



# Kanasatka Water Matters

## News & Updates

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### **A Message from LKWA President, Kirk Meloney**

It is early June 2025, and I am writing today to bring the membership up to date on a few topics that I would like to share.

The Board has had a highly active 2024-2025 off-season with meetings every month, sometimes twice a month, over the course of the fall, winter, and spring. We have worked on how to maintain the 2024 Alum treatment and operate the association formally as a 501(c) (3), with all that it takes to stay on course. After applying for and receiving a NH-DES 319 Grant for work needed around the lake, we received \$100,000, which requires a \$67K match. We have put the ball in motion to repair a major watershed runoff issue occurring on Burton Road and Foster Drive. This was outlined in the WBMP from 2022. Being a private road in our watershed, we cannot ask for any help from the Town of Moultonborough. We have taken the initiative to address the situation firsthand. Steps have begun, and work is actively underway. We have contracted with the engineering firm Horsley Witten Group to facilitate the engineering requirements. This project is a work in progress. Site meetings have taken place with residents present, and surveying and test pits have been dug. I know when complete, this effort will improve the lake overall.

We have also engaged in the CDS Grant requirements which came our way through the generosity of the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance. This grant is geared towards any efforts to mitigate existing harmful runoff. The Board chose to apply it towards the Sandy Cove site. The residents there have done great work and just need a bit more support to really be effective with the runoff coming from Glidden Road.

Most recently, we pursued the inflowing streams around the lake to see if they are contributing negatively to our water quality. We contracted with Field Geology Services, a fluvial

geomorphologist to visit the streams. A few Board members spent a day traversing the three major brooks, and one smaller one, showing John Field our concerns. He gave us his opinion, and provided a report to help the board assess the water-flow and what steps we should take next. This is an ongoing task.

We have recently seen some Cyano blooms occurring along the shorefront. This, while troubling to all of us, is typical of what Mother Nature has thrown our way, according to the experts. A lot of rain this spring (high runoff & saturated grounds), along with unusual temperature swings (45 degrees to 80+ at times), and the fact that the Alum treatment occurred in the deeper lake depths can cause this to happen. I stay positive that this is temporary, as the experts have told me.

I could go on about the many things your volunteer Board engages in, but to me, the most important thing is, that **all of us** must assess our own properties, and do the best we can to prevent contaminants from entering the lake. Proper management on the shorefront, including using more natural plantings, infiltrating runoff, no fertilizer use of any type, no use of phosphorus in our cleaning supplies and detergents (which end up in the ground water), making sure our septic systems are serviced and functioning properly, as well as doing the right thing with our behavior on and around the lake, including no fireworks over the water, and good boating habits, are all important steps to take in protecting the lake.

Working together, we can bring Lake K back to good health. Without **all of us** being engaged, your Board's efforts will not be enough to get the job done. I am committed to making sure our lake has a healthy future. Please take this message seriously and join me in the work ahead.

Thank you, Kirk

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### Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

#### **July 1 - Online LKWA Membership payment button goes live!**

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

#### **July 4 - LKWA Human Powered Boat Parade**

Check LKWA Facebook for details closer to July 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **July 12 - LKWA ANNUAL MEETING**

Moultonborough Academy 9:30 - 11:00

#### **July 26 - Adult Kayaking 8:30 - 9:30**

**Family Kayaking 10:30 (30-45 minutes)**

Assemble in the water Maple Cove area near the boat house

Updates regarding weather and/or lake conditions (too windy or rainy, etc.) will be posted on LKWA Facebook 45 minutes prior to the start time.

Contact Peg Devine [lkwaoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:lkwaoutreach@gmail.com) with questions.

#### **August 9 - LKWA ANNUAL PICNIC**

Camp Quinebarge

Details will be provided closer to the date.

