

LAKE HADLOCK ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 27, 2010

TO: Lake Hadlock Residents

FROM: Gene Connell, Lake Hadlock Association

SUBJECT: Special Session of Fort Ann Town Board – Additional Drawdown of Lake

Monday night, at the Town Hall in Fort Ann, the Town Board held a special session to consider filing an application with the APA for a permit to increase the drawdown level of the lake from five feet to 10 feet. The resolution was defeated by a vote of three (Board Members Burch and Whitney and Supervisor Hall) to two (Board Members Mattison and Vaughn). The drawdown in 2010 will remain the same as it has been in the past, five feet.

In June, the issue was raised of an increased drawdown to help combat Eurasian watermilfoil. Drawdowns, aside from individuals doing their own handharvesting, are the most economical way of treating the problem. Chuck and Cindy of the Aquatic Plant Committee were told that they would need at least 100 signatures from residents to show the Town Board sufficient interest by residents. Between July 3, and July 12, the Aquatic Plant Committee collected over 125 signatures which were presented to the Town Board at its meeting on July 12. In addition, a letter from NYS DEC also was presented advising that State engineers did not have a problem. The Town Board said the signatures were not enough and that additional support from Haley and Aldrich, the engineers for the current dam, and more support from NYS DEC would be required. The APA, in a last minute communiqué, also requested more information from NYS. Since the filing deadline for the permit with the APA was July 28, the Town board scheduled a

special session to allow time to get the additional information. The response from Haley & Aldrich is included with this note. The Haley and Aldrich letter includes information obtained from NYS DEC. Based on new issues raised by the Town Board at Monday's meeting concerning possible problems if the water were lowered more than 8.5 feet, they voted against the resolution.

Following the vote, Town Board Member Burch did recommend that the Board have a dialogue with the residents in attendance. Residents asked the Board to reconsider and at least apply for the permit while at the same time seeking answers to their additional questions of Haley & Aldrich. If the additional information still left questions, the permit would not be used. Residents also pointed out that a drawdown of 8.5 feet, as stated in the Haley & Aldrich letter, would be beneficial. The request was rejected with Town Board Member Burch and Supervisor Hall saying, in addition to all other information, they would want signatures from 100% of the residents.

REFERENCE NUMBERS:

Town Board Supervisor -- Gayle Hall 761-4040

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS: Duane Burch 792-7207

Bruce Whitney 642-1118

Inez Mattison 798-0161

Duane Vaughn 260-8445