

GRANITE LAKE NEWSLETTER

We work together to preserve our lake.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT*David Pagniucci*

Dear Granite Lake Neighbors,

By the time this newsletter has been sent, your Executive Committee will have already had its first meeting of the new membership year 2014-2015. We are setting a very active agenda this year, including completing the submission of the 501(c)3 application, organizing key Granite Lake Association documents into binders for all members of the Executive Committee, and discussing ways the Granite Lake Association can become as active in the reduction of phosphorus and siltation issues as we have mobilized to guard against invasive plants. I'd like to see our Association launch an effort that could have the same success and profile in these new areas as we have experienced with the Lake Host program.

We are also looking to reinvigorate our web site, and we will have discussed various options at our meeting, September 3rd. We can inform the membership now that www.granitelakenh.org has been secured as a domain! Not that much of a change for the membership from the previous name. The goal is for the key documents to be on the web site for the entire membership to see at any time like the ByLaws, as well as minutes of our meetings, the newsletter, and any other items relevant to members.

We hope that when we get together next year on Saturday morning the 18th of July 2015 at 9:30am, we will have a lively meeting to discuss our progress. Any member who wishes to communicate with me, my email address is davidp@ebpabenefits.com or my Granite Lake phone number is 603-847-9716. I'm happy to hear from the membership regarding issues of concern to you.

With the active agenda that we're contemplating, more involvement from the members will likely be needed so as not to wear out the enthusiasm of the few by securing the participation of the many! Members who have an interest in participating more actively in the Granite Lake Association, please get your name to me, Phil Hamilton (nominating), or one of the other members of the Executive Committee.

It was sad to see Labor Day come - it was such a beautiful midsummer like day, but remember the lake lowering will begin shortly in mid-September, and docks

should be removed completely from waters of Granite Lake before the snow and ice season commences.

Cyanobacteria Pilot Project*Tom Newcombe*

EPA New England has initiated a project to estimate cyanobacteria concentrations in our region's lakes.

Cyanobacteria produce a specific pigment called phycocyanin.

The goal of the project is to measure phycocyanin levels in lake water using a process called fluometry, and correlate the observed levels with the occurrence of cyanobacteria blooms. Over time, protocols will be established to predict the risk of cyanobacteria blooms based on trends in the relative abundance of phycocyanin. These trends could be useful in measuring the benefits of watershed management projects which reduce siltation, since the phosphorus contained in silt is the primary nutrient which feeds cyanobacteria growth in lake water. EPA is providing states in the region with all the tools necessary to collect and analyze the samples, and requesting assistance from volunteer organizations to collect the samples. In New Hampshire, this effort is being led by the DES Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, or VLAP – which Granite Lake has participated in since 1988. Initially, one extra sample of lake water will be collected at the deep spot when regular VLAP samples are collected. Analysis will be done at the DES lab in Concord. I have obtained a kit with instructions from DES, and will be collecting our first phycocyanin sample during this summer's final sampling in early September.

Be a GLA Lake Host

Members dedicated to protecting lakes and watersheds

The lake host program is winding down for the season.

Both paid and unpaid volunteers will be covering the ramp for 2 more weeks; the banner will remain up into October. The ending balance remained at \$ 4635 since the annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming a Lake Host Volunteer next year please call or email.

Anita Flanagan

Lake Host Program Point Person

anita.harryflanagan@gmail.com

603-847-3082

SUCCESSFUL BLS/AED COURSE

Bob Englund

On the evening of August 11th, 15 members of the Granite Lake community participated in a Red-Cross sponsored course which reviewed the principles of Basic Life Support including the use of the Artificial External Defibrillator. Those participating included Tom and Judy Walton, Chris Dobriansky, Dave and Cayla Pagnucci, Nick and Angel Nicoletti, Dave and Claire Costin, Tammy McKane, Lucy Ryder, Harry and Anita Flanagan, Kathy Allen, and Bob Englund.

