



*Riverbrook Residence, Inc.
P.O. Box 478
Stockbridge, MA 01262*

March 02, 2021

Board of Assessors
Town of Stockbridge
50 Main Street
Stockbridge, MA 01262

Re: P.I.L.O.T. Program with the Town of Stockbridge

Dear Board of Assessors,

I am writing on behalf of Riverbrook Residence, Inc. We are proud to contribute to the greater good by providing support to women with intellectual disabilities. We are also very grateful for the protection and services of the Stockbridge Police and Stockbridge Fire Department, which Allow our residents to participate in their local community.

Although Riverbrook Residence, Inc. is tax exempt, we believe that P.I.L.O.T. is an important program which we support. Our Board of Directors has approved a \$2000.00 contribution towards town services as Payment in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Amuso Wendell", written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Amuso Wendell
Executive Director

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TOWN CLERK

Michael Vogt
5 Pine St, Apt B22
Stockbridge MA 01262

March 2, 2021

Town Of Stockbridge
Terri Iemolini, Town Clerk
50 Main St
Stockbridge MA 01262

Dear Terri,

My name is Michael Vogt. I am a resident at the Heaton Court Property at 5 Pine Street, Stockbridge MA 01262. I am writing today regarding my interest in the board member vacancy at Stockbridge Housing Authority.

My interest in becoming a board member lies in being a part of contributing to Stockbridge Housing Authority's mission of providing clean, safe and affordable housing for the community in which I now call home.

I am enclosing a copy of the board member vacancy letter, in which I am responding to.

I look forward to hearing from you in regards to this open position.

Sincerely,

Michael Q. Vogt

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Town of Stockbridge

Board of Selectman

50 Main St.

Stockbridge Ma, 01262

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter in support of Michael Vogt, who recently submitted a letter of interest to be appointed to the Stockbridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as our Tenant Member. Since coming to Heaton Court, Michael has attended several of our monthly meetings.

I have spoken at length with Michael and have found him to be very intelligent and thoughtful.

Most importantly, Michael is interested and excited to have an opportunity to serve his neighbors, the Stockbridge Housing Authority and the town of Stockbridge.

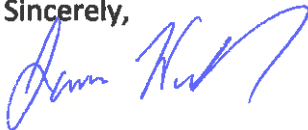
In conversation with Andrea Lindsey, our Executive Director, Michael has been described as a "model tenant."

I would kindly ask and strongly recommend that Michael be appointed to our board.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



James Welch

Chairman, Stockbridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

From:
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:19 AM
To: Selectmen
Subject: conservation commission alternate

Dear Select Board members,

I am writing to confirm my interest in serving on the Stockbridge Conservation Commission. I have served on the Great Barrington CC since 2012, and am very familiar with the Wetlands Protections Act, the Scenic Mountains Act and town by-laws. I have completed the Massachusetts Conservation Commission Fundamentals Units, and am a regular attendee in their trainings and workshops. When I lived in Great Barrington I also served on the Tree Committee and chaired the Committee for 2 years.

I think that, given the increasing dangers we are facing in the Northeast from the effects of climate change, good stewardship of our wetlands and scenic mountain areas is more important than ever. I would welcome the opportunity to ensure that the town makes full use of laws and by-laws to offer full protection to these vital resources.

Thank you for considering me for this alternate position,

Lisa Bozzuto

From:
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:25 AM
To: Selectmen
Subject: Conservation Commission

Dear Selectboard members,

My name is Lisa Bozzuto and I am a new resident (as of 10/2020) to the town of Stockbridge. I moved here from Great Barrington, after selling my home of 23 years.

As a Great Barrington resident, I served on the Conservation Commission (since 2012), the Tree Committee (2011-2019) and the Community Preservation Commission (2019-2020).

I am very interested in serving on the Stockbridge Conservation Commission, in the event of a current or future opening. I have completed the Fundamentals Unit Series sponsored by the Massachusetts Conservation Commission, am a regular participant in conferences and educational offerings, and have a good understanding of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Law. My background is in Forestry (M.S. UMass 1987) and I have volunteered for conservation agencies including the Trustees of the Reservation and the Friends of Mohawk Trail Forest. I can provide references from committees I've served on, as well as from my current employer, the Austen Riggs Center.

