



Email Newsletter 1 May 2016

- What's happening: **Hadley Town Meeting, 5 May 16. Please come and support the CPA Article for testing funds for FoLW.** This will cover the next three years of critical scientific testing of Lake Warner and the Mill River.
- What's the Dam status? The bids received for the dam repairs grossly exceeded expectations. Solutions are being worked on full time to try to keep the project on schedule. There may be a delay before the repairs can start.
- We have company? The Institute for Training and Development (ITD) in Amherst, in cooperation with UMASS and under the auspices of the US Department of State, will be sponsoring two scientists from Uruguay who will be working on ecological research with FoLW in May.
- What have we been doing? We have completed a local watershed Non-Point Pollution Source Report that we began in March, 2016. We identified 17 sources in Amherst and Hadley where pollutants enter the Mill River and Lake Warner. This report will be in the 2016 State of the Lake report. An up to date bathymetric map of Lake Warner is being prepared for public release. It will enable us to plan future lake management.
- What's next? The Great Water Chestnut (WC) Hunt is in full swing. Our objective is to remove every WC plant in the lake before it can seed. No WC plants = no WC seeds = no more WC plants. Come help, there's room in our boats. We ask that you carefully GPS mark the location of any WC you remove from Lake Warner and inform us of it. PLEASE! We need this data. Free GPS apps are available for your smart phone. Did you know that Water Chestnuts have been eaten by humans for thousands of years? Lingjiao in Chinese (ling nuts), Singhara or Pani-Phal in Hindi, Singoda in Urdu, Hishi in Japanese, Castagna d-acqua in Italian, Wassernuss in German, Poniklo slodkie in Polish. So one of these evenings we'll be roasting water chestnuts over an open fire and eating Water Chestnut flour noodles with Garlic Mustard Pesto. What happens to the WC we harvest? Some of it is used for experiments, some winds up fertilizing gardens and most is dumped in the woods where rodents eat the nuts and fungus eats the rest. The nutrients go back into the soil, not the water.
- What's in the future? We are still working on the Lake Warner Vegetation Management Plan, the Lake Warner Management Plan and the Lake Warner Drawdown Plan. And we'll be working on them for some time to come. Want to help? Now is the time to make your concerns and wishes known to us; please don't wait.



### Upcoming Events

3 May 16: Valley Giving Day; please support us.  
6:30PM, 3 May 16: FoLW Board Meeting.  
**7PM, 5 May 16: Hadley Town Meeting.**  
9Am, 14 May 16: Hadley Home Depot Community Fire Safety Event;  
FoLW Airboat Display.  
9-10-11, 17-18-19, 23-24-25-26 May 16: ITD Fellowship Work Days.  
22 May 16: FoLW reception for ITD Fellows.  
21 May 16: 11-3, Lake Cleanup Day (22 May Rain Date).  
6:30PM, 7 Jun 16: FoLW Board Meeting.  
Early July 16: Lake Day, Dam Ground Breaking Celebration.  
(Keep your fingers crossed)!

Thank you for your support.

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