

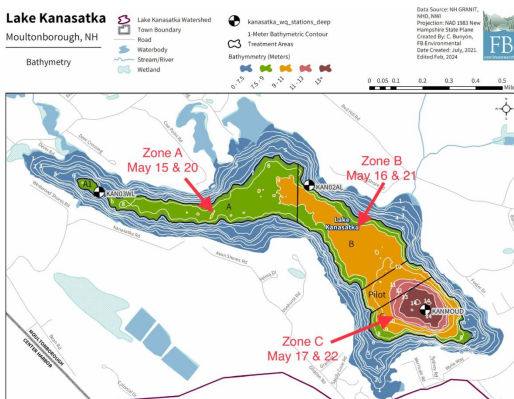


# Kanastka Water Matters

News & Updates

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## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE ALUM TREATMENT PROCEDURE



The above bathymetric map shows the zones being used to divide the treatment process into 4 separate phases.

See Public Notice and treatment schedule on the right

- Treatment tanks will be set in place at the boat launch on May 14.
- Treatment will begin around 7:30-8 AM on each of the 6 treatment days (see treatment schedule).
- The boat ramp will be closed on set-up days and on active treatment days. Look for orange cones designating the closure.
- The treatment cannot be done during an active cyanobacteria bloom. If this occurs the treatment team will assess and determine next steps.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

From New Hampshire DES and LKWA

#### LAKE KANASTKA TREATMENT AND CLOSURE SCHEDULE

The Lake Kanastka Watershed Association, through its contractor, SOLitude Lake Management, will begin treatment of Lake Kanastka per the schedule noted below. SOLitude will be applying a solution of aluminum sulfate and sodium aluminate in the water. Aluminum from the products binds with phosphorus, one of the key nutrients that helps algae to thrive. By making the phosphorus unavailable as a nutrient, algae growth is reduced. This is being done to improve the water quality of Lake Kanastka.

Pilot Treatment – 4/30/24  
Phase 1 Treatment – 5/15/24 – 5/17/24  
Phase 2 Treatment – 5/20/24 – 5/22/24

Posted lake-wide notifications will advise the public of treatment dates and we ask that you please refrain from recreational use or water withdrawal from the lake during and until after 24 hours of the completed treatment as a precaution. We anticipate the Kanastka public launch area will be restricted during the treatment dates as it will be used for the staging area for the treatment barge to refill its tanks.

Although lake access will not be formally restricted, even during the alum treatment itself, LKWA asks/requests that you refrain from any use during the treatment process as a matter of personal safety and treatment efficacy.

Recreational use of Lake Kanastka while being treated may reduce the efficiency of the treatment and may interfere with the treatment process. Regular recreational use of the lake can occur between treatment periods after the 24 hour period and once the treatment has concluded.

Anyone needing additional information should contact the Lake Kanastka Watershed Association [LKWAmail@gmail.com](mailto:LKWAmail@gmail.com). During treatment dates, if anything arises that needs immediate attention, Board Director Kevin Kelly may be contacted at 781-835-9029.

- Other reasons for rescheduling will include wind speeds over 15 mph, lightning, safety issues, or significant fish and aquatic life impacts.
- Please refrain from any type of boating while treatment is ongoing.
- In the event that an issue arises that needs to be addressed, please call or text Kevin Kelly at (781) 835-9029. Kevin will ensure that the issue is communicated to the appropriate party.
- Any changes to the schedule will be posted on Facebook.

LET'S HOPE FOR GOOD WEATHER AND NO BLOOMS!



## LKWA Barn Sale / Yard Sale June 1-2, 2024 8 AM - 5 PM

It is spring, which means it's time to de-clutter! We are excited to be sponsoring the first LKWA giant two-day barn/yard sale. Please consider donating items in good condition while you clear out your home of things you are no longer using.

