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Aeration Project on Track for 2019

As spring comes to Lake Carmi, partners working to restore the lake are happy to announce that an aeration system will be installed after ice out. This past winter, members of the TMDL Implementation Team participated on a review committee that selected the contractor for final design and installation of a whole-lake aeration system. The purpose of aeration is to reduce the intensity and duration of cyanobacteria blooms, as work continues in the watershed to decrease nutrient and sediment loading.

Contractor Selected

The successful bidder is EverBlue Lakes, a Lake Savers company (everbluelakes.com). Representatives from EverBlue visited Franklin in March to scout locations for two compressors that will support an array of diffusers in deeper areas of the lake. As this newsletter goes to press, EverBlue is working on the final design. Once finished, a map showing the location of compressors and distribution of diffusers will be posted on DEC's Restoring Lake Carmi web page (dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/restoring/carmi) and copies of the final design will be provided to the Franklin Watershed Committee, Lake Carmi Campers Association, and the Town of Franklin.

DEC received five excellent proposals in response to the design/build request for proposals, and the subsequent decision-making process proved difficult. Thoughtful input was provided by members of the review committee, including: Peter Benevento, president of LCCA; Emily Porter-Goff, coordinator of the Franklin Watershed Committee; Peter Magnant, chairman of the Franklin Select Board; and representatives from the Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Fish and Wildlife (DFW). State Parks regional manager Rob Peterson also provided advice.

Aeration Discussed at Town Meeting Day

At the March 5th Town Meeting in Franklin, several Implementation Team members answered questions about the aeration system. Rob Evans, president of the Franklin Watershed Committee and chairman of the LCCA Aeration Committee, and Perry Thomas, Lakes Program manager with DEC, joined Emily Porter-Goff to field a broad range of questions, including queries about anticipated costs. Franklin voters approved an allocation of \$10,000 to support operation of the aeration system. The Town is setting up an account where donations can be made to add to Town funds already dedicated for the aeration project. The need for aeration is estimated to continue for 10 years.

Monitoring the Lake to Optimize the System

DEC staff members will carefully monitor lake conditions this spring, in collaboration with volunteer monitor Pete Benevento, to determine when aeration should be initiated. It is important not to turn the system on too early, because aeration could disturb the development of young walleye. DEC and DFW will collaborate with EverBlue in determining the optimal time to begin aeration (with an estimated start date of June 15th). Once initiated, DEC staff and Peter Benevento will continue to monitor the lake carefully, along with partners from the University of Vermont, to make sure aeration is optimized to prevent release of phosphorus from lake sediments.

The next meeting of the TMDL Implementation Team is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th, 4:45 PM –6:45 PM, in the Franklin Homestead FELCO Room. There will be updates regarding continued work in the watershed as well as the timeline for installing aeration compressors, manifolds, air lines, and diffusers. *(Continued with graphics on page 5.)*

As received on March 26, 2019

V.P. Rob Evans Reports

Early in the legislative season, the LCCA hosted an ice cream social in the State House in Montpelier. They met with many of the legislators, both House and Senate, to educate and inform our elected leaders in Montpelier about our collective work to improve water quality at Lake Carmi. Many of those who attended were interested to hear about our most recent initiatives and asked for us to provide some additional testimony to several of their committees as the legislative session continues.

Members of the LCCA, the Franklin Water-



shed, Franklin Select Board, and our State partners stood side by side to provide the needed information to the legislators.

LCCA members Ernie & Andrea Englehardt are serving ice cream to legislators in this photo.

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Franklin Town Meeting, March 5

The meeting was well attended by town voters. Representatives from the State, Lake Carmi and the Franklin Watershed Committee were in attendance including Perry Thomas from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, Emily Porter-Goff of the Franklin Watershed Committee, and Rob Evans, V.P. of LCCA. They were called on to speak when Article 8 was presented. *“Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$10,000 for water quality management for Lake Carmi in conjunction with the support of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation?”* After some good discussion, the article passed on a motion from the floor. Those in attendance had some good questions about impacts to fishing and what the results might be. As you may remember, this was a funding request to pay for a portion of the electrical needs associated with the operating costs of the aeration system.

I think it's important to recognize how far we have come. Lots of good work has gone into this and we are well on our way to getting this system in

place. Yes, we have a way to go, but we are on track to summer operation of this 2019 system. We should all take a few minutes and be thankful that we are the only lake in the state that has gotten this level of support and action. I want to publicly thank Peter Magnant, Franklin Select Board chair, and all the members of the Select Board for their support through this long endeavor. “Peter has been a good steward for the citizens of Franklin and an advocate for clean water.”

Also, thank you Perry Thomas, the level of transparency you have provided and willingness to partner with us in this initiative has made all the difference.” Further, Perry has skillfully educated us on the pros and cons of the technology we are seeking and has been more than willing to meet with us to discuss a pathway forward. Thanks, Perry for your partnership and friendship! I further want to thank the voters of the Town of Franklin who attended Town Meeting and voted to support the efforts in water quality. I, for one, value the different sides to this dialogue and encourage all of us to continue our work together toward our clean water goals.” ...Rob Evans

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**Perry Thomas, of Vermont DEC, honored by
being elected President-elect of the North
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In this role she hopes to expand Vermont's lake management network. Perry has become a very familiar person around Franklin these last few years with her constant work with the issues at Lake Carmi. She was elected in November of 2018 and will begin her one-year term as president in November of 2019,

during the annual symposium taking place in Burlington, VT.

