

Hello everyone-

Just wanted to provide a quick update regarding the 2009 drawdown.

The GEIA went in front of the Charlton BOS last night to request that they amend the current notice of intent and allow a 5-foot drawdown. Lee Lyman from Lycott Environmental also attended and provided the BOS with information regarding how draw downs work for weed control. In addition, he answered questions regarding the affects of a lake level reduction on shallow wells. Several lake residents attended as well, with two residents voicing their concerns regarding the 5-foot drawdown and the impact that this level of drawdown will have on their shallow wells.

After all the discussion, the BOS proposed working with those residents (with shallow wells) to evaluate their wells and see what can be done to rectify the situation, so that a 5-foot draw down could occur in 2009. Originally, the BOS requested that this process be completed in two weeks, prior to their next meeting on Dec 1. After further discussion with Lycott and the BOS, it was decided that this would not be enough time to thoroughly assess the situation and come up with a solution.

The GEIA (and Lycott) will be working with the lake residents (with shallow wells), the Board of Health and the BOS over the coming months to fully assess the situation and to determine a path forward for the 2010 draw down.

Therefore, the 4-foot draw down will stand for this year.

Thank you for support.

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