



Email News Letter April, 2016

Dear Members and supporters of the Friends of Lake Warner (FoLW)

- What's happening with the Dam?

The design is complete and it meets FoLW requirements. The Order of Conditions for repairs have been given by the Conservation Commission. The bids are going out. It has been a three year struggle and it is finally happening!
- What have we been doing?

The ice melted by March 9th, enabling us to launch our bright blue work boat, 'Nasty Jon'. Look for us making bathymetric (depth measurement) runs and working to produce an accurate map of the lake bottom. We're simultaneously making water temperature measurements. We're also assessing the algal and bottom debris content of the lake while the water is clear.

We have been scouting sources of pollution along the Mill River. (see photos)
- What's next?

The Hadley CPA Committee recommended that the Town Meeting approve \$9,600 for us to continue to monitor water quality in Lake Warner and the Mill River. Please come to the Hadley Town Meeting on May 5th and support this article. This testing supports local farmers and recreational users by providing regular bacteria levels throughout the summer and fall.

We don't expect Water Chestnut to show until May. The water at depth needs to be 12°C for WC nuts to germinate. We are continuing WC germination studies initiated last year. We are going to need help come the end of May and in June. Please consider coming out with us for some great days on the water!
- Upcoming activities calendar:

2:00PM, April 10, 2016: Kayak Meet Up on Lake Warner. A chance for us to meet recreational users of the lake and recruit volunteers.

7:00PM, April 28, 2016: FoLW Public Meeting.

6:30PM, May 3, 2016: FoLW Board Meeting.

7:00PM, May 5, 2016: Hadley Town Meeting. PLEASE come and support the CPA article. This will help fund the next three years of monitoring of Lake Warner and the Mill River. This testing is critical to our improving the lake.

11AM, May 21 2016: 11-3, Lake Cleanup Day (22 May Rain Date).

Early July 2016: Lake Day, Dam Ground Breaking Celebration.

There will be numerous public outreach and education efforts.

Thank you for your support.
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High density parking lots with inadequate stormwater drainage systems flow into the Mill River. UMASS Amherst.



Stormwater drain needing repair and upgrading. North Hadley.