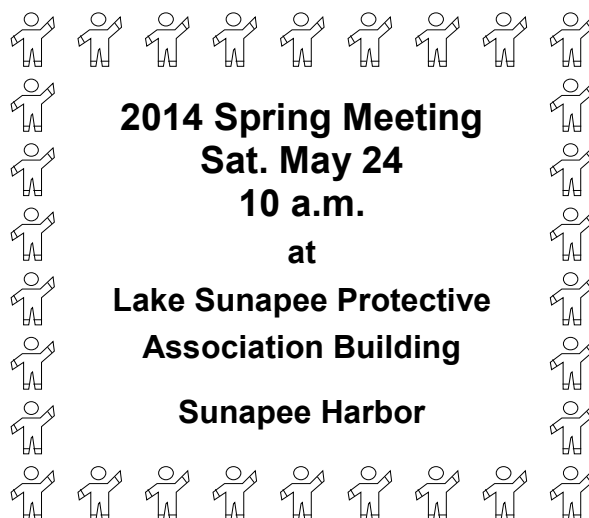




# The Perkins Ponder

Spring 2014



## Directions to the Meeting in Sunapee Harbor

The Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) is hosting our spring meeting at its headquarters. The LSPA Building is also known as Knowlton House or the "Jewel of the Harbor." It is located at the top of the hill just before you enter Sunapee Harbor. It overlooks the Anchorage Restaurant and the Harbor. They have ample parking up the driveway and behind the house itself, or one can also park on the other side of Main Street next to the old Police Station, facing the Riverway.

## Sewer Project Information at the Meeting

This meeting is your best opportunity to get answers to your questions about the Sewer Project.

What do you need to do when? Do you know what you need to know about connecting?

What about your old tank? When will they be working on your road?

Come to the Meeting to learn all about the project and plan.



## Please Be On Time!

The Meeting will start at 10 AM promptly. Please arrive on time. If you want to enjoy some breakfast goodies and a cup of coffee and visit with others, please allow enough time to do that early and still start the meeting at 10 AM. We have two guest speakers and a lot of subjects to discuss.



## How to Get More Information and Stay Up-To-Date on Sewer Project Activities and Requirements

### Sunapee Town Web and Email Updates



On the Sunapee Town Web, you can sign up for email updates, and you can read the Sewer Project News. To get there, start on the Sunapee home page:

[www.town.sunapee.nh.us/pages/index](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/pages/index)

Under "Departments", select "Water and Sewer Department" That page will look like the image on the left.

If you click on "Sign up for Perkins Pond News", you can register to get emails about where the construction will be and other information.

Clicking on "Perkins Pond Sewer News", shows all the Information that has been posted, such as:

- Sewer Construction Schedules
- Specifications for pumps
- A list of local contractors and plumbers

You should make sure that the Water and Sewer Department has your email address or phone number so they can contact you for any questions that may relate to your connecting to the sewers.

The phone number for the Department is (603) 763- 2115

Email to Holly Leonard in the Department is [holly@town.sunapee.nh.us](mailto:holly@town.sunapee.nh.us)

### Ask Dundee for Explanation and Advice

Dundee Nestler (of the Island fame) has offered to act as coordinator between the Perkins Pond homeowners and the sewer contractors. He's attending planning meetings and staying in touch with the project managers. If you have questions, he will be happy to talk with you.

603-763-4105

"Dundee and Linda Nestler" <[dlnestler@comcast.net](mailto:dlnestler@comcast.net)>



### Join the Perkins Pond Email List

Get Perkins Pond news and updates faster and sooner.

PPPA President Gary Szalucka maintains an email distribution list for Perkins Pond homeowners. It covers a variety of topics associated with Perkins Pond including reminders of events and occasional sewer project news.

To join the list, send email to:

"Gary Szalucka" <[salukeva35@aol.com](mailto:salukeva35@aol.com)>



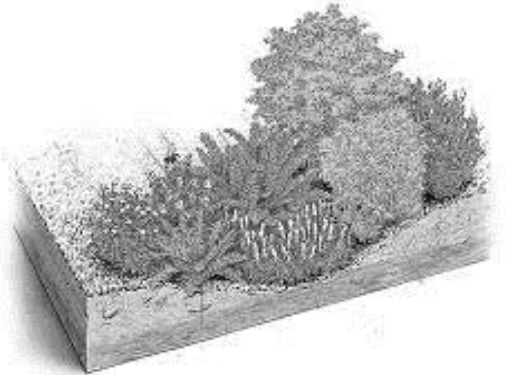
## Saturday Morning May 24 Meeting Speakers

The meeting will be at the LSPA Building on the hill overlooking the Harbor. Two guest speakers are planned:

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### Rain Gardens and Handling Rain Runoff