Rain or shine, Kevin Kelly has generously offered a perfect outdoor/indoor space for this event and is accepting donations now. To date, over 600 items with a total value well over

\$10,000 have been donated! Items include art work, furniture, boats, holiday items, books, yard tools, kitchenware and much more. **Sales will be cash only.**

This is how it works: you will be provided with a confirmed list of items you donate. You will have the opportunity to recommend a sale price, and also a "reserve" price; the reserve price would be your bottom line. If the reserve is not met, your item(s) will be returned.

ALL proceeds will go directly to LKWA to help pay for the ongoing expenses connected with the alum treatment, which will be happening during the next several weeks.

LKWA Barn / Yard Sale hours are 8 AM –5 PM. There is ample parking, please be courteous to other drivers.

For questions, or to schedule a drop-off date contact: [kevinkelly700@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinkelly700@yahoo.com)

## Candidates for LKWA Board of Directors- 2024

### LKWA Bylaws

The LKWA bylaws state that the election of directors is accomplished by "slate" voting. "A slate is a list of candidates, typically for political office or a company's board of directors." (<https://www.lsd.law/define/slate>)

The list usually includes the same number of candidates as there are positions available for election. With slate voting, the membership votes to elect a group of nominees based upon the number of open positions, not individual candidates.

The Bylaws also provide for a "staggered board" to ensure some continuity within a board, where a percentage of the board is elected every other year. "Elections for the directors of staggered boards occur as terms expire. At each election, shareholders are asked to vote to fill whatever positions of the board that are vacant or up for reelection."

(<https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/05/staggeredboard.asp>)

### LKWA Nominating Committee Charter

In the spring of each year, the LKWA Nominating Committee polls all directors whose terms are expiring as to their intentions of standing for re-election. Any additional candidates who have expressed an interest in a board position are also given due consideration. The Nominating Committee recommends a slate for approval by the board and then by the membership by vote at the Annual Meeting to be held July 13th.

According to the Nominating Committee Charter, the Committee sets the number of candidates to be put on the slate (subject to board approval) and proposes a slate of candidates equal to the number of openings on the board. Selection criteria may include current board requirements and individual qualifications necessary for each position. The

Committee considers the candidates identified as being best qualified for current needs and verifies that the proposed candidate(s) is willing to stand for election. Additional criteria evaluated for each candidate includes:

- > Knowledge of LKWA and issues affecting LKWA.
- > Ability to apply sound, objective, independent judgment, and to assume broad fiduciary responsibility.
- > Willingness to commit the time necessary to fulfill the duties of board membership.
- > Any prohibitive relationships or conflicts of interest.
- > Ability to develop good working relationships with other board members and advance the Board's working relationships with LKWA members.

**In accordance with the current LKWA Bylaws and The Nominating Charter, and after due consideration of all candidates, the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate: Kirk Meloney, Colette Cooke, Eileen Ehman and Scott Parker for FY 2025-2027.**

## The Kanasatka Loon Cam is Live!



The loon nesting raft has been launched in Kilnwood Cove for the 2024 season and the loon cam feed is now live in real time on [kanasatka.org](https://kanasatka.org)! See the loons visiting the nest Monday, April 29 2024 here: [https://youtu.be/YbBJNi\\_gaFI](https://youtu.be/YbBJNi_gaFI)

The loon cam provides a live video stream of the loon nest area 24/7, capturing nesting activities of the loon family even at night when the nest area is illuminated by an infrared floodlight which scientists confirm is as invisible to loons as it is to humans. An updated still snapshot is featured on the home page of the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association website with a link to the live stream. In addition, a time-lapse movie showcasing the events of the previous day is also accessible to viewers.

The location of the nesting raft is the same as in previous years, but there is a new camera as of 2023 courtesy of Sandra and Kevin Kelly. The images are now transmitted across the lake to a high-speed internet connection, which allows for higher resolution images.

Thanks to this generous donation from the Kellys and technical assistance provided by Bill Gassman in partnership with the Loon Preservation Committee, our lake community is able to enjoy the natural wonder of loons nesting on Lake Kanasatka. Join us in witnessing the dedication, care, and resilience of these iconic aquatic birds up close and personal!



