

Notice of Mirror Lake Protective Association 2011 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 2011, 9:00 am

The Tuftonboro Town House

(On Route 109-A, just east of the Tuftonboro Town Offices, on the right. Parking in back.)

Mirror Lake Watershed Resident:

Why are you invited? Last year we advised you that you either reside in, or own property or a business in, the watershed for Mirror Lake. The Mirror Lake watershed is approximately, 2,160 acres and includes properties from Poor Farm Hill to the south and Bennett Hill to the north. There are approximately, 324 properties in the Mirror Lake watershed and about half of them are located in the Town of Tuftonboro and the other half in the Town of Wolfeboro.

What is the issue? We advised you that in order to address the cyanobacteria outbreaks in Mirror Lake, MLPA had received a \$65,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (Grant) which Grant is administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES). The purpose of the Grant was to fund, in part, a diagnostic study of the Mirror Lake Watershed to identify the sources of the excess nutrients in Mirror Lake which cause the cyanobacteria blooms.

2010 Activities: Geosyntec Consultant, an environmental consulting firm from Acton, MA, was selected to undertake a watershed assessment and to identify remediation actions and the costs thereof. Last summer over 100 of your friends and neighbors from Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro, NH DES, UNH, and elsewhere, volunteered over 2,350 hours undertaking the data collection tasks required by the Grant. Tasks included: a comprehensive weekly water testing program in multiple locations in the lake and watershed, watershed land use surveys, septic system surveys, soil samplings, phosphorus load and cyanobacteria analysis, sediment sampling, and current zoning analysis. Public outreach activities and fund-raising events were also held.

What are the sources of the problem and what can be done? The data has been analyzed by the environmental experts with DES' input and review and compared against models. The amount of excess phosphorus, which produces cyanobacteria, and the sources thereof have been identified. Recommended remediation actions and costs thereof have been identified. Come to the meeting to learn the answers to these questions. The proposed Mirror Lake Management Plan will be presented and member's input and approval of the proposed plan will be sought.

How can I help?

Attend the meeting. Date and time above

Participate. We will continue to need volunteers to complete the Grant requirements and to help undertake the remediation actions.

Join or Renew your membership. Please complete the membership information on the enclosed envelope. **Your contribution is critical to the efforts to remediate Mirror Lake's phosphorous problems.** For more information about Mirror Lake, see MLPA's web site at: www.mirrorlakenh.org. MLPA, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-

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deductible, to the extent allowed by law. MLPA's Federal ID #: 02-0450541. Corporate matching gifts and trust fund donations are welcome. **Mirror Lake Protective Association**, P.O. Box 311, Mirror Lake, New Hampshire 03853.

Thank you for joining and your contribution. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Officers and Board of Directors
Mirror Lake Protective Association

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**Other Membership Business:**

The State of New Hampshire requires that non-profit associations adopt a conflict of interest policy. The following policy was approved by the Board of Directors and recommended for adoption by the membership:

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Any possible conflict of interest with the Mirror Lake Protective Association (MLPA) on the part of any member of the Board, officer or employee of MLPA with MLPA shall be disclosed in writing to the Board, annually, and filed in the minute book of MLPA. Any possible conflict of interest involving a specific issue before the Board shall be disclosed. Where the transaction involving a board member, trustee or officer exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500) but is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in a fiscal year, a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors is required. Where the transaction involved exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in a fiscal year, then a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors and publication in the local newspaper is required. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that a disclosure was made, the abstention from voting of the interested party, and the actual vote itself. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of MLPA to advise every new member of the Board of this policy upon entering the duties of his or her office, and every new member shall sign a statement acknowledging his or her understanding of and agreement to this policy. Electronic signature shall be acceptable. The Board will comply with all requirements of New Hampshire law in this area and the New Hampshire requirements are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this policy statement.*

**AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS**

The Board of Directors recognizes that it may be advantageous to commit MLPA to the expenditures of funds between official meetings and when it is not practical to convene a meeting of the membership. Therefore, the Board recommends that the amount which the Board may approve, without membership approval, be increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and that the by-laws be amended accordingly. The text of the relevant section of the by-laws shall read as follows:

*Article IV  
Board of Directors*

*Without waiting for a vote of the Membership at an official meeting, the Board of Directors is authorized to commit the Corporation to expenditures up to \$5,000 where:*

- 1) The Board determines such expenditures are necessary to protect the interests of the Membership; and*
- 2) Such expenditures would be in addition to amounts appropriated for specific purposes at an official meeting of the Corporation and in addition to routine and clerical expenses.*