



May 11, 2022

Misha Cetner

VT DEC, Lakes and Ponds Program

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Montpelier, VT 05620-3522

Dear Misha,

I am sure you know by now the Castleton Selectboard at its regular meeting on May 9, 2022 voted unanimously to oppose the treatment of Lake Bomoseen with the herbicide Procellacor EC. The reason for taking this position includes scientific evidence presented by two members of the science department of Castleton University and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department as well as opposition expressed by the Audubon Society.

While Eurasian Water Milfoil is a problem in many lakes in Vermont, including Lake Bomoseen, there are many other problems as well including but not limited to a significant increase in the number of boats, increased size and speed with very limited patrolling by the VT State Police. In addition, we have wake boats which cause erosion to the shorelines. Some of these boats are equipped with portable toilets and since there is no pump out facility, we have reports that some dump them overboard even though there are five public bathrooms on the lake. We also have reports of clear cutting on the shoreline without a permit from DEC.

In the late 1980's, DEC proposed to the Town of Castleton & the LBA that it would like to develop a long-range plan to manage the lake. After 10 months of meeting, it never materialized.

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I would therefore strongly recommend to you that the state who owns the lake propose a committee be formed with the VT Natural Resources Agency taking the lead and the various stakeholders at the local level be included to protect this valuable natural resource for future generations.

Sincerely Yours,

James P. Leamy

Selectboard Chair

Cc: Sec. Julie Moore Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

Sam Drazin, LBA President

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