As a new resident I'm not familiar with how appointments to commission are done in Stockbridge, and would welcome any information regarding this process. I can be reached by email at lbozzuto@roadrunner.com.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Lisa

From: Sally Underwood-Miller
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:21 AM
To: Patrick White; Roxanne McCaffrey; ecardillo@townofstockbridge.com
Cc: Selectmen; Ron Brouker
Subject: appointee

Dear all,

I am writing to urge you to put forward Lisa Bozzuto as the next member of the Conservation Commission. Having served on the Stockbridge Commission for nearly 25 years, I can tell you first-hand what a steep learning curve there is and how vast and complicated the regulations are. With so many projects before us, and increasing pressure on our precious resources, we need someone who is already familiar with the intricacies of the WPA. Lisa's years of experience will serve the Commission well, and I believe we would benefit greatly from her outside perspective having been a member of the Great Barrington Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sally Underwood-Miller, Member/Secretary
Stockbridge Conservation Commission

I don't want to protect the environment. I want to live in a world where the environment doesn't need protecting.

Warrant Article XX. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to address the regulation of Short Term Rentals as defined in MGL, Part I, Title IX, Chapter 64G, Section 1 to ensure observance of health and safety standards and compliance with applicable MGL as follows :

X.XX Short Term Rental of Residential Property

X.X.X Purpose

Short-Term Rentals (STRs) as defined in this section are allowed for residential properties in conformance with regulations that aim to balance private, neighborhood, and municipal interests by ensuring compliance with applicable Massachusetts General Law regarding Short Term Rentals and ensure observance of residential health and safety regulations.

X.X.X Registration and Regulations

1. Registration – All Short Term Rentals must be registered with the Town Clerk. A registration fee may be required as determined by the Select Board. The following information must be provided:

- a. Owner Name; If owned by a Trust, Trustee and Beneficiary name and contact information in addition to a copy of the Trust.
- b. Primary Manager name - the name and contact information of the **local responsible party (required)** who would respond in the event of any problem, complaint or emergency reported by a guest, Stockbridge residents or Town government.
- c. Booking Agent, if any (such as a Realtor).
- d. Copy of Certificate of Registration with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR)
- e. Permit applicants shall attest that a dwelling unit or bedroom offered for short-term rentals shall comply with all state and local requirements for health and safety and the Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation as stated in Massachusetts State Sanitary Code-Chapter II-105 CMR 410.000 by including at a minimum the following:
- f. Compliance with residential smoke and CO detector law pursuant to M.G.L. c 148 s. 26F
- g. A fire extinguisher shall be mounted in (or near) kitchens used for the STR in a clearly visible location or if the unit offers no kitchen a fire extinguisher will be mounted in a location easily accessible to occupants.
- h. Indication of service by a septic system or municipal sewer;
 - if served by a septic system:
 - a) number of bedrooms rated under permit
 - b) A private wastewater system pumping record within the past three years must be on record in the Stockbridge Board of Health.
 - c) A valid maintenance agreement on file if served by an Innovative/Alternative system.
 - if served by municipal sewer:

- a) number of bedrooms and bathrooms as indicated by the Assessor's tax card.
 - i. Indication of service by a well or municipal water supply;
 - if served by a well:
 - a. specify if a flow meter is in place.
 - b. Well water used for drinking or cooking (potable) purposes must be tested prior to initial registration and every subsequent 5 years for attachment to the registration form to ensure that it is safe to use for personal consumption.
7. Number of off street parking spaces provided.

2. Regulations:

- 2.1 Residential property owned by a corporation or LLC may not engage in short term rentals
- 2.2 A Short-Term Rental is not allowed on any property with outstanding violations of the Building Code, Fire Code, Board of Health, or Town General Bylaws.
- 2.3 A short term rental is required to have a local manager or responsible party who will respond with 2 hours to any problem or complaint and within 15 minutes in an emergency; failure to do so may result in imposed fines.
- 2.4 Off street parking on the property adequate to house all guest occupant vehicles for overnight parking is required.
- 2.5 Events that include tents or amplified music or which would customarily require a license or permit are not allowed.
- 2.6 Occupancy is limited to total legal occupancy per dwelling; if total occupancy is exceeded, fines may be applied on a daily basis until brought into compliance.
- 2.7 **No advertising in any media shall exceed legal occupancy total**; non-compliance shall result in fines levied on a daily basis until brought into compliance.
- 2.8 No commercial trash receptacle such as a dumpster may be maintained on the property to be used for regular trash pickup; trash removal must be limited to regular, weekly (or more frequent as needed) residential trash removal services or regular weekly trips to the Town transfer station. Trash removal shall be the responsibility of the owner/operator.
- 2.9 STRs may be subject to inspection by Stockbridge Board of Health, Fire Department, and/or the Stockbridge Building Inspector.