Thomas has been a regional director on NALMS Board since 2016 and recently became co-chair on their newly formed Ethics Committee. She brings 15 years of management experience, ranging from working as dean of Sterling College to volunteering as president of the Federation of Vermont Lake and Ponds. She is a supervising manager of DEC's Vermont Lake and Ponds Program-charged with protecting 823 inland lakes plus Lake Champlain. Perry earned her B.A. in Biology from Dartmouth college and Ph.D. in Biology, with emphasis on Aquatic Ecology, from Northern Arizona University.

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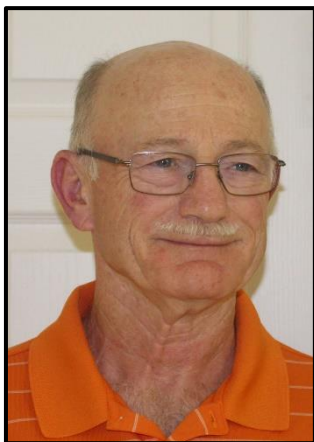
President Peter Benevento's Report

As Yogi use to say: "Its Déjà vu all over again". This phrase became very apparent to me this winter while reading an article in the local Florida paper where I spend the winter. The Ft. Myers Florida area as well as other towns both on the east and west Florida coasts have experienced harmful outbreaks of blue green algae and red tide. The article concerned the quality of the areas water and contained the following quote. "Some scientists, politicians and environmentalists blame Lake Okeechobee discharges on the agricultural industry, specifically sugar. Others blame coastal development, lawn fertilizer and leaky septic tanks." Where did I hear that before?! It was like I was back at Lake Carmi reading the local papers. It made me realize, however, that we are not alone in our journey to clean up our lake. People in other parts of the country are looking for the same solutions we seek. Identical problems and issues that exist in Northwest Vermont also prevail in Southwest Florida. The tourist industry in Florida is vital to the economy and fast action has been taken. A new Governor and new Secretary of Agriculture, both elected state wide, have promised cooperation and money to resolve the problem. A scenario that is very similar to our situation at Lake Carmi. Somehow knowing that others share the same problems is very reassuring. There is always strength in numbers and knowing there are more people working an issue means we will find a viable, long lasting solution amenable to all stakeholders, farmers and campers alike. It gives me greater confidence that we will get the job done. More on how Florida is addressing their blue green algae blooms will be referenced in future editions of this summer's Newsletters.

So you may ask what your LCCA Directors have been doing this winter. To recap briefly, we started the year greeting the new legislature with an ice cream social at the State House. The old adage, you get more with honey than vinegar couldn't be truer. It was a very successful meet and greet with our senators and representatives, thanking them for their efforts on behalf of Lake Carmi and letting them know we continue to need their help. We participated in the review of the bids submitted for the \$1.6 million Lake Carmi aeration project. This was an extensive and sometimes exhausting process, but it was the only way to make sure the best contractor was selected. Rob Evans has reported our success at Town Meeting. The Town has been with us from the beginning of the Aeration Project or we would

not be at the point of being “shovel ready.” We truly appreciate their efforts.

Enough of the heavy lifting. Now onto the lighter more festive activities. Some of the LCCA



Directors met in Zephyrhills, FL in March to work on the plans for the 2019 Celebrate Lake Carmi festivities. The Pontoon Boat Race, Pirate Raid, and Fireworks are all slated for July 3rd as usual.

Moreover, we are preparing for the 2019 Edition of the Lake

Carmi Cottage Tour which will be conducted in conjunction with the Franklin Historical Society. It will include venues around the lake as well as the Town of Franklin. A wonderful cultural event that always proves to be the highlight of the summer.

This is what we have been doing over the winter months in our efforts to make this a memorable Lake Carmi summer. Hopefully, by now, you have summer at the lake in your plans. The season will be here before you know it. Oh, Oh! My editor (remember him) is giving me the hook. I guess I have run on too long. Its déjà vu all over again! See you soon! ...*Pete Benevento, President*

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Barbara Cutting, Age 90, Passes

We received word that Barbara, a former writer and editor of the Lake Carmi Newsletter, passed away on February 28 in Richford. Barbara was a renter at Lake Carmi for many years and volunteered to write and edit the organization Newsletter for many years. She was the writer/editor before Bob Everest, in the 1990's. She also wrote for the Enosburg Standard and other local papers. She had been employed for UVM Extension in St. Albans for 20 years before retiring in 1993.

(Aeration article *continued from Page 1*)



Lake Carmi supports a healthy population of walleye. As aeration begins, care will be taken to protect young walleye. Image from the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Cyanobacteria blooms returned in 2018, this photo at Dewing Shore, is by Larry Myott. The purpose of the aeration system is to decrease the intensity and duration of cyanobacteria blooms of Lake Carmi.

A composite image for Ave Maria Community Care Homes, Inc. It includes a photo of a large, light-colored building with a green roof and a logo featuring a dove. The text reads: "Ave Maria Community Care Homes, Inc.™ Dedicated to Caring Exceptional Elder Care for over 29 Years Level III Senior Living and Memory Care Our Lady of the Meadows & Ave Maria Richford, VT~802-848-7106 www.avemariacare.com".

LCCA Board of Directors Meetings:

May 25, June 22, July 20, August 24, and Sept. 21 at the FELCO Room in the Homestead, 8:30 a.m. LCCA/Historical Society Cottage Tour, Sat. July 27 Annual Meeting at the Franklin United Church on August 10, Pot Luck Supper followed by meeting.

Boat Launch Steward Jobs

With a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program the Franklin Watershed Committee is searching for "Boat Launch Stewards." Their announcement says they have funding for about 20 hours per week, not to exceed 275 hours. The program starts in mid-May through mid-September. They will work at the State Park Boat Launch and the North Beach Boat Launch.

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Franklin Elementary School Playground

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