#### **August 30 - Adult Kayaking 8:30 - 9:30**

**Family Kayaking 10:30 (30-45 minutes)**

Assemble in the water near Kilnwood Beach

Updates regarding weather and/or lake conditions (too windy or rainy, etc.) will be posted on LKWA Facebook 45 minutes prior to the start time.

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## **Why Preserving Dark Skies Matters** **Keep the Magic by Reducing Light Pollution Around the Lake**

by Max Hoene

Okay, neighbors, let's chat for a moment about something we all cherish on our Lake Kanasatka: our stunning starry nights! We love the natural beauty and recreational opportunities on Lake Kanasatka, and part of that magic is being able to look up and see the Milky Way or even catch the breathtaking northern lights.

Have you noticed it's sometimes harder to see those stars than it used to be? That's often because of something called **light pollution**— excessive artificial light at night.

It shows up in multiple ways:

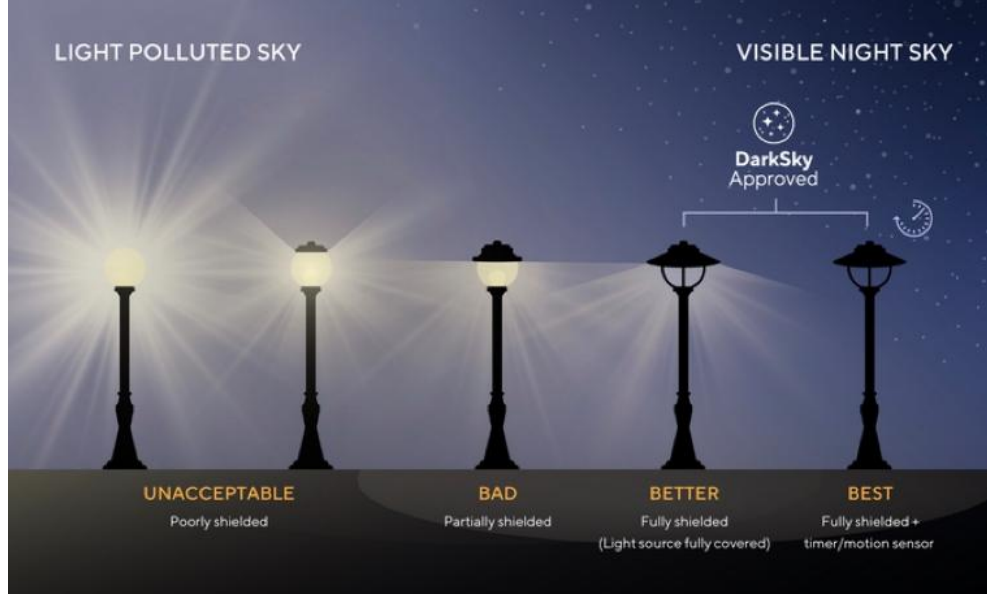
- Glare: When pollution shines directly into your eyes and makes it hard to see.
- Light trespass: When your lights shine onto your neighbor's property.
- Unutilized light: When it can be turned off or activated by a timer or motion sensor.
- Skyglow: Is generally brightening over towns, just a mess of light.

For us lake folks, glare and light trespass are often the most noticeable culprits.

Beyond just blocking our view of the cosmos, light pollution impacts nature.

It messes with the rhythms of animals for things like reproduction, finding food, sleep, and protection. Migrating birds and butterflies use stars and the moon to navigate, and artificial light can muddle their patterns. And for us humans, constantly being exposed to artificial light at night can disrupt our internal body clocks (circadian rhythm), which have been linked to various health risks like obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, and breast cancer.

The good news is, we can make a difference right here on our properties! Simple changes to our outdoor lighting can help preserve our dark skies. According to the **DarkSky Organization**, the problem of light pollution is 90% awareness and 10% hardware. Unshielded, glaring, blue and white lights not only interfere with your ability to see the stars, but they also confuse migrating birds. Look for and use **dark-sky-friendly products**. These are shielded to point light downwards, light only what's needed, and reduce harmful blue-rich white light, specifically using a color temperature of 3000K or lower. These lights use less energy and can save you money! In short, warmer lights, properly shielded, make it easier for your eyes to see the stars and are better for your health.



