

"A lake is a landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature."

Henry David Thoreau

October 15, 2022

Greetings Friends,

It was such a beautiful summer on Mirror Lake and this fall the colors and sunshine are just spectacular. The dawns; the sunsets; the moon; and the leaves...all so pretty. What a gorgeous and expressive lake! And the wildlife we enjoy daily makes the environment perfect. We love working together to protect our lake via the Mirror Lake Protective Association and hope you will join us in our efforts to affect the future. Thank you to all who have become MLPA members this year.

Our membership goal is 100 households and so far we have reached 68. The investment:

Regular Membership \$25; Supporting \$50; Sustaining \$75; and Benefactor \$100.

Membership checks may be made out to **Mirror Lake Protective Association** and sent to:

MLPA

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Mirror Lake, NH 03853

We've made good progress this summer as an organization focused on our two main areas of concern: 1) clean water and 2) land conservation. Kudos to our **Water Quality** team: Larry Gil, Steve Scapicchio, Tom Bissett, Al Hardiman, Steve Cloutier, Fran O'Donoghue, and Val Zanchuk, and also to our **Weed Watchers**: Norma Milne, Tiina Urv, Glenda Philbin, Alan Hardiman, Jeanne Freeze, plus Claudia & Tom Bissett. Special thanks to Larry Gil for managing and participating in the **Lake Host** program and to his team: Al Hardiman, Carol Lavelle, Steve Cloutier, and Denise Katz, for their careful watch for invasive aquatic species.

Several other committees or individuals have worked hard to keep the lake initiatives going such as Ginny Cole arranging for **MLPA apparel**; Beth Argeros (soon to be joined by Fran O'Donoghue as part of **Community Engagement**) hosting the July 4th Parade and boat parties; Robin Muench, Len Bonfanti, Kathleen Sciarappa and Seamas Oscalaidhe as our **Finance Committee**; Steve Scapicchio, Kathleen Sciarappa and Tiina Urv initiating the update of our website as part of **Communications** (not yet, but coming in a few months); a variety of people welcoming new residents; Larry Gil, Kathleen Sciarappa, Steve Scapicchio, Val Zanchuk, updating our 12 year old **Watershed Management Plan** with support from expert Bob Hartzel, the key author of our 2010 plan. This is a big undertaking and will guide us through the next decade and beyond.

Our **MLPA Land Conservation Committee**, Ann Torregrossa (chair), Steve Scapicchio (also chairs the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission), Larry Gil (also a member of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission), Gene Kelley, Kathleen Sciarappa, Dusty Davies, John Dawson, Bill Tryder, and Robin Muench, combined with our consultant Rick Van de Pol, the Tuftonboro Conservation, and Moose Mountain Regional Greenways have made steady progress with land conservation on Mirror Lake. **Membership** is being handled by Duncan Sutherland, Steve Scapicchio and Doris Briggs. Thanks goes to Steve Cloutier who arranged for the Fish and Game Department to come to Mirror Lake and correct the marker buoys; to Al Hardiman for painting the sign warning about milfoil at the boat launch; and to T.R. Wood who has agreed to clean and store the loon nest. We are surely hoping for loon chicks next season!

Much appreciation to our **Mirror Lake Protection Association Officers and Board of Directors** Vice President, Val Vanchuk; Secretary, Fran O'Donoghue; Treasurer, Robin Muench and Directors Gene Kelley; Larry Gil; Steve Scapicchio; Steve Cloutier; Ann Torregrossa and Dusty Davies. I am truly grateful for their continuing advice and support.

If you would like to volunteer or if we have somehow overlooked your efforts to contribute, please be in touch with Kathleen Sciarappa kathleensciarappa@gmail.com cell 603-533-7412. It is my sincere hope that our organization will steadily grow as more people, particularly those in the younger generations, offer their voices and helping hands.

Warmest regards,

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