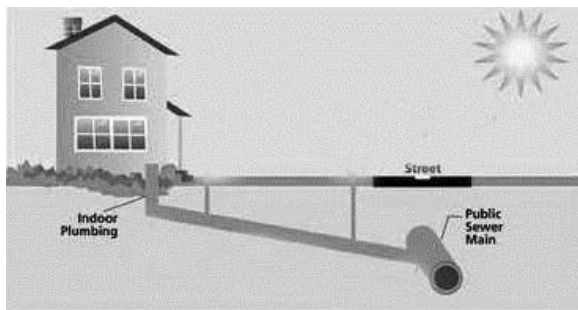
The first speaker is Marilyn Hill, the LSPA's Landscape chair, former Board member, and Master Gardner. She will be speaking on the benefits of rain gardens and will be showing us a display of the best practices to handle water run-off on our properties. We will tour the rain garden at the LSPA building.



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### Mysteries of the Sewer Project Explained

The second guest speaker will be a representative from Brown Industrial Group, the firm that is installing the sewer system. He will provide updates as to the construction schedule and the timing of what roads will be worked on when.



He also will explain about the locations for our individual "T" connections to the main sewer line. It will be very important to make sure your desires are made known to ensure the connection is placed in the proper location to fit your intended location for your tank and pump system. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions about the project and how it will affect you.



Construction started in January with the cross country section of sewer from Ryder Corner Road to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## Please Support the Perkins Pond Protective Association

The Association has been meeting for over half a century for the purpose of protecting the Pond. It conducts activities and seeks to influence and educate for pond protection. It holds two meetings a year open to all who care about Perkins Pond, and has sponsored events such as the Water Carnivals.

The shared nature of the pond causes many of the same forces to affect all of us, and the activities of each of us affects many. If you live, vacation, or own property on Perkins Pond, then protection of the pond means protecting the value and enjoyment of your property. Please support the Perkins Pond Protective Association with your dues and participation.

## Mission of the Perkins Pond Protective Association

The mission of the Perkins Pond Protective Association is to actively monitor, protect, and enhance the viability of Perkins Pond and its watershed. This will be implemented through:

- Collaboration with local, state and federal organizations
- Providing educational resources
- Encouraging a sense of community.

*Adopted at the Fall 2010 meeting.*



### 2013 PPPA Dues \$25 per family

Bring to Spring Meeting or  
Send in Enclosed Envelope

**PPPA Treasurer  
Holly Leonard,  
26 Mary's Road  
Sunapee, NH 03782**

## What does the Perkins Pond Protective Association Do?

- **Water Quality** is key to protecting the pond. Most PPPA projects support this goal. The Perkins Pond Protective Association tests, monitors, and documents water quality on a regular basis and for special studies.
- **The Sewer Project** aims to bring town sewers to Perkins Pond. The PPPA assisted the state with a survey of septic systems and a Diagnostic Study, developed and distributed educational materials, and confers regularly with town officials about this goal.
- **Alien Weeds** can destroy a body of water. The PPPA conducts a program to monitor the weeds in Perkins Pond and educate on ways to keep alien species out. It also put up the banner and posted information for incoming boats.
- **The State of NH** affects the Perkins Pond community in many ways. The PPPA collaborates with the Dept. of Environmental Services to monitor water quality, and alerts residents to changing regulations in areas such as boating, licensing, and shoreline protection.
- **Town of Sunapee** zoning, taxes, road maintenance, and sewer planning affect everyone. The PPPA acts as a focal point to advocate for Perkins Pond homeowners to the town. Its influence helped to get local roads accepted as emergency lanes, and septic planning sponsored.
- **Major Projects** to protect the pond have been organized by the PPPA. The PPPA created the outlet at the end of Piney Point Cove to keep water flowing through the pond. Now the sewer project has won approval, the PPPA is turning its attention to the problem of Storm Water Runoff and sand and silt entering the pond.
- **Participation** with local organizations provides training and information to the PPPA and leverages its influence at the town and state level.
- **Education** by the PPPA about all these topics provides accurate information to the Perkins Pond community and promotes practices that protect the health of the pond.

## PPPA Officers

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**2014****Saturday July 26, 2014**

Boat Parade at 12 noon

(gather at Riter' for parade at 11:45)

Potluck Lunch immediately following

At 40 Burma Road

Jim and Sheri Riter

For more info or to volunteer, call 603-763-5362

Volunteers to help are appreciated.

Bring a potluck lunch contribution.

*All Perkins  
Pond area  
residents are  
welcome !**Fun for  
Everyone !**Mark your  
Calendar!*

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Decorate your boat or 'parade as you are.'



## Report on PPPA Fall Meeting August 30, 2013 at Judge's

**Sewer Project** Gary Szalucka described the progress of the sewer project. September 19 was the deadline for bids, and the contract would be awarded in early to mid-October. The contract would allow 210 days from start to completion. Work would need to shut down during the winter.

