**Lake Willoughby Greeter and Milfoil Management Program 2020 Final Report**

Our Greeter season ran from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We had 5 Greeters in the program. All Greeters and Staff took online training, including Covid-19 Safety Protocol with Kim Jensen of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer were provided.

We inspected 2,157 watercraft. 21 boats had plant material removed by our Greeters. 14 had invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil removed. 4 boats were carrying invasive material upon launching, 10 upon retrieval. Our Greeter Program helped to keep Lake Willoughby free of invasive species and protected other bodies of water.

AE Commercial Diving Services suction harvested aquatic invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil from September 1st to October 2nd, 2020, for a total of 16.5 days. They removed 2,010 pounds of Milfoil from the Boat Launch, Crescent Beach, Gallagher’s Cabins, NE Shoreline/Willoughvale, NW Shoreline/North Beach and Gray Rock to the Boat Launch. They reported an 82% decrease in Milfoil infestation overall, compared to 11,145 pounds harvested in 2019. The biggest reduction was noticed at the NE Shoreline/Willoughvale. The current harvest was 225 pounds, 97.4% less than last year’s harvest of 8,610 pounds. The Milfoil Management Program results show the importance it has for aquatic nuisance control in Lake Willoughby.

Thanks to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and with the help of the Memphremagog Watershed Association, the Town of Westmore received grants of $6,304 for the Greeter Program and $7,723 for the Milfoil Management Program. The Westmore Association provides a 50% match for the Greeter Program.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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