Sometimes, a neighbor's light might affect your view. Talking about lighting can be delicate, but remember the goal is to "make friends, not enemies". Stay positive, perhaps suggest alternatives, and be informative. We all want to enjoy this beautiful place! Let's share our friendly nature, helping hands and favorite recipes with our neighbors, not our glaring lights.

Let's think about how we're lighting our docks, steps and buildings. By making conscious choices, we're not just being great neighbors but we're helping protect the natural beauty and wildlife of our lake. Preserving our dark, starry nights is a gift to ourselves, to the nature around us, and to future generations who deserve to see the wonders above us just like our ancestors did. Let's work together to keep our piece of the night sky beautiful!

More on Dark Skies Online search:

"My neighbor's lighting," for tips on how to talk with your neighbor:

<https://darksky.org/resources/what-is-light-pollution/light-pollution-solutions/lighting/my-neighbors-lighting/>

Q&A resource concerning outdoor lighting: <https://mcdonaldobservatory.org/lighting-questions-contact>

Fact Sheet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oeEozZRz3IkI69UEv75WhYqmw2ayg0FI/view>

"Dark sky documentary," to watch <https://www.darkskyfilm.com/>

Catch these celestial events in 2025:

- July 31: The Southern Delta Aquariid meteor shower peaks.
- August 12 to 13: Perseid meteor shower
- September 21: Saturn at opposition making it appear its brightest and largest of the year
- October 8: Draconid meteor shower
- October 22: Orionid meteor shower
- November 5: Closest supermoon of the year
- December 13: Geminid meteor shower

Download star-viewing apps that help you identify different constellations. Popular choices include SkyView Lite, Stellarium Mobile, Star Walk 2, and Sky Safari

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## LKWA Board of Directors Proposed Slate

by Scott Parker

The LKWA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce this year's election slate for the Board of Directors. We are increasing from a 9 to a 10-member board. The slate includes the following volunteers nominated to serve as directors, pending election by the membership at the LKWA Annual Meeting on July 12, 2025:



Candidates for re-election for a new two-year term:

**Scott Apgar**, LKWA Secretary

**Janna Hoiberg**, LKWA Vice President

**Lisa Hutchinson**, Director, Water Quality Chair

**Kevin Kelly**, Director, Boots on the Ground Chair

**Chris Wallace**, Director, Communications Chair

New volunteers for two-year directorships:

### **Laurence Pizer**

Larry and his wife Ann have summered on Lake Kanasatka for many years and he's very familiar with the lake's challenges and all recent efforts to address them. He had a long career as a town clerk in Massachusetts and has extensive experience working with state and local governments on legislative and procedural matters. Larry has worked with several nonprofit organizations as a director and as a board member. Larry is an editor of our newsletter and has volunteered to be our new LakeSmart Ambassador.

### **Bruce Hart**

Bruce's family has a 70-year Kanasatka history. He and his wife Jill, their two girls, and a grandson, along with several other family members, spend much of each summer at the lake. Bruce's professional history includes counseling, staff supervision, relationship management, financial acumen, data and report analysis, and marketing. He has served as a volunteer on several boards of directors as treasurer and president.

Three directors have one year remaining of a two-year term, and have served as the Nominating Committee for this year's slate:

**Kirk Meloney**, LKWA President

**Eileen Ehman**, LKWA Treasurer

**Scott Parker**, Director, Social Media Chair

We wish **Tim Baker** well upon his retirement from the LKWA Board, having helped us work through the toughest years in our history. Since 2017, Tim has been a highly respected director with a steady, professional, and common-sense approach to Lake Kanasatka's challenges. His contributions were invaluable to the formation of our Watershed Management Plan, fundraising and grant management, the pursuit of our in-lake treatment, remediation planning, and our relationship with the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance. Tim will continue to contribute to Boots on the Ground efforts as his time permits. We are very thankful for Tim's service on the board.

