



Perkins Pond Protective Association

The Perkins Ponder

Spring 2002



**2002 Spring Meeting
Sat. June 8 at 10 a.m.
At Bill and Mary Jane Mumford's
18 Burma Road
Near the boat landing
Come by boat or car.
Plenty of parking!**



*All Perkins Pond
area residents
welcome !*

*Meet your
neighbors
from around
the pond.*



*Hear all the news
and take part in
decisions that
affect your
property values
and enjoyment
of the pond.*



Vintage 1997 pictures.



Water Carnival

July 27, 2002

at Gary Szalucka's
77 Piney Point Road
(rain date July 28)

Sewer Project

For several reasons, the PPPA officers decided to withdraw their petition to put the Perkins Pond sewer project on this spring's ballot. Therefore, it did not appear and was not an issue at Sunapee's spring town meeting or election.

This decision was made after consultation with town officials who generally support the project. The Town Manager and the Water and Sewer Commission recommended that we take a year off. They believed the project had little chance of getting approved, and that presenting it this year would not provide any benefit. Sunapee had other major town expenditures on the ballot, and estimates for the cost of the sewer project are now four years old.

The town officials suggested that advocates create a review committee to develop plans to move forward with an effective campaign. This committee would potentially review alternative sewer routes and technologies, and update estimates of the project cost. More discussion at the June 8 meeting.

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2002 PPPA Dues

\$20 per family

Send to Treasurer
Suzanne or bring to
the June 8 meeting.

Milfoil Watch

At the boat landing, a laminated sign will now warn boat owners to clean their boats to protect the pond from milfoil.

The N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services will conduct a presentation on Milfoil and the "Weed Watchers" program at New London Town Hall, from 9-11 AM, on June 8th (unfortunately overlaps PPPA meeting). Tamar Sanders will attend. If interested call Tamar at 603-763-9255.

Ice-Out

The Argus Champion reports that Lake Sunapee ice-out was April 12, while Perkins Pond saw its first water skier on April 10 this year.

Early in the winter the ice skating was great.

Water Quality

Results of the water monitoring program for the summer of 2001 show a good health report.

- Chlorophyll-A concentration was well down from last year and is actually well below the state mean.
- Mean transparency is the second highest mean since monitoring began in 1987!
- The historical data for both the upper and lower layers show a stable total phosphorus trend, both falling below the state mean.

The complete report is available at the NH DES web site. Select "Annual VLAP Lake Reports" and then "Perkins Pond."

<http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/vlap/>

Weed Wacker

PPPA dues-paying members can borrow the underwater mower to clean out weeds near shore. It should not be used on possible problem plants such as milfoil. Call Gary Szalucka if interested.



Sunapee Transfer Station

- Trash
- Recycle most anything
- Leaves and brush (Leaves to left through transfer station, brush to the right past dump entrance.)

Dump Stickers

Woe to those who try to sneak into the dump without a sticker! It's easy and free to get your dump sticker from Sunapee Selectmen Office (763-2212). Call to ask them to mail it or go in person. They need your license plate number. A sticker year is Oct to Oct.

