

LAE ASSOCIATION WINTER NEWSLETTER  
LAE Web Site: laeinc.org

TO: LAE Members

FROM: Don Damm, President

DATE: January 6, 2010

UPDATE ON IMPORTANT LAE AND RELATED MATTERS

1. **LAE Web Site:** The site is up to date with the hard work of Sherri MacDougall, which also includes links to the-Town site. Previous Newsletters are there and they are worth reviewing, particularly, if you have questions about the road operations, fines for violations of the Land and Building Restrictions and OHRV / Golf Cart requirements for driving on LAE owned roads.
2. **Dock Space at the Marina for Motor Boats:** Contact Jim MacDougall, Marina Chairperson, if you wish to request LAE Association owned dock space for members who do not have lake/river property. **This is an annual requirement**, so if you had dock space last year, you must contact Jim as soon as possible to ensure that dock space will be reserved for you. Your email or written request needs to be received by Jim no later than April 1, 2010 and include: (1) length, type, make, model, color and HP of your boat, (2) when you plan to install your dock and put your motor boat in the water. .. best estimate and (3) email address, mailing address, LAE phone number and home or cell phone. Members who had a dock with a motor boat installed last year (on a timely basis) will receive first priority. New members will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Jim by email at [4jmacs@comcast.net](mailto:4jmacs@comcast.net) or by mail at 71 Roberts Drive, Weymouth, MA 02190.
3. **Deep Draw-Down of the Pond for 2009:** The State Department of Environmental Services (DES) approved a deep draw down for dam inspection, dam repairs and shoreline improvements every five years. The APDVD (the owner of the dam) started the draw down on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and closed the dam leaving the top gate open after Thanksgiving. The DES Lake Level Determination Report has been finalized and does not authorize any draw downs for weed control. The Ashuelot Pond Association (APA), the Assn across the pond, is appealing the DES decision to the DES Water Council. More information will be provided at the 2010 Annual Meeting, however, if you wish more information before that meeting contact Don Damm via email at [dbdamm@juno.com](mailto:dbdamm@juno.com).

4. **UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** We are a volunteer organization, and if you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors or Committees, please contact the Nominating Committee, listed below, no later than April 30, 2010 so the ballot can be prepared in May. We do not carry over names of potential Board candidates from one year to another, because changes may occur on a member's availability, so if you are interested contact a member of the Nominating Committee. As a Board member you will be required to attend at least three of the four BOD meetings and to serve on at least one Committee. The revised return postage ballot was well received and produced a substantial increase in the number of ballots and we plan on using it again this year. The Nominating Committee is: Carolyn Russell, Chair, 495-3193, [crvol@gsinet.net](mailto:crvol@gsinet.net), Jon Bilski, 495-0924, [jdbilski@gsinet.net](mailto:jdbilski@gsinet.net), Karen Hunihan, 495-3448, email [rhunihan@netzero.net](mailto:rhunihan@netzero.net) and Pat Liotta, 495-6151, email [patmar@gsinet.net](mailto:patmar@gsinet.net)
  
5. **ROAD TRANSFER STUDY PANEL (private vs. public roads):** The Panel is up and operating and will report back to the membership at the 2010 Annual Meeting.
  
6. **CANOES STORED AT THE MARINA:** Every so often we try to find out the status of these canoes that have been sitting for years and dispose of the canoes that are not spoken for. If you have a canoe at the Marina, please let us know who it belongs to. Use some form of marker attached to the canoe or the securing chain ... include your name and lot number or LAE street address. If by June 20, 2010, we cannot determine the status of the canoe, LAE will donate any unidentified canoes in July 2010.
  
7. **Other Matters:** As a reminder, review previous Newsletters on the LAE web site:
  - (a) Save the lake - only high speed in the middle of the lake and in moderation.  
As a word of caution, there is a new camp/retreat on the southeast part of the lake with many boys and girls using canoes, kayaks and sailboats throughout the day. This increased traffic will require your utmost attention.
  - (b) Check and remove weeds from your boat and trailer before launching.
  - (c) Raft at the Beach ... be careful, let's ensure we can continue to use it. No horseplay or diving.
  - (d) LAE road closure to heavy vehicular traffic on Sat, Sun, Holidays & during mud season.
  - (e) Goose poop on the Beach - Thanks for the help in cleaning it up this past year. As volunteers, please continue to be proactive in cleaning it up.
  - (t) No pets at the LAB Beach and Beach Area.
  - (g) Drive slowly and carefully ... do not go over 20 mph, slower the better.
  - (h) Ashuelot Women's Group - Very active, call Nancy Damm at 495-3785.
  - (i) Fun & Games is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat in July; July 24, 2010.
  - (j) The Annual Meeting is on Saturday, July 10, 2010, 9 AM, Camp Morgan Lodge.