

# LAKE DAMON NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Dear Readers,

This issue is heavily focused on the weed boat update and needed fundraising. Please read through, join the next information session and donate if you can.

The board voted to have our February meeting “by notes” rather than in person. Below is the information for our meeting

Best,  
Christine

## Next Board Meeting

Saturday, March 8th, 2025 at 10AM

Location: TBD and by Zoom

Please join us in person or by zoom!

Reach out to Robert at [robert@gosselins.us](mailto:robert@gosselins.us)  
for the zoom link

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## Dam Update:

- Bruce filed the quarterly report for our construction grant (Thanks Bruce!). This is something that we need to do to be eligible for the grant money.
- As of Jan 1st we did not have any bills to submit for reimbursement.
- We won't apply for the construction grant before we have the construction permit already.
- Bourings are scheduled for late March/ early April to make sure we know that we won't hit any underground pipes/wires when doing the dam construction
- We are hoping to replace our low level outlet. We will increase the size of the draw down pipe so we can more quickly lower the level on the dam.

## The Weed Boat is Taking Shape- Thanks to You and Matt St. Louis!

The vision of the Weed Boat is becoming a reality, and it's all thanks to the dedication of our incredible committee – and one superstar in particular, Matt St. Louis! Matt has poured his heart, time, and talent into designing this boat, working tirelessly to finalize the plan on schedule. He has been the driving force behind the design process with the overall committee's feedback. His dedication is paving the way for this exciting project!

As we've mentioned, January and February are critical months for purchasing the necessary parts. Matt has already procured some key components to complete the design. However, our expenses so far have exceeded what we've raised. That's why your support is so vital if we're going to have this boat ready to launch by Memorial Day weekend!

Here's the exciting news: Matt is gearing up to start cutting and welding next month. Yes, the Weed Boat is officially being built! But how much progress we can make depends on your generosity.

## Weed Boat Info Session

When: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: Gosselin's House  
on Antin Rd  
and by Zoom

We will share more pictures of our progress, answer any questions and get your feedback for the final couple of months of this project. A link to the zoom will be sent to all stockholders. If you can't attend we will try to record the session for later viewing.

### **An Added Bonus: A Leaf Boat in the Fall!**

As I looked out over the water this past fall, I had a realization – the Weed Boat can double as a Leaf Boat! In October and November, leaves floating on the water's surface eventually sink to the bottom, adding to the muck buildup. With the Weed Boat, we'll be able to harvest those leaves, reducing muck. With the attached trailer, we can transport the weeds and leaves far from the shore – at least 100-200 feet, as recommended.

## Weed Boat Fundraising

We're pleased to share that we've raised \$8,521 so far!  
We still need to raise 13,479!

After countless hours of planning and refining, we're confident that \$22,000 will cover the cost of all the parts needed. Thanks to Matt's generosity in donating the frame materials, his shop, and his team's labor, we've managed to reduce our original estimate of \$25,000-\$30,000, saving us \$3,000-\$8,000!

### How to Donate:

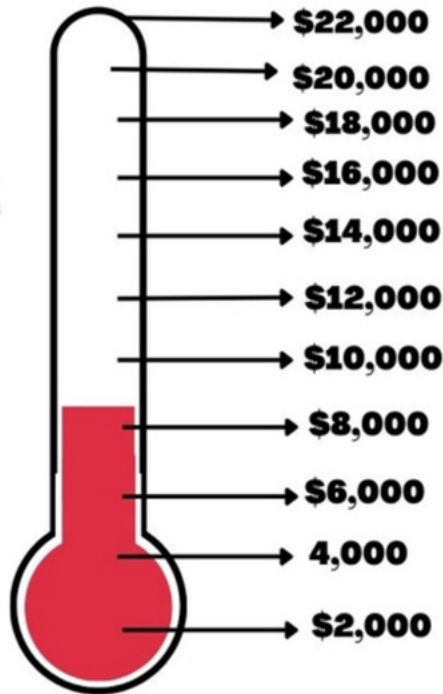
If you'd like to support this project, please consider donating soon so we can continue purchasing the parts we need. Every dollar counts!

You can donate by:

- Writing a check to Robert Gosselin, and either bringing it to 10 Antin Rd or mailing it to Robert Gosselin, PO Box 47, Chesterfield, MA 01012.
- Using Venmo: @webgarcon

Any amount is helpful and appreciated! So far, we've received donations from \$25 to \$1000.

