



Dear North Long Lake Property Owners and Friends,

Happy New Year to all of you and I hope the New Year brings you good health.

2016 was another year for the record books. The DNR reported the high water level in August to be the highest ever recorded, yet another storm in July, and heavy shore line damage in the spring. Let's hope 2017 is more of a normal year.

Please find the attached self addressed stamped envelope with an invoice for your 2017 dues and donations for AIS (aquatic invasive species). We really appreciated your excellent response last year and hope you can do the same again this year.

Your contributions last year went towards Curly Leaf control, cameras at the 371 and Merrifield accesses, water quality monitoring, annual meeting/picnic, managing the loon nests, and supporting other local and state organizations. The main purpose of the cameras is to educate everyone using our lake to be a good citizen and remove all AIS from the equipment before and after using the lake. We had to increase the treatment area for Curly Leaf about two acres and were very pleased with the results. Our water quality continues to show an improving trend.

In 2017 we will continue to control the curly leaf, operate the cameras, conduct the annual meeting/picnic, work with local and state organizations to maintain water quality and continue to monitor and look for ways to improve the quality of fishing. We want to thank all of you for your generous AIS donations. These donations are vital for the association to keep our lake free from further AIS, such as Starry Stonewort, maintain the education for lake quality, to be prepared to act when and if we get a break through for control of zebra mussels, and to be able to react quickly to any new issues facing us.

Your Board is dedicated to keeping our lake a great lake to both live on and visit. We sincerely appreciate your support in achieving our goals. The property owners have to be stewards of the lake and we thank you in advance for your continued support, friendship, and being a good neighbor.

On behalf of the Board,
Bill Schmidt, President