## Ready to Lend a Helping Hand? | NH Gives 2024

“**NH Gives**, an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits, is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to build community...and...connect donors to local nonprofits...”

We’re counting down the days to June 11-12 and **NH Gives**. We need your help to make our campaign a success, and we’ve included a few easy ways that you can support us.

PLEASE VISIT LAKE KANASATKA’S SITE at <https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/lake-kanasatka-watershed-association-inc>

Please donate any amount you can. We are eligible for prizes for reaching goals such as number of donors, not just the amount of money.

> **Share and share alike.** This online day of giving will be successful because of your own networks. Help us grow our network by sending this email to your network and ask your friends to do the same. Unleash the power of peer-to-peer fundraising!

> **Be socially (media) active.** Use your social media networks: post on Facebook, tweet about NH Gives, share your love for Lake Kanasatka, and ask others to do the same.

> **Become a fundraising champion.** Everyone loves a champion! We really need fundraising champions to help drive people to our NH Gives profile on June 11-12. Visit our website page and click on the “Fundraise” button. You will receive an email message with instructions to share your Champion fundraising page on behalf of Lake Kanasatka. It’s safe and protected, for this one-day event.

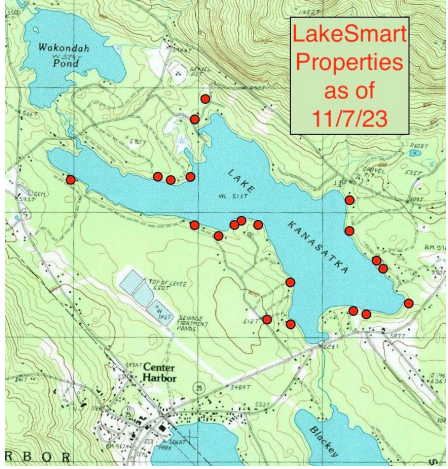
<https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/lake-kanasatka-watershed-association-inc>

> **Our message:** Join us to protect one of NH’s gems in the Lakes Region! Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association (LKWA) is dedicated to protecting the water quality and natural resources of Lake Kanasatka and Wakondah Pond, within the Lake Winnepesaukee watershed and the Red Hill Conservation area, in the towns of Moultonborough and Center Harbor. The watershed includes mixed forests and is home to a wide variety of fish, animals, and threatened and endangered species, including bald eagles and common loons.

The health and enjoyment of our beautiful lakes are being threatened by climate change, polluted runoff water, and invasive species. Our goal is to maintain the health and beauty of Lake Kanasatka watershed for the benefit of future generations.

LKWA relies on donations to carry out our mission. Your donation supports water quality monitoring, lake management, lake protection projects, and our lakeside learning activities throughout the year.

**Thank you for your support!**



## IT'S TIME TO GET LAKESMART !

Spring is here! Now is the time for you to plan how you can improve your property to prevent further run-off from entering Lake Kanasatka and potentially causing additional blooms.

The alum treatment will address the problem for the immediate future but it is incumbent upon all of us to do our part to make sure our properties are not adding additional phosphorus and nitrogen. Evaluating and fixing shoreline erosion, maintaining tree cover, limiting impervious surfaces and maintaining septic systems will help ensure that you are part of a lake friendly lifestyle!

### Steps to becoming LakeSmart, courtesy of NH Lakes

1. Take a 15-minute online self-assessment survey. Your answers are confidential. You will receive a personalized follow-up report with tips you can use to help you earn the LakeSmart Award.
2. **Take the Survey here:**  
<https://s.pointerpro.com/lakesmarts tart2>
3. Make Lake-Friendly Updates. Your personalized follow-up report will be full of lake-friendly tips and ideas to make your property lake-friendly. LakeSmart properties are both beautiful and functional.
4. Request a Site Visit. Once your updates are complete, you can request a FREE and confidential visit from a LakeSmart evaluator. Visits take approximately one hour. Or, you can submit photos instead – [click here](#).