**Pumps and Connections** There was discussion of the specs for the pumps. It was suggested to get a list of approved contractors. Dick Jaffe asked what would be done when. Gary indicated that there is a map at the Sewer Commission that shows the proposed location of all the connection T's.

**Road Height** Dick Jaffe commented that Mary's Road keeps getting higher because the town continues to add gravel. He raised the question of how high the T's would be. If they were too high, he felt, that would lock in the need to keep the height of the roads high. Dick made a motion as follows: "That the Association ask the Town to consider setting the entire system including T connections at a depth sufficient to allow for the road to be reconfigured at a later date should the Town believe that would be in the best interests of the residents of Perkins Pond and the community." Robin Saunders seconded the motion, and it passed.

**Dundee to Coordinate** Dundee Nestler volunteered to coordinate between homeowners and sewer contractors, and assist with planning for individual connections.

**Weeds and Water Quality** There was discussion of water quality. Robin indicated that turbidity has increased. Gary said that algae blooms had increased all over the state. Paula McDonough reported that no alien weeds had been seen. She said that water turbidity reduces weed growth.

**Excessive Speed** Robin commented that people had been complaining to her about speeding cars. She moved that the Association investigate and put up "15 mph" signs and "Children at Play" signs. Kevin West seconded the motion and it passed. Brendan O'Grady contributed a sign for slow speed to use as a test on Burma Road. Robin moved to have the Association pay for signs if necessary. This was seconded and passed.

**Courtesies** Bunny Lewis asked that people turn off their flood lights at night and avoid feeding the ducks.

## Report on PPPA Spring Meeting May 25, 2013 at Dionian's

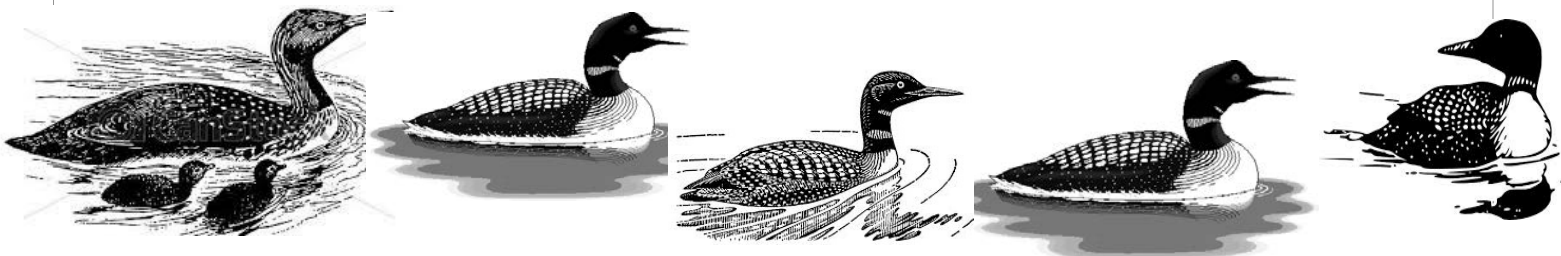
**Sewer Project** President Gary Szuluka gave a synopsis of what was taking place with the sewer project. There was some discussion regarding having a construction committee, and getting contractors to do bulk installations of the tie ins for the properties. Kevin West offered to help with a construction committee. Dundee offered to serve as a liaison with the contractors and those residents that are not around. There was discussion regarding the contractors that could perform the tie ins.

**NH Lakes Assoc & LSPA** Gary reported that the Association had received thank you notes from LSPA and NH Lakes Association for the \$100 donation to each last year. He spoke about what NH Lakes does and the recent NH Bill regarding lead sinkers. Petra moved to support NH Lakes with a \$100 donation, seconded by Anne Dionian, approved unanimously. Petra made a motion to support LSPA with a \$100 donation, seconded by Bill Sinatra, approved unanimously.

**Water Quality** Gary presented results from water testing last year. There was discussion regarding the new road agent and doing sediment removal and drainage improvements. Gary offered to take anyone interested out to do water testing with him. Robin Saunders offered to chair a committee for another silt reduction project. There was discussion regarding the sewer project and land disturbance permits and the Shoreline protection act.

**Weeds and Pests** Paula reported that she has not seen any strange weeds in the pond and that everything looks very good. The Pratts reported loss of trees due to beavers and there was some discussion regarding the beavers.

**Hospitality** Gary stated that he is looking for volunteers to welcome new homeowners around the pond with a basket from the Association. Robin Saunders and Anne Dionian volunteered to do this. Gary suggested that some people could help meeting hosts with food and beverages. Anne Dionian and Kay Crean offered to help with this. Gary asked for a round of applause for Mietelskis who had hosted the last 2 water carnivals.



