



Glen Lake Protective Association
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**October GLPA membership meeting
Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. at the
Warren County Municipal Center room 5-110.
Please attend! We need your support!**

Cole's Collision meeting RESCHEDULED again! That's correct. Cole's has asked to table the October meeting and reschedule for November. No reason for the delay was provided. Perhaps they are trying to wear us out, but we won't be deterred. A definite date in November won't be set until the Planning Board meets again in late October. It's a short time to prepare, but we will be ready. Recall that the Cole's Car Collision project proposed at the corner of Glen Lake Rd and Route 9 poses serious environmental threats to the Critical Environmental Area of our inlet wetland and Glen Lake, and this type of business is completely out of character with our neighborhoods. We must keep up our vigilance and pressure to oppose this project. Updates on the project will be provided as soon as we get more information.

Dear Glen Lakers, I need to share with you the following statement about a very disturbing issue facing our Association. I ask that you please carefully read the entire statement.

Setting the Record Straight: A Threat to the Glen Lake Protective Association

On September 14, a GLPA member Stuart Alan made a public presentation to the Queensbury Town Board. Mr. Alan accused the GLPA of not being scientific in our decision making, and Mr. Alan stated several incorrect facts and gave misinformation. Mr. Alan accused the GLPA of having the weather station removed for no reason and for not participating in the E. Coli water sampling program this year because we don't see its value. He also stated that we should name households that are leaching septic waste into the lake. In addition, Mr. Alan personally attacked my qualifications, and in a recent email exchange with Professor Dave Hodgson – a lake resident who provides our daily lake level and rain data, a volunteer in our CSLAP sampling program, a qualified Emeritus College Professor of Biology, and a highly respected Queensbury citizen – Mr. Alan accused Professor Hodgson of personally having the weather station removed and attacked Professor Hodgson's qualifications by making several derogatory remarks

about Professor Hodgson's mental capacity due to his age. Mr. Alan also stated to the Town Board that he is leading a new organization called the "Glen Lake Institute."

As GLPA president, I replied to these inaccuracies and misrepresentations at the Town Board meeting and also at the September 15 GLPA membership meeting. Herein, I want to set the record straight for our entire lake community. First, the GLPA makes decisions based upon science. We have participated in a NYSDEC program of Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) for more than 40 years to perform scientific water chemistry testing, surface and deep temperature readings, and water clarity readings; Glen Lake is one of the first and longest running participants in the CSLAP program. These scientific results are available to everyone and are used to measure the health of Glen Lake and make management decisions. We have also contracted annual aquatic plant studies with annual reports for more than 25 years performed by qualified biologists; again, we make management decisions based on this scientific data. Last year we released our updated 2025 Glen Lake Watershed Management Plan in collaboration with LaBella Environmental Engineers that summarized all of the past scientific studies on Glen Lake, the Glen Lake Fen, and our Watershed; this document, available to anyone on our website [glenlakeny.org], also provides recommendations based on the science to maintain and improve the water quality of Glen Lake and our watershed. We are reviewing these recommendations and plan to institute many of them based upon input from our membership. There are also many, many other scientific studies of Glen Lake dating back more than 40 years. Glen Lake is one of the best studied lakes in New York, and the GLPA uses these resources to assess the ecological health and manage our beautiful lake.

Second, about the removal of the weather station. The truth is that the weather station was removed because the two most useful readings – the lake level and lake water temperature sensors – did not work for more than 10 months [August 5, 2025 to June 1, 2026]. The GLPA corresponded with the Warren County Soil and Water (WCSW) many times over those 10 months. New parts were ordered and replaced, new cables were installed, software updates were done. Nothing worked. At the property owner's request, per the contract, the weather station was removed. We are not opposed to a weather station, and we are currently in conversations with Warren County Soil and Water to get a new, better, and working weather station.

Third, about our decision not to participate in the E. Coli water sampling program this year. Here is the Truth. To begin, these water tests cannot identify individual households with septic systems that are leaching into the lake, as Mr. Alan stated. While the six years of studies do indicate general “hot spots,” the biologists that analyzed the data state clearly that E.Coli can also come from non-human sources such as water fowl feces and the precise locations of septic leaching cannot be determined. This information is available to everyone in the 2025 Watershed Management Plan in the section “Near Shore Septic Systems” (pages 21-24), and I also made a presentation to the GLPA membership on this information in September 2025 (a copy of this presentation is available on our website [glenlakeny.org]). The GLPA is using information from the E. Coli reports and an analysis of the age of our septic systems to make decisions based upon the science. One of the recommendations in the Watershed Management Plan is to: *“Consider requesting the Town of Queensbury to implement a mandatory septic inspection program for Glen Lake, similar to the Lake George Park Commission's (LGPC) program that requires (and conducts) inspection of all septic systems within 500 feet of Lake George once every five years.”* This recommendation will be discussed with our membership. More so, the decision not to participate in the E. Coli study this year was financial. In the spring of 2026, the GLPA Board agreed to forego the program this year to divert the expense in order to retain an attorney and an environmental engineer to help our lake and community fight the proposed Cole’s Collision Center that is a current and real threat to our lake and our neighborhoods.

What is this “Glen Lake Institute?” This was unknown to me and to the GLPA. Every lake household has my personal phone number and email address. Many people contact me about lake concerns. Mr. Alan has had every opportunity to reach out to me to discuss his concerns and this “Glen Lake Institute.” He has chosen not to do so.

Further, last evening at the September 28 Town Board meeting, Mr. Alan made another presentation asking the Town of Queensbury to make a resolution to take over the management of Glen Lake because GLPA volunteers do not have the capacity to manage their lake. I responded to this at the meeting by personally inviting Mr. Alan and his scientist(s) and associates to our October 6 meeting to present their ideas. I stated that the GLPA is an open organization that will respect and listen to anything that is good for the health of our precious Glen Lake. When I asked Mr. Alan in person after the Town meeting to attend our GLPA meeting, he refused to attend and reiterating that we don’t have the ability to understand and manage our lake. I disagree. Mr. Alan may rethink his

decision not to attend our October 6 meeting, so I am encouraging every lake resident to attend, listen, and be heard.

It is of great concern to me that this “Glen Lake Institute” is an attempt to undermine the Glen Lake Protective Association and our cooperative and thriving Glen Lake community. I perceive Mr. Alan’s personal attacks as disrespectful and profoundly disturbing, and I believe Mr. Alan’s accusations and misinformation are a threat to our Association.

Finally, Mr. Alan has been selectively contacting lake residents to join his private “Glen Lake Institute” Facebook group. I will note that the GLPA has a website and Facebook site that is public and open for all to view. We have nothing to hide. I strongly encourage you to attend our meetings and reach out to me or any Board member of the Glen Lake Protective Association to get accurate, factual information about the GLPA – a volunteer, community-based organization that has served our community for 119 years and whose stated *“mission is to work together to protect, enhance, and restore the ecological health of the natural and human communities of Glen Lake and its Watershed.”* I believe we adhere to this mission.

Respectfully,

Paul Derby, PhD
President Glen Lake Protective Association

If you have questions about our lake or the Association, or if you want to add an item to our meeting agenda, please contact me (518) 761-7015 or glenlake@roadrunner.com. See you at the October 6, meeting.