

# HLA Lake Committee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

Called 6:32 PM

Members present are in bold

**Charlene Baulski, Sheri Berger, Jay Cassella, Mary-Beth Russo, Amber Tremblay, Ron Tremblay**

## 1. Discussion of lake drawdown

- Review of one pager provided by Sheri which summarized the lake drawdowns (start and end dates) over the last 6 cycles
- Members discussed the new by law (48-A) around drawdown specifications
- It was mentioned that at least 4 members of HLA will be doing work along the shoreline or on docks this fall
- Recommendation: Begin drawdown during the week of 10/28/2024 to the 5ft

## 2. Removal of swimming buoys

- Members suggested removing the buoys on Sunday, 9/29
- Ron, Charlene, and MB volunteered to help

## 3. Lake Blankets

- Jay reported that members have mentioned that there were more weeds in the swimming area, due to not placing the lake blankets this year
- There is a need to purchase 3 new lake blankets (1 to replace a ripped blanket, the others to have enough blankets to cover swimming area on each beach)

## 4. Outline of protocols for Lake Committee

- Members reviewed draft outline of protocols created from minutes of past Lake Committee meetings
- Outline includes-water testing, placement/removal of lake blankets & buoys, budget process

## 5. Miscellaneous

- Jay mentioned that in the August water testing, there should only be 3 sites that are tested, not 7. The 3 sites are the 3 public beaches.
- Japanese knotweed was noted growing at the end of East Shore Dr. bordering Burr property
- Discussion around campaign to inform members of hydrilla danger and adherence to bylaws on boat registration
- Discussion of planting native grasses, sedges, rushes along the water near the mailboxes at East Shore Dr. Plantings needed to hold soil along the shore.

Next meeting Thursday, 10/10 at 6:30pm.