



## Email Newsletter      July 2016

- **What's happening with the Dam repair?**

Kestrel Land Trust (KLT), through Lake Warner LC, has signed a contract for the dam repairs. Construction will begin on 1 July and terminate by 30 September, 2017.

This will require that the Town of Hadley once again extend the \$100,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant. This will be in the Warrant for the October Special Town Meeting.

Further details are included in the attached letter from KLT.

- **What's happening?**

The calendar game will begin drawing one winner daily beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. You may still buy calendars through July but to be eligible for all the fabulous prizes get your entry form in by June 30<sup>th</sup>. [Entry forms can be downloaded from our website friendsoflakewarner.org](http://friendsoflakewarner.org) or are available at the North Hadley Sugar Shack. The Grand Prize of a Kayak will be drawn on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Get your entry forms in soon!

We have been continuing to find and remove Water Chestnut (WC) on Lake Warner. The 2016 WC Hunt is on. Come help, there's room in the boat. We go out looking for it at least once a week. We ask that you carefully GPS mark and notify us ([pmaleady0786@charter.net](mailto:pmaleady0786@charter.net)) of the location of any WC you remove from Lake Warner.

This year we are harvesting the WC as early as we can find it. We averaged, in the past, about 79 mature rosettes per 20 pounds. This year we are averaging 500 juvenile rosettes per 20 pounds. This is over six times more efficient. We will be having a water chestnut pull sometime in July, keep an eye out for an email.

Have you noticed the bright green or brown, scummy, fine stringy stuff on the lake surface? We are having an algal bloom. A symptom of excess Phosphorus pollution in the water.

- **What have we been doing?**

We have been monitoring phosphorus and E. coli bacteria bi-weekly in the lake and tributaries. Bacteria sample results are posted at the boat ramp and at the "Is it Clean" website <http://www.connecticutriver.us/>. There you can check the bacteria levels in the lake and two locations on the Mill River.

We have applied for grant money from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

We have supported a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs FY17 Conservation District Innovation (CDI) Grants Program. We are actively pursuing eight of their fourteen published objectives.

We are pursuing grant money to conduct a multi-year bio remediation experiment in reducing Phosphorus and E. coli pollution from two Mill River tributaries.

Dancer Computers of South Amherst has generously donated a computer for our office. Please consider them for your future computer needs.

- Our social calendar:  
July 1, 2016: Calendar Game Drawing Begins  
6:30PM, July 5, 2016: FoLW Board Meeting.  
Mid-July 2016: Lake Day.  
6:30PM, August 2, 2016: FoLW Board Meeting.

Thank you for your support.

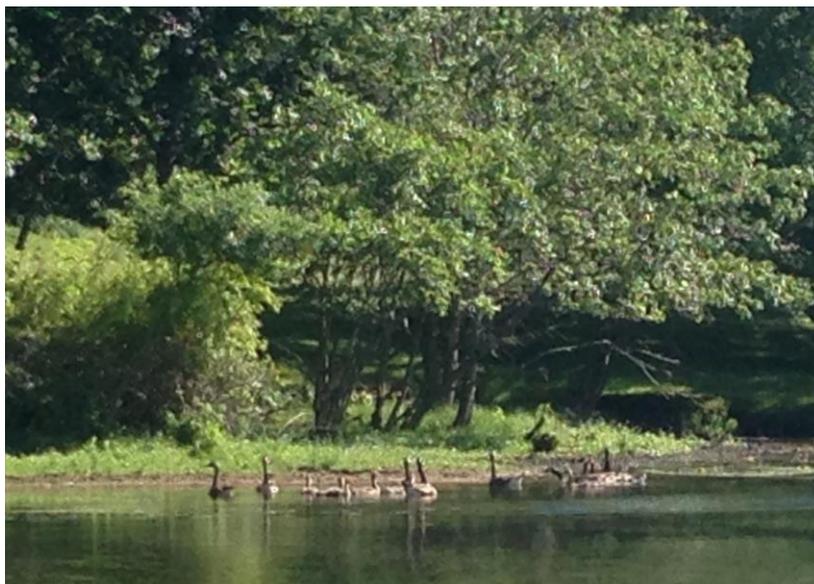
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To: Dam Repair Supporters and Stakeholders (Town, FOLW, Abutters)  
From: Kristin DeBoer, KLT on behalf of Lake Warner LLC  
Subject: Dam Repair Update  
Date: 6-17-16

Here is where we are on Lake Warner dam repair:

—The contract between Lake Warner LLC and D&M Civil has been approved for \$370,000 plus \$35,000 in additional concrete work if necessary, for construction work to be done for July 1-September 30, 2017. Morris Root will supervise for an additional \$15,000. All the permits have been issued and are applicable for 2017.

—The Town of Hadley's CPAC committee has been sent a request for an extension of the \$100,000 to December 31, 2017. KLT will attend the September CPAC meeting to answer any questions. David Nixon has put it on the town warrant for October Special Town Meeting.

—I have drafted a grant to the Mass Dam & Seawall Repair Fund, and KLT will send it in to the State as soon as the RFP is released. We will be requesting official letters of support from Representative Scibak and Senator Rosenberg, as well as FOLW and Town.

—We have created a separate account with the \$125,000 received from the state for dam repair, and the \$50,000 raised for a dam maintenance fund, which will be held for the restricted purpose of dam repair.

—I have asked the Town to look into the need to extend the guardrail with the landowners.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be taking an extended vacation and sabbatical this summer, after 10 years as Executive Director of Kestrel Land Trust—to spend some quality time with my two kids who are growing up too fast. While I am away, Kat Deely, Kestrel's Community Conservation Manager, will be the staff contact if you have any questions about the dam. Kat can be reached at [kat@kestreltrust.org](mailto:kat@kestreltrust.org) or 413-549-1097. Morris Root is also available for technical questions.

As always, I appreciate your patience and understanding as we persevere to complete this complicated and important community project. I will be in touch with another update when I return in September.

Thank you,  
Kristin

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