt as beneficial to blocking sunlight, only that the Bottom Barriers purpose is to block sunlight. The state however does mention that EWM can grow in silt.

It seems to me that this petition is more personal in manner. It feels as though there is more than just an EWM issue at work here. For example, on page four of the petition, in the section titled “*The problem at Danforth Cove location is due to several factors,*” none of those first eight points are caused by water activity and closing the cove would not fix these problems.

Why I think it’s more personal in manner is as follows: The SLA in it’s petition portrays Gwen Maynard (the owner of the Bed and Breakfast which is at Danforth Cove, and which stands to be impacted the most from the closure of the cove) as “the elderly B&B owner” who lives off premises, is out of touch with what is happening on her property, and who is unable to monitor her waterfront. The SLA seems to imply that because of her age and assumed proximity to her B&B that she is thereby responsible for the continued presence of EWM at Danforth Cove. As someone who has known Gwen for many years, I feel that this is grossly misleading and quite frankly an insult. When Gwen rents out her home (as do many camp owners on Shadow Lake), she stays in a trailer that is about 100 yards away. The directors of the SLA are aware of this fact. Gwen, who is a neighbor of mine, has always extended an open invitation to me and my family to use her waterfront access to the lake to kayak or swim. On many occasions we have taken her up on that offer. We usually see Gwen there, chatting with renters, working in her flower beds, mowing (with a push mower!) or weed whacking her lawn. So while Gwen would be considered “elderly,” it’s hardly relevant to her abilities to oversee and manage her property and guests. Part of her oversight has always been an awareness and concern for the EWM presence. Each and every time I have borrowed a kayak or gone for a swim, she has stated to me, “ Don’t go through the buoys, you have to go around because of the milfoil, and if you take a kayak make sure you have a life jacket,” even if I had been there the previous day.

The SLA in its petition implies that Gwen’s guests, and others, use the buoys as a slalom course. I have never seen anyone using the buoys as a slalom course. Another concern the SLA writes about is the problem of fish hook holes in the ‘mats’ (Bottom Barriers), again, implying that Gwen’s guests are the source. I rarely see anyone fishing off the shore at Danforth Cove or in boats near the buoys.

The issue of fish hooks and fish hook tears in the mats, brought up as another reason to close the Cove to boating and swimming raises a few other questions in my mind. How many fish hook tears are in the mats? How many are from summer months, and how many are from ice fishing? The Cove is a popular local ice fishing spot. Is there specific data relating to this issue? "Several" is a bit vague. If fish hook holes in the mats are a problem, perhaps the area should be more closely monitored in the winter months when people frequently are ice fishing. Maybe there should be some signs on the ice asking people to avoid certain areas. To my knowledge, the SLA has never addressed this issue of ice fishing and EWM. Additionally, if fish hooks are damaging the mats why are there no signs at the fishing access or at the public beach informing fishermen of the threat their hooks and lures pose to the mats? Fishermen may not be aware that there are mats to control EWM in certain areas.

Another point brought up in the SLA's petition is the size of Gwen's home. This is an irrelevant point. Gwen's home is not the largest on the lake - there are homes around the lake that are much larger. How many people do *those* houses hold? What if someone on the lake has a party or a wedding? How many people will be there? Is the problem the number of people in an area within a specific distance from an EWM buoy? Is the SLA proposing/ suggesting that there should be rules about how many people are allowed at a camp based on its proximity to a buoy? Will the SLA police all camps (say, within 300 yards of a buoy) to be sure there aren't too many people there? Or will the State police all camps? What about the public beach? There is an EWM buoy there and I have never seen anyone monitoring it. Is the beach the next area to be closed?

The State of Vermont EWM website does not list home capacity in relation to location of a EWM buoy as the problem of EWM proliferation. Instead the site states that , "Human recreational activities usually account for the spread of non-native aquatic plants and animals between lakes. Fragments of aquatic plants cling to the propellers of *boat motors* or to *boat trailers* and, if not removed, can start new populations when the boat is launched into another waterbody." The boat wash is closed for twelve hours (from 6pm - 6am) every night in the summer. It closes for the season in September. The petition seems to say that SLA is so close to eradicating EWM and all they have to do is close Danforth Cove, when realistically anyone can come to Shadow Lake with a boat from another lake carrying EWM at a time when the boat wash is closed. Closing Danforth Cove to me seems a slippery slope. It will do nothing to 'solve' the unsolvable problem of milfoil. It cannot be eradicated. It can only be controlled. If

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there is a judgement to close Danforth Cove, does the State plan on closing their access to the lake (the fishing access) the same day?

