



Perkins Pond Protective Association

# The Perkins Ponder

Spring 2012

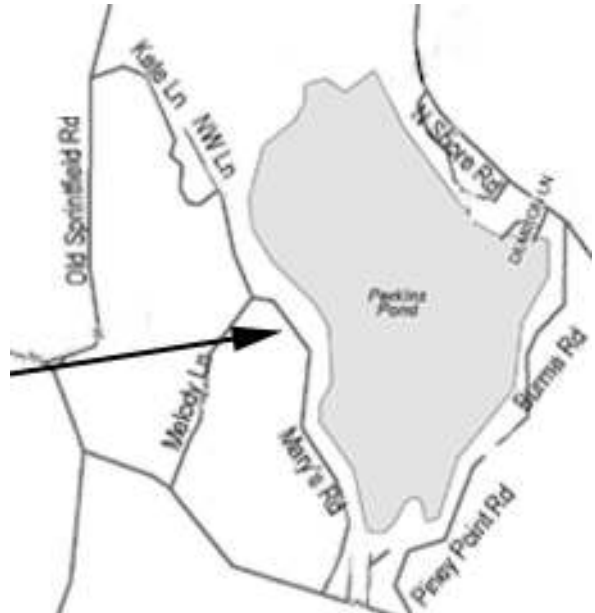


**2012 Spring Meeting**  
**Sat. May 26**  
**10 a.m.**

**120 Mary's Road**  
**Gerry & Susan Farland**  
**603-763-4887**

Bring chairs. Come by boat or car.

*All Perkins Pond area  
residents are welcome !*



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## Perkins Pond Sewer Project Passed!



Sunapee Voters on March 13, 2012

Approved "Article 3"

605 Yes

378 No

A 3/5 majority was required.

**Come to the May 26 Spring Meeting to learn more.**

Article 3: Are you in favor of the town raising and appropriating the sum of \$2,520,000, to fund the design, engineering and construction of the Sewer to Perkins Pond....

# 2012



## Saturday July 28, 2012

Boat Parade at 12 noon

(gather at Mietelski's for parade at 11:45)

Potluck Lunch immediately following

At 102 Burma Road (at the far end of the road)

Steve and Macey Mietelski

For more info or to volunteer, call 603-763-4318

Volunteers to help are appreciated.

Bring a potluck lunch contribution.

Decorate your boat or 'parade as you are.'

*All Perkins  
Pond area  
residents are  
welcome !*

*Fun for  
Everyone !*

*Mark your  
Calendar!*

### At Last Year's Water Carnival



"We Got Cup"  
The Gearans' "Duck Boat"  
celebrates the Boston Bruins championship.



## 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.*



### 2012 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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## Spring 2011 Meeting

The Perkins Pond Protective Association met at the home of Ronald and Dorothy Bealer on May 28, 2011. President Gary Szalucka called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Gary asked for volunteers to take over the secretary and newsletter functions, or for any other jobs in the Association. No one volunteered.

### Storm Water Runoff and Silt in Pond

Gary introduced Charles Hirshberg as the engineer who had designed the pond outlet. Charlie discussed the issue of Storm Water Management. He explained that runoff carries phosphorus nutrients and bacteria as well as sand and silt into the pond. He said there may be grant money available to address this problem. With the "Watershed Grant Program," the state would provide 60% of the funding, and the Association with the Town would provide 40%. The 40% can include labor from the Town and individuals. Andy Chapman of NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) is supportive, as is the Sunapee Town Manager Donna Nashawaty and Road Agent Tony Bergeron. The deadline to file a grant application with DES is the end of June, 2011. Charlie asked the Association to form a committee to work with him and the town to file a grant application. Kim Christiansen moved and Steve Curley seconded for the Association to pursue this and form a committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Charlie reported that Road Agent Bergeron has plans that could count as labor in the Watershed program. He proposes to install a sediment collection basin at the landing to redirect water into the woods. This is the model for how to manage storm water runoff. Sediment basins need to be relatively easy to maintain. Individuals need to watch for when they fill up. Once a year or more, they need to be dug out.

### Sewer Project

Gary provided an update on the sewer project. All the needed easements are in place or will be soon, and engineering study plans have been approved. Once the final easements are in place, the engineers can start planning. Sunapee's waste water treatment plant update has been approved. There are about 120 houses that would attach to the sewer.

### Weed Watching

Paula McDonough reported that she has a full team of Weed Watchers and that no problems have been sighted this year.

### Other Topics

Gary thanked Brendan O'Grady for hosting the Water Carnival the previous summer, and announced that Steve and Macey Mietelski would host the 2011 event.

Treasurer Holly Leonard reported on the Association funds. She commented that to that point, 24 people had paid Association dues. In total, 60 people paid dues last year.

