

# Lake Anasagunticook Association Newsletter

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## LET'S GIVE A DAM TOGETHER!

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The reawakening has begun. Friends and neighbors are beginning to plan outdoor activities done without skies, skates, boots and gloves. Rakes, dirt shovels, tillers and other garden items are coming out of the garage or shed.

It is time to prepare for the big melt, buy fertilizer (no phosphates please) and get the boat motors ready for summer fun. Please do the maintenance away from the lake at a place where spills of gas and oil can be contained.

I understand that new wetland and shoreline zoning laws are being considered. To learn more about them go to the COLA website and become an advocate if you have strong feelings. Write or call your representatives to share your opinion and perspective.

The Capital Campaign will be gaining momentum again so look for various activities this summer and fall to raise more money for the dam fund. We are halfway to our original goal. THANKS to all who have contributed so far. If you have ideas for activities that will help please let us know.

We also need help keeping invasive plants from entering the lake and finding them early if they do get into the water. If you think the new dam is expensive (I don't) research how much it costs to contain milfoil or other non-native plants. Some ponds have had to spend over \$200,000 a year for removal and control. Please contact Rusty Knight or me if you want to learn how to help.

Membership is another important issue because we use dues to pay for newsletters and other education or action projects needed to help protect the lake for its beauty, and recreation. Thanks for all your previous support. If you have a desire to volunteer please let one of the officers know. We are in the process of developing programs to help the watershed with issues of septic and camp roads. Hope to see you at the annual Lake Day picnic and the annual meeting.

Biff Atwater, President LAA

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### RECOGNITION LEVELS FOR LET'S GIVE A DAM TOGETHER

<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>\$5000 or more</b>
<b>Gate Keeper</b>	<b>\$2500 to \$4999</b>
<b>Pier Builder</b>	<b>\$1000 to \$2499</b>
<b>Foundation Builder</b>	<b>\$500 to \$999</b>
<b>Bedrock Supporter</b>	<b>\$100 to \$499</b>

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"Let's Give A Dam Together"  
Campaign\***

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Name not here? I apologize for the omission.

## Sun Journal

By Eileen M. Adams, Staff Writer

Published Dec 31, 2010 12:00 am

CANTON — The newly formed River Valley  
Animal Advocates group has secured its  
nonprofit status in the past year and has had 79 cats  
neutered or spayed.

President BeckyMcDonald said the group  
it's all thanks to the group of about 20 members, the  
help of Norway veterinarian Dr. Don McLean, and  
the generosity of people in Canton, Mexico,  
Rumford, Peru and Dixfield. The group's goal a  
year ago  
was \$1,500 to spay/neuter about 25 cats, she said.  
"Pets are very important to people physically,  
emotionally and spiritually," she said while holding  
her therapy dog Sophie, and an unnamed kitten  
ready to find a home.

The group began informally in October  
2009 and has three major goals:

- \* To spay and neuter as many feral cats as possible  
in the area's cat colonies.

- \* To continue with and expand its therapy dog  
program.

- \* To help elderly and disabled people keep their  
pets.

During the past 12 months, cans to accept  
people's change have been placed at nearly 20  
stories, town offices and other sites. The group has  
also held yard sales, sold catnip toys and conducted  
other fundraisers. The donation cans are still in  
place.

Dr. McLean said Thursday afternoon that taking  
part in the River Valley Animal Advocates prog-  
ram, as well as providing spaying and neutering for  
other pets, is something that must be done.

"Nature wants to fill every possible niche," he said.  
"People sometimes get themselves into a pickle  
when they pick up a stray and find that she is preg-  
nant. (The number of kittens) is an exploding  
exponential problem." He said he has neutered  
more than 5,000 cats in the past 15 years....

McDonald said she is grateful for all the  
help, including from businesses and individuals  
who have donated pet food, money and other items.  
The organization receives no municipal or state  
funding. Because the group is now nonprofit, all  
donations are tax deductible. New members are  
always welcome. The group meets at 6 p.m. the  
second Thursday of each month in the Dixfield Fire  
Station. For more information River Valley Animal  
Advocates may be found on Facebook. or  
McDonald may be reached at 597-2323, or at P.O.  
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CANTON — Town residents and a few from neighboring towns got a first chance Tuesday night to learn about a seven turbine, \$36 million proposed project for Canton Mountain. Patriot Renewables LLC, the Quincy, Mass., company that also has wind projects in various stages of development in neighboring Carthage, Dixfield and Woodstock, brought along simulated views of the turbines on the 1,500-foot mountain from various locations around town. The project, if built, would sit on a portion of about 1,000 acres of leased land.