I was at Gwen's for a swim one day sometime in June while there were divers checking for EWM. One of the directors of SLA, Christine Cano, (who signed the petition for temporary closure) was also there standing knee deep in water directing the State divers where to move the buoys (Incidentally, her dog was with her swimming and playing in the very waters that she does not want others dogs swimming in). She introduced herself to me and touted her triumphs over EWM, and told me what a great job she was doing. I did not witness the state divers pulling any EWM at that time. She made no mention of the petition that had been filed two months prior, nor the public meeting that would be held to discuss EWM and Danforth Cove. She made it sound like she had things under control. I was surprised to learn that a petition had been filed to close Danforth Cove. In their most recent posting regarding their battle to eradicate EWM SLA states, "SLA believes we are very close to reaching this goal." If SLA is controlling the milfoil, as this posting states and as this director of SLA suggested to me, why would the cove need to be closed?

The SLA tactics in filing this petition to me seem covert and underhanded. Why was this petition filed in April when there was still ice on the lake and no diver could even assess the EWM situation? Why was Gwen Maynard (a member of the SLA) not notified of the petition until only a couple of weeks before the public meeting? Why wouldn't the SLA inform Gwen in April in hopes that she would do a better job monitoring her guests, if monitoring her guests is truly a big part of the problem (as stated in the petition)? Why was the Glover community as whole not notified that there would be a petition filed (The SLA has a presence at town meeting. I'm guessing perhaps it's more difficult to get your funding from the town if you plan to close parts of the lake.)?

I only heard of a public meeting days before it was to be held. Unfortunately I was out of town for work or I would have been there, I assure you. No one in the neighborhood on Clark Rd knew about this petition or the meeting until just recently. I feel this petition has been filed without everyone's interests considered. It was filed in secret and kept a secret for as long as possible.

I Implore you, please take into consideration the livelihood of Gwen Maynard, who loves Shadow Lake as much as (or more than) anyone, she is diligent and does her part to help quell the spread of EWM. The characterization of Gwen as being a large B&B business owner who

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lives off premises, and does not monitor or inform her guests about the EWM problem is just flat out wrong on many levels. Those who have filed this petition are quite aware of that fact.

I understand the need to try and control EWM and I applaud the work that has been done but closing Danforth Cove seems a bit overzealous. Furthermore if this precedent is set at Shadow Lake what does it mean for the rest of the lakes in Vermont that have EWM and there are many, many with far worse EWM problems than Shadow Lake or Danforth Cove.

Sincerely,

Darrell Bussino

440 Clark Rd

Glover, VT 05839

**From:** [David Mechler](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake Association Petition on Milfoil  
**Date:** Friday, September 05, 2014 4:14:59 PM

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Matthew,

I am an owner of Camp 98 at 627 Stone Shore Road on Shadow Lake in Glover, VT. I am very concerned about the further infestation of Eurasian Milfoil in the lake and am in full support of the Association's petition to block public access to the currently identified, limited area in the Danforth section of the lake in order to control the milfoil and hopefully eliminate it there.

I personally have found milfoil in the lake and reported its location to the Shadow Lake Association (SLA) in order to mark that area for monitoring and remediation.

The SLA has been very diligent in its efforts to control milfoil in the lake and I applaud this effort heartily.

Sincerely,

David Mechler  
P.O. Box 240 Glover, VT 05839  
802-525-4703

**From:** [Deborah Hawkins](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** proposed temporary closure of Danforth Cove area of Shadow Lake  
**Date:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 1:54:46 PM

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Dear Mr. Probasco,

My family owns one of the Danforth Cove camps. I am writing to express concern about the proposed closure of this area to recreation. While I appreciate the efforts of the SLA to combat milfoil, I am not sure how temporary closure is going to alleviate this problem which is exacerbated by environmental factors, such as the shallowness of the lake in this area. Most of the recreation that takes place at this end of the lake is localized to this end, so I am unclear as to how the milfoil could spread to the public beach from here. We all know that milfoil is very difficult to get rid of. I don't believe that any slight gains made in the milfoil fight by this proposed temporary closure would be worth the loss of use to the 9 camps in the cove area.

Our camp is right next door to the bed and breakfast, so we would have witnessed the bad behavior alleged in the petition; yet have not seen any. I have known the owner of the bed and breakfast for all of my 53 years, and know her to be a conscientious woman. Many of her guests have been coming to Shadow Lake for many years and take good care to respect the lake front and property. It appears to me, that this petition is yet another episode of personal vendettas by some in the SLA against the owner of Lakeside Haven.