Because they do not function when the temperature is below 45 degrees, the "seasonal" defibrillators of Nick Nicoletti and Bob Englund will be inside their houses as of mid-October; those units are available in the cold months only when they are at home. Similarly, the summertime defibrillator of Tom and Birgitte Hastings is unavailable after mid-September. The AED located in the kitchen cabinet of the Chapel-by-the-Lake is available 24/7/365, and the door to the church is never locked.

BLS/AED courses are given in most communities, and they are conducted by various organizations including the Red Cross, American Heart Association, the YMCA, Fire Departments and other organizations. Being able to perform basic cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and to use an Automatic External Defibrillator can save lives in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is best to be prepared!

65 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Chapel by the Lake - 11:00 AM

Munsonville, New Hampshire

Minutes

The 65th Annual meeting was called to order at 11:08, July 20, 2014 by President Lynn Angle. She led the pledge of allegiance, introduced the officers, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting as they appeared in the May newsletter. The motion was accepted.

Tom Newcombe summarized the treasurer's report. The ending cash balance was \$6920.71 before expenses; \$4075.71 after. Lake Host program \$4635.77; watershed account, \$1624.22. The Executive Board proposed dissolving the cell tower account

and merging it into the general fund. AT&T has no plans to locate tower on Melville Hill - though the court case resolution would allow AT&T to reapply. The board proposed leaving the Lake Host fund as is. Future donations should be put into the water quality projects account. The motion was made, seconded and accepted.

Bob Englund spoke about the four AED units around the lake. There are AED's in the garden shed at Englund's, one at Nicoletti's front door, one at Chapel -by -the -Lake inside in the first cupboard in the kitchen, and a seasonal one at the Hasting's dock. As the AED units need to be kept at temperatures above 40 F, the only one available in the winter is the one in the Chapel.

A motion was made that GLA help fund the training in CPR and AED use on AUG. 11 at 6:30 at the Chapel. Participants need to send \$25.00 to Bob Englund by Aug. 1. There is a 15-person limit. Please sign up. The motion was made and accepted to fund this project with \$1000.

Bob Mitchell (chairman of water quality committee) said the number one problem at Granite Lake is siltation. Extreme rainfalls cause silt and salt to come into GL more than ever. Stoddard voted last year to put in \$25,000 over 2 years to fix the culvert problem at W.Shore/ N.Shore Rd. An engineering study paid for by the GLA showed ways of fixing it (albeit with their price of \$40+K). Phil Hamilton and Bob Mitchell met the road agent last week to discuss action. Once they get the permit, they should get the work done in the time allowed.

They discussed the erosion from logging at Nye Meadow (loggers were required to return, put out hay bales, and plant grass) and Little Granite Lake (road is up a steep and rocky hillside). The State forester will be coming; possibly taking issue to the press.*

A 150-foot wake speed limit from shore was suggested during and after heavy rain to mitigate erosion on the shoreline. GLA will post a sign at the ramp when necessary. One may call the Marine Patrol at any time one sees flagrant violations however the Marine patrol spend most of their time at the big lakes at and around Winnepesaukee. Phil said that the salt spilled at the DOT on Route 9 is much less now than before.

Bob's report was accepted

VLAP report from last winter showed no unusual results; however the clarity of the lake has gone from an astonishingly good high --11 meters-- to about 7-8 meters in the past 3 years -- mostly due to extreme rains. Phosphorous in silt and fertilizer lead to algae bloom which become much worse when the weather gets hot.

Lake Host: Anita thanked all the volunteers and contributors to the LH program. So far hosts have recorded 285 boats at the ramp, not counting when no one is on duty or boats launched at other sites at the lake. Statewide there have been 32 saves, 9 in uninfested lakes. Boats here have been very clean. Coverage is full on Tuesday and Thursday but positions are open for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Discussion followed whether we should have paid coverage Friday afternoon. It was suggested that a tally be taken on how many boats put in then. We are on target with contributions and grant money. Anita's report was accepted.

Weed watching: Bill Steiniger said members were "out day and night" looking for weeds and no exotic milfoil has been located. He encouraged anyone with a sample to bring it to him and, if it is questionable, he will dispatch it to Concord overnight. Anyone interested in joining this effort is welcome. Robin and Bill will be glad to introduce you to the weed information.