- 2.9.1 Inspections may be scheduled in response to complaints by renters or by owners or tenants of neighboring properties. A complaint process shall be made available on the Town of Stockbridge website.
- 2.9.2 Failure to provide updated contact information will be a failure to comply with this bylaw and may result in an expedited hearing through the Board of Selectmen or a revocation of the right to operate if there is a failure to respond after a reasonable attempt is made to contact the Operator/Owner, Booking Agent or Trustee.
- 2.9.3 Failure to provide access to properties for inspection or failure to comply with orders to correct deficiencies may result in fines or revocation of the right to operate as determined by the Stockbridge Board of Selectmen. Appeals of these penalties may be made within ten business days to the Stockbridge Board of Selectmen.
3. In the event that there are three or more violations within a twelve month period, the right to operate as a short term rental may be suspended or revoked by vote of the Select Board following a municipal hearing.

4. Additional Requirements

6.1 The maximum occupancy shall be set at one (1) more than twice the number of bedrooms (e.g., five (5) for a two (2) bedroom unit). In addition to the dwelling's bedroom count as noted in the assessors' records, a space that meets the Title 5 definition of a bedroom may be used for occupants in the STR; provided, however, that in the case of STR properties serviced by a septic system, the maximum occupancy shall not exceed the capacity of the system. All septic systems must be Title 5 compliant and must be inspected and serviced as required by M.G.L. 310 CMR 15.000, with pumping at least once every three years. Evidence of Title 5 pumping within the past three years must be on file in the Stockbridge Board of Health and filed with the application for a permit.

6.2 A dwelling unit or bedroom offered for STR use shall comply with all standards and regulations promulgated by the Stockbridge Board of Health.

Commented [DB1]:

6.3 Commercial meetings and uses are prohibited in short-term rentals.

6.4 The Operator or booking agent of an STR shall keep either paper or electronic records that include the number of occupants present during each rental period. The records must be produced upon demand by the Stockbridge Board of Health, the Board of Selectmen, or either Board's designee, and such records must be maintained for 7 years after the date of the rental.

7. Marketing Information

Each Town registration of a Short Term Rental shall include a registration number. Any listing offering the STR for rent shall include the Town-issued registration number and the maximum occupancy allowed.

8. Adoption of Regulations

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health may adopt and amend regulations in furtherance of the implementation of this bylaw.

9. Penalties

If any Occupant, Operator or Owner violates any provision of this bylaw, the Owner or Operator may be subject to a civil penalty in accordance with the following:

- \$100 1st Offense
- \$200 2nd Offense
- \$300 3rd Offense – and each subsequent offense

Each day that a violation exists constitutes a separate offense.

Commented [DB2]: We cannot exceed a \$300 penalty per violation. See G.L. c. 41, § 21.

Add to definitions:

"Short-term rental", an owner-occupied, tenant-occupied or non-owner occupied property including, but not limited to, an apartment, house, cottage, condominium or a furnished accommodation that is not a hotel, motel, lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment, where: (i) at least 1 room or unit is rented to an occupant or sub-occupant; and (ii) all accommodations are reserved in advance; provided, however, that a private owner-occupied property shall be considered a single unit if leased or rented as such. Short term rentals by definition, are rentals of 31 days or less duration.

(MGL, Part I, Title IX, Chapter 64G, Section 1)

Warrant Article XX. To see if the Town will vote to create a Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission to protect and preserve Stockbridge Bowl (Lake Mahkeenac), its watershed and ecosystem for future generations.

ARTICLE XX. Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission

XX.1. Membership. The Town shall have a Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission consisting of seven voting stakeholder representatives as identified below and two non-voting stakeholder representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen on an annual basis.

XX.2 Said appointees are to represent the following stakeholder categories:

XX.2.1 Voting Members (one to be appointed from each stakeholder group listed)

- a. Stockbridge Select Board
- b. Board of Health
- c. Water Department
- d. Conservation Commission
- e. Stockbridge Bowl Association
- f. Water and Sewer Commission
- g. Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club

XX.2.2 Non-Voting members:

- a. Stockbridge Harbormaster
- b. Director, Tri-Town Health Department

XX.2. Term. The term of office shall be two one year s commencing on July 1.