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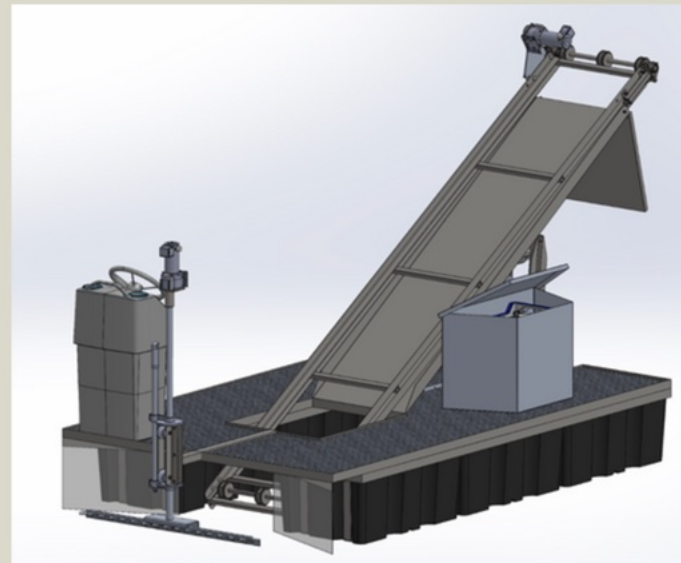
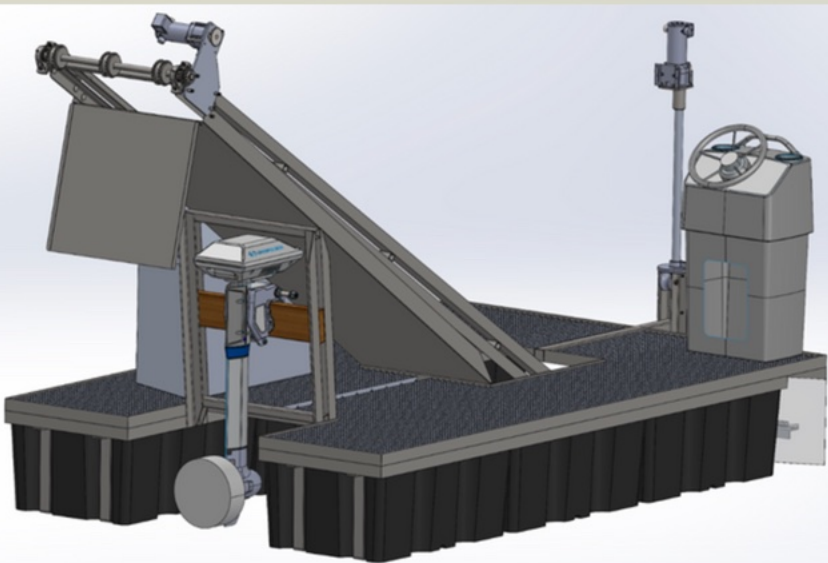


**A Big Thank You to Our Generous Donors who have contributed so far:**

Kathy Rogers  
Eileen Flug  
Marianne Hoag  
Bruce and Kathy Schwartz  
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Sherrill Redmon  
Christine & Steven Willis,  
Robert and Patti Gosselin  
Ethan Fenn  
Allyson Brown  
Aram Flores  
Robert Osborne  
Denise Beltz  
Steven and Gail Stathis  
Mike Frost

**To thank our donors, we're committing to start weeding along their front shores first!**

We still need to raise \$13,479. Every contribution, whether it's \$25, \$1,000 or more, brings us closer to making the Weed Boat a reality. Thank you for being a part of this exciting journey. Together, we're making a difference!



## Lake Update:

- When we had our meeting on Jan 11th, the lake was iced over and about 6 1/2 inches thick.
- Did you know that the lake bylaws now allow ice fishing? Always use caution while on the ice.
- The beavers have been busy + hungry! Hopefully you read Mike Frosts detailed instructions on how to protect your trees (and wrapped yours!)



### A Change in the Pond

Just beyond Blueberry Island is an active beaver lodge. This year the beavers have opened a large area in the ice that connects to their home. As I have watched it over the last few days, the opening is getting bigger. Please be mindful of the opening and stay clear of the edges if you or anyone you know is out on the pond.

-Janet Scully



Beaver damage by the beach. Photos by Aram Flores



Share your pictures with the community!  
You can email them to [cscatko@gmail.com](mailto:cscatko@gmail.com)



This photo Cyndi gleaned from Pete Bannister's Chesterfield Historical Society Facebook page. We believe this structure was at the top of farmhouse road by the point.



Eagles on the ice. Photo: Kam Osborne



This bobcat was sauntering down the road at 11:30 Friday 1/19/25. Photo: Carol Blanchard