



Perkins Pond Protective Association

# The Perkins Ponder

Summer 2002

## 2002 Fall Meeting

Sat. Aug 24

10 a.m.

At Don and Doris Gearan's

72 Burma Road

603-763-2919

Come by boat or car.

## 2002 Water Carnival

Sat July 27

Parade: 11 a.m. Picnic 1 p.m.

At Gary Szalucka's

77 Piney Point Road

(rain date July 28)

Come by boat or car.

## Minutes from Spring 2002 PPPA Meeting



Bill and Mary Jane Mumford hosted the Perkins Pond Protective Association meeting on June 8, 2002. About 40 people attended. This newsletter reports on the discussions and decisions that took place there.

The current slate of officers was unanimously reelected.

Chris Domain reported on the Association's finances for Treasurer Suzanne McMahon. To date, 28 families have paid dues. Our current finances reflect an improved position over last year. Dues-paying PPPA members may contact Suzanne for additional information.

A PPPA member investigated the possibility of banning jet skis from Perkins Pond. She reported that current regulations for banning them are not fully effective because newer ski craft fall outside the state's specifications.

The PPPA meeting confirmed that the traditional time to light flares at the end of docks is the Sat. before the 4th — June 29 this year. But avoid ashes in pond.



## Water Carnival

The 2002 Water Carnival is planned for Saturday, July 27, at Gary Szalucka's. It begins with a boat parade at 11 a.m. and picnic convenes at 1 p.m. (For some boat decoration ideas, see [www.vantine.net/lakeboon](http://www.vantine.net/lakeboon)) This year both a prince and a princess will be selected. See the insert for details, and return the form to indicate your plans to attend.

Attendees are asked to make a donation to help defray the costs, so as not to deplete the Association treasury. Donations will pay for hamburgers and hot-dogs, soft drinks, plates and napkins, a porta-potty, and other important incidentals.

## Minutes (continued)



Other meeting topics are reported in separate articles in this newsletter. They include:

- Sewer Project
- Weed Watchers and Milfoil
- Boat Launch Monitoring
- Perkins Pond Memorabilia
- Water Carnival

Thanks to Robin Saunders for the photos from the meeting included in this issue.

## Weed Watchers and Milfoil

Tamar Sanders recruited a group of volunteer Weed Watchers at the PPPA meeting. The goal is to prevent milfoil and other exotic weeds from getting established in Perkins Pond. Gary Szalucka, Mary Jane Mumford, Chris Domian, Chris and Holly Leonard, and Tamar will share weed watcher responsibilities this summer. They will survey the entire shoreline on a regular basis, looking for unusual weeds and weed growth.



Tamar also reported on a Weed Watchers informational meeting she had attended. At that meeting, NH DES exotic weed coordinator, Amy Smagula, presented a slide show and information on the identification of exotic weeds and how to prevent infestation:

Most of the weeds along local shores are native. Lily pads, pickerelweed, arrowhead, and tape grass are most common and while occasionally a nuisance, they are of some benefit to our lake's quality. The "exotic" weeds are ones that are not native to NH lakes, have no natural checks and balances, and grow quickly and wildly out of control, potentially choking the shore and lake, and diminishing property values. These include purple loosestrife, fanwort, and especially variable milfoil (an initially submerged plant with a thick stem and a fine fernlike quality).

If a small spot of variable milfoil is found early enough, NH DES will come in and remove it. However, it grows very quickly. For a larger spot, the only strategy is to try to contain the milfoil as Lake Sunapee is doing by covering it with a mat that keeps out the sun.

Boats should be cleaned before and after entering the pond, with any weeds discarded in trash away from the pond. Please inform renters to follow this procedure. Contact Tamar (603-763-9255 or [weedwatch@perkinspond.org](mailto:weedwatch@perkinspond.org)) or another local Weed Watcher to report suspicious weeds.

## Boat Launch Monitoring

Some lakes are implementing programs to monitor their boat launches to prevent transfer of exotic weeds. Lake Sunapee, for example, has volunteer "Lake Hosts", while Little Lake Sunapee obtained grant money for boat launch monitoring. The NH Lakes Association (of which PPPA is a member) has a federal grant that may make funds available to lakes that apply. Sunapee has allocated money for milfoil protection, although most of that will be used for Lake Sunapee. No specific actions for monitoring the Perkins Pond launch were proposed, but future action may need to be considered.

## Perkins Pond Memorabilia



Scott Sanders gave an entertaining presentation and showed samples of Perkins Pond memorabilia that are now available. The short-sleeve Henley shirt and the hat are for those fine summer days, the long-sleeve Henley for the cooler days, and the rain jacket and hooded sweatshirt for those other days.

These items will have embroidered Perkins Pond logos. They are available in several colors, in sizes small, medium, large, and extra large. Items may take up to 8 weeks to arrive, so check with Scott about any time-sensitive orders. Contact Scott to order and for questions or suggestions.



