

Tonetta Lake Advisory Committee

Minutes for July 17, 2007, 7:30 PM

In front of Bob's Diner

In Attendance:

Karl Lebitsch

Don Hazen

Karen Ratajack

Bob Tiburcio

Ralph Woodgate

Bob Zubrycki

Members discussed seeing carp in the Lake and a reduction in plant volume. Members felt it would be at least another year before we notice significant reduction of the plant bio mass.

Watershed inspector Don Cuomo had emailed the committee on July 10 with information regarding the dam. Don wrote:

“Regarding Lake levels:

The lake is approximately 8-10 inches below the dam height. The dam is losing ... roughly 5 gallons per second. It is a substantial flow that is bypassing the dam and I think it safe to say that if the dam were retaining even half the current flow the lake would be at or near dam height (Full)”

Some members thought the water level to be down about 12 inches.

Karl, Don Hazen and Bob Tiburcio will check with Town engineer, Tom Fenton and Town Board member, Paul Johnson regarding Dam repair.

Bob Zubrycki will check with Tonetta Lake Park residents to check on the existence or location of a valve in the South cove of the Lake.

The presence of clumps of algae floating in the Lake was also discussed. Dr. Lubnow, from Princeton Hydro, had previously identified some of this as Lynbya, a type of blue green algae (a cyanobacteria). Committee members feel the turning of the Lake and presence of floating and suspended material is occurring earlier this year than in the past. Watershed inspector Don Cuomo is currently testing the water quality and stratification of the Lake.

Minutes submitted by Bob Zubrycki