XX.3. General Duties and Responsibilities.

1. Annually evaluating and maintaining a comprehensive Lake Management Plan in response to changing environmental conditions.
2. Acting as an advisory group to the Stockbridge Board of Selectmen to preserve and protect the Stockbridge Bowl (Lake Mahkeenac), its watershed and ecosystem by

Commented [DB1]: Do you want any combination from the 7 categories to be eligible or must there be one representative from each? (i.e., 3 from Conservation Commission, 2 from Board of Health, 2 from Sportsmen's Club vs. one from a-g)

Commented [DB2]: Section 1 says that appointments are on an annual basis, this says the term is 2 years. What would you like? Did you want to make a distinction between non-voting and voting members' terms? Are the town officials serving beyond their time as a town official? That is, if someone leaves the board of health, does that person remain on this stewardship commission until the end of his term?

utilizing unified, scientific information collected ~~as discussed and agreed upon after discussion and consensus~~ by the SBSC.

a.) Maintaining, sharing, and assimilating all ecosystem data collected from Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed including but not limited to water sampling data and analysis, invasive species data, aquatic plant sampling data, wildlife data including fish, birds, mollusks, crustaceans and insects.

b.) Routinely communicating with expert limnologists, biologists, lake managers and other experts contracted with the Town to determine recommended projects and actions in response to environmental conditions and stakeholder concerns to preserve the health of the lake, watershed and ecosystem.

3. Provide public information and educational resources to the residents of Stockbridge regarding the current status of the Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed to promote community responsibility and involvement.
4. Maintain communications with the Town Administrator, all pertinent Boards and Committees such as the Board of Selectmen, Parks and Recreation Commission, Water and Sewer Commission, Conservation Commission, camps, non-profit organizations, boat clubs and community groups as appropriate, etc.

40.4. The voting body of the SBSC shall elect a Chairperson on an annual basis and determine their meeting schedule which shall be no less than twice a month from March through October and no less than once a month from November through February.

40.5. Budget. The Commission shall prepare an annual budget. The budget is subject to approval by the Selectmen. The Selectmen are responsible for presenting the budget to the Finance Committee and for presenting the motion for the budget appropriation to Town Meeting.

Commented [DB3]: Do you mean that the Board of Selectmen and the Stewardship Commission must agree on what scientific information is collected? That sounds like more than just serving in an advisory capacity to the Board

BACKGROUND: Black Bears are common in the Stockbridge area and live in close proximity to people. Human-bear (wildlife) interactions are increasing. People intentionally and unintentionally provide food sources and other attractants to bears, that can create and exacerbate these conflicts. Bears are opportunistic feeders and the presence of food rewards ~~can make~~ encourages negative behaviors, i.e., coming into yards and developed areas for food and getting into trash, which is very difficult to prevent. These behaviors, once established, are difficult to change and can create nuisance situations that threaten public safety and endanger humans, bears, pets, livestock, and property. Preventing bears from accessing human-associated food sources is the only way reduce the risk of negative human-bear interactions. This ordinance is intended to focus on human-black bear conflicts and provide authorities with a mechanism to address problem sites. Although black bear are the primary species of concern, the ordinance could be applied in circumstances involving other wildlife species.

Purpose: The intent of this Ordinance is to protect the health and welfare of both people and wildlife by prohibiting the feeding or attracting of wildlife.

Wildlife Feeding Ordinance

- A. DEFINITIONS - The following words or phrases, whenever used in this section, shall be construed as defined in this subsection:

ATTRACTANT – Any substance including food (human and pet), bird seed, livestock feed, minerals, compost, other nutritive substances, scents, waste products or refuse, that attracts bears (wildlife) intentionally or unintentionally.

BEAR-PROOF CONTAINER/DUMPSTER – A fully enclosed container that prevents bears and other wildlife from accessing the contents inside. This includes but is not limited to heavy duty secured containers, metal topped latching dumpsters, enclosed storage areas such as sheds or other buildings. Containers must include a latching mechanism and reinforced covers/lids.

GARBAGE/TRASH/WASTE – Any waste/refuse that can reasonably attract bears (wildlife) including but not limited to food, food packaging, organic waste, scented waste such as grease, seasonings and other cooking waste.