Andy Novey, project manager, said it is currently in the design phase. Some of the wildlife and wetland studies have been completed, although more are planned for spring. If all studies are complete, he said his company would submit the project application to the state Department of Environmental Protection during the summer.

The Planning Board is currently reviewing a plan by Patriot Renewables to build a power substation on two acres of a 30-acre parcel off Ludden Lane. That plan was submitted to the DEP in November when the firm submitted its application for the Saddleback Mountain wind project in neighboring Carthage. The long-range plan by Patriot Renewables is to cycle power generated by wind turbines in Carthage, Canton and Dixfield to the substation, which would then add that power to the nearby Central Maine Power line and then onto the New England grid.

Alden Hill Road resident Elise Despres lives across the Androscoggin River within sight of the planned turbines. "I'm trying to keep an open mind. But the project would spoil the view of Canton Mountain," she said. Dean Pakulski lives on the Jay side of Canton Mountain. He said he is a wind power supporter because it is renewable energy. "Anytime there's something new, the pros and cons must be evaluated. I think it would be a good thing in the long run. Electric cars are on the market, and electric furnaces are coming on line. The price for natural gas and oil aren't going down. If there are alternatives, that's a good thing," he said. Rob Walker, a Jewett Hill Road resident, likes the idea of a wind project coming to Canton. "It would be infrastructure for the town, and tax money. I don't mind seeing.

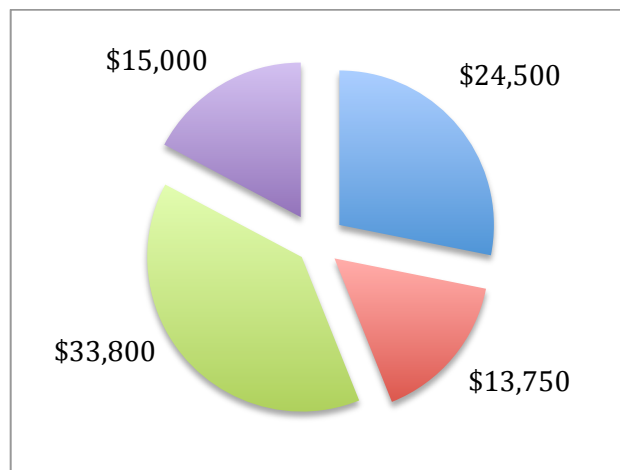
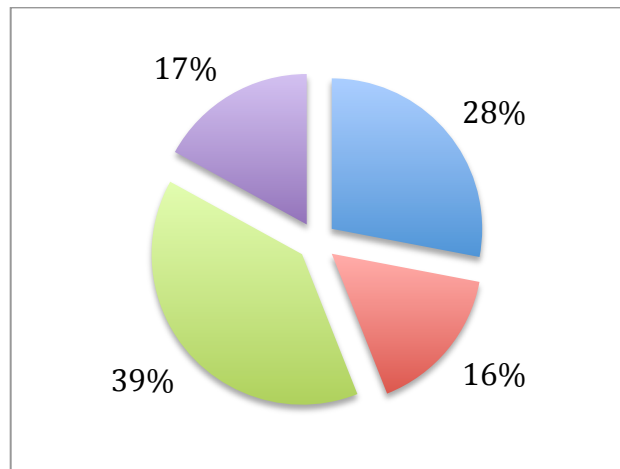
Selectman Donna Hebert said she had seen many wind farms in other parts of the world and country. "There's not a lot of noise and no illness. I don't see anything wrong with them. Anything to cut the electric bill," she said. A group of wind turbine development opponents from Dixfield and Carthage also attended Tuesday's session. They passed out leaflets announcing a free public supper set for March 10 in Dixfield prior to an informational meeting by the DEP.

Planning Board Chairwoman Kathy Hutchins said when the proposed wind project comes before the board, a number of conditions, such as a bond for removal of the turbines when they are no longer needed, will likely be placed on it prior to granting site plan approval.

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

I'm happy to report that at the end of March we have raised over \$87,000 in cash and pledges. There is \$33,800 in promised pledges, \$24,500 in savings, \$13,750 as CD's and we've paid \$15,000 to Canton for bills related to the permanent solution. Expenses are less than 2% for printing and mailing.