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## **319 Project Update**

by Scott Wallace

In April, the 319 Project engineering consultant, Horsley Witten Group (HWG), visited the site with 4 engineers and met with landowners to gather information during our initial site visit. HWG then developed conceptual sketches of the site with their initial recommendations for remediation of stormwater runoff. We presented these ideas to landowners in Zoom meetings on May 14.

Overall landowner feedback was very positive with several changes requested. HWG returned on June 2 to survey the site and dig test pits to determine the composition and drainage of the soils. HWG will take the survey and test pit results and develop a watershed model of the site. This will enable them to calculate stormwater flows and then provide a preliminary engineering design. This design will be



## **Free Native Plant Giveaway!** **July 12<sup>th</sup> following the Annual Meeting**

by Chris Wallace

In the summer of 2025, it's all about the water's edge. LKWA is kicking off a "tougher buffer" program to help address stormwater runoff that is entering our lake. Adding a robust plant buffer along the shoreline not only stabilizes the soil and filters runoff and the detritus it carries (dirt, leaves, pine needles, pinecones, acorns, sticks etc.) from reaching the lake, it also aids in preventing erosion.

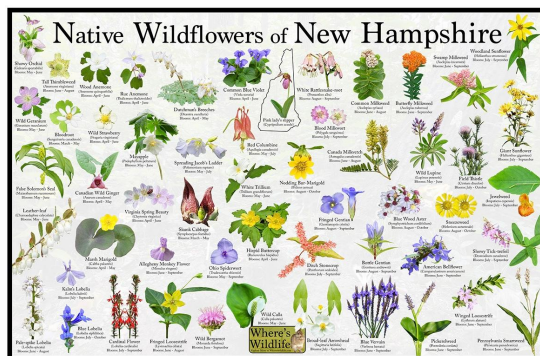
completed and provided to landowners for review in July.



### Clean, Drain, & Dry

Before leaving any boat launch area, be sure to clean and inspect your boat for invasive plants and animals. Take the time and make sure you are not inadvertently giving these hitchhikers a ride to their next location!

Go to <https://nhlakes.org/clean-drain-dry/> for a detailed outline of the necessary steps that need to be taken to ensure your boat is clean of all invasive species. The health of our lakes depends on all of us taking these simple steps.



Lake resident and native plants aficionado Judy Stoessel is graciously donating a variety of plants that she has potted and been nurturing since receiving them as small seedlings from The NH State Forestry Nursery in April. LKWA is offering these native plant and shrub seedlings to new and renewed members for 2025-2026 on a first come, first served basis, to help create a dense buffer along Kanasatka's shoreline.

The native shrubs on offer are well suited to the climate and environment around the lake where they will thrive and provide a touch of color to attract pollinators to your property. It's a win-win proposition. Great for the lake and great for you!

A limited number of plants and shrubs will be available on a first come, first served basis to those who join LKWA or who renew their membership for 2025-2026 no later than July 12, the date of the Annual Meeting. The pick-up date for plants and shrubs will be July 12, following the Annual Meeting. If you are a paid member for 2025-2026 by July 12 but cannot be at the meeting, provisions will be made.

To learn more about healthy shorelines and Native Plants, go to

<https://kanasatka.org/shoreland-protection/> and <https://kanasatka.org/all-about-native-plants/>

Capturing runoff is essential in preventing excess nutrients from entering the water, preventing erosion and reducing the risk of future cyanobacteria blooms. Please join us in creating a "tougher buffer" by joining or renewing your membership and taking advantage of this free, native plant give-away.



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### NH at Home (free) Activities for Kids and Grandkids

Enjoy nature at home with these online learning experiences brought to you by the Squam Lake Natural Science Center's Naturalists. <https://nhnature.org/resources/>

Learn about plant and wildlife species that live in the pond.

