



FEDERATION OF VERMONT LAKES AND PONDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 7, 2022 [Summary Minutes](#)

- **FOVLAP Newsletter released last week.** [Newsletter](#)
- **Board openings.** FOVLAP is seeking to fill **three openings**. Why be interested in joining—per current Auxiliary Board member Tracey Shaddy:
“Since becoming involved with FOVLAP 2012, I have never seen such a dynamic, smart, hard-working, compassionate group of people If there was ever anyone who wanted to work under strong leadership, this is the time to join the Board.”
- **Scholarship Committee.** Announced **two \$500 FOVLAP scholarships** will be issued to promising students pursuing a career in the field in environmental studies.
- **Events Committee.** [Free Zoom Webinar](#) *“Early Identification of Aquatic Invasive Species in VT Lakes and Ponds- How to Launch, Grow and Nurture a Lake Inspection Program”* scheduled April 6 from 9 a-12 noon. Registration on [FOVLAP website](#) open mid-March.
- **Watch for information for the Lake Seminar, June 3, 2022**

Update by Oliver Pierson, Mgr VT DEC Lakes & Ponds Division

Positions in Lakes and Ponds Programs within the Watershed Division of DEC

Governor’s budget deliberately left Amy Picotte’s Lake Wise position vacant to accrue vacancy savings of about \$125,000/year when overhead and indirect costs are factored in. Amy’s position is super important for shoreline restoration, and the face of DEC and Lakes and Ponds Div. for lake associations and municipalities, as well as for other State partners in the public sector like contractors. Decision not consistent considering the threats to our lakes and ponds.

(*see note below concerning Amy Picotte’s position)

Clean Water Investment Program

Continue to support Lake Watershed Action Plans so that actual projects can be teed-up for funding Act 76 Clean Water Service Providers. The LWAPs are plans for phosphorus reduction from runoff to lakes and include different types of interventions, including road repair, stream restoration, shoreland management. In consultation with Oliver, DEC is funding 3 more LWAPs, and the RFP was just released for Lake Willoughby, Shadow Lake in Glover, and Lake Morey.

DEC AIS Control Program

Lake Bomoseen applied to use ProcellaCOR for milfoil control, however, a draft permit was not administratively complete, was returned and should be resubmitted soon. The angling community has concerns that ProcellaCOR is detrimental to the fisheries and therefore is strongly opposing this permit. There is no data to back this up and surveys after use show little to no non-target impact on plant species. ProcellaCOR removes milfoil and native plants return, and no data that ProcellaCOR has any impact on other wildlife species

Use of Public Waters Rules

Working with Fish and Wildlife to increase information for use of public water rules for individual lakes and ponds. Problems exist where people are using jet skis on lakes where they are not allowed and where boats are not

respecting speed limits. Doing a number of things; putting up metal signs with the rules at access points, creating a new website where it's possible to find a lake and review rules for that lake.

Lake Encroachment Problems

Letters were sent to all marinas out of compliance concerning lake encroachment permitting.

AIS Grant-in-Aid Proposal

AIS Grant-in-Aid Proposal went out. This is the last year to award grants up to \$450,000. -\$350,000 for next year AIS grants unless new funding source is found. New source could be AIS Decal bill (****Non-VT Resident Motorboat AIS Decal House Bill H.554**) if that passes, increase MBR fees charged by DMV for registration, or more MBR fees used by DEC for AIS grants rather than for salaries. Looking at 2023 when grant funds will be decreased in a climate where DEC is already dealing with increasing demand for grants, along with the increased spread of AIS— a disconnect. This is a huge challenge for VT. Clean water has been scaled-up but so far clean water doesn't include AIS control and management, which needs to be scaled-up as well.

***Action on this is being led by the FOVLAP Legislative Committee; coordinating letter writing to VT legislators; encouraging and coaching local lake associations how to do this as well. [FOVLAP Legislative Committee Updates](#)*

**A letter of support for Amy's position was approved by the FOVLAP board and will be sent to Sec. Moore; Com. Walke; House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife; Senate Natural Resource and Energy Committee. Local lake associations are encouraged to write.*

- Feedback is encouraged. [Contact us](#)

It is our good fortune to live and spend time in Vermont. Here are two examples of the beauty surrounding us every day during winter time:

