

Lake Carmi Association News

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In loving memory of our late editor and dear friend, Larry Myott.

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Pieces Falling Into Place For Alum Treatment

President's Report

By Peter Benevento, LCCA President

I was reading the August Newsletter when it came off the press and it occurred to me that I may have violated an understanding with my friend and editor emeritus Larry Myott. Larry passed three years ago. Among many other things, he did so much to advance the content and caliber of the LCCA Newsletter. One of his tenets was that nothing negative gets written in the Newsletter.



After all, our mantra is "One Happy Lake". So, he was probably frowning from above when he read the August Newsletter President's Report where I described my great dismay over the conditions of the lake when friends from Wisconsin visited. I relayed that my guests were not impressed with our lake. The algae bloom that day was offensive to the smell as well as being unsightly. I noted I was embarrassed and frustrated. Very negative words indeed.

As with many instances in life you get to a point with a particular problem or situation where things come to a head. We have been dealing with the algae blooms

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for well over a decade (I wrote my first newsletter article about the blooms in 2006) I therefore think my old friend and editor would understand the reasons for my transgression. He too was very passionate about the lake. I also think he would forgive me especially considering what lies ahead.

Recently we completed the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process for the design and implementation of an Alum treatment at Lake Carmi. The RFQ was advertised for 30 days inviting qualified engineering firms to participate and highlight their expertise in remediating algae blooms with Alum. Together with the Town of Franklin we have selected a professional engineering firm for the design, permitting and construction of an Alum treatment for Lake Carmi. We can't release the name of the firm at this writing since the execution of

a formal contract and services agreement with the State is pending. We will however endeavor to keep you updated with the identity of the firm and our progress in the permitting and construction as we move forward. We anticipate at least one public meeting on the alum permitting process so please stay tuned.

This is a huge step! The pieces are now in place to end the algae blooms. We have funding for the alum treatment and have selected a firm to deploy it. We may need some additional funding and we may still need to go through the permitting process and satisfactorily address any concerns about the treatment, but we are closer than ever before. This is very positive news that my old friend and editor would have certainly approved!

None of the processes mentioned above would have been possible without the involvement of the Town of Franklin. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Town Clerk Lisa Larivee, and Selectboard Chair Dave Bennion and the rest of the Franklin Selectboard for their work and cooperation in our quest to improve the lake. We would not be at this stage in the process without them. Thank you!

On a related note, a Request for Proposal (RFP) to remove the aeration equipment in the lake and watershed has been issued. Firms have until September 15th to submit their intent and qualifications to remove the hoses and diffusers from the lake as well as the two industrial compressors and manifolds located at the State Park and Patton Shore.

This is a very important collateral process as the aeration equipment must be removed before the alum is deployed. We are hoping that this process is completed this fall as we would like to have the alum applied in the Spring. Again, we will keep you posted.

Hard to believe it is the middle of September. We will have one more in person LCCA Board Meeting before conducting monthly Zoom meetings through the fall and over the winter until next Spring. Events for next summer will be planned during these meetings. If you have any new activity you would like to work on and bring to fruition next summer, please contact me at president@lakecarmivt.com. We will keep you updated.

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Lake Carmi Association News

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Lake Carmi Campers Association Mission Statement

The Lake Carmi Campers Association, Inc., is dedicated to conserving our unique natural resources, improving and enhancing the quality of life and the environment for all Lake Carmi residents and visitors. In cooperation with local and state authorities, the association shall provide educational, cultural, and recreational activities, as well as water quality management and safety education initiatives. Further, the association will provide a medium through which information and educational programs and materials may be distributed throughout the community.

A new future for an historic Franklin building

By Dave Bennion

History



Left: Alonzo Green house late nineteenth century. Below: Same house today.



In 1850, Alonzo Green built three or four brick buildings in Franklin, using bricks fired right here in Franklin. One of those buildings was on the corner of Hanna Road and Main Street, and was his home. It was a large house, two and a half stories, with a slate roof, returning boxed cornice, and ornate cast iron lintels over the doors and windows. The interior had detailed woodwork, with molded trim around windows and doors, and crown molding around the ceilings. The double parlor includes a lovely Vermont marble fireplace. This was indeed a “showplace” in our little village.

In later years the home was owned by Glen and Myrtle Titmore who rented the home to Dr. L.E. Samson. He and his family lived here and he had his consulting rooms in one part of the home. Most recently it was the home of Jacquie Luce, who along with her husband ran the general store in the early 1970’s.

In September of this year, the Town of Franklin purchased the home from Mrs. Luce with the double intent of saving an historic town architectural treasure, while providing a space for expanded town offices, (returning the current office space to the Library) as well as expanded parking for both the library and the town offices. While the needed alterations are made for the office space, the existing tenant will remain in the second-floor apartment. The barn space will be used for storage of various Town maintenance equipment. The double parlor will become a town conference room. The current kitchen will become the Town Clerk’s and Treasurer’s office. The attached garage will be modified to house the vault for historic and current Town Record’s. Other first floor rooms will become office space for the Zoning Administrator, the Listers, Town Auditors, and others as needed.

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ed on the events planned as well as the progress on the alum treatment and the removal of the aeration equipment on the LCCA bulk email listing, the LCCA website and the Lake Carmi Life Facebook page.

Recently my neighbor and I completed a lengthy bicycle ride throughout the Town and other rural areas of Franklin County. It was a beautiful fall like September

day and the scenery was just spectacular. We are lucky to have such an environment at our doorstep, and our backyard. There is not a bad view from the lakeside of any camp. Again, we are very fortunate.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support this year. Our membership this year to date is 220! Moreover, the generous contributions to our water quality fund were unprecedented. Again, we thank you. We could not do what we do without you.

We wish you all a safe & healthy winter. See you around the lake!

Pete

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Chase Around The Lake Triathlon participants ran, kayaked and biked through scenic Franklin in June. Below, Senior Day, also in June, featured food and a boat tour.

2024 in Review

Despite all the rain and wind, and wow, we did have some winds, it was pretty busy around our little lake this summer with activities sponsored by the LCCA, LCCF and our neighbors around the lake.

- It all started in March when the ice left the lake to close out the 2024 Ice Out Contest.
- May began our annual fishing contest which only concluded within the past week.
- June brought the annual “Chase Around the Lake Triathlon” in conjunction with the Franklin Rec Department.
- June also brought our annual Membership Day where members could drop by for coffee and donuts, make new acquaintances or say hello to old friends.
- Our annual Senior Day event where we invite residents of the Homestead and Carriage House to the lake for lunch followed by a boat tour.
- July brought our annual Light up the Lake event where many displays focused on Elle St. Pierre’s participation in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. Congratulations again to Elle for achieving such an elusive goal.
- July also brought us the annual Ice Cream Social and Concert with music provided by Citizen’s Band.
- Our annual Pontoon Boat relay Race was back in full swing with the dreaded Blue team knocking off all other challengers to float



away once again with the trophy.

- Around the lake, courtesy of the Mullen and Magnant families, Katie Thompson, and our neighbors at the Mill Pond we were provided with music and fireworks to help create a memorable fourth of July celebration.
- July once again brought us the second biennial golf tournament where we raised over \$13,000 to help fund the water quality efforts of the LCCF (Lake Carmi Community Foundation).

In August we introduced a second Concert on the Green where

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Uncle John's Band provided selections from the late 60's and early 70's.

Our Annual Meeting in August was highlighted by a presentation from Pete Berger, the Town Manager for Fairlee, when he provided in-depth information into the 2024 Alum treatment at Lake Morey.

September brought us another concert and food fest hosted by the Abbots with great food from the Phoenix House food truck.

Five issues of our newsletters were published, May through September, including the one that contains this article.

We also updated, printed and distributed new street directories to all camp owners who had paid their annual dues.

We are continually updating the LCCA website where you will find a wealth of information, including old issues of our newsletters. Over the winter we hope to present an updated version to make the website more user-friendly along with more services. You can reach the site at <https://www.lakecarmivt.com/>.

Lastly, were the many meetings attended throughout the year by the LCCA Board and Association members as we continue to work towards a solution to our once happy lake's water quality issues.

I believe I can speak for both the LCCA and LCCF boards in thanking all who participated in our activities and helped sponsor the events that hopefully added to you and your families' memories on Lake Carmi.

Top: In July, the LCCF golf tournament raised money for water quality of the lake. Middle: July also saw the pontoon race at the lake. Bottom left: Fairlee Town Manager Pete Berger spoke at the annual meeting in August. Alum was used to treat Lake Morey in Fairlee. Bottom right: Uncle John's Band played on the green in August.



Angling With Ernie September 2024

NEW RECORD FOR SMALLMOUTH BASS!!! This summer David Bessette entered what is probably the largest smallmouth bass ever entered in the LCCA fishing contest. It was 4.47 lbs and 21" long. I have been fishing in our lake over 40 years and only remember three smallmouth bass over 4 lbs entered in the contest. CONGRATULATIONS DAVID!!!!

A few other especially large fish were also entered. Chad Rich-

ards entered a 10.75 lb. 36" northern pike and Jaden Rivers-Irons entered a 26" 6.55 lb. walleye.

Thanks to all who recorded their catch! And thanks especially to the Franklin General Store for once again being willing to be the official weighing station for our contest. Trophies will be available for pickup at the Franklin Town Clerk's office later this fall.

ADULT CATEGORY

Perch

First Place - Matt Sanders - 1.00lb - 13"

Second Place - David Bessette - 0.92lb - 13"

Walleye

First Place - Jaden Rivers-Irons - 6.55lb - 26"

Second Place - Richard Hall - 4.39 lbs - 24"

Honorable Mention - Anthony Bessette - 4.34 lb - 24.25"

Northern Pike

First Place - Chad Richard - 10.75 lb. - 36"

Second Place - David Bessette - 8.49 lb - 35 "

Honorable Mention - Steve Cameraon - 5.28lb - 32.5 "

Smallmouth Bass

First Place - David Bessette - 4.47 lb - 21"

Second Place - Charlie Lambert - 3.48 lb. - 19.25 "

Honorable Mention - Matt Sanders - 3.36 lb - 19"

Largemouth Bass

First Place - Wendy Peyrat - 2.92 lb - 17.5 "

YOUTH CATEGORY

Perch

First Place - Mason Bessette - 0.86 lb - 12 "

Second Place - James Bessette - 0.78 lb - 12.25"

Honorable Mention - Will Fogg - 0.71 lb - 11 "

Walleye

First Place - Luke Lumbr - 3.83 lb - 22"

Second Place - Colin Teague - 3.36 lb - 22.5 "

Honorable Mention - Wes Bailey - 3.14lb - 22"

Northern Pike

First Place - Mason Bessette - 5'19 lb. - 29"



Pictured left to right James Bessette, age 7, 1.61 lb smallmouth bass; David Bessette, 8.49 lb northern pike; Mason Bessette, age 6, .86 lb.

Second Place - Colin Teague - 2.70lb - 27 "

Smallmouth Bass

First Place - Will Fogg - 2.62lb - 17"

Second Place - James Bessette - 1.61 lb - 15.25"

Honorable Mention - Wes Bailey - 0.92lb - 13"

Largemouth Bass - NO ENTRIES

Franklin Watershed Update

September 2024 Newsletter



By Julia Crocker, Coordinator
Franklin Watershed Committee

Greetings campers,

It saddens me that another summer season has come and gone at Lake Carmi. However, I am looking forward to the work ahead and proud of what we have accomplished this summer.

Firstly, I would like to remind folks that the Franklin Watershed Committee is still looking for folks who are interested in participating in the Stream Wise Program. Stream Wise is a non-profit program funded by the Lake Champlain Basin Program to provide resources for landowners adjacent to streams and rivers in Vermont, New York, and Quebec to protect and restore stream

health. This is an important initiative to bring to the Lake Carmi watershed because keeping our streams healthy means a healthier lake too! Any phosphorus input to the streams eventually flows into Lake Carmi. Stream Wise encourages a vegetated buffer on streambanks to slow and filter runoff. This week we were proud to give a Stream Wise award to a landowner on Black Woods Road for their exemplary stream health practices! If you would like to learn more about Stream Wise tips or have a free assessment done on your property then you can visit the Stream Wise website at <https://streamwisechamplain.org/for-owners/> and email jcrocker5@une.edu.

Since late March of this year we have been collecting biweekly water samples from ten sites on tributaries around Lake Carmi. The water samples we collect are tested for phosphorus levels through the Lay Monitoring Program of the VTDEC. The data we collect through this work is instrumental in tracking the results of water quality projects and changes throughout the watershed. The phosphorus data was recently used by the Alum Feasibility Study to help determine whether or not Lake Carmi would be a candidate for the treatment. Thanks to the water quality project, shoreline Best Management Practices, and changes made by farmers over the years, we have reduced the amount of phosphorus input enough to qualify for an alum treatment!

While this treatment will hopefully give us clear water for many years, it is important to remember that the work must continue. In order to maximize the longevity of the alum treatment we must continue to implement clean water practices and minimize phosphorus input as much as possible. These practices may include vegetated buffers, road erosion prevention, and stormwater mitigation. We will continue to collect tributary water samples through October to track this year's phosphorus input. Once we have received all of the data we will organize it and make it available on the Franklin Watershed Committee website (<https://www.franklinwatershed.org/2024.html>). We have seen an uptick in phosphorus in Marsh Brook compared to previous years so it is clear there is still work to be done.

Thank you all for being so passionate about the health of Lake Carmi. It is a significant factor in garnering attention and funding from the State and keeping our cause alive. We may not be as interactive but our work will continue throughout the winter to prepare for next summer.

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SEPTEMBER 23

BURN THE LOG

Mac's Bend at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Preserve in Swanton. A six day burn to make a traditional Abenaki canoe. Boat will be launched Sun., Sept. 29.

OCTOBER 18

BOOK DISCUSSION

7 p.m. at the Visitor Center at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge. Ethan Tapper, author and forester talks about his new

book "How To Love A Forest." Books available from Eloquent Page in St. Albans.

OCTOBER 26

ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

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We need fire-tenders round the clock, Mon, Sept 23rd thru Fri. daytime Sept 27th. There will be a place to tent/camp, a fire pit & electricity for hook-up for Campers. Please contact David at david@alnobaiwi.org 802-242-1892 if you are interested in tending the fire.

The boat will be launched at a public event on Sunday morning, 9:29. Missisquoi Chief Brenda Gagne will consecrate the canoe. This is the start of an Abenaki project coordinated by Alnôbawî, "The Blessing of the Waters" aimed at restoring the water quality of Lake Champlain, "Bittawbagw - "the water between."

This project is supported in part by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, & Vermont Dept of Health.



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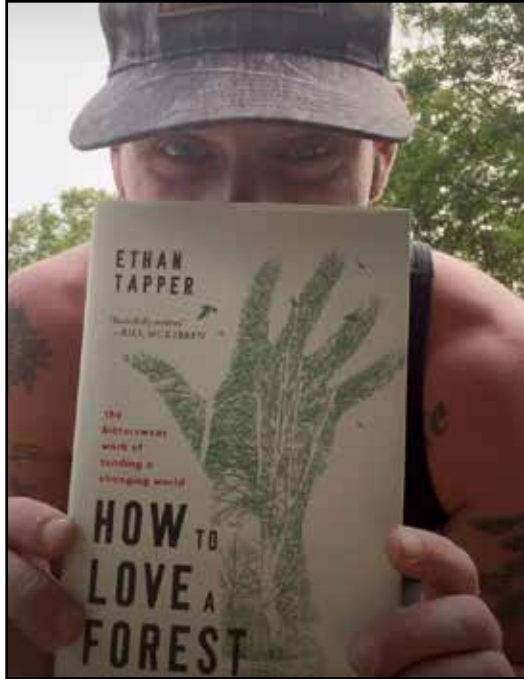



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Vendors in Taylor Park, St. Albans, 10:30 am-4:30 pm 8/25, 9/8, 9/29.



Ethan Tapper discusses his new book "How To Love A Forest" at the Visitor Center of the Mis-sisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

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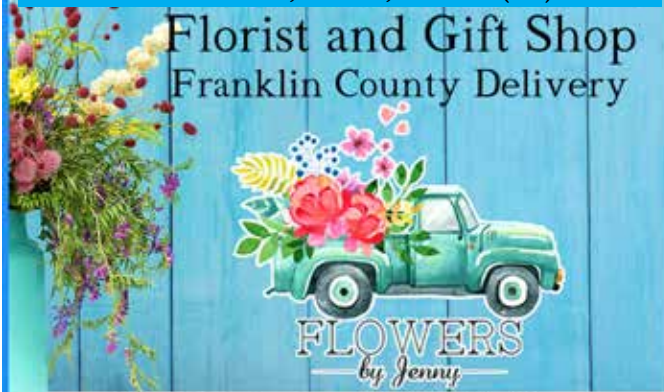
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