

Hello Friends of West Pond,

As we start into our 2017 season our pristine little pond is in the best shape it's been in since our invasive Curly Leaf Pond Weed arrived. This year is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our fight to keep the pond from being taken over by the invasive and it's all been worth it!

Starting on May 8<sup>th</sup> and wrapping up on May 25<sup>th</sup> we had commercial harvest company, New England Milfoil at the pond and they proved for the third year in a row that they know how to remove Curly Leaf. With a late ice out the plants were still small and they wrapped up with an impressive number of plants removed at just under 2.5 million!!

Our volunteer harvesting will commence to clean up any remaining weed as soon as our DASH boat and people are ready. Surveying that was conducted over Memorial Day weekend only turned up one fair size bed and a few small ones remaining. We're hopeful that these can be cleaned out by volunteers in a fairly short amount of time.

If you're one of the friends of West Pond and would like to help support our efforts, any financial support will be greatly appreciated. Costs from having to hire a commercial dive company each year are a large stress on such a small association and we can use all the help we can get.

Overall our pond is in great shape due to all the efforts put forward for the past 12 years! The fish are healthy, the water very clear, and all of Mother Nature's visitors are doing well. We've had a cold start to the season, but I'm sure it will get better very soon for what is shaping up to be Great Summer.

Dennis Spinney

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