I urge you to objectively look at the information and listen to the property owners of this area.

thank you,  
**Deborah Hawkins**

**From:** [denise caruso](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Subject; Shadow lake petition...  
**Date:** Friday, September 05, 2014 10:05:46 AM

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mr. probasco, i am a property owner on shadow lake and wholeheartedly support the petition to temporarily halt access to specific areas on Shadow lake. as a strong lake association, we have been able to protect our lake using money and volunteers to provide a hot water spray to clean boats before using our lake. in addition, we have talented property owners who understand how devastating it would be to have a plant infestation in our lake. this petition would allow us a chance to destroy the plant infestation so that we can all enjoy the beautiful waters in Shadow lake. thank you for this consideration...denise Sawan Caruso

**From:** [DIANE MACKAY](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake Bay Closure  
**Date:** Friday, September 05, 2014 2:50:02 PM

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I am writing in support of the temporary closure of a section of Danforth Bay at Shadow Lake. This is a beautiful lake which I have utilized for many years and I have noticed the milfoil becoming more and more prevalent. The association at the lake is working very hard to eradicate this nuisance plant and the closure of the bay would make this much easier for them. I love all the lakes and ponds here in this beautiful state and would be very sorry to see milfoil take over any of them, especially Shadow.

Please allow this temporary closure of the bay so this beautiful lake will not be overrun with milfoil and future generations will not get the enjoy this wonderful place to boat and swim.

Sincerely,

Diane Mackay

**From:** [Doug Spaulding](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake Association's formal petition submission  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:56:19 PM

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Hi Matthew: I would like to go on record as being a strong supporter of what this association (SLA) is looking to prevent and the means by which they are requesting allowance to accomplish it by and that is the milfoil invasion of these pristine waters. It is no different than some of the responsibilities that your agency has been entrusted with and this association and it's members are behind your every efforts as they know you will be behind theirs and with your support of their request to close off this overall very small portion of Shadow Lake we can all start to get a good grip on curtailing the spread of this invasive aquatic species before it is seriously too late to do so. I personally thank you very much for your support of the SLA in your position as the Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit Coordinator and the support of the VT Agency of Natural Resources of their petition and for also adding my name to the growing list of those who are also, individually, in support of this group's petition.

R/Doug Spaulding, Lyndonville, VT

**From:** [Warren, Susan](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Cc:** [Bove, Ann](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Millfoil in Shadow Lake, Glover, Vermont  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 11:54:36 AM

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**From:** McCormack, Cameron **On Behalf Of** ANR - Webmaster  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** Warren, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: Millfoil in Shadow Lake, Glover, Vermont

Hi Susan –

This email was sent to the ANR webmaster email address yesterday. Can you or one of group respond to them?

Thanks! - Cam

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**From:** Mark Gherardi [<mailto:mgherardi@graniteartisans.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 8:21 AM  
**To:** ANR - Webmaster  
**Cc:** 'Chris'  
**Subject:** Millfoil in Shadow Lake, Glover, Vermont

To Whom It May Concern – we the undersigned would like to add our names in support of the petition to boundary off a section of Shadow Lake in effort to curtail the spread of Eurasian Milfoil in our lake. We have owned property there for over 20 years and consider the lake our home. We are very concerned about the spread of this invasive species that could if left unchecked, become so devastating to our lake and its environment. We stand in support of all such actions to fight the spread of milfoil in Shadow Lake.

Sincerely yours,

Mark, Martha, and Max Gherardi  
Eduart, Paige, and Serafina Lamthi

Camp #113 (on the outlet)  
Shadow Lake  
Glover Vt

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Thank you.

**From:** Glenn Gage <ggage57@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 05, 2014 9:07 AM  
**To:** Probasco, Matthew  
**Subject:** Petition at Shadow Lake  
**Attachments:** Against\_partition\_Glenn\_Gage.docx

Sorry days at one of the nices lakes in Vermont and will destro this community.  
I do not think John Rodgers should be pushing this for he works for the people not his own agenda.

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Glenn Gage

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Subject: Petition to close Danforth cove

Dear Sir

Yes we all agree that milfoil is a very bad thing to have and Shadow Lake has been very fortunate up to today to have very little of this plant, and has kept it at bay for this long. I would not like to see milfoil in the lake but I also would not like this beach closed to the extent and harshness that a very small selection officials of an association has taking upon itself to determine what part and how big, along with the extent of closure. I do have a few reason to be against this closure. Also I can say that we would agree toward a SHORT time closure to power boats but not to all recreation. But let me start with the reason I am against this closure.

