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In other matters the board approved \$2,112 from the 1% local option tax fund to operate the Lake Raconda greeter program. Havreluk said greeter programs are becoming more popular, and there are more towns applying for the funds. She said Wilmington, working with the Lake Raconda Association, is focusing on the busiest times to reduce the program to a 40-hour week, running from May 24 to Labor Day. "We looked at the hours and when people were actually showing up," said Lake Raconda Association representative Jack Widness. "Weekends and holidays were the busiest, and after Labor Day there's not much happening. Last year we sought to develop information about boat usage at the town beach. What we learned is that (having

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a greeter) at the beach is not a good use of time. There's not much of a problem there."

The greeter program educates recreational boaters about the spread of invasive species in an effort to keep them, especially milfoil, out of the lake. Fitzgerald noted that it has worked so far. "Hopefully it stays that way," Widness said. "The lake is so shallow if it gets in there, the whole lake will be covered with it."