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LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION GIVES LAKE GEORGE-OLGY PROGRAM FOR TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE

Lake George, NY – Emily DeBolt, the LGA’s Director of Education, spoke about Lake George on Tuesday January 26th at 7:00 pm at the Lake George Town Center. The talk, titled “Lake George-ology”, a word made up by DeBolt that means “the Study of Lake George” covered an introduction to some of the scientific concepts needed for a good basic understanding of how Lake George works. Limnology is the study of fresh water systems, and incorporates many concepts from biology, ecology and some other –ologies as well. “When I started putting the program together, I realized just how many different disciplines are covered in order to talk about Lake George, its water quality, and what happens when humans enter the equation. That gave me the idea of creating a word that encompasses all of those different things. It might seem like a silly sounding word, but I think it really fits what we are trying to do with the program,” said DeBolt. Concepts such as trophic states and thermal stratification were explained, along with their relevance to Lake George’s water quality. “It might sound a bit too much like a science class,” said DeBolt “but I did my best to keep things interesting and relevant to the real world.” Data on water quality indicators such as phosphorous, water clarity, and oxygen were also discussed along with what these indicators are telling us. And to wrap it all up, human activities and landscape pressures that affect the indicators of water quality were reviewed. People might have heard that switching to no-phosphorus fertilizer or planting a vegetative buffer is good for the lake, but they might not really understand why. The idea is to help people understand how the lake works, so that they can better understand how their actions can affect the lake. “I’m not going to tell anyone to stop using fertilizer as part of the program,” said DeBolt. “But if I have done my job, they might start to think about it on their own by the end.”

The Town of Lake George approved the 2 hour program as training credits for its municipal board members. And the program was also open to the general public as well. Most members from the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals attended. “We were very pleased to be able to provide the program for the

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Town and to work with the newly elected Supervisor Frank McCoy on this program,” said Walt Lender, LGA Executive Director. The LGA would like to offer this program to any municipality around the lake that is interested. It is a great chance for the boards to get training specific to the issues facing Lake George.

The LGA is a not-for-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. Interested in becoming an LGA member? Contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or check out LGA on the web at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.