

Tonetta Lake Advisory Committee Meeting April 17, 2006

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Attendees:

Don Hazen - Chairman

Ralph Woodgate

Karl Lebitsch

Robert Lund

Mike Langley

Robert Zubrycki

Karen Ratajack

Bob Tiburcio

Paul Johnson – Town Board Representative

- **ISCO SAMPLES** – A new battery was provided by the Town to the committee; Karl Lebitsch has both batteries. Karen Ratajack to get new bottles. TLAC is poised for the next rain event.
- **Carp Update** – Some members questioned whether 485 carp was too high. We had asked the consultant to err on the low side of the range, which could be as high as 14 per acre. Some members expressed concerned about the destruction of natural habitats, i.e. large mouth bass. Life span of carp is believed to be about 15 years and there will be a mortality rate from the initial introduction (change of environment from the fishery) and overtime (loss of carp from predators, i.e. snapping turtles). There was a concern about not achieving “critical mass;” having the right amount of carp to make a difference in volume of aquatic vegetation. Don Hazen has gone to the MTA regarding getting permission for egress over the railroad property to install the Carp Fence. MTA has had the Town’s letter for 10-days. Town is looking for permission as well as other requirements. Two quotes for the fabrication of the carp are being pursued by the committee.

4/24/06 Update – Don Hazen and Paul Johnson will be meeting with a potential fabricator/installer at the dam on 4/27/06 at 5:30 PM. MTA has also responded to the Town’s letter; response to be analyzed.

- **Debris** – Is accumulating along the lake. Some ideas included the Town sponsoring a clean up around the lake.
- **Septic Repair Program** – Robert Zubrycki to call Ed Barnett.

4/5/06 Update – It appears that the 30-day clock has started for public comment with the publishing of the required SEQRA notice.