<https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt746/files/inline-documents/sonh/wild-times-spring-2023-outlines-for-pdf-lo-res.pdf>

Explore Something Wild: The Animal Adventurer's Guide

<https://www.forestsociety.org/something-wild/something-wild-animal-adventurers-guide>

Heritage Arts Build-A-Picture Activities for Kids – Grades 3 & Up



## LakeSmart Needs You!

For homeowners just beginning their LakeSmart journey, LKWA member Larry Pizer has volunteered to be Lake Kanasatka's very first LakeSmart Ambassador. He will assist homeowners

through the application process and in using the online portal to track your progress.

LKWA's Watershed-Based Management Plan and the grants we have been rewarded, all stipulate that our participation in the LakeSmart program should be at 50% by 2026. The higher the level of participation, the better it is for the lake as well as serving as evidence that we, as a lake association, are continuing our commitment to a healthy lake and setting a good example for all lakes across the state.

Lake Kanasatka is blessed with many properties that adhere to the basic lake-friendly living tenants of protecting the lake from stormwater runoff and erosion. While these properties don't require any remediation and LakeSmart may not be on the minds of these property owners, LKWA is asking every property owner to please consider becoming LakeSmart certified.

The LakeSmart Award is quick and easy to achieve, especially if your property is already in good shape. You can do it all online if you choose- just start here! [LakeSmart | NH LAKES](https://www.nhlakes.org)

As of this writing, Lake Kanasatka has 29 certified Lake Smart properties with an additional 11 properties scheduled for review in the Summer of 2025.

Please reflect on your commitment to our lake and consider becoming LakeSmart in 2025!

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## Take Action Now! 2025 Septic Inspection Assistance Program

The inspection assistance program, implemented to encourage Lake Kanasatka residents to obtain a professional inspection of their septic disposal systems will continue this year. *Please be advised, that due to the very high ground water table this year, certified*



## Transform Your Lakefront: Create a Stunning and Lake-Friendly Shoreline Buffer

"A vegetated shoreline buffer is the last line of defense against polluted water reaching the lake and to protect your property and home from the elements; it is full of beneficial plants that soak up runoff water, protect soil, stabilize the shoreline, and create habitat for lake-loving wildlife. Buffers also protect lakefront homes from strong winds, offer privacy from neighbors, create cool, shady areas on the property, and can deter unwanted visitors from the lake, such as geese."

Reading the entire article and applying the recommendation for creating and maintaining a vegetated buffer will put homeowners well along the path to earning the LakeSmart award. Start now by going to <https://nhlakes.org/transform-your-lakefront-create-a-stunning-and-lake-friendly-shoreline-buffer/>



## Safeguarding the Future of Lake Kanasatka

LAKEFRONT LIVING NH  
Lake Life Blog

LKWA is pleased to share the third and final article in a blog series written by



septic system contractors, pumpers, and inspectors are in great demand. You may be placed on a waiting list for an inspection and other services that might be needed.

**LKWA will reimburse 50% of the cost of a residential septic system inspection (up to a maximum reimbursement of \$200) provided the requirements below are met and a completed application for assistance is mailed to us.**

- Inspection must be performed by an inspection professional who is a certified septic system evaluator in the State of New Hampshire.
- Applicant must be a current dues-paying member of the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association
- Inspection must be completed between June 1 - October 31, 2025.
- Documentation in the form of a completed application and a receipt showing inspection service business name and address is required
- The application with the above documentation must be submitted by mail no later than November 1st, 2025 to: LKWA, P.O. Box 774, Center Harbor, NH 03226

Reimbursement to be paid by check from LKWA within 60 days of receipt of application and documentation.  
Total LKWA funds available for this program are limited to \$4,000.

