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New Boat-Washing Station Expected At Cooperstown's Lakefront Park In '16



Paul Lord, an Otsego Lake Association board member from the Town of Otsego, reports a new boat-washing station, aimed at preventing invasive species from entering Glimmerglass' waters, will be functioning in Cooperstown's Lakefront Park by next May. The apparatus, which will be next to the park's restrooms on Fish Road, will be connected with the village's wastewater system to speed up a process that now involves filling and emptying a portable pool. Also at the meeting, held on the porch of the Otsego Golf Course clubhouse at the lake's north end, there was a report on historic structures around the lake by CGP Professors Cindy Falk and Will Walker. Tim Pokorny, a biologist at NYSDEC, reported that zebra mussels have made the lake's waters so clear that alewives, introduced illegally into the lake in 1985, can now be seen by their natural predators and have all but disappeared, allowing native fish - trout, and whitefish - to rebound strongly. (Jim Kevlin/allotsego.org)