



Question:

Today, October 11th, I still see dense blue-green algae clouding Lake Pocotopaug water, even at this late time of the year. Since it will take a lot of effort, expense, and time to slowly bring Lake Pocotopaug back to reasonable health by improving the watershed, is it feasible that the town manager and town council members could support a more expedient interim solution such as in-lake treatments using copper sulfate to reduce algae blooms?

Answer:

Due to the dry summer and the mixing of hot and cold water there is the possibility that the lake may be experiencing a late algae bloom. Also with the recent rainfall a lot of the debris that has built up over the summer has found its way into the lake.

Treatments in the lake have been proposed and used in the past with some limited success. In order to do something like that now someone would need to bring a formal proposal through Conservation Lake Commission and the Town Manager. They would then bring their recommendations to the Town Council.