INVESTIGATING AUTHORITY – Those town or state personnel charged with determining if a bear attractant issue is occurring on a property. Investigating authorities include; town and state law enforcement officers, Massachusetts Environmental Police, town animal control officer, town and state Board or Department of Health Officials, and personnel of the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

PERSON – Any person, resident, occupier, company, firm, corporation, or other business organization

STATE – The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

TOWN – The Town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

WILDLIFE – Any undomesticated animals including, but not limited to rodents, birds, deer, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, foxes and bears.

- B. FEEDING OF WILDLIFE PROHIBITED

1. No person shall intentionally or knowingly feed, use, place, provide, give, expose, deposit, scatter, distribute, leaver or store any attractant that provides a lure, attraction, or enticement to wildlife on any property in the town of Stockbridge.
Feed that is deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural or gardening practices, as well as standing crops planted and left standing as wildlife food plots that may be used by wild animals, is not considered feeding for the purpose of these regulations and is allowed.
2. Determination of whether attractants are serving as a lure, attraction, or enticement to wildlife can be made by any Investigating Authority, as defined in this section. The landowner or person responsible for premises where problems with wildlife feeding have occurred will be notified in writing of the attractant issue and offered suggestions for remediation by the Investigating Authority in cooperation with the Town of Stockbridge. Where a tenant or party other than the property owner is clearly responsible for the attractant, notification will be directed to the responsible party.
3. Failure of the person to respond to a notice of an attractant issue and remove or contain the attractant in such a manner as to make it inaccessible to wildlife within 7 days may be construed as evidence that the wildlife feeding was done with the knowledge or consent of the landowner or responsible person and was intentional.

C. GARBAGE/TRASH/WASTE CONTAINERS OR ENCLOSURES

1. In responding to an attractant issue, the Investigating Authority shall make a determination whether or not refuse containers on the premises are the source of the wildlife feeding problem.
2. If refuse containers are determined to be the sources of the wildlife feeding problem, the landowner or person responsible for the premises will be required to replace them with a bear proof container as defined in this section or secure them in a bear resistant structure. Failure to comply with an order to replace or secure refuse containers within 7 days will constitute a violation of this section.
3. Damage and repair of containers and enclosures: If a bear proof container is damaged or defeated so that it may allow access by wildlife, repair or replacement must be made within 7 days after the damage is discovered.
4. Acceptable outdoor compactor design: Any outdoor compactor containing any material edible by wildlife must not be accessible by wildlife. No trash or material may be exposed and doors must be kept closed and latched with a wildlife-proof mechanism except when loading or removing refuse. If damaged, allowing access by wildlife, repairs must be made to the outdoor compactor within 7 days after written notification by an Investigating Authority.

D. EXCEPTIONS - The following entities or actions are exempt from the requirements of this section:

1. Any individual, company, or corporation that is duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or entitled under law to possess wildlife of any kind, ~~provided that~~ However,

if the normal possession of said wildlife is determined to be causing an attractant issue or public safety threat **by virtue of lack of containment**, the attractant is removed or contained within 48 hours.

a. **An attractant issue and appropriate remediation is to be determined by the Select Board after notification by the investigating authority.**

2. Any action that is officially sanctioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that would require feeding, baiting or luring wildlife for management purposes, scientific projects, research or study.
3. Any individual, company, or corporation that is engaged in farming. Farming is defined herein as lawful agricultural pursuits, including but not limited to growing crops, crop bearing plants, or raising livestock where revenue from said activities represents a majority of income to the individual, company or corporation.
4. This section shall not be interpreted so as to prohibit bird feeders or bird feeding, provided that if a bird feeder or bird feed is determined to be the feeding source and causing an attractant issue or public safety threat, the bird feeder and seed debris are removed within 48 hours.

E – SUGGESTED PENALTIES

1. First Violation – The first violation will be considered the identification of an attractant issue by an Investigating Authority and subsequent written warning along with education and suggested solutions to the attractant issue. The written warning shall include a time schedule for compliance which shall be no longer than 7 days from the date of issuance.
2. Second Violation – The second violation will result in a written Notice of Violation and a fine of **\$XX.00**. The Notice of Violation shall contain a time schedule for compliance which shall be no longer than 7 days from the date of issuance.
3. Subsequent Violations – Each Subsequent violation will result in a written Notice of Violation and a fine of **\$XX.00**. The Notice of Violation shall contain a time schedule for compliance which shall be no longer than 7 days from the date of issuance.