## DON'T MISS IT!

New content on [kanasatka.org](https://kanasatka.org)

Judy Stoessel, known to many readers as the Lake Kanasatka expert on native plants, has created a new, very comprehensive section on our website. Visit <https://kanasatka.org/all-about-native-plants/> or use the newly organized menu to search: "On the Land" > "All About Native Plants".

*"A plant, whether found on land or in the water, is considered native if it has occurred naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction."*

Please be sure to check out this well organized, visually attractive and valuable resource before you start your spring gardening!



5. Show off your LakeSmart Award! When you receive the LakeSmart Award, show it to family, friends, and neighbors to encourage participation!



Photo by Chris Wallace

## Lawn Care Within the Protected Shoreland

*By Larry Pizer*

Everyone on Lake Kanasatka exults in the extraordinary privilege of spending at least part of our lives amidst the beauty of living on the water. The very small price we need to pay is arranging our landscaping to protect our local environment. What might make sense in the middle of a city does not work lakeside. What follows is the state's rules designed to protect our resource.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/sp-2.pdf>

### 3 Important Steps for all Homeowners in 2024

Thanks to your financial support, the dedication of the LKWA Board of Directors, the expertise of the NH Department of Environmental Services, University of NH and FBE Environmental, *an alum treatment for Lake Kanasatka is now a reality!* However, the game is not over. We must all continue to be diligent about maintaining our properties in a lake friendly manner to extend the benefits of the treatment. Please do your part by taking these three steps now. If you aren't sure how to get started, the LKWA "Boots on the Ground" team is ready to lend a hand. Contact Kevin Kelly for scheduling a site visit.

1. Eliminate storm water runoff on your property from entering the lake. For specific guidance see:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/homeowner-guide-stormwater.pdf>.

[https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli3506/f/uploads/storm\\_water\\_management\\_2.pdf](https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli3506/f/uploads/storm_water_management_2.pdf)

2. Have your septic system checked by a NH certified inspector and take appropriate action as recommend by the provider. For specific guidance see:

<https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/Septic-Fact-Sheet-3.pdf>

Approved septic system evaluators in our area include

<https://septicchecknh.com/> and

<https://lampreysepticsservices.com/septic-inspections>

3. Maintain a vegetated buffer along your shoreline appropriate to the width of your slope. For specific guidance see:

<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/vegetated-buffer.pdf>



Photo courtesy of: USDA National Invasive Species Information Center

## **New to New Hampshire – Invasive Spiny Water Flea Confirmed in Lake Winnepesaukee**

Concord, NH – "[Last] summer, state biologists from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) documented the presence of a new aquatic invasive species to New Hampshire. The spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes longimanus*) was documented on September 13 in the deepest location of Lake Winnepesaukee, in the Broads in Gilford, New Hampshire. Subsequent sampling also confirmed spiny water flea presence in Alton and Wolfeboro areas of the lake. State biologists believe this is a recent infestation.

The spiny water flea is a microscopic animal, also known as zooplankton, that is native to Europe and Asia. Spiny water fleas were first introduced to the United States to the Great Lakes in the 1980s. The nearest locations of other spiny water flea infestations include Lake Champlain in Vermont, and Lake George and a few other waterbodies in New York.

The tiny animal was likely introduced by transient boaters who visited a waterbody with an existing infestation. Live organisms or eggs were probably transported to Lake Winnepesaukee on recreational or fishing gear or in the live well or bilge of a boat.

