

From: lindagilman@myfairpoint.net
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Support of the Shadow Lake Petition
Date: Thursday, September 04, 2014 8:38:24 PM

Dear Matthew;

I would like to say that I am in total support of the Shadow Lake Petition to temporarily close a portion of Shadow Lake known as "Danforth Cove"

I have been totally involved in the fight to eradicate EWM since it was found in 2011. I was one of the people that were kayaking with Leslie Matthews from the State of VT when she was touring us around the lake to help us identify various plant life in Shadow. It was when we were in the Cove that she believed she saw EWM so we went to get snorkeling gear so she could dive in and identify the plant. We were in our pontoon boat and she told us to look in the shadows of the boat and we would be able to see the largest patch of EWM. Once we established this we worked with the assistance of Ann Bove and her associates to confirm the area and further check the cove. Once this was done it was suggested that we apply for a permit to cover the areas of EWM plant growth. We researched various methods, spoke with Ann Bove and A & E Diving (certified by the State of VT) to install benthic barrier. It was decided to go with a benthic barrier (AquaScreen) and hold it down with coated rebar. The permit was finally approved and we installed the matting November 1, 2011. We had a group of people to kayak and pick up and floaters that would break off when matting was installed. The plants were at peak and broke off easily. All the above was paid by the Association at a cost of about \$9500.

I continue to work every week with the divers and we have done one full survey of the lake and are 1/2 done for a second time. We have found new sites this year which have probably been from floaters from plants in the lake. We have several people that snorkel and we have one individual that has obtained his certification to dive. Our current diver works for A & E diving and has been with us since the beginning.

Closing the Cove seems to me to be the best solution, that is where the mother plant is and we have to be rid of it once and for all so we can focus on other areas of the lake and keep ahead of any future growth of EWM in other sections of the lake. We are so close to eradication and we need your help to achieve this.

It seems to me that the State of VT would support an active organization that is looking out for the best interest of a community as a whole for now and future generations to come. I would hate to see Shadow Lake taken over by EWM and lose the beauty of what we have today.

From: Mary HawkinsThompson <marylib802@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 6:53 PM
To: Probasco, Matthew
Subject: Shadow lake petition
Attachments: Petition_marylib.doc

Sorry you were too busy to talk to me the other day.

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My cottage #104 has been in my family since 1945 and we are very aware of the milfoil and want it contained. The SLA has done good job for the last few years, but now I think a little common sense should prevail without a temporary closure.

We also recall that for many years the lake was lowered in the fall and I feel this would help to take in the mats and perhaps kill milfoil in any is found. During the summer of 2014 we have been told there is no milfoil in the matted area, although new plants were found on either end of the cove and other areas of the lake as well near camp #26.

Therefore we feel a temporary closure is "too little too late" at this point. I feel that the buoyed area will not be harmed by swimmers who will swim not walk on the mats and kayaks, paddle boats etc. as they don't go deep in the water.

If the mats are disrupted, they are moved by the wind which almost always blows toward the north shore. When the water is higher in the spring you can see "the muck" that for many years has come from the small brook between my property and the Lussiers and riles up the water which turns brown, clearly visible after a storm. Right now my beach is littered with gunk that has washed ashore over the mats.

People who are familiar with this lake know this end is very, very shallow and avoid this cove as a matter of course. Most of camp owners at Danforth Cove are willing to share the cost of vacuuming or suctioning the EMF each year if necessary. The SLA will need to continue their diligence to check for milfoil, it probably will always remain a problem though controlled like so many other lakes in Vermont.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Mary Hawkins-Thompson
Woods and Water Camp 104

From: [McMackin, Michael](#)
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake Association Petition for Temp Closure of Lakefront.
Date: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:15:09 PM

Mr. Probasco,

Hello, My name is Mike McMackin and I am writing you to express my extreme opposition against the Shadow Lake Association's request to close part of the lakefront due to milfoil.

This petition is a direct attack to Gwen Maynard, owner of the "extremely busy B&B". It is requesting to close just the waterfront right in front of her property. The wording in the petition is extremely exaggerated as to how busy Gwen's place actually is. It also flat out lies that Gwen is not on property to manage her tenants.

First, I'll address how "busy" her place really is. 99% of her tenants are repeat/regular visitors and out of all of us, only three bring a boat of their own.

My family and I have been staying at Gwen's for 10 years in a row now and I am one of the three that brings a boat.

My boat is always trailered when not at Shadow Lake, it is kept white glove clean. Whenever I bring my boat to Shadow Lake, it does not even have a drop of bilge water or plants from any other water source. I also use the provided wash service at Shadow's boat launch. Gwen made sure I followed all of the Lake's rules with regards to my boating.

All of Gwen's tenants including myself have been very attentive to the buoys marking the milfoil spots and we stay away from them as requested, this includes swimming and boats.

The petition describes Gwen's place to be very busy, like a hotel, it's not. It just isn't.

Next, Gwen is always on property. Always!! The petition is flat out lying about this!

I am appalled how the petition directly attacks the "elderly" owner of the "Very Large B&B". It's a house!! She rents the house just like many many other camp owners do. She is no different, the activity in front of her place is no different than any other area of the lake.

I find it interesting that no milfoil has been found in front of Gwen's place in the last year yet still the "association" ie; one lady, wants to shut down the shoreline in front of Gwen's place. The "association" is using milfoil as an excuse to hurt Gwen's way of making a living.