F- ENFORCEMENT

1. **Enforcement authority shall be the Stockbridge Police Department.**

RESOURCES:

BEAR PROOFING MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC

- **Electric Fencing Guide** – Materials, Step by step building instructions and tips for building an electric fence to protect bee-hives, chickens, and livestock (MassWildlife).
- **What is a Bear Proof Dumpster** – Examples of what does and does not constitute a bear proof dumpster (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)).

- **Bear Resistant Caddy Enclosed and Bear Resistant Caddy Slated** – Material list and step-by-step instructions for building a household garbage can shed to help prevent access by bears (FWC).
- **Bear Resistant Trash Containers** – List of specialty-built bear proof garbage cans and dumpsters, including vendors (FWC). It is important to make sure that your refuse company will service specialty-built dumpsters. Generic dumpsters with metal lids are available upon request from most vendors.

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

- Western District Office, Dalton, MA – 413 - 684 - 1646

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE

- 24 Hour Dispatch – 800 - 632 - 8075

Stockbridge Bowl Association

To the Members of the Select Board and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Founded in 1946 and incorporated in 1948, the Stockbridge Bowl Association has been the principle custodian of the 375 acre Lake Mahkeenac, a/k/a Stockbridge Bowl, for nearly three-quarters of a century. Given the central role of the Bowl as a recreational mecca for the region and an economic engine for the Town, we welcome the recent commitment of the Town in forming the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee of which the Bowl Association is a charter member.

The SBA, as we are commonly known, is the sole owner of 52 acres abutting the north shore of the lake, an area deeded to us in perpetuity by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bullard in the 1950's, and the three acre Kwuniikwat Island at the south end of the lake. We maintain marine docks and trails through both of those properties for the continuous enjoyment of the public.

In seeking to maintain the health of the lake, the SBA has long fought to control the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil that grows, often prolifically, near the shore around the entire circumference of the lake. From the earliest annual reports of the SBA, we learn that milfoil has been a scourge since our founding. Efforts to contain this aquatic nuisance by periodically cutting it back with a floating weed harvester have met with limited success.

The weed harvester is expensive to operate, frequently breaks down and the weeds always grow back quickly.

Like most other Massachusetts lakes and reservoirs, Stockbridge Bowl will, in accordance with a DEP-approved plan, begin treating its milfoil with well-tested and safe herbicide.

Another critical mission of the SBA is to secure the dredging of sediment which threatens to turn important parts of the lake into a bog, particularly the areas in front of the Town Beach, adjacent to Kwuniikwat Island, down the outlet and on either side of the causeway where Lily Brook empties into the Bowl. Over the last half century, between 8 and 10 feet of sediment have accumulated over the bottom in these areas.

An engineering firm hired by the Town is completing plans for dredging which will be submitted this year to State agencies for their final approval. This will bring to fruition a project that the SBA has been promoting for the past 10 years.

The SBA is prepared to devote over \$1.5 million which it has raised for the dredging project; and, it is anticipated that the Town will lead with the additional money necessary. Without this dredging, many recreational uses of the Bowl will shrink as will real estate tax revenues from properties bordering the emerging bog.

During the Covid pandemic, increasing numbers of people eager for outdoor activity have flocked to the trails in Bullard Woods. With help from the Community Preservation Committee,

we repaved this past year the drive into Bullard Woods from Hawthorne Road. We also are installing new docks for improved water access to Bullard and the Island.

Finally because the Town Beach is such an important asset for all Town residents and is important for attracting young families to our (aging) Town, the SBA has pledged \$18,000 to support improvements to the parking, drainage and swim beach at the Town Beach. This is in addition to the \$4000 recently contributed by the SBA to employ surveyors to plan a safer access drive to parking at the Town Beach.

The SBA looks forward to working with the Town's Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee to advance the health and beauty of our lake as one of the Town's most vital natural resources.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Seltzer, President

Members of the Board:

Lorraine Abraham
David Brause

Jamie Chadwin
Joan Cohen
Laurie Dubner
Kevin Foran
Richard Gerszberg
Ira Golub
Ronald Kaprov
Pat Kennelly
William Koff
William Laidlaw
Leah Larmon

Matthew Mandel
Paul Monachina
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Bruce Peoples
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