

**Friends of Lake William's, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Nelson at 1:10 PM. Present were Directors Steve and Paula Looby, Hermann, Nelson, Lesh, Cote, Clayton, Collison, Zappulla and member Fred Doyle.

**President's Report**

- Status of 2012 Treatment - completed. Dominic did a reinspection with several members of the board. Discovered fanwort which is a new infestation. The chemical used for milfoil is not effective for fanwort. Sonar can be utilized but it is more expensive and need several treatments a season. May not need to treat every year. Need detailed mapping of the locations of fanwort. Would need to continue separate treatment for the milfoil. Initial estimate is 10 acres, rough cost is \$10,000. Needs to be a priority because of its aggressiveness. A concern was expressed regarding the Town not doing the required dam maintenance. Need to work with the Town to explore condition of the dam. Suggestion received to consider development of a taxing district to more evenly and fairly spread financial contributions. Need more signage at the launches. Need to talk to the Town about banning boats in coves. It comes down to money – drawdown may be the most financially effective choice. Next steps are for the President to contact the DEEP and obtain a quote from ACT to conduct the survey. A meeting will be set up with the First Selectman, Chuck Lee, ACT and FLW for early September. Richard Lesh to work with the Catalanos and Kathy Nelson to determine the percentage of residents who are members to inform decision on taxing district.
- Report on alternative treatment meeting – Meeting with First Selectman, Penny Hermann, Richard Lesh, DEEP and ACT held (prior to discovery of fanwort) to discuss alternatives for treating milfoil which were Navigate and Draw down. DEEP recommended to first try Navigate before pursuing drawdown for the milfoil. Navigate offers longer term savings but is more expensive shorter term. Need to identify wells. Finances are set with the town for 2013. Alternatives to be explored for 2014. With the discovery of fanwort, need to focus on that as it is much more aggressive than milfoil.

**Secretary's Report** – None.

**Treasurer's Report** – Not much change from last meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Communication – No report

Lake Clean Up – July 28 at 9AM. Had a good turnout. 10 boats, 20 people. Finding less trash. Still found 3 tires. Worthwhile and fun time.

Membership– Status of current membership and focused membership drive this year. No report

Water Quality – Testing status, status of campground dredging near boat launch. July sampling complete. Based on DEEP advice, will test in only one section. Secchi reading is way off from prior years. Lab sample to be taken. August sampling planned.

Town Meeting Monitoring – No report

Boat parade— 12 boats and crowds on shore—a success.

Kayak and Canoe rally—Moved to a Sunday this year, August 26 at 10AM. Same format, a rally, not a race.

Calendar/FLW logo items— Did well at tag sale selling calendars, apparel and wall art.

**Unfinished Business**

Alternative Treatment -

**New Business**

Town put out a general request to the public for a picnic table donation for area along route 207—**A motion was made by Steve Looby, seconded by Paula Looby to spend up to \$100 for materials to build a picnic table. The motion carried.** Ryk Nelson and Fred Doyle to build.

A motion made by John Clayton, seconded by Paula Looby to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Penny Hermann, Secretary