

## **Lake Maspenock Preservation Association**

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Dear LMPA Current, Past and Future Members:

We hope you are enjoying your summer on the lake! As most of you have noticed, we once again have a weed infestation on our beautiful lake. It is our hope that we can conduct another extended drawdown this winter in an effort to reduce the problem species of weeds. We are currently working on submitting a request to the town for permission, and will probably not find out if it is approved until sometime in September. That being said, the LMPA incurred large expenses for the first extended drawdown done two years ago, depleting a large portion of our funds, which are generated by membership dues.

You may not be aware that the LMPA, a small non-profit organization, has annual fees, dues and expenses. These obligations are mandatory for us to pay to the State, along with costs of insurance, water testing, lake clean-ups, mailings to members who do not have email, etc... As part of conducting the first extended drawdown, which was extremely successful, the LMPA was required to hire an independent environmental engineering firm to prepare a biological survey of the lake, to be presented to the Conservation Commission. A similar report must be prepared and paid for by the LMPA after each extended drawdown, and is quite costly.

The LMPA Executive Board consists of 9 volunteers that attend monthly board meetings, zoning and planning board meetings, conservation commission meetings, parks and rec board meetings and other town meetings. We enjoy working together to offer the neighborhood various social events and work to preserve both the environmental and the quality of life concerns of the lake neighborhood. In doing so, we have earned the respect and attention of other committees and organizations in town.

If we want to continue to do these extended drawdowns, work on projects such as the up-grade to the boat ramp, have Family Fun Day, the Annual Fishing Derby, boat parades, lake clean-ups, our Winter/Spring Social and other events that the LMPA sponsors and pays for, we need your support.

If you are not currently a member or are a past member, we urge you to please join or re-join the LMPA. Our neighborhood has enjoyed the benefits of this organization for many years and we would like this to continue, but we cannot do so without your generosity and support.

We thank each of you for taking the time to read this appeal and hope that, if not already a member, you become a current member of the Lake Maspenock Preservation Association. Now is a great time to renew also.

Attached is a photo of the winner of our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Parade held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you know who owns this boat, please contact us!!

You can renew your membership or join on line at <a href="https://www.LMPA.ORG"><u>WWW.LMPA.ORG</u></a> or by mailing a check to:

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6 Downey Street Dues: \$25 per family – one year Hopkinton, MA 01748 \$45 per family – two years

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