There are no treatments available to control this species once it is established, therefore the best, and only management option, is preventing introduction into uninfected waterbodies by cleaning, draining, and drying all vessels and recreational gear after leaving a waterbody as required by state



Photo by Lloyd Berry

## **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES** for the year ending June 30th, 2024?

**Why should I be a member of LKWA-  
what does it get me that I can't get  
anyway?**

- provides evidence of the level of community support required by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for grant approval.
- only as a paid member will you be able to vote at the annual meeting to make your preferences known.
- only as a paid member will you have the opportunity to run for a LKWA Board of Directors position.
- only as a paid member will you have the ability to help influence the future direction of the organization.
- only as a paid member will you have access to a lower rate on a septic inspection (application necessary, first come first served) \*\* more information will be available soon.
- It gets you the satisfaction that you are a part of a group of like-minded people who are INVESTING in a healthy lake and protecting property value investments. It takes a village... each of us protecting our share for the collective good of our entire lake community.

**I just gave X dollars – why pay another \$50?** Dues are a completely separate account from the alum treatment monies. Dues pay for newsletters and the website, water testing, donations to other like-minded organizations, postage, regulatory compliance, insurance etc. NOT alum treatments.

law (RSA 487).

The spiny water flea is not harmful to humans; however, it can be a nuisance when it builds up on fishing lines. It can also negatively impact aquatic food webs by changing the plankton community which can, in turn, influence fish populations. "Some of our native fish species could be impacted by this," said John Magee, Programs Supervisor with the Inland Fisheries Division at the NH Fish and Game Department. "At high densities, the spiny water flea can outcompete native zooplankton on which some of our native fish species rely."

NHDES biologists have been monitoring for this species for the past eight years, anticipating eventual detection in New Hampshire. "Invasive species are very good at spreading to new locations," said Kirsten Hugger, an Aquatic Ecologist with NHDES. "We anticipated there was potential for introduction to Lake Winnepesaukee due to boater traffic, which is why we initiated a monitoring program in 2016. However, it is still surprising and disappointing to have confirmed that spiny water flea is in New Hampshire."

Non-native aquatic invasive animals are those that are not naturally found in New Hampshire's lakes, ponds, and rivers. Because they are not native, they have few predators or diseases, allowing them to grow quickly and dominate the freshwater systems. Aquatic invasive species, whether invasive plants or animals, can cause impacts to native aquatic species, reduced shorefront property values, water quality impairments, and problems with the aesthetic and recreational values of waterbodies. Further expansion of the spiny water flea to other waterbodies in New Hampshire is likely over time.

Boaters and other on-water recreation enthusiasts are urged to be aware of their role in the spread of aquatic invasive species, large or small, and practice good lake stewardship activities, specifically:

**CLEAN** off any plants, animals and algae found on boats, trailers, and other recreational gear, and dispose of it away from a waterbody. This includes anything attached to fishing line, tackle and nets and other equipment used in fishing activities. Pressure washing with hot water is recommended. For fishing and

**Without membership dues**, LKWA would not have a newsletter or a website. We would not be able to hold an annual picnic or make donations to like-minded organizations like the Loon Center, NH Lakes or Lakes Region Conservation Trust. Lastly, there would not be a team of volunteers testing for water quality, amassing decades worth of valuable data.

**Please donate now! for fiscal year 2023-2024.** Fill out the Dues Form found at:

[https://kanasatka.org/join\\_or\\_renew\\_membership/](https://kanasatka.org/join_or_renew_membership/)

asap to be up to date through June 30, 2024. Dues for the coming fiscal year which begins July 1, 2024 will be collected at the Annual Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2024.



photo by Judy Stoessel  
*Sanguinaria canadensis* (Bloodroot)

## Upcoming Calendar

- May 15-17 Alum Treatment phase 1
- May 20-22 Alum Treatment phase 2
- June 1-2 Barn Sale
- June 6 NH Lakes Congress register here:

<https://nhlakes.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nhlakes/eventRegistration.jsp?event=925&>

- June 11-12 NH Gives Fundraiser
- July 4 Lake Kanasatka People Powered Boat Parade



other gear, inspect and remove any organisms you find and wash with soapy and/or hot water. Dispose of unwanted bait and associated water in the trash or on land away from water, rather than dumping it in the waterbody.

**DRAIN** your boat, bait buckets, bilges, live wells, and other water-holding equipment away from the waterbody, leaving all drains in the open position during transport.

