



### **A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS PAST YEAR, WHILE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

- **The Crystal Lake Fundraiser was a huge success.** It would not be so without the support of The Black Tie Affair band, Kevin Kitson of Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, immeasurable hours of volunteer work, and our very effective raffle and Silent Auction. Efforts are underway for this year's primary fundraiser to be held at Crystal Lake. Items collecting dust in your attic, basement or garage might just be someone else's treasure; that was certainly the case last May. It is not too soon to start identifying potential donations, to be included in this year's primary fundraiser to be held on:

**SATURDAY, May 13, 2023 - so please mark your calendars!**

- A new format was adopted to tackle the problem of trash entering the north end of the lake across from the Transfer Station. **The "Adopt the Lake Program"** refers to an individual, family or group accepting the job for a 2-week period to clean up the trash at the lake where it is bordered by Chestnut Hill Road, as well as the parking area on the Transfer Station side. This program, in effect from late Spring through the Fall, has been a great success. Thanks to the many volunteers and to Judy for continuing to press for help in this area. Uncovered trucks, in defiance of the law, contribute to the trash and pollution problem. Working with the Town on the trash issue remains a strong initiative.

**Plan on being a volunteer for this initiative in 2023!**

- An additional property has been added to the **LAKE SMART Program**, having met the criteria for such an achievement. The latest recipients: **Steve & Laura Maguire - Congratulations!** Please keep in mind that this program focuses on our responsibility as landowners to implement best practices for the health of our lake. Its total emphasis is educational.

**Consider volunteering your property for the one-hour review this summer.**

- Our **Annual Drawdown** saw our lake level reach the desired lower water levels but, unfortunately, at times when air temperatures were too high to kill the milfoil. More recently, we came close in temperatures, but the frequency & extensive amounts of rain during December changed the level from the target of minus 52 inches to the upper 20's when the freezing weather set in. If milfoil is found in the upcoming season, such high water levels, negatively impacting the drawdown, could prove costly at a likely \$1000/acre treatment cost (if not higher!)

**WISHING ALL A SAFE, HEALTHY & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**