1. If the boat wash is not mandatory to wash ALL BOATS ENTERING THE WATERS, then the introduction of milfoil is futile. With that said any one can transport this plant in after boat wash open hours, before spring opening of the boat wash and after fall closing of the boat wash. So closing down this area for swimming and playing is totally unexcitable when the cause from bringing it in is not stopped.
2. The way that this petition was presented. As a member (and quite a few of us are member) had no idea that this was even presented to the state. The only reason that we found out is an association board member gave a guest at a camp a hard time (there was several renters that heard this) and the person that owned the house was upset. When the board members where approached about the incident the partition slipped out by accident, and if that didn't happen the petition would still be a secret. Of course it was denied that incident ever happened but more than 12 people saw it.
3. Now that the partition was out this person (a board member ran to all campers, except us in the cove, and tried to force owns of the camps to sign the partition) Again under this is so handed like statement 2 above and behind back maneuvers.
4. Now for the partition itself, there are quite a few page that point the blame on businesses and an older person.
  - a. The statement "elderly woman" is an age discrimination statement.
  - b. The business that the partition will affect is being blamed for all of the problem of milfoil.
  - c. The area in question per partition is going to be heavily buoyed. I think they got a little ahead of themselves by doing exactly that before the partition was even considered. This make the area look like a junk yard now and is doing no good at all.
  - d. Milfoil found. They have not found ANY quantities of plants in the area in questioned but have found several other areas up to ½ mile away\, and the question is why are not these areas have multiple buoy's? All any one see is 1 buoy's.
  - e. Now for favoritism – listed in item 5 and runs ramped with the Board members and their friends.
5. The biggest problem with this petition is that it was keep secret from the almost all members of the association except the close net members that are good friends of the board members. Again FAVORITISM. This was kept secret so not to upset everyone well that is the case. Now with that petition out and how it is worded, applying that it is certain individual cause this problem. And accusing that it was the B&B renting that is to blame. Well there are several people that rent including the Web Page designer that is a great friends with the Board members rent one of his 2 camps out and milfoil was found in of his camps. These 2 camps are not far from the board member camps and is actually lees than 1 hundred yards away from Chrissy Canu camp (A BOARD MEMBER). So has Chrissy actually found plants in front of her camp? (FAVORITISM).

Now for closing this petition how it was kept so much of a secret from the members that this is very hard to take. Also with all the milfoil that is found across lake, down at the beach, and for most part everywhere except the area in question is quite confusing. They want to close this area because it is the first place it was found. These people have it out for the Danforth cove people especially the B&B. Why are they allowing a boat to be docked on a peer that has a mat in front of it, and they also have found milfoil under this boat, but it is still there.

Now there is an article out in the chronicle where the board member and a senator are sure this is the cure to all of the milfoil problems at Shadow. They did not mention the 19 plants they found on the other side of the lake. Or how many plant s they found at the beach, all they know is to close an area that is actually milfoil free at this point in time.

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Also they are not tell the whole store about the big area they had closed off last year near the inlet. Oh yes don't want to tell that part because that is close to the Senators camp. We best not log that in so the state will look down there to closely.

Also one more this, Mr. John Rogers stated in that article and I quote "If I owned that business over there I would have I would have closed it right away." Well if Mr. Rogers owned that business and it was the only income he had coming in I would pretty much be sure he would be fighting and doming what he could to keep the front open for his business

This is tearing this community apart no matter what happens, due to the way it was handle by the board and I am not sure what the future holds but I do know if this area is closed, I am sure Chrissy Cano and John Rodgers happen and will make sure that it will never open again in any mean that she and he can. And if it does not get close the blame will go on the B&B so no matter this will turn into a McCoy and Hatfield drama and the blame is the STATE and The SLA BOARD MEMBERS.