**DRY** anything that comes into contact with the water for at least five days."

For more information or to report a potential new infestation, please contact

[kirsten.a.hugger@des.nh.gov](mailto:kirsten.a.hugger@des.nh.gov) or [john.a.magee@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:john.a.magee@wildlife.nh.gov).

University of Minnesota

> July 13 Annual Meeting and Celebration picnic\*\* more information soon



photo by Kevin Kelly

SOLitude launches applicator treatment barge at the Lake Kanasatka boat launch in readiness for the pilot treatment on April 30, 2024

## Lake Winnepesaukee Association EPA Grant \$150,000 – for Stormwater improvement projects on Lake Kanasatka

*by Tim Baker*

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Funds have been awarded to the Lake Winnepesaukee Association with the passing of 2023 Federal Budget. These funds will be used to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) at three to four high priority sites on Lake Kanasatka as identified in the 2022 Lake Kanasatka watershed-based plan.

Mitigation of the sites will address stormwater runoff and erosion from steep slopes and private gravel roads around Lake Kanasatka, resulting in an estimated annual reduction in nutrient and sediment loading to the lake by 1.7 tons sediment, 10 lbs. total phosphorus, and 15 lbs. total nitrogen.

**Total Project Cost - \$187,500 including a \$37,500 match requirement.**

Funding is expected in 2025. This Grant is important to the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed as Lake Kanasatka flows into Lake Winnepesaukee (at Blackey Cove), and Lake Kanasatka has suffered from persistent cyanobacteria blooms since 2020.



