

## Re: 2023-9-5 for the web Fw: Water test results - all good

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Spring testing is a wonderful idea and something that probably should have been done all along. However cost being what they were with sending samples to a lab it was not within the budget. At this point doing the testing in house makes it much more attractive. As to the testing for failed septic systems it was not so much the septic system that we were interested in however the nutrient loading that may be coming along with it. It was always the concern of the state that the failed septic systems were feeding the milfoil and causing it to grow so well. This does not seem to have been the case all along especially after we did a full Lake septic system test and found no Systems Failing to the lake in any that were marginal at the time were corrected. Going forward if we do something with the milfoil significant more tests will be needed as far as plant surveys nutrients in the water etc etc. The fecal testing would only be one piece of the entire process but one that needs to be done. Cole you having taken on this with the in-house part of it and considerably savings makes it something that can be looked at as you say in the future.

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On Tue, Sep 5, 2023 at 9:16 PM, Cole Hickland <auditorguy@gmail.com> wrote:

I think we should give some thought to our water testing going forward. ELPOI has been testing for septic tank leakage in the fall as a long standing process since the milfoil effort many years ago. I suggested changing to test for safe swimming as the swimming season started, which we did. But there was also a concern to continue testing in the fall which I was neutral to not supportive of but did based on board consensus.

Now we have someone willing to spearhead an effort to take another run at the milfoil which makes me think we should continue the fall testing at least until we see how this effort plays out. I also believe we should continue spring testing to let members know we tested the water for safe swimming during the summer. The cost of doing this in-house is still cheaper to do two rounds of testing than it was to do one using a lab. But if the goal of the fall testing is to check for septic leaks I think we should consider moving our test sites since the current ones have not detected anything for several years or for about \$30 more we could do 8 test sites and cover more ground if our goal is to find septic issues. I don't have strong feelings about our approach but I do think we should work together to have a thoughtful plan.

No need for a decision at this point or even to talk about this right now. But since we just did testing and it is on my mind I wanted to suggest that before spring testing we give some thought to what our goals are and how best to accomplish them.

On Tue, Sep 5, 2023 at 8:16 PM rolf tiedemann <camptouchstone@yahoo.com> wrote:

Pull from this a notice for fall 2023 fecal testing to post to the web

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The incubation period for our water testing is up and all four vials are still a bright yellow which is the sign of no E. Coli or Coliform.

Just a reminder of the 4 locations:

- 1 East side of herd point
- 2 NW Corner of Fox Island
- 3 NW corner of Charles Island
- 4 Mouth of Ti Bay