Sunapee Town Offices

Rte 103B

Selectmen 603-763-2212

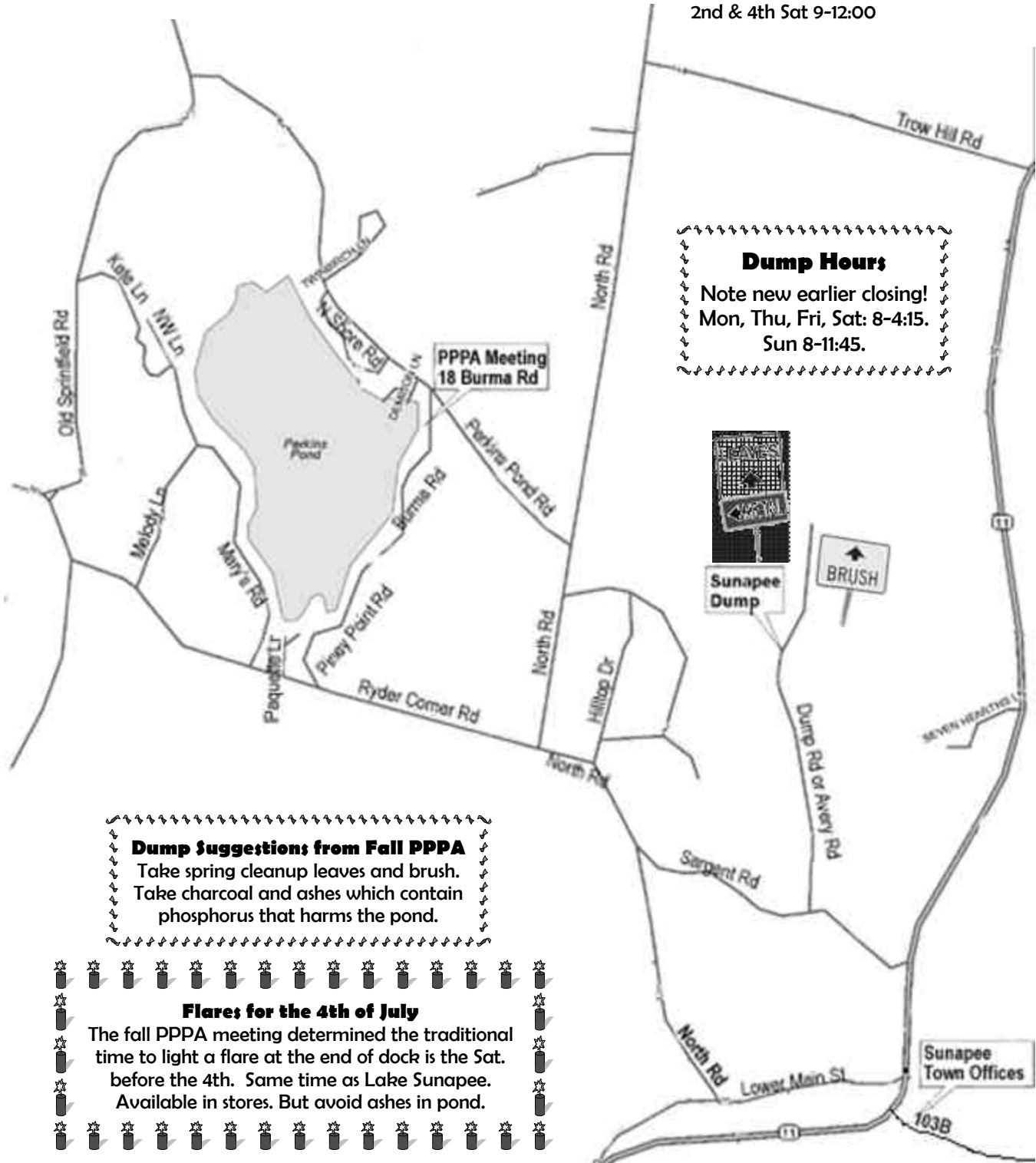
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8-5:00. Wed 8-1:00
Dump stickers are only available from Selectmen Office, not at the dump!

Town Clerk 603-763-2449

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9-5:00. Wed 9-1:00
2nd & 4th Sat 9-12:00

Dump Hours

Note new earlier closing!
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8-4:15.
Sun 8-11:45.



Dump Suggestions from Fall PPPA

Take spring cleanup leaves and brush.
Take charcoal and ashes which contain phosphorus that harms the pond.

Flares for the 4th of July

The fall PPPA meeting determined the traditional time to light a flare at the end of dock is the Sat. before the 4th. Same time as Lake Sunapee. Available in stores. But avoid ashes in pond.

Excerpts from NH Boater's Guide: A Digest of Boating Laws 2000-2001

Definition of Terms (p. 36)

Headway Speed/No Wake. The slowest speed that a boat can be operated and maintain steerage way, or 6 miles per hour.

Speed Regulations (p. 37)

When passing within 150 feet of another boat, swimmers, rafts, shore, docks, or mooring fields, you must be at headway speed.

Young Operator Restrictions (p. 36)

No person under the age of 16 years shall operate... a motorboat or outboard motor having power in excess of 25 horsepower unless he is accompanied by an adult... [Confirmed with Marine Patrol this is correct for 2002 but may change in future.]

Personal Watercraft (Ski Craft...includes Jet Ski) (p. 38-39)

I. No person shall operate a ski craft on any lake, pond, or river unless the operator is 16 years of age or older.

III. No person shall operate a ski craft unless wearing a life jacket... Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III.

VII. No person shall operate a ski craft within 150 feet of another ski craft or of a boat, raft, float or swimmer unless the speed of the ski craft is reduced to headway speed. No person shall operate a ski craft in a cove... or within 300 feet of shore [except as in VIII]. For the purpose of this paragraph, "cove" is defined as a bay or inlet which at its widest point does not exceed 1000 linear feet.

VIII. A person may operate a ski craft from the shore to any area where the operation of ski craft is allowed, provided that the ski craft shall not be operated at a speed exceeding headway speed within 300 feet from shore or in a cove...

Water Skiing/Tubing/Towing Appurtenances (p. 41-42)

In NH, water skiers are required by law to wear a life jacket while engaged in water skiing. The operator of the boat is also required to have a responsible observer at least 13 years of age... No boat may tow more than two persons at one time regardless of the device(s) being towed. In addition, there shall be at least one observer for each person being towed. This does not apply to boats starting skiers from shore, docks or floats. ... Water skiing is forbidden between sunset and sunrise.

On Perkins Pond, motor boats operate in a clockwise direction. Although this is not a law, it is strongly suggested for safety.

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