



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 4, 2014

Agenda Item #: 7c

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Susan Parker, Town Administrator
TITLE: Twin Lakes Maintenance
ATTACH: Twin Lakes Photos
Memo – Peter Larkin

Summary: The Town Council directed staff to review the costs associated with the maintenance of the Twin Lakes Ponds. As of July, 2013, the Town has retained the services of Aquatico to conduct water tests, maintain the vegetation and the aerators located in the ponds.

The Town initially invested \$9,831 to bring the ponds to a healthy standard. On average, the monthly costs equal \$2,900. The Twin Lakes Conservation group contributed a one-time check for \$10,422.48 after the dissolution of the Twin Lakes Conservation group.

During the Fiscal Year 2014 the Town has expended \$53,671.92. Additional costs include electricity which averages \$1,200 - \$1,500 annually.

Projected Annual Costs if Town accepts Quit-Claim of Ponds based on cost estimates as of July 15, 2014.

1. Property Liability	\$ 2,000
2. Electricity	\$ 1,500
3. Testing and Treatment	\$36,000
4. General Shoreline maintenance	<u>\$700</u>
	\$40,200

The Town may be eligible for grants, however grants are generally a one-time award with limited scope. I have contacted the Division of Water Resources for more information.

Council Action: Staff seeks direction on the ownership and maintenance of the Twin Lakes Ponds.