Hat  
Long Sleeve Henley  
Short Sleeve Henley  
Hooded Sweatshirt  
Pouch Rain Jacket

Scott Sanders  
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## PPPA Officers

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## Sewer Project

At the PPPA meeting, Gary explained why the Perkins Pond sewer project was not on Sunapee's ballot this spring. As reported in the spring Perkins Ponder, the town had significant other expenses this year; the sewer costs were out of date; and it was felt that the project had little chance of passing.

Chris Leonard, a new member of Sunapee's Water and Sewer Commission, described what he's learned :



- The Commission would like to improve communication with Perkins Pond landowners and see a broader demonstration of their interest in getting town sewers. One meeting has already been held to consider ways to improve communication. The best approach is for a set of Perkins Pond landowners to attend Water and Sewer Commission meetings regularly. Next meeting: June 27 at 5:30.
- The Commission wants to obtain hard data on whether there really is a problem with phosphorus in the lake resulting from inadequate septic systems. One way to do this potentially would be to put dye in existing septic systems and see if it gets into the pond. The PPPA meeting discussed some of the difficult logistics of doing this.
- The Commission may suggest alternative technologies and approaches for a Perkins Pond sewer system. Sunapee's current sewer system is said to be at about 80% capacity already. One idea is a "reed bed" system for Perkins Pond only. In this type of system, sewage is collected into a reed bed, and the reeds serve to cleanse the sewage.

Additional discussion about the sewer project included:

- Water quality was tested six times last year and showed good health. The only test with negative results was "conductivity." Conductivity is associated with dissolved salts, which may result from failed sewer systems.
- The state's concern has been that many Perkins Pond lots are too small for updated septic systems.
- Political issues relating to Perkins Pond sewers have expanded in Sunapee, including the wish of additional Sunapee residents to be included in the project and concerns that sewers could enable undesired development.

Anyone interested in getting involved to help with communication or research will be welcomed. Contact Gary.

**NH Dept of Environmental Services  
Perkins Pond Water Quality Report**  
[www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/vlap/](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/vlap/)  
Select "Annual VLAP Lake Reports"  
and then "Perkins Pond."



*2002 PPPA Dues  
\$20 per family  
Use enclosed envelope or  
Send to Treasurer Suzanne or  
bring to meeting or Carnival.*

## Off-Pond Entertainments

Here's some other things to do around town this summer. Schedules could change so it's best to check before getting in the car. Some events require reservations or registration.

- **Chamber of Commerce**, 526-6575. All this and many more places, concerts and events are listed at [www.lakesunapeenh.org](http://www.lakesunapeenh.org). Select "area events."
- **Sunapee Harbor Entertainment**, 5-8 pm most Sat and Sun evenings. All day 7/20. Lively, eclectic music.
- **Ben Mere Bandstand Concerts** at Harbor, Wed's 7-9
- **Newport Concerts on the Common** Sun's 6-8 pm
- **Annual NH Craftsmen's Fair** at Mt. Sunapee, Sat Aug 3 - Sun Aug 11 [www.nhcrafts.org/annualfair.htm](http://www.nhcrafts.org/annualfair.htm)
- **Antique Boat Show & Parade** Sun Aug 11
- **Love Your Lakes Day**, Sunapee Harbor, Aug 11, 10-2 Both events by Lake Sunapee Protective Association Schedule at LSPA, [www.lakesunapee.org/events.htm](http://www.lakesunapee.org/events.htm)
- **Sunapee Historical Museum** at the Harbor. Summer hours Sun's and Tue's, 12-3 pm 526-6564
- **New London Barn Playhouse**, 526-4631
- **Cruise Lake Sunapee** on the M.V. Mt Sunapee (10 am and 2:30 pm) or dinner boat Mt Kearsarge. 763-4030
- **Walk the RiverWalk** from behind the deli in Sunapee Harbor to behind the Sunapee Information Booth.
- **The Fells**, John Hays Natl Wildlife Refuge, 103A, Newbury: trails, gardens, many special events. *Guided garden tour* Thu's 1:30 pm. *New London garden tour* Jul 13. *Teddy Roosevelt visits* Jul 21. [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org) 763-4789
- **Cornish Fair** Aug 16-18. Hopkinton Fair Aug 29-Sep 2. See all NH Fair dates at [www.nhfairs.com](http://www.nhfairs.com)
- **Pick Your Own Blueberries**, Newport, 863-2583
- **Music at the Anchorage** Fri's, Sat's 9-12 pm, 763-3334

### Sunapee Town Offices Rte 103B

**Selectmen** 603-763-2212

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8-5:00. Wed 8-1:00

Dump stickers are only available from Selectmen Office, not at the dump!

**Town Clerk** 603-763-2449

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9-5:00. Wed 9-1:00

2nd & 4th Sat 9-12:00

**Dump Hours** Avery Rd off Sargent Rd

Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 8-4:15, Sun 8-11:45



*View of Perkins Pond from the Island.*

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