Moultonborough residents and local realtors, Angela and Glenn Smith and blogger Tammy Reed, entitled ***Safeguarding the Future of Lake Kanasatka, NH: Important Steps After Alum Treatment for Cyanobacteria.***

This article captures the essence of where we are as a community right now. Her article points out that while the alum treatment in the Spring of 2024 was very effective, and significantly improved water quality, it is only one piece of the puzzle. The alum treatment alone, is not sufficient. The Lake Kanasatka community needs to continue efforts to halt stormwater from entering the lake and curb further erosion at the lake's edge.

Angela's recommendations for further action on the part of property owners are spot on. Everything readers need to know about next steps is included in this informative and well-organized article.

Our sincere thanks to Angela, Glenn and Tammy for providing this thoughtful and insightful series on Lake Kanasatka.

Read the full article here:

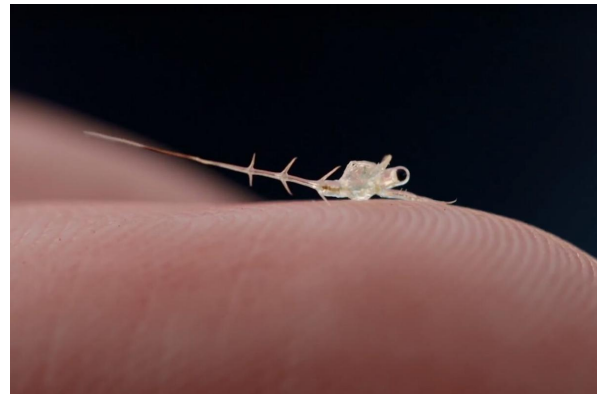
<https://nhlakelife.wpengine.com/alum-treatment/>



## Beware the Spiny Water Flea!

*Photo Credit: The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center*

Spiny water fleas are microscopic animals that live in the water column of lakes and ponds. Adults range from one-quarter to five-eighths inches long, are opaque in color, have a single long tail with one to four spines and have one large, distinctive black eyespot.



Spiny water fleas are an invasive species that is relatively new to New Hampshire lakes. They were first found in Lake Winnepesaukee and Lake Winnisquam in 2023. These tiny animals consume native zooplankton, potentially disrupting the food chain and impacting native fish populations as well as tangling fishing lines.

To stop the spread of this invasive species to other lakes, remember to **Clean, Drain and Dry** all types of human-powered and motor-boats when leaving the lake.



For more information on spiny water fleas go to:

[https://nhlakes.org/invasion-of-the-spiny-water fleas/#:~:text=In 2023%2C it was found,tail and large black eyespot.](https://nhlakes.org/invasion-of-the-spiny-water-fleas/#:~:text=In 2023%2C it was found,tail and large black eyespot.)

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/bb-68.pdf>

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## Q & A from Readers

**Question: Why did the Alum treatment in May 2024, not go right up to the water's edge?**

**Answer:** Aluminum sulfate is a compound used to reduce phosphorous levels and prevent cyanobacteria blooms. By design, the first 25 feet of the lake is excluded from the alum treatment due to the potential impact on shorelines, recreational activities, fish spawning, and potential toxicity to aquatic life, as well as the effectiveness of the treatment in deeper waters.

An alum treatment creates a floc forming an insoluble aluminum phosphate compound. The floc then settles to the bottom of the lake, forming a layer that binds with the phosphorus and prevents it from being released back into the water. Treating areas closer to the shoreline and recreational areas within the first 25 feet, raises the following concerns:

- The floc layer could potentially smother fish eggs and impact fish spawning activities if applied during spawning seasons.
- While alum is generally considered safe when used correctly, it can be toxic to aquatic life if the pH is outside the optimal range (below 6 or above 9).
- Alum applications are typically designed to apply alum to deeper waters where the floc can settle on the lake bottom without being disturbed by human activity, surface currents or wind.

