



September 2022



As we wrap up another summer season on Lake Winnisquam we at the WWN want to extend our thanks to all of our volunteer weed watchers and water quality monitoring teams for helping us keep tabs on the lake.

Thanks as well to our awesome Lake Hosts, Barb Chapman and Deb Williams, who inspected more than 3800 boats coming into the lake at the Water Street launch throughout the summer to ensure they were free of invasive species.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to all who contributed to and attended our 2022 Summer Social in August. Not only was it a fun evening of music, dancing and getting to know others in the Lake Winnisquam community the event raised over \$3,200 that will directly support our efforts to keep our lake clean and healthy. Special thanks to

the members of *Off the Record* who generously provided the musical entertainment for the evening and to all the local merchants who contributed to the silent auction:

603 Paws Pet Boutique
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Ben & Jerry's
Hermit Woods Winery
Lobster Connection
Watermark Marine Supply

The NH Department of Environmental Services has announced the schedule for its annual fall lake drawdown and this being an even-numbered year Lake Winnisquam is on the list. The lake will be drawn down two feet below its normal full pond level for a period of about two weeks beginning on October 10th. Note that since the drawdown operation begins at Lake Opechee we may not see a visible impact on Winnisquam until the 14th or 15th. On October 24th flows at Lakeport Dam will be increased to refill Opechee Lake, and the level of Lake Winnisquam should begin to rise late in the day on October 25th.

More info on the drawdown schedule is available at <https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/state-announces-its-2022-fall-drawdown-lakes>



Congratulations to Lake Winnisquam's First Lake Smart Award Recipients!

The WWN is partnering with NH LAKES to offer the LakeSmart program to property owners in the Winnisquam watershed. This summer we conducted site visits to several watershed residents' properties and are proud to announce that Peter Nagel of Laconia (shown below with WWN President Lisa Eggleston and NH LAKES' Conservation Program Manager Krystal Costa Balanoff) and Ed & Louanne Stephenson of Belmont were awarded the coveted LakeSmart award!



We'd love to see lake-friendly living become the norm around Lake Winnisquam, and it's going to be key to protecting our lake into the future.

LakeSmart is a free, non-regulatory, and entirely voluntary program aimed at encouraging lake-friendly living and anyone in the Winnisquam watershed can participate. The self-paced program looks at the actions people take in their home and on their property in terms of how it affects the

lake. You begin your LakeSmart journey by taking the online self-assessment. Your answers are confidential, and after completing the self-assessment you will receive a follow-up report of personalized recommendations to help you be more lake-friendly. The LakeSmart Award is the final step and it is given to property owners who are dedicated to achieving the highest standard of lake-friendly living. Learn more about the LakeSmart program [on our website](#) or by giving the self-assessment a try.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE LAKESMART SELF-ASSESSMENT](#)

Site Plan Review Hearings Scheduled for Proposed Development



The consultants for the Preserve (the former Anchorage property) have filed an application for Site Plan Review with the Tilton Planning Board. The Planning Board public hearing is scheduled for September 27th at 6 pm at the Community Center, 45 Sanborn Road in Tilton. The agenda and application materials are available on the [Planning Board website](#).

The consultants will also present the plan to the Tilton Conservation Commission on September 19th in the second floor conference room of the Tilton Town Hall. That meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 pm. It is our understanding that the applicants have filed with the State of New Hampshire for Shoreland and Alteration of Terrain permits for the project as well.

The WWN is planning to participate in the review process and will be advocating for measures to protect the lake. We encourage any of you who have questions or concerns about the project to participate as well.



WWN Awarded \$125k Grant to Begin Watershed Plan Implementation

The WWN is excited to announce that we have been awarded a 2022 Nonpoint Source Watershed Assistance Program grant for Phase 1 of our Watershed Based Plan (WBP) implementation. This is a USEPA grant awarded under section 319 of the Clean Water Act and administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services. The funds (up to \$125k) will be used to support the design, permitting and construction of structural stormwater best management practices (BMPs) at three locations in the Winnisquam watershed that were identified in the WBP as high priority for remediating sediment and nutrient runoff; Gale Ave Park in Laconia, the Deer Park Association Beach in Meredith, and a section of Kaulback Road in Sanbornton in the vicinity of Black Brook. The WWN will be partnering with the City of Laconia, the Deer Park Association and the Town of Sanbornton to implement the project and provide the 40 percent match required by the grant. The WWN's program manager Cindy O'Connell will be managing the project. for us. We are currently awaiting final paperwork on the grant and expect to issue a Request for Qualifications engineering services sometime in the next month and hope to complete the design and construction of the BMPs in 2023. We anticipate that they will serve as a model for similar priority sites in the watershed.

Divers Remove Invasive Milfoil

As part of our comprehensive long-term milfoil program divers from Aqualogic were on the lake a total of 11 days so far this summer hand-pulling invasive variable milfoil at several locations in the lake including Jay's Marina, Ephraim's Cove, Mallard's Landing, Sunray Shores, Winnisquam Marine and the no-wake zone at the north end. They will return to Jay's to finish up the season in a few weeks. Funding for our milfoil management program is provided by a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services, contributions from the five municipalities on the lake, and our members.



Help Us Protect the Lake You Love

The WWN relies on the support of its members to help fund our programs, and most of our work is conducted by volunteers. In addition to signing up as a volunteer weed watcher or helping with water quality monitoring you can help us out by spreading the word about the [Winnisquam Watershed Network](#) and our efforts to keep Lake Winnisquam clean and healthy. Please feel free to forward this email to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to [join](#). Together we can do more to protect the lake we love!

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