Ben Kline addressed the gathering. Ben is working with the NH Lakes Association to create a coffee table book containing personal anecdotes and stories about the early days on the lake. He asked for volunteers to be interviewed.

Gary identified that Gerry Farland had built the sign structure at the landing.

Members agreed to hold the Fall meeting on September 3, Labor Day weekend.

Kim Christiansan mentioned that a display of his man-hole rubbing art would be featured at the Newport library Art Center.

Robert Evans moved and Steve Mietelski seconded to adjourn at 11:30 pm. It was approved unanimously.



On Bealers' spacious deck overlooking the pond.

## Fall 2011 Meeting

The Perkins Pond Protective Association met at the home of Steve and Sarah Curley on September 3, 2011. President Gary Szalucka called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

### Sewer Project

Gary reported on the progress of the Sewer Project. Needed easements are in place. The Selectmen will soon approve for Underwood Engineering to open the planning job to bids. The selected organization will update the existing obsolete plans. Approval to implement the sewer project will probably be on the Sunapee town ballot in March 2012.

### Water Testing

Within the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES), the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) has been testing the quality of Perkins Pond water up to 6 times a year. VLAP compiles the data into tables and reports available on the web.

Gary reported that VLAP is merging with the Rivers Assessment program. As a result, it will only test Perkins Pond three times a year. Gary reported that he and volunteers can continue to test more often and have the results evaluated by Colby-Sawyer college at a cost of \$100 per test. Gary reported that for this year, all the results have continued to be acceptable with no significant change from the previous year.

### Storm Water Runoff and Silt

Gary commented that the Association is now focusing on the problem of storm water runoff and silt entering the pond. A committee has worked through the summer to apply for a grant to address the problem. Members Holly Leonard, Robin Saunders, Steve Priest, Ellen Winkler, and Dundee Nestler worked on this with Engineer Charles Hirshberg, Sunapee Town Manager Donna Nashawaty, and Road Agent Tony Bergeron.

They submitted a pre-proposal to NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) and were among the few approved to continue on in the process. DES will interview some committee members later in September. Gary reported that DES has \$150,000 to dispense, and the Association might get up to \$15,000. This would be primarily to control water coming down from the hills to the landing.

It was emphasized that DES wants to see community involvement including actions and contributions from individuals, the Association, and the Town. This project will not remove silt from the water but is intended to prevent more of it from coming in. Several phases are envisioned. The first phase would be a swirler basin, and the second would involve paving parts of some roads.

### Weed Watchers

Paula McDonough reported that Weed Watchers have not detected any problem weeds over the summer.

### Wildlife

Several people reported having seen black bears in the vicinity of the pond. Dick Quinlan and Jim Fuller reported seeing bears feeding on birdseed in their yards.

Dick Quinlan recommended that the Association purchase a floating loon nest. He noted that loons often lose their eggs due to floods or attacks by other animals.

### Other Topics

Gary reported that day-visitors had been illegally fishing for turtles in the pond using a hook and line. NH Fish and Game had been notified.

Robin Saunders requested that people keep their dogs tied up. She explained that when a dog runs out and approaches someone in the road, it is disconcerting and unclear what the dog is going to do. She mentioned the possibility of a leash law.

Robert Evans volunteered to take on the task of maintaining the map of Perkins Pond residences. Gary expressed the gratitude of the Association for Claude Leavitt's having updated and distributed the maps for the past 21 years.

Steve Priest reminded members to inform renters about the clockwise direction for boats to travel. Bill Sinatra asked whether anyone was adjusting the level of the pond.

Robert Evans moved that the Association become a member of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association. Dick Quinlan seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Petra Nosenzo asked for volunteers to help develop a vision statement for the Association.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.



### Lake Sunapee Ice Out Dates Sorted by Day the Ice Was Gone

Ice-Out Dates sorted by year can be seen at the Town of Sunapee Web Site  
[www.town.sunapee.nh.us/Pages/SunapeeNH\\_Clerk/ice](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/Pages/SunapeeNH_Clerk/ice)

Richard Osborne and his family declared the ice out date for Lake Sunapee on March 22nd, 2012,  
 which is the earliest date recorded since the dates were charted beginning in 1869.