**Question: Is using fertilizer on properties around the lake necessary?**

**Answer:** LKWA has shared a lot of information about the importance of leaving lakefront properties "natural", meaning using native plants, especially along the shorefront, and leaving the leaves and pine needles on areas of your property that are not in active use. These actions protect the lake from erosion and prevents stormwater runoff, which can carry a variety of pollutants, from entering the lake.

A question that has come up on multiple occasions is about the use of fertilizer. In Moultonborough, Zoning Ordinance 9.1.8.5 states that fertilizer is prohibited within 50 feet of the shoreline.

Please read the following articles which pertain to the law regarding fertilizer use. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to ensure that their property does not contribute to water quality issues as a result of inappropriate use of fertilizers.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/blog/april-2025-great-fertilizer-comes-great-responsibility>

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

**Question: If I have a concern about an algal bloom on the lake, who should I contact?**

**Answer:** Fill out this NHDES online bloom report:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/151c9fc3c8214c2e93325f77e0f1d578>

Also, contact Kevin Kelly for tracking purposes at [Kevinkelly700@yahoo.com](mailto:Kevinkelly700@yahoo.com)

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## Did You Know?

"NH LAKES works with New Hampshire legislators, state agency staff, and partners to submit and support bills that will

help restore and preserve our lakes. While NH LAKES takes strong positions of support or opposition on some bills, we also track many bills as they move through the legislative process, so we can respond if they become essential to our cause.”



Learn more about some of the bills NH Lakes supports and tracks and see the results of bills in previous NH Legislative sessions <https://nhlakes.org/state-government/>

Consider weighing in and having your voice heard on these important topics that are impacting NH lakes at <https://nhlakes.org/make-your-voice-heard/>



### Lake Kanasatka T-shirts for Sale!

LKWA still has high quality, snuggly soft, 60/40 cotton/poly blend T-shirts supplied by Matt Rosenfield's Lake Life Brand from right here on Lake Kanasatka!

All T-shirts feature a prominent, updated LKWA logo with a small Lake Life Brand circle logo in sizes SM-XL. Color choices are Navy or Turquoise. Price is \$25.00 for all styles, sizes and colors. If required, shipping is \$7.00.

T-shirt styles are as follows:

1. Unisex short sleeve (printed front center, LLB circle at back of neck)
2. Women's V-neck short sleeve (printed front center, LLB circle at back of neck)
3. Women's racerback tank (printed back center, LLB circle at front left chest)

Place orders by contacting Kevin Kelly at, [kevinkelly700@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinkelly700@yahoo.com) and arranging for a pick-up or shipping.

### LKWA Membership Update!

by Eileen Ehman, Treasurer

We want to open this article with a huge “THANK YOU” to the **118** LKWA residents and friends who have renewed their annual membership or joined our organization for the 2024-2025 year. As of June 9, 2025, we have received more than \$6,000 for memberships. These funds help cover operational costs such as insurance, website hosting and management, printing and postage costs, food for the annual picnic, and charitable donations to long-time non-profit partners. Special thanks to our Membership Committee for their efforts to add new members this year!

We also want to let you know that we have created a membership page on the givelively platform. We are now accepting membership renewals and new memberships online. To make an online membership payment, please go to:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/lake-kanasatka-watershed-assoc>

Click the JOIN button below to be directed to the membership payment page on the LKWA website:



Of course, if you still wish to pay by check, you can send your annual payment of \$50.00 payable to LKWA and mail to LKWA, PO Box 774, Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Membership payments for the 2025-26 year – which begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026 – are now being accepted. We are asking that membership payments be made in the summer months, as that is when our fiscal year begins. Anyone with questions about

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## Recent LKWA Board Activity Updates

The Board considered the request to include proxy/absentee votes at the Annual Meeting. After discussion regarding precedent set at Moultonborough town meetings, logistics, and the possible need for a change to the bylaws to accommodate this request, the Board voted against absentee/proxy voting.

