

*Harvey Lake Watershed Association*  
Email Poll of Directors  
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**MOTION**

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Dear board members of the Harvey Lake Watershed Association:

Two items of business: I need a vote on the first item. If you would respond back either yeah or nay on Item No. 1, that would be much appreciated.

Item No. 1: The N.H. Lakes Association has put out a call for applications for the 2018 Lake Host program. Our association has until March 12 to apply, which would make this our 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of running the Lake Host program at Harvey Lake if we are approved. Since we did not meet at the end of summer last year, I did not seek approval from the members to apply for the grant. That is the purpose of this email.

**My question in the form of a motion is: Do you support the application of the Harvey Lake Watershed Association for a Lake Host grant from the N.H. Lakes Association, the cost being \$300, which is the annual dues for the N.H. Lakes Association? The Lake Host program will run at the boat ramp on Shore Drive from June to September, 2018.**

Background: My current year recommendation is based on the previous year's numbers. That's why last summer, I asked for \$300 for N.H. Lakes Association dues and \$275 to pay for extra hours to staff the ramp. Our boater survey numbers for summer 2016 were the highest they had ever been, at 84 boats launched or retrieved at the ramp. Last summer, in 2017, we saw a reduction, to 61 boaters on the days when a Lake Host staffed the ramp. Generally, a Lake Host was on duty Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We staffed the ramp for 26 days, including the Fourth of July and Labor Day, from June 18 to Sept. 24.

I don't believe we need to staff the ramp for that many days this year. I have analyzed the boater survey forms that the Lake Host completed each day in 2017, and the boats came in and left mostly before 1 p.m., and the numbers were evenly split between those arriving before noon and those arriving after noon. I recommend adjusting the staffing to 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day we cover, based on the fact that few boats arrived after 1 p.m. last summer. I also think we can end the program earlier, probably before Labor Day since most of the people indicated starting in mid-August that they were familiar with what they needed to do: drain, rinse, and dry their boats before and after arrival. The number of boaters dropped per shift starting around Aug. 26.

I therefore think we can cover our ramp with 100 hours of staff time this summer. The grant (\$1150) covers this amount of coverage, and we will not need to add any extra funds.

My own biased opinion: The program will cost us nothing beyond our membership dues to the N.H. Lakes Association, and I am willing to run the program another summer. The Lake Hosts are a welcoming face for our lake and our organization, and who knows, someday, one of them might keep milfoil from getting in our lake!

Item No. 2: We are still on track to have our first meeting sometime in April at the Northwood Town Hall. I will schedule the exact date in March (based on when town boards use the meeting space: they get priority, we don't). This will be our ANNUAL MEETING, which means elections. If you are interested in serving in a board position, or continuing in your present board position, please let me know as soon as you can. The board positions include: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Lake Host point person and water quality coordinator.

**VOTE:** Unanimous, with B. Charest, D. Kerkhoff, and G. Houston voting in the affirmative. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Charest  
President