



Letter to Membership August 2022

It seems we are entering a new “post-Covid” phase of life and it a good time to recap the last couple years and put forth some forward-facing challenges to the organization.

People rose to the challenge to stay involved/active!

During the past 2 years we had many activities that gave members, and the public, a chance to connect with the LAA – the net result is wider favorable impressions of LAA, new members, more people more informed about lake quality!

- Dock Dash
- Moonlight Lake Paddle
- Annual Members’ Meeting
- 4+ Board meetings (via Zoom) per year with good attendance
- Web site updates
- Updates to Select Boards – Canton/Hartford
- Connect w/Canton Water District
- On-line Raffle
- Bucket Hat Sale
- Info Booth/Raffle at Bicentennial
- Newsletters/Digital Posts
- Snail wrangle, Ice Cream event
- Picnic table donation
- Newsletters to members & public
- Regular contact with code Enforcement Officers
- Chicks with Sticks Event (100+ in attendance safely 😊)
- Snack Shack Event/Fund Raiser
- Clean Water Act Anniversary
- Audubon Loon Count
- Canton road shore clean up
- Boat Landing trash management

Lake water quality is in a good place... and getting better!

Dr. Tom Hamilton has graciously contributed his time to continue monthly water quality monitoring as well as reporting trends to the board, to members at the annual meeting and on public forums- the more people in the know the better! Several people are working to get trained to assist and help reduce the burden to Dr. Hamilton. Both Canton & Hartford contribute financially to the LAA efforts at water testing (thank you!). The Canton Water District also reports improved water quality. Watershed Survey and subsequent Grant to mitigate run-off hot-spots is almost completed.



Lake Smart is alive and well!

During the past two years 8 properties have had Lake Smart evaluations and are being submitted to the program for final determination. Changes in the program and human malaise had slowed the process that is now back on track. Have you had your property reviewed for optimum water quality landscaping? If not, now is the time!



LAA is financially solvent: Beyond membership dues the public, members and, often, Board members lead the way in supporting the organization’s initiatives. Kudos!

Going forward:

The vitality of the organization is directly related to member engagement – please consider how YOU can participate and help address strategic initiatives.

- Help us create new/fun activities
- Help us get friends/neighbors involved
- Moving to a younger membership base
- Continuing water quality efforts

Warmly, LAA Officer Team