**Slow Down to “Headway Speed”  
Within 150 feet  
Of the Shore  
And  
Anything Else!**

It is illegal to operate a boat any faster than “headway speed” within 150 feet of

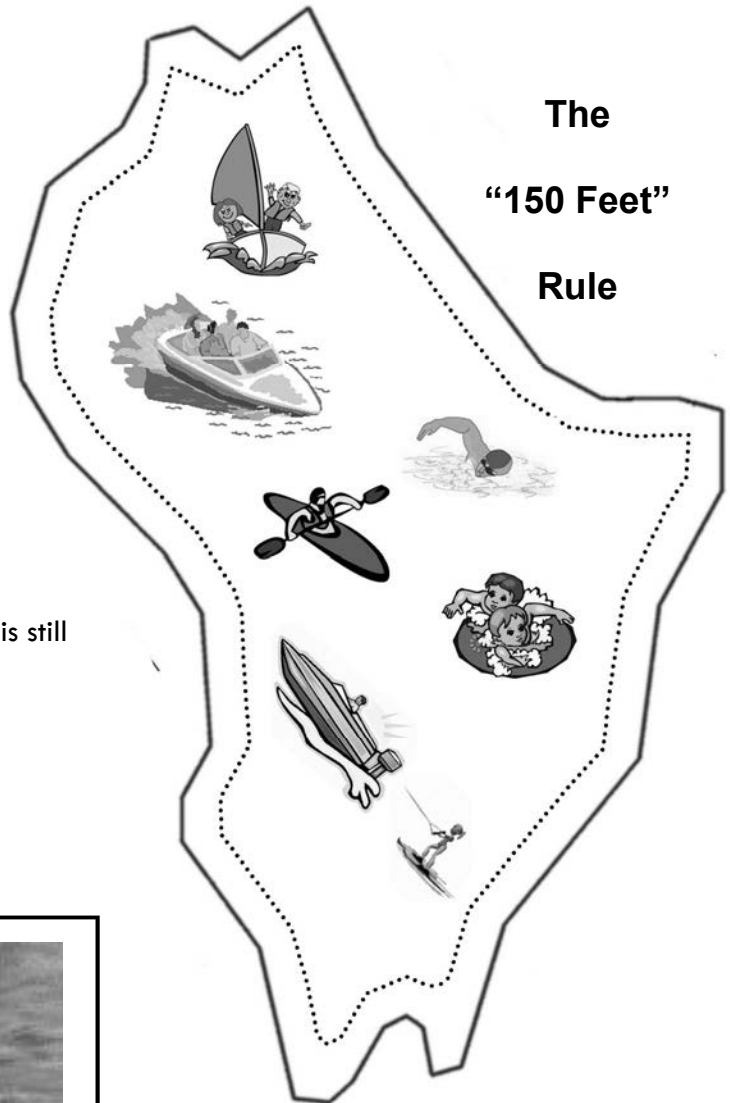
- The Shoreline
- Swimmers in the water
- Other boats
- Rafts or floats
- Docks or mooring fields

“Headway Speed” is the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering or 6 mph. .

From the

***Handbook of NH Boating Laws***

<http://boat-ed.com/nh/handbook>



**Listen to the loon calls at  
[www.loon.org/voice-loon.php](http://www.loon.org/voice-loon.php)**

Loons are most vocal from mid-May to mid-June, with at least four distinctive calls. The tremolo indicates alarm, annoyance, or greeting. The wail is used for social interactions or contacting a mate. The hoot locates family members, and the male yodels to defend his territory.

**Perkins Pond Memorabilia**



**Orders or Questions:  
Paula McDonough  
617-909-5735**

A decorative border of small evergreen trees surrounds the central text. The trees are arranged in a rectangular frame, with a single row of trees along the top and bottom edges, and vertical columns of trees along the left and right edges.

## Perkins Pond Reminders

- Boat speed must be at “No Wake” within 150 feet of shore, docks, rafts, other boats, and swimmers. It’s NH law, it’s safe, and it protects the shoreline.
- If your boat has been in other waters, wash it thoroughly before launching into Perkins Pond. Let’s keep the alien weeds out.
- Power boats travel in a clockwise direction on Perkins Pond.
- There are many rocks in the pond. Stay East and North of black/white markers and West and South of red/white markers.
- Do not feed the ducks or geese. It’s bad for the water and bad for the birds.
- Don’t use lawn fertilizers. They cause phosphorus to enter the pond, producing plant growth that clogs the waterways and harms water quality.
- Be courteous to your neighbors. Continually barking dogs echoing across the pond can really disturb a peaceful summer day.
- Take it easy on night lighting: it hides the stars and disturbs the wildlife.

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