

What Kinds of Things has FHRA Done For the LAKE

Contracts and pays for milfoil treatment in the CT portion of the lake annually to minimize the spread of this invasive weed due to the northerly water flow

Works with the town annually to budget police to patrol the lake

Proposed to the town of Holland that they create an official town committee (the Lake Oversight Committee), made up of members from various boards in town, as well as members of the Association to oversee issues affecting the lake

Wrote and received grants that resulted in money for a study to determine where watershed work was most needed, wrote and received grants that funded the installation of seven new catch basins around the lake and watershed, wrote and received grants that funded major projects to control runoff into the lake

Built a floating sign for the north basin near the dam warning boaters and posting the speed limit

Built kiosks at several locations around the lake, and keeps them stocked with boating regulations and safe boating tips

Proactively engages in trying to find solutions to a variety of problems and/or issues around the lake; some examples include the following:

- interacting with town officials to replace the south basin boat ramp quickly
- providing important information to all members immediately after the 2005 flood, including recommendations from the Board of Health regarding septic systems and wells
- in the Spring 2006 worked to clean up debris left from the 2005 flood and coordinating with the town for removal of all free-floating docks, logs, trash, etc.
- sponsoring projects such as “Dig the Lake” to clean up the shoreline after drawdown
- promoting ongoing education opportunities for members, such as weed identification training; dissemination of Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds (COLAP) information from seminars on existing and/or emerging water quality issues; guest speakers on a variety of topics at membership meetings
- In 2015 funded to treat the lake for Tape Grass weed, raised \$2000 in donations and matched that and additionally funded \$8000.00
- Presented through the LOC a warrant to have the Town pay for ALL weed treatment \$29000. In 2016 town voted to do this. Each year this warrant must be voted on ...
- In 2017 With the LOC wrote and sent out RFP for feasibility study, 1st step in dredging project.
- In 2017 separated donations made into separate bank account “Lake Preservation Fund”

Why join?

Because if you use the lake or if you don't use the lake and you care about the future of the lake; if you value The Town of Holland, and/or if you value of your property, you will join us in keeping the Lake safe and healthy. If you have joined the membership and/or you have made a donation to the Preserve the Lake Fund – we thank you.