Photo compliments of Bill Gassman



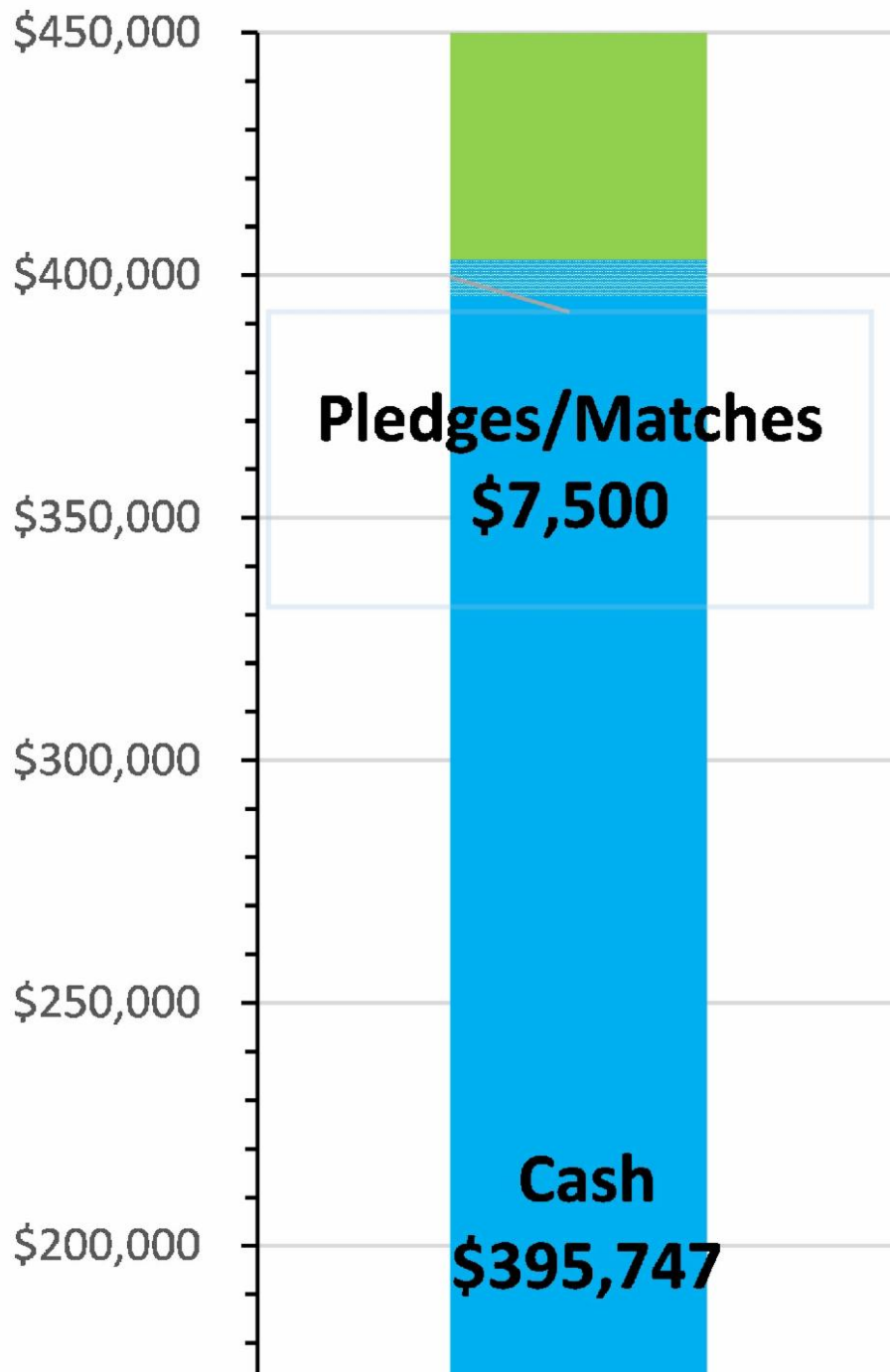
Photo by Bill Gassman

**May 1, 2024-** Agenda Item #94 of the NH Governor's Council **officially** granted the Lake Kanasatka Association \$500,000 to fund treatment of phosphorus in Lake Kanasatka and significantly reduce or eliminate cyanobacteria algae blooms. We are in the **GREEN** and are currently working on returning our lake to **BLUE!**

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and 203 donors who donated \$396,746.62 additional dollars and who worked to make the alum treatment and related projects a reality.

**We couldn't have done it without you!**

## ***It Takes A Lot of \$Green\$ to Get Back to Blue!***





**LKWA Capital Campaign Donors and/or Pledges (received as of May 2, 2024)**

*As we continue to pursue our fundraising goals, we would like to sincerely thank the following donors who have generously contributed and/or pledged so far to the LKWA Capital Campaign.*

With sincere gratitude from the LKWA Board of Directors.

Robert & Ann Marie Abbott  
 Leah & Chris Amato  
 Jill & Carl Anderson  
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Sean Heenan  
Hilton Family, Ted Hilton, Nancy & Dave Briney  
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Windy Waters Conservancy/Lake Waukewan  
Shayna Worby

If you wish to provide permission to be included in our ongoing expression of thanks, you may check the box on the pledge sheet or send a message to LKWAmail@gmail.com. Online donations can "opt-out" to be anonymous. Thank you.

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## Board Meeting Summaries

### February 28, 2024

#### Treasurer's Report and Capital Campaign

Checking balance is \$5,568.27; savings account is \$311,685 including Capital Campaign funds; Total donations and pledges equal \$357,692 from 167 donors.

#### Membership Renewals

LKWA renewed membership for New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits. Fee is \$92 plus NH Gives participation for \$50.

#### Director Nomination Process Resignation and Vacancy

The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Nash from the Board. The Board discussed arrangements to recognize Ms. Nash as Director Emeritus with a gift and a gathering for her long and faithful service to LKWA.

In accordance with Section 4.06 of the Bylaws and the Board's practices, the Board had the authority to fill such vacancy pro tempore: "Bylaws, 4.06 Vacancies. Any newly created directorships and any vacancy occurring on the Board arising at any time and from any cause may only be filled by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any Board meeting. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor."

The Board unanimously agreed to invite Mr. Scott Parker to fill this position. Mr. Parker accepted the appointment pro tempore until the next annual meeting.