A LKWA member has offered to create (coasters set, new stickers) as a fund raiser. Kirk will contact the member to accept his offer and to see if he would be interested in being the LKWA “merchandise guy.”

The Streams Project/Soil study work report and the recommendations from geomorphologist John Field, was discussed. Dr. Field’s suggestion is having some soils tested to determine if the streams are carrying anything disturbing into the lake. Board members involved in the project will do some research to see if FB Environmental can help here or who they might recommend.

Lisa will get in touch with FB Environmental to inquire into the status of the Final Alum Report which will be passed on to the membership when it is received.

Discussion occurred concerning soliciting new Board members since the Nominating Committee postings has not generated any response. A decision was made to pursue a few select people and ask them to consider a Board position.

The Board reviewed the Annual LKWA Picnic date of August 9th. Kirk will follow up with Eric C. regarding logistics on parking, food and supply lists.

A Little Free Library idea was presented to the board. Questions came up about who will provide it, manage it, etc. It would only be available during the summer season, not year-round. LKWA will look for volunteers to build the structure and donate books from several sources. It was decided that the project needs further study to see if it’s feasible. LKWA will reach out to the State to inquire if a Little Free Library would be allowed on the dam site.

There were no updates at this time on the new LakeSmart Program. A LKWA member has volunteered to be our LakeSmart Ambassador. More on this subject as we receive additional information from NH Lakes.

The Board will pursue a Strategic Plan, once the new board is seated, following the Annual Meeting. Identifying Goals and Objectives for the coming year and plans for using the funds received to date to maintain lake health will be on the agenda.

A Photo Library folder has been added to the Drive for lake related photos to be filed for future use. Any board member can add a photo of importance for future reference by uploading it to the folder with name, date, time and subject.

View NH Lakes Congress presentation slides at [nhlakes.org/lakes-congress](http://nhlakes.org/lakes-congress) for insight into the many initiatives that are taking place state-wide, in support of our lakes. Lake Kanasatka’s Lisa Hutchinson, Kirk Meloney and Kevin Kelly represented Lake Kanasatka and the Moultonborough Cyanobacteria Committee respectively.

Several members of the LKWA Board have been meeting with Wakondah Pond homeowners to discuss potential water quality and shoreline remediation efforts.

The Annual Meeting will be held on July 12th at Moultonborough Academy Auditorium, beginning at 9:30 AM. There will be a short business meeting, a slide presentation on Soak Up the Rain as part of our 319 Grant requirements, and a presentation by Georgia Bunnell, who will present her thesis findings on Lake Kanasatka Water Quality following an alum treatment, in comparison to the untreated Wakondah Pond water quality. Wakondah Pond homeowners have been invited to attend.



Membership payments will be collected and Lake Kanasatka inspired merchandise will be for sale prior to the start of the meeting. Members should arrive ahead of time if they plan to make a payment or a purchase. Free native plants will be available after the meeting on a first come first served basis to those members who have joined or renewed their membership for 2025-2026.

Regarding bloom reporting protocols, the LKWA Rapid Response Team is no longer active. In its place, homeowners are asked to fill out a bloom report, available on the DES website, and to contact Kevin Kelly, the chairperson of the Moultonborough Cyano Committee.

The LKWA website has been updated to provide additional timely cyanobacteria information and resources.

The LKWA Annual Picnic to be held at Camp Quinebargue on August 9th from 11:30- 2:00 PM was confirmed. LKWA members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

The high lake levels and the ensuing boat wakes that are impacting the shoreline continue to be an issue. The high groundwater table and resulting runoff is also of concern.

LKWA has received permission from the State to install a Little Free Library at the dam site.

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### LKWA email contacts:

General LKWA and Board:  
[LKWAmail@gmail.com](mailto:LKWAmail@gmail.com)

LKWA Communications email:  
[LKWACommunications@gmail.com](mailto:LKWACommunications@gmail.com)

[Link to Watershed Management Plan](#)

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