Ice out is declared when a boat is able to navigate from Georges Mills to Newbury  
 (Explanation from the Sunapee web site)

Ice Out	Year	Ice Out	Year	Ice Out	Year	Ice Out	Year	Ice Out	Year
22-Mar	2012	16-Apr	1892	20-Apr	1994	26-Apr	1962	3-May	1872
29-Mar	1921	16-Apr	1931	21-Apr	1963	26-Apr	1966	3-May	1899
29-Mar	1946	16-Apr	1954	21-Apr	1984	27-Apr	1923	3-May	1943
1-Apr	1945	16-Apr	1976	21-Apr	1989	27-Apr	1947	3-May	1961
2-Apr	1884	16-Apr	1983	21-Apr	2011	27-Apr	1967	4-May	1926
3-Apr	2006	16-Apr	1985	22-Apr	1909	27-Apr	1969	4-May	2001
4-Apr	2010	16-Apr	1988	22-Apr	1955	27-Apr	2003	5-May	1975
5-Apr	1903	16-Apr	1990	22-Apr	1993	28-Apr	1896	6-May	1873
5-Apr	1953	17-Apr	1913	23-Apr	1992	28-Apr	1964	6-May	1881
6-Apr	1910	17-Apr	1930	23-Apr	2008	28-Apr	1979	6-May	1887
6-Apr	1922	18-Apr	1878	24-Apr	1886	28-Apr	1982	6-May	1971
6-Apr	1949	18-Apr	1898	24-Apr	1891	29-Apr	1882	7-May	1883
8-Apr	1991	18-Apr	1938	24-Apr	1958	29-Apr	1897	7-May	1917
9-Apr	1948	18-Apr	1941	24-Apr	1997	29-Apr	1906	7-May	1939
9-Apr	1981	18-Apr	2004	24-Apr	2007	29-Apr	1920	7-May	1940
9-Apr	2000	19-Apr	1894	25-Apr	1877	30-Apr	1885	9-May	1874
12-Apr	1871	19-Apr	1924	25-Apr	1901	30-Apr	1895	9-May	1956
12-Apr	1879	19-Apr	1942	25-Apr	1905	30-Apr	1900	9-May	1972
12-Apr	1902	19-Apr	1973	25-Apr	1934	30-Apr	1928	10-May	1869
12-Apr	2002	19-Apr	1977	25-Apr	1935	30-Apr	1933	10-May	1870
12-Apr	2009	19-Apr	2005	25-Apr	1996	30-Apr	1965	11-May	1876
13-Apr	1987	20-Apr	1880	26-Apr	1890	1-May	1904	12-May	1875
13-Apr	1998	20-Apr	1889	26-Apr	1908	1-May	1907	13-May	1893
13-Apr	1999	20-Apr	1915	26-Apr	1912	1-May	1914	14-May	1888
14-Apr	1919	20-Apr	1927	26-Apr	1918	1-May	1916		
14-Apr	1929	20-Apr	1951	26-Apr	1925	1-May	1944		
14-Apr	1936	20-Apr	1952	26-Apr	1932	1-May	1970		
14-Apr	1968	20-Apr	1957	26-Apr	1950	1-May	1978		
14-Apr	1995	20-Apr	1974	26-Apr	1959	2-May	1911		
15-Apr	1986	20-Apr	1980	26-Apr	1960	2-May	1937		



A bird contemplates the open water  
 on Perkins Pond on December 27, 2011

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## March 20, 2012 Perkins Pond Ice Out

Every homeowner could get from  
the boat launch to their dock.

## March 21, 2012 Gary Szalucka Waterskies the Pond

**March 22 Eagle Times Caption**  
Gary Szalucka of Sunapee waterskies for the first  
time this season on Perkins Pond in Sunapee. This  
is the first time Szalucka has waterskied on the  
pond in March

*Thanks to Paul Howe and the Eagle-Times .*

## Perkins Pond Memorabilia



Orders or Questions:  
Paula McDonough  
617-909-5735

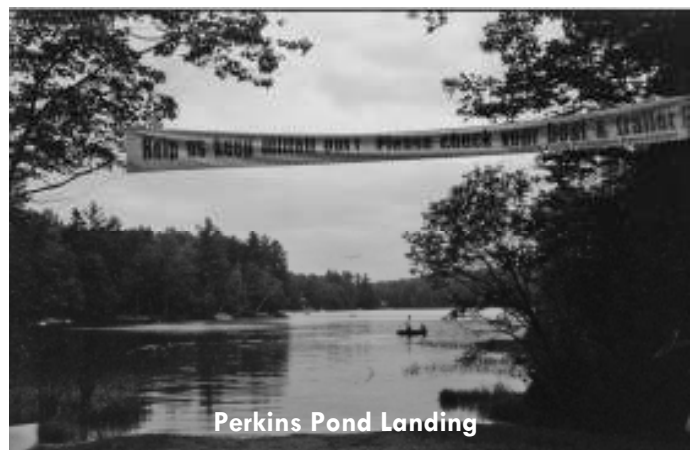
## RIDING THE WAVE



Paul Howe Photo



Royalty Presiding Over the 2011 Water Carnival



Perkins Pond Landing



## Perkins Pond Reminders

- Boat speed must be at “No Wake” within 150 feet of shore, docks, rafts, other boats, and swimmers. For jet-skis and ski craft, it’s 300 feet. It’s NH law.
- 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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