#### Nominating Committee/ Slate

The Nominating Committee was constituted as a precursor to presenting the slate for the Annual Meeting. In accordance with the Nominating Committee Charter, the Committee is comprised of two (2) directors and one (1) non-director association member. Four (4) directors were due for re-election and indicated they would stand for re-election. The Nominating Committee would solicit candidates and recommend the slate to the Board for consideration.

#### NHDES/Alum Treatment Updates

The Board discussed and planned developments regarding the alum treatment plan and the submission of the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund (CMF) Grant Application. The contract with the treatment service provider (SOLitude) was priced at \$482,070.00. Required monitoring and testing had been decreased: estimates could be \$20,000 to \$50,000; fees for FB Environmental and UNH were being managed; equipment was to be borrowed from NH Department of Environmental Services; they were working out what assistance was available from affiliated labs; and every possible expense reduction was sought. CMF funds would not cover all noted expenses. The Board would prepare a 3-5 year project plan and budget.

#### Communications

A newsletter blast was sent with the Capital Campaign donor list and funding plea. The website had 250 visits last month and the newsletter open rate was 82%.

### March 28, 2024

#### Treasurer's Report and Capital Campaign

Checking balance is \$5,452; savings account is \$390,127 including Capital Campaign funds; Total cash donations equal \$355,261, outstanding pledges are \$48,950, for a total of \$404,211.

### **Public Meeting**

The public meeting was held on March 19 in support of the alum treatment, which was presented by NHDES with participation by FB Environmental on behalf of LKWA. Following the formal presentation, proponents spoke in favor of the treatment of Lake Kanasatka: NH Lakes, Windy Waters/Lake Waukegan, NHDES, Lake Winnepesaukee Assn., Lake Kanasatka and Blackey Cove residents.

### **CMF Grant Agreement**

The Board discussed the requirements for the Grant Agreement (GA) with NHDES under which LKWA could be awarded up to \$500,000.00 for the alum treatment, subject to approval by the Governor's Council, and the required subcontracts. The GA was executed by LKWA on March 19th. The GA requires flow-down provisions in an amendment to be signed with all subcontractors, FBE, SOLitude and UNH. Insurance requirements were also being implemented.

### **Charity Registrations**

Registrations had been approved for all applicable states for authority to transact business and charity solicitation for the Capital Campaign. Filing fees totaled \$894.90 based on FYE2023 reported revenue under \$25,000, but future filing fees would be exponentially greater based on projected FYE2024 revenues due to Capital Campaign and possible grant funds; the revenue increase would require audited financials (cost estimate \$5,000); annual reports for applicable states would be required for at least two more years.

### **Septic Inspections**

The Board discussed potential septic inspection program(s) including information on discounted pricing negotiated by a member for reports for multiple registrants; options for encouraging septic system updates, including various vendors and certification requirements, payment subsidies, and NHDES's increased focus on septic compliance. The Board will consider a proposal for an association septic program.

### **Communications**

Constant Contact (CC) notifications would be sent as needed for treatment and fundraising updates; there would not be an annual newsletter. CC open rate was 83%; the web site has been updated; a \$500 expense increase for website consulting was approved. A membership committee is being formed.

### **Alum Treatment Updates**

Notices to abutters had been timely mailed on March 28, 2024. Signage for posting was ordered and a meeting of all parties would convene in the coming weeks. A LKWA representative would be at the boat launch to manage any incidents as needed during the application of the treatment; the boat for DES use would be at a member's dock; NH Marine and NH DOT would be notified; a contact list would be prepared; a resident would be at Birchwood beach launch site; a "What to Expect" notice would be distributed by CC and Facebook; dam closing requirements would be arranged.

### **Post Treatment Plans**

The Board discussed plans for post-treatment projects including streams and stormwater testing.

### **Meeting Dates**

The Annual Meeting date is set as Saturday, July 13, 2024. The next Board meetings are scheduled for April 23 and May 29.

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