- need to bring back for approval. before Dec.

## St. Albans Area Watershed Association P.O. Box 1567 St. Albans, Vt. 05478

**September 10, 2023** 

Cheryl Letourneau, and Town of Georgia Selectboard 47 Town Common Road. North St. Albans, Vt. 05478

Greatings,

The St. Albans Area Watershed Association, Inc. has conducted weed harvesting in St. Albans Bay for at least 18 years. During the summer of 2022 we were unable to operate the weed harvesters due to a lack of personnel. Our operator of 15 years was unable to continue operating that summer. He also owned the tractor which we had been using to haul the harvested weeds to the compost sites.

In August of 2022 we purchased a tractor to haul the weeds and resumed weed harvesting in July of 2023. The Town of Georgia has contributed \$2,500.00 annually toward the funding of weed harvesting. Because we did not operate in 2022, we did not request the Town's contribution for 2022. We resumed weed harvesting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like assurance that the Town of Georgia will continue to provide the \$2,500.00 contribution for 2023.

I will furnish a full report regarding weed harvesting at the conclusion of this season.

Sincerely,

Steve Cushing

Weed harvesting coordinator