Such sad time to come  
Glenn Gage

**From:** [Gwen Maynard](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Closing Shadow lake ( Danforth Cove)  
**Date:** Friday, September 05, 2014 12:04:16 PM

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I am writing this letter in opposition to the Petition to close part of Danforth Cove to boating and swimming, I believe this restriction is unnecessary. I believe it would be a hardship for the four camps most effected. I want to express my reason for not closing part of Danforth Cove but to still monitor and possible other ways to control. I was under the impression that the Milfoil was being taken care and that it was being under control. I feel we will probably always have to be on top and with a watchful eye be alert for it to come any where. We will probably never get full assurance of it not coming back as long as we are not able to monitor 24 hours a day 7days a week and to not allow loons, geese, and our blue Herron on these waters. As I understand any of these things can or could be the cause as well as boats of all sorts. I have been on this lake since the 1943 but have owned land since 1962. I have always had a interest and loved the lake, it is like my front yard so speaking. I have a business Lakeside Haven a B&B from the first of September to the middle of June and it turns into a rental piece of property as many others do on the lake in order to pay taxes and other bills as for myself Social security isn't enough. I want to live here it is my home. I have always given permission for Perron Hill people to come swim, use my boats for their enjoyment. Perron Hill helped me so much at the time of my fire , this is my chance to pay back to them for theirs and the Glover. Community,s help. I feel Shadow Lake Ass. doesn,t feel I have done a very good job in controlling the activity in front of my home. I have literature explaining about milfoil, also greet each group telling the new ones about the buoys and reminding others to say out of the circle where the buoys are. Also be sure don,t swim or kayaks in that area. I live on premises and am working in flower beds, mowing, weed wacking, painting or things are necessary to keep my property looking nice and attractive . I am elderly but very able to keep track of things. I also take care of my aunt who will be. 95, and work hairdressing at the local Nursing Home in Glover 1 day a week or as needed so am far from being unable to tend to things as I felt the petition was saying. I feel like things are really pointed at lakeside Haven at different times as some do not like me having a B&B on the lake. On one occasion a man and a woman in a boat was getting some water in a jar under one of my docks next to shore , the next day a lady from Glovers Town Clerks who was a health officer came to close my beach area because it had ecoli I asked if she told Mary Lib as our waterfront property makes one beach for us to share, She said no, just your's , where does the water stop between us as there is no barrier. Next day came as said it was o.k. ??? A little off I believe., Then one day state came to my door wanted to put tablets in my toilet to see if it was leaking into the lake put a whole bottle of tablets in the stool came back a day or so later took my boat to check found no color anywhere told me it was all clean in a joking way, was good enough to drink,, I asked him to please tell my neighbor, on my left facing the lake this is when I decided to put in a pump up sewer system at a cost of. \$20 000.00, I love Shadow Lake and with the B&B wanted it to be all good and no problems of which there are a lot of sewer systems that need to be changed for the health of the lake. Chrissy brought a sign about washing kayaks before going into the lake from out siders. Wanted to place it on my arbor I said sure when she had at sign for everyone who rents around the lake I also felt at the time milfoil was found in front of my home it was some how my fault by some people. Now it is being called the original colony ? Maybe it was somewhere else as well, but a large area here in front of my home. I realize how much Linda and. Donnie have done and the other divers as well as Ann,s group. I appreciate so much but felt this petition isn't,t necessary as other ways to explore. Myself, Billie next door and my friend Roger Lussier (who has passed away) and I believe Sal have offered to pay for it to be vacumed spring and summer as necessary, I believe it will be hard to keep it out of this area as everything seems to come this way . Wind currents seem to come this way more. On June 7, they came to tell me about the buoys but no mention of word petition to close. My self and another lady in Danforth Cove were as well as my grandson who just got out of the navy were here. There should have been at meeting of the Danforth Cove people to explain the temporary (which we find out can be as much as forever). Since everything comes this way with it being found around the lake closure will not be the answer it can come right back even if we are clear for 1-2 years. And then do it all over again as I understand also can bring it to the shore for closure, this would not make town of Glover happy as I know some would refuse to pay property tax for water front property when not able to use it. Tourism is another big factor. Glover needs the help of people coming in with money to spend. Curriers, C&C, Parker pie, other small shops as well as gas stations even church's ..

It is hard to believe that a lady was getting people to sign the petition to close and the lady really didn't,t know that much about it and said call Chrissy,.....if you have questions and these people could have a say in determinate our

life here, I live here 12 months a year onto some who are only passing by or are here for a couple of months and then back to their life style.

I truly want to help clear this up. As I love shadow Lake but with no punishment more than necessary, I work hard to keep my home attractive, neat and also keep the beauty of the lake. It scares me with the State in control bad enough with 1-2 acres but with the possibility of shore line.???

Please consider the impact on tourism as well.

I am so sorry for the anger, trouble and anxiousness this has caused as all of everyone's goal is to have and keep our beautiful lake. I find this closure isn't fair as there other places on the lake with milfoil only one buoy and 20 on Danforth Cove. This is a bit extreme and unfair and I will do and accept all fairness but if it should be necessary others to help me survive. I want to keep my home but Chrissy told me if I was worried about money then sell my cabin on the hill. I guess that would be for me to decide as I don't tell her what to do. I understand no milfoil found directly in front of my house, 5-6. Plants to my left and one on the right. We have many buoys. One buoy on the other side and one at the beach and people swimming around it. Do close those areas?

I appreciate all help you can do. Thank-you for your time to consider. Gwen. Maynard

Lakeside Haven

802-525-3196

**From:** [janlea](#)  
**To:** [Tenas@bartonchronicle.com](mailto:Tenas@bartonchronicle.com)  
**Cc:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Support petition to fight milfoil in Shadow Lake  
**Date:** Friday, September 05, 2014 1:45:05 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Vermont's lakes & ponds deserves protection and I support the efforts to fight the invasion of milfoil on Shadow Lake. As a visitor to this lake I believe in the efforts and recognize that personal sacrifice is necessary.

Jan Lea Bertrand  
130 Foster Street  
Burlington VT

Regarding: GLOVER — Members of the Shadow Lake Association have petitioned the state, asking that a roughly one-acre section of the lake be closed to human use in order to control milfoil. It would be only the second time in Vermont that part of a lake has been closed to public use because of milfoil.

**From:** [John Rodgers](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Cc:** [Martin, Trey](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow lake  
**Date:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 7:35:03 AM

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My entire family supports the petition to close the matted section of the lake. John S, Brenda, John F and Derek Rodgers.

Senator John S Rodgers  
PO Box 217 Glover Vt 05839

**From:** [KGuilbault](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake (Glover) Temporary Closure Petition  
**Date:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:54:55 PM

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Dear Matthew,

We are owners of a home at 61 Inlet Cove on Shadow Lake in Glover VT. We want to express our strong support for the temporary closure petition that is before the Watershed Management Division. Many of our lake association members have spent countless hours and funds to control and eradicate the milfoil outbreak in Shadow Lake. Our efforts have had a high degree of success; yet, new growth seems to continue to pop up around the lake. We love this body of water and will do whatever we can to destroy this invasive species for good. Temporarily roping off a section of the lake to prevent boat and human traffic is a reasonable next step based on advice we have received from aquatic experts within the state government. We absolutely do not want this lake to become another Lake Willoughby.

Please count us as strong supporters of this temporary closure petition.

Kenneth E. Guilbault  
Katherine A. Guilbault  
61 Inlet Cove  
Glover, VT

**From:** [Greg Camara](#)  
**To:** [Probasco, Matthew](#)  
**Subject:** Shadow Lake hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:29:46 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Greg Camara. I am a property owner on the north side of the lake. Our property has no waterfront but is very close. We use the lake via access through Gwen Maynards property as well as the property next door. Just for canoeing and swimming. I as well as most of the other folks on this side of the lake am concerned about the proposal to close the small bay at this side of the lake and not allow access from there to the rest of the lake to control the Mil foil problem. As I am concerned about the mil-foil, I don't believe the science illustrated the need to close the bay.

There are measures being taken i.e mats on the lake floor and buoy's marking the mats. These seem to be helping. Also there is mil-foil elsewhere in the lake and I don't think our bay is the source. The boat cleaning station ends today and will allow more dirty boats in the lake and I am sure some of them will be contaminated with milfoil. Addressing this problem seems more just.

If this side of the lake is closed of it will not only ruin the small business of Lakeside Haven B&B, but also the livelihoods of us living adjacent to the lake.

The final comment I have is the fact that, It seems that the Shadow Lake Association is targeting the B&B because of a long running vendetta between a couple of its members and the b&b. Also I need to note that many of the signatures on the petition to close the bay have been unjustly solicited, and many are not residents of the lake and may not even be local at all. As they are asking random passersby to sign the form.

We as property owners near the lake were also not notified of the hearing until a week before the decision was to be made and feel that if we were able to compile the scientific evidence describing the mil-foil problem, there would be no case to close any of the water down.

I have to comment as well that the B&B and its neighbors have offered to pay for the mil-foil machine to come and harvest what they can on this side of the lake, which is more than generous.

I strongly encourage you to look at the facts and the science before you make a decision regarding the subject. If by chance the decision is made to close of this side of the lake, I am sure we will all group together and find a way to take this problem to court.

I will also be in touch with the Lake Memphramagog watershed coordinator and see what he has to say about the subject.

Thanks much,

Gregory Camara,  
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