The milfoil problem has to be managed, shutting down a shoreline is not the way to do so. Routine divers and education among the users of the lake is paramount. I would suggest closing the boat launch during the times it can not be monitored. Many a fisherman will jump from lake to lake at early and late hours, who knows what they are introducing to Shadow.

Shadow Lake is pristine, and that is what we love about it. I work very hard all year and the week my family and I spend at Gwen's is our best week of the year. I have taught at least 40 kids how to wakeboard or water ski behind my boat at Shadow Lake. Please take into consideration that closing this small shoreline will have a big impact on people like me. (It could also put Gwen into financial ruin)

Thank you very much for your time. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 802-310-1232.

Michael Charles McMackin
JetBlue Airways A320 Captain
Retired USAF

From: monique@gaw.com
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake
Date: Monday, September 01, 2014 9:16:38 PM

Dear Mr. Probasco,

I am writing this letter as a concerned Glover resident who has enjoyed the waters of Shadow Lake since I was a little girl. It has come to my attention that the invasive milfoil plant has entered our precious waters, and there is concern over how to control this invasive species. As a person who has used both the public beach and my grandmother's private beach access at Lakeside Haven, I am concerned at what your agency is planning to do in regards to controlling this plant and pray that there isn't going to be any negative impacts on those that enjoy the use of the lake or run businesses that benefit from the use of the lake. By all means, help control the spread of this invasive plant but be conscientious of the people that depend on its beauty and recreation.

Thanks for your time, Monique Schneider

Sent from my iPhone

From: Vivien O'Leary <vivoleary@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 5:46 PM
To: Probasco, Matthew
Subject: Shadow Lake - Petition Comments
Attachments: Shadow Lake - Petition Comments.pdf

Dear Mr Probasco

I attach a letter containing my comments on the Shadow Lake Association Petition for temporary closure of a designated area of Shadow Lake, Glover, VT, which was received by your Department on 22 April 2014.

Yours sincerely

Vivien O'Leary

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Sent from my iPad

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For the attention of Mr Matthew Probasco

Dear Sirs

**Shadow Lake Association
Petition for Temporary Closure of a designated
area of Shadow Lake, Glover VT.**

I am the owner of Camp 102, 94 Maynard Drive, Glover, Vermont, and am writing to you to comment on the petition presented to you by the Shadow Lake Association, of which I am a member, on April 22 2014.

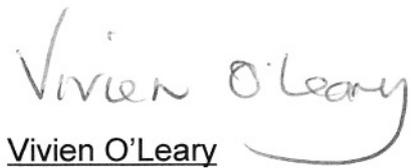
My comments are as follows:

- My husband and I fully support the Shadow Lake Association petition.
- We are willing, when we are at Shadow Lake, to assist with surveillance of the proposed closure.
- We totally agree with the Shadow Lake Association that, without a temporary closure of the proposed area, it is likely to be fighting a losing battle against Eurasian Water Milfoil.
- We have ourselves, when at the Lake last summer, observed visitors to the BB, which is immediately next to us, boating, kayaking, paddling and swimming both in the vicinity of the buoys and in the restricted area they were intended to mark out. On those occasions we approached the visitors and advised them that they should keep away from the buoys and the area they marked out, we were invariably told by them that they were unaware of the significance of the buoys.

- We also observed a number of people fishing in the vicinity of the buoys and in the restricted area the buoys were intended to mark out and, on some occasions, we observed that their fish hooks appeared to have become caught up in the mats laid over the Eurasian Water Milfoil. We also observed one local fisherman, who launched, berthed and landed his boat at the property on the far side of the BB property, from us, having done the same at the BB property in previous years, and who consistently travelled through the area marked out by the buoys, when going to and returning from fishing elsewhere around the lake.
- We further observed, on a number of occasions, a pontoon boat from the other side of the lake, which was visiting the BB, passing through the area marked out by the buoys, in both directions, with its engine running.

I hope that my comments will be useful in the formulation of a decision by the Department of Environmental Conservation in relation to the Shadow Lake Association petition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivien O'Leary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Vivien O'Leary

From: stevethefishman@aol.com
To: cashe293@myfairpoint.net; [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: SLA Petition of Temporary Closure to control EWM
Date: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:08:43 PM

To All Concerned,

My husband and I have a camp on Shadow Lake (1954 Shadow Lake Road). We have been paddling lakes and ponds and rivers

throughout our 27-some-odd years together and have seen clean and dirty, clear and cloudy, nice and not-so-nice bodies of water. Our attraction to Shadow Lake came because it was clean, clear, and nice.

We'd like to keep it that way. We are very concerned about the Eurasian Water Millfoil (EWM) issue in Shadow Lake; as well as any other body of water. I have seen the devastation this plant can cause.

In northwestern Connecticut there is one lake we paddled that was so over-run with EWM there were places through which it was difficult to paddle. We, quite literally, had to push and shimmy along as if we'd run aground. The attempts made too late to eradicate this infestation unfortunately resulted in making the EWM flourish. The lake had been dredged/mechanically harvested; breaking pieces off and scattering them to re-root. The pile of drying and decaying millfoil on one shore was the size of an average camp on Shadow Lake. The management association was reduced to herbicidal treatments which have been fairly successful, but, have also had detrimental effects on native vegetation.

Our hope is that these measures won't be necessary on Shadow Lake. Our most recent attempts to eradicate EWM by means of manual harvesting and subsequent matting have proven very effective. However, these measures will not deliver consistent results if boat traffic is not curtailed in the most vulnerable areas. And, as we have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of a full blown infestation; we support this preventative measure to control EWM.

Sincerely,
Pam and Steve Emmons
Shadow Lake