Loons: 2 chicks were born mid-June; one later suffered injuries due to a rogue loon coming onto the lake and attacking the group. The mother shoved the chick onto shore for safety but the chick was found dead near LeVigne's beach the next day.

501(c)3 Bob Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee we has been pursuing federal non-profit status for tax-exempt contribution and grants requests. The GLA had to adopt a conflict of interest clause - all the board members have signed -- and they had to adopt a dissolution clause --what we would do with the money if the GLA dissolved. The Executive Committee chose to have it go to the NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES ASSOCIATION as any monies had to go to another non-profit 501-(c)3 organization. The motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal for 501(c)3 application. Motion passed.

David Pagnucci spoke about raising the GLA dues to \$35. /single, \$50.00/couple in light of a need to have a little more financial security for the organization. Many people weighed in on how to assess - whether it should be per household or by person. Finally agreed to leave it as 1 vote for single membership and 2 votes for a family (objecting that a couple may want to vote against each other. Dita added that when the By Laws were being revised in 2006, the consensus was against one vote per couple). We may have to use colored cards in case of a close vote in the future. A motion was made and seconded to raise membership dues to \$35/individual and \$50/family. Motion was accepted.

Last year an aggressive and very effective membership campaign was conducted house to house. It was suggested that all the current members talk up the GLA with any non-member neighbors or whoever is new to the lake. Unlike the Granite Lake Village District, one does not need to own land here to be a member of the GLA. Newsletters go to many in the Granite Lake watershed.

Thanks to Betty Ripley who has been sending word along of ownership changes for years. Thank you all who put in your articles for the newsletter. As no by-law changes are upcoming, Dita will try to send the next newsletter by e-mail to those who checked 'yes.'

Finally, Dita asked if anyone would like to replace her as membership chair or news editor. Suggestions: list the names all paid members in the newsletter; another to put in names of new people in town. Dita's report was accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$350.00 to the Chapel-by-the Lake. Motion was accepted.

Phil Hamilton nominated the slate of officers: President, David Pagnucci, 2 year term; Vice-president, Harry Flanagan, 2-year; Treasurer, Tom Newcombe, 2 year term; Secretary, Sally Ripley, 2 year term; Officer-at-large, Bill Steiniger, 2 year term. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations as presented. All in favor.

Executive Board Committees: Water Quality chairman - Bob Mitchell; Lake Host point person - Anita Flanagan; Membership - Dita Englund; nominating committee chair - Phil Hamilton. Accepted as read.

The Annual Granite Lake community potluck picnic will be held on August 17 at 3 pm at Sandy Beach. Bring your own chair, drink and dish to share. Nelson Band will play at the picnic first, and, weather permitting, will tour the lake playing as they go.

Bob Kingsbury contributed to the Nelson Town Band.

The domain name for our web site has expired and was taken by another organization. We are trying to acquire a new domain name and get a web site set up again as the board believes we could do a lot better job of communication.

The Executive board suggested that since the new pastor at the Chapel is conducting a service at 11:00 on Sundays, the GLA annual meeting should be changed to **Saturday morning, July 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** The motion was made and accepted. The porta-potty for the public ramp is just behind the fire station.

The issue of parking around the lake has come up due to heavy traffic, mostly on weekends. Please be sure that emergency vehicles have room to get by.

Lynn warned that cars must off the pavement along Granite Lake Rd.

The commissioners of the Granite Lake Village District will begin drawing the water down about Sept. 20 per the order of the State Fish & Game (lake trout nesting).

Diane Halter thanked everyone for the help that the community gives to the Chapel.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Ripley

* work was done and an article did appear in the Keene Sentinel

DEATHS

We extend deepest sympathy to the families of Lenny Frazier and Joye Barrett.

Fall Foliage Art Tour

Bob Englund

The Fall Foliage Arts Studio Tour has become an annual event in Cheshire County over Columbus Day weekend.

From 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11th and Sunday, Oct 24th, twenty four artists and craftsmen throughout Cheshire County will open their studios for a self-guided tour showcasing sculpture, painting, drawing, fiber, photography, glass, pottery, and woodturning. The towns include Stoddard, Munsonville, Antrim, Nelson, Rindge, New Ipswich, Swanzey, Keene, and Spofford.

Local artists include Richard Whitney, Sandy Sherman, and Lindsay Freese of Stoddard, Frankie Brackley Tolman and Mary Wood Cornog of Nelson, and in Munsonville, Sue Kingsbury, Mary Alice Fox sharing her studio with her brother Dave Bulger, and Bob Englund.

Check out <www.FallFoliageArtStudioTour.com> for detailed information and a map to all studios.

Tax Exempt Status Update

Bob Mitchell

The GLA's quest for 501 (c) 3 IRS tax-exempt status is progressing according to plan. The Executive Committee has adopted the mandatory Conflict of Interest Policy and at the annual meeting on July 20, 2014 the Association's members voted to proceed with the 501 (C) 3 application and to amended the Association's by-

laws to include a mandatory dissolution article. The narrative and Q&A portions of the application are 90 percent complete. The financial history and current status remain to be established per IRS requirements. We expect that your annual dues and any additional contributions to the Association will be tax-exempt by next year.

E-NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED AS TEST

Dita Englund

Some members of GLA have asked that their GLA Newsletter be sent to them electronically. Because of some significant issues relevant to the annual meeting, this year everyone got a hard copy by snail mail. Those who have asked for an electronic copy will receive it that way for the fall newsletter. However, I will also send it by post. The newsletter will be posted on the website when that is updated.

News from the Friends of the Davis Library

Angel Nicoletti, President

The hours of the Davis Public Library in Stoddard have changed slightly.

Winter: Mon & Wed 3-7; Tues & Sat 10-2

Summer: Mon 3-7, Wed. Fri 3-7; Tue & Sat. 10-2.

The Monthly Library book club meets at the Library at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month. For more information contact Leigh Fosberry.446-3922.

The Library is exploring options for grants to help fund equipment for the proposed library addition.

The Friends of the Library will have a tag sale Columbus Day weekend and are planning to develop a Capital Campaign to help fund the construction of the library addition.

Library information may be found on the Stoddard web site: www.stoddardnh.org, on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Davis-Public-Library/192620671109>, and the blogspot: <http://davispubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>

The Friends of the DPL is a non-profit corporation and tax deductible donations may be sent to P.O.Box 846, Stoddard, NH 03464.

EVENTS IN STODDARD

Stoddard Historical Assoc.: **October 17: 7:30 PM at Stoddard Town Hall** Topic **"Four Days of Fury,"** about the Marlow 1941 largest forest fire in NH history, presented by historian and film producer, Tracy Messer. Benefit for Stoddard Fire Department.

EVENTS IN NELSON

Check out the **"Moving Up"** website from the Town of Nelson that lists many local activities.

Mondays all year long at 7 PM. Nelson Town Hall **Contra Dances**. Small charge, All ages and experience are WELCOME.

Olivia-Rodham Memorial Library, Nelson. Call Chris for details regarding Reading Group. Call 847-3214, nelsonlibrary@myfairpoint.net.

Happenings at

Chapel by the Lake, Munsonville
Regular Sunday Services at the Chapel - 11AM

Saturday, Sept. 20: **Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.** \$6.00 call Marlene 446-7857 or Diane Halter 847-9581.

AA Meetings at the Munsonville Church every Sunday evening at 6 PM.

Knitting Circle at Munsonville Church meets every other Thursday from 10-12 AM at the Chapel. Call Marline Leotta 446-7857 for confirmation of dates and program.

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, September 6 **Otter Limits Triathlon.** Swim .93, bike 24.8 mi. Run, 6.2 miles **Otter Brook Rec Area, Keene.** For info and registration see: www.90percentmental.org

12th Annual Linda's Closet 5K run/walk. Sat., **Sept. 13, 2014.** Nelson School; Check website for registration prices and to verify times.: 7:15 - 8:15 Registration and checkin; Race/Walk Start 8:30; 9:45 Awards Ceremony. Make checks payable to Linda's Closet and send to Linda's Closet, 29 Center St., Keene, NH 03431 Attn: Race Registrar.

For more info: 603-357-1015. www.lindascloset.org

Cheshire Children's Museum, Great site for kids on a rainy day. Colony Mill Marketplace, 2nd Floor, Keene. For info on programs visit: www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org or call 603-093-1800, Deb Ganley.

Harris Center: for program information: 525-3394; Many wonderful hikes and activities for adults and children. For more info: www.harriscenter.org

Historical Society of Cheshire County, Main Street, Keene. 603-625-1895 or www.hscconh.org Wyman Tavern opens in June with lots of interesting Friday afternoon programs.

Peterborough Players: call 924-7585 for program information and reservations. Specials for families and children. Call for specific dates and reservations. www.peterboroughplayers.org

Mariposa Museum in Peterborough has many activities for children and adults. Fabulous afternoon programs. Summer exhibit: **Chocolate Museum celebrating 50 years of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.** Check web site for details. Great gift store. Call 603-924-4555 for more information or www.mariposamuseum.org

Stonewall Farm: 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene; 352-0457 or 357-7278. Great gift store.

St. Gaudens National Historic Site. Beautiful walks and tour; Sunday concerts. Open May to late October. For info call 603-675-2175 or visit www.nps.gov/saga.

Monadnock Sierra Club has many hikes and outings for all ages. For information call John Kondos at pisgahdrifter@verizon.net or 603-363-4505 or www.monadnocksierraclub.org

Keene Family YMCA, 200 Summit Road, Keene; 352-6002. Lots of great summer programs, camps, and activities for all ages. <www.keene-ymca.org>

Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music For fall concert season go to applehill.org

**Granite Lake Association
REMINDERS**

1. Boat traffic around the lake, and specifically around the island, should be counter clockwise.

2. Safety rules: (taken from the NH Boating Regulations)

**Boats must keep 150 feet from other boats, swimmers, floats, docks, marked swimming areas, and the shore itself, when traveling above headway speed.

****Boats must adhere to headway speed in the cove. PWCs must be at least 150 feet from shore when traveling above headway speed**

**All boats - power, sail, canoes, kayaks, wind surfers - must have one Coast Guard approved flotation device for each person aboard. Ski belts are not acceptable.

****Children age 5 and under MUST WEAR an approved jacket or vest.**

**In NH, boats under 16 feet in length must carry an oar or paddle

**The driver of any motorboat with an engine of greater than 25 HP must be 16 years or older unless accompanied by an adult. All drivers must have a license.

** Single or dual passenger ski craft with capacity of over 20mph and carrying 1 or 2 people are not allowed by law on Granite Lake

**For water skiing, two people in the boat are mandatory: the driver and the observer (13 or older). Additional observers are required for additional skiers.

**All boats operating after sunset and before sunrise must display proper lights.

**Questions and complaints should be directed to the Marine Patrol (603-293-2037)

3. Inspect boats and trailers coming from other lakes to insure they are free of all traces of aquatic life to prevent the introduction of hazardous forms (e.g. Exotic Milfoil or Zebra mussels) to Granite Lake. Inspect the boat; flush the cooling system, bilge areas, and wells with tap water. Discard all bait that may have contacted infested waters.

**Let your boat dry for 48 hours. If extensively fouled by algae, wash the boat with hot water (140 F) which kills Zebra Mussels. High pressure will also remove them.

**Avoid driving through vegetation to prevent the spread of Milfoil. Disposal of vegetation should occur well away from water sources.

4. Fishermen are asked to discontinue use of lead sinkers -- stainless steel replacements are available.

5 Fertilizer, except for limestone, is not to be used within 25 feet of the water's edge. Phosphorus-free fertilizer, IRONITE, is approved for lakeside use by the Dept. of Environmental Services.

6. Lake residents should be sure their guests are informed of, and observe, all applicable rules and follow appropriate behavior.

7. Boat operators are urged to operate their boats in a safe, legal and considerate manner, knowing that excessive noise can be disturbing to their neighbors on the lake and damaging to wildlife.

8. Use environmentally friendly products. Never use soap in the lake.

9. Do not feed any wild water fowl on the lake. In order to protect the lakes, ponds and surrounding watershed, both Nelson and Stoddard have regulations against intentionally feeding wild waterfowl. Individuals violating the regulation may be subject to a fine of not more than \$50. The birds may look nice, but they are a major source of pollution.

10. Please keep the Island safe and attractive by avoiding unsafe conditions, such as those caused by broken glass or any other debris, and by removing your rubbish when leaving the island. It is a natural preserve owned by Granite Lake Assoc. However, for insurance and legal reasons, GLA does not provide any trash removal service.

11. No overnight camping, camp fires, or fireworks are allowed on the Island.

12. Do not hesitate to call the NH Marine Patrol if you see flagrant abuses of these rules or dangerous behavior. Their number is 877-642-9700.

For Boater Education courses call 888-252-2125.

Please post the Granite Lake REMINDERS in your home or rental property so everyone can read them.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections are held throughout the state. For times and locations, please call the Department of Environmental Services at 603-271-3503, or visit www.state.nh.us/des/hhw

A special thank you to those families responding with extra gifts to GLA 2014 initiatives and to Bob and Hillary Kingsbury for funding the Nelson Town Band on the Lake in August.

SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES

Carlisle Wide Plank Floors	446-3937	Mill Village Country Store	446-7393
Mr. Mike's	446-7811	Garnett Land Contractors	446-3302
Pitcher Mountain Realtors	446-7778	Tolman Electric	827-3732
Stan's Auto body	352-0396	Ed Schillemat -Rubbish Removal	847-3290
Sullivan Little Country Store	847-9383	PJD Septic	446-7106
Kathy Wichland, Realtor	847-3459	Hayes Car and Truck Repair	446-7755
Hancock Inn	525-3318	Harrisville Inn	827-3163
Phil Hamilton Excavating	847-3288	Harrisville Designs	827-3996
Harrisville General Store	827-3138	Sally Ripley, photographer	847-97 51
Studios at Crescent Pond	446-7476	Ethan Tolman, House Painter	847-
Monadnock Boat Store	847-9300	Justin Schwartz, photographer	717-2110
Carol Knutson, Masseuse	446-7046	S. W. Tucker Landscapes	562-7367

**Aug 2014 Please return this section with your check to *Granite Lake Association:*
Thomas Newcombe, Treasurer, Granite Lake Association
701 Granite Lake Rd, Munsonville, NH 03457(603-847-9505)**

_____ **\$25.00 family households/\$20.00 one-person household**

_____ **Donation to Water Quality Projects**

_____ **Total**

Name _____

Winter Address _____

Email _____

Winter Telephone: _____ Lake telephone # or cell _____

Will you volunteer to help? Circle: Lake Host, Picnic, Executive Committee, Newsletter, Web Site
Comments:

HAVE AN OLD CAR, SUV, ATV, RV, AIRPLANE OR BOAT?

If you need to get rid of an old vehicle, donate it to NH LAKES. When you **donate your vehicle**, you will get **free towing, a tax deduction, a great feeling, and a neater yard. Most donations can be picked up within 24-72 hours. This program helps support the mission of NH LAKES.**

Go to www.NHLAKES.org -- Donate Your Vehicle or call 855-500-RIDE (7433).

Join NH Lakes (Association)

(NHL) New Hampshire Lakes is a statewide, nonprofit, member-supported organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's lakes, which are integral to the quality of life and economic health of the State. NHL serves as a source of information about lakes and lake issues through its educational materials and programs, and through its work with state legislators. It advocates on issues of water quality, boater education and boating safety, invasive species prevention, appropriate public access and a balance of lake uses.

Please join NHL. New Hampshire Lakes 5 South State Street Concord, NH 03301 Check their web site: <http://www.nhlakes.org>

Consider also joining the **Loon Preservation Committee.** More info: 603-476-LOON or www.loon.org

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