



## **Draft October 27, 2011**

DEEP is working to purchase the Beverly's Marina property in order to accomplish multiple objectives on this designated Heritage Lake: to secure modest public access to the state's largest natural lake, provide an opportunity for an enhanced Environmental Conservation police presence, provide environmental education opportunities about the lake's ecology, and work closely with other stakeholders in managing the lake's resources. DEEP proposes to manage the property as follows:

### **DEEP Marina Management Tenets:**

- No net increase in boat spaces at the marina to accommodate 20 boat launch parking
- Enhance DEEP law enforcement presence on the lake
- Increased collaboration on natural resource protection and habitat restoration – weed control, education, etc.
- Management that is in keeping with DEEP's goal of being a good neighbor to the Morris and Litchfield communities
- Create an Advisory Committee consisting of DEEP staff, Bantam Lake Patrol, Bantam Lake Protective Association, Morris and Litchfield First Selectmen, two representatives from among lakefront owners, and White Memorial Foundation to discuss issues of mutual interest consistent with CGS Sec. 22a-339f, the designation of Bantam Lake as a heritage lake.

### **The Building**

1.
  - a. Office space for DEEP EnCon police and other professional staff
  - b. Meeting room space for staff (potentially available for public/local use)
  - c. Marina operations space
2. Restrooms for marina/public use
3. Educational exhibits explaining the lake's ecology and the history of Beverly's in the building

### **The Marina**

4. Continue to operate marina rental slips - # of spaces under evaluation based upon past use, current occupancy and other considerations. Remove 20 marina slips to accommodate boat launch
5. Marina slip space made available to Morris/Litchfield fire and police if needed
6. Evaluate opportunity for a small, handicapped accessible fishing pier
7. Configure boat launch parking for up to 20 vehicles and trailers
8. Design parking for marina users
9. Winter access via plowed lot for skating and ice fishing (if ice is safe)

10. Regular site maintenance, trash collection, mowing, winter plowing, etc.
11. Investigate options for installing surveillance to discourage late night activity

### **The Lake**

12. Continue to partner with Morris, Litchfield and BLPA on weed control by providing grants, technical assistance, seek funds through other state and federal sources for weed control
13. Use seasonal staff at boat launch to inspect boats for weeds; train volunteers to assist
14. Signage at boat launch to instruct weed removal from boats
15. Continue/enhance law enforcement on the lake in cooperation with BLA
16. Maintain pike fishery

### **The Neighborhood**

17. Install signage to direct circulation and exiting boaters onto Rt. 209 and away from Deer Island
18. Work with DOT to investigate signage on Rt. 209
19. Landscape the site to screen parking lot from Palmer Road
20. Maintain boulders along Palmer Road and pervious parking lot
21. Review existing outdoor lighting and incorporate any new lighting to minimize impact on neighbors
22. Enforcement to prevent parking on Palmer Road

### **What will NOT be done at Beverly's**

1. No restaurant
2. No sale or consumption of alcohol on property
3. No park development; ie, swimming or camping
4. No nighttime motor use between 11 pm and 5 am (in keeping with local ordinance)
5. No summertime boat trailer parking by marina renters
6. No vessel or engine maintenance activities permitted at the marina