

**\$3,000.00 of our bank account is the down payment we received for our 2020 lake treatment

2020 Lake Treatment

Our Lake treatment is scheduled for the week of June 22, 2020. We received a Grant of \$15,000.00; these extra funds gave us 2.5 more acres we could treat with herbicide. We received our permit from the DEC on May 6th. A-Tip Control, Inc. will be the company applying the treatment as they did such a wonderful job last year. The restrictions for consumption and swimming will be the day of the treatment. Irrigation will be for 5 days.

Hexavalent Chromium

After the sediment testing the DEC required for the permit application, prior to granting the permit for Hydro-raking Shingle Mill Creek it was determined that a higher level than accepted by the DEC of Hexavalent Chromium was found in the sediment of the Creek. Hexavalent Chromium also known as Chromium 6 was used by Tanneries and many industries. Many residences had their wells tested after being informed about the Chromium 6; the results came back with less than harmful levels of Chromium 6. The levels are established by the DEC for well water. Our main concern was to find the origin of the Chromium. The fact that Chromium 6 was found in our sampling could be caused from a myriad of sources.

After months of calls to the DEC for direction on how to handle the issue with Chromium 6 we felt we were going nowhere. Mark had told them at each call, "we weren't going away". The DEC has denied our Hydro-raking permit for an incomplete application. They are requiring additional tests to determine if the sediment could be removed without spreading the Chromium 6. Mark has been in contact with the department of the DEC that handles "Super Funds"; they too have requested more sediment testing. We would have to meet certain criteria to receive funding for a clean-up. Our Association would never have enough funds to cover the removal of the Chromium from the Creek. As you know, Plumley Engineers were hired to do the previous sediment testing. They offered us the equipment to do the testing ourselves to save us money. They also gave us a contact person in the lab that does their testing and we were given Plumley's discount. Mark and I with the help of the Bob Thompson on May 12th took 6 more samples. We took 2 from the upper Creek, 2 from the lower Creek, 1 from First Lake and 1 from Fourth Lake. We wanted to compare the lake results to the Creek results. Pending the results of this latest sediment sampling we will decide the best avenue to move forward. Any Association members with ideas, interest or concerns with this issue at hand please contact Mark or me.

Good News For Our Lake...

From a reference by Nancy Mueller, Director from NYSFOLA I received an email from Ann Moore, Director from SUNY ESF regarding providing Kasoag Lake with a summer volunteer. This ESF student would use Kasoag Lake/watershed as their senior capstone project. This volunteer's focus would be work done on the lake over the summer, with final deliveries submitted this fall. This could not come at a better time for our lake. I did accept the opportunity to have the ESF student do the study. Mark & I spoke with Ms. Moore on May 7th to begin a work study program for this student. Please help welcome this young lady with open arms to our lake and the interesting happenings of Kasoag. This is the first time ESF has had a program such as this and Kasoag Lake was the first lake chosen to participate. This may open avenues for us. Due to COVID-19 graduating seniors were unable to get internships for the summer as usual; this program is "hands on" education for them to experience. I informed Ms. Moore that Kasoag Lake had a lot to teach! I also promised Nancy Mueller would only spoil her a little and guarantee she would get an A+ on her capstone project a year's end.

Open For Discussion

This next subject on the news letter is open to each member for your thoughts. It is difficult to write and receive feedback as it is much easier to discuss matters at a meeting...

Joe & Beth Lipari, members of the lake Association have a camp at 14 Pine Grove Dr. They purchased the land behind them, next to the Kasoag Lake Barn on Kasoag Lake Rd. They have proposed and offered leasing this property to the Association. There is an open structure on the property, it has electric, water and septic. It has been suggested the building be enlarged and closed-in to be used as our "Club House". The intent of this building is to be used (leased) by the Association for meetings, association functions or personnel use of an Association member's event. This idea is in its infant stage. Due to the COVID-19 many things have changed this year at the lake and we are already behind with the usual summer agenda. Again, this option is open for discussion. I would like all and everyone's feedback on this idea. As a member of the Association you have a voice, this is your association. I would encourage each of you to call, email or stop by camp to discuss your opinions with me. This is a wonderful offer from Joe & Beth but is this something you as member have any interest in.

Lake Events

- Providing restrictions are lifted by the State, we will have a meeting June 13, 2020 @ Kasoag Lake Barn @ 10:00am. I was hoping to have an "Ice Cream Social" after our June meeting to open up the season with our members. This will be pending decision made by the governing heads of New York. If there are still restrictions we come up with Plan C, not sure exactly what that will be yet.
- It has been to my attention that the Amish are taking female bass off their beds. I have plans to speak with Mr. Dan Hirshberger, Head Elder of the Amish community, to ask his members to refrain from taking any of the bass until after babies hatch.

Well members, I think this is enough reading for 1 meeting !!! I am open for any of your suggestions, concerns or feedback. You can email me at lamoravia@aol.com, text me or call me at 315-283-3477.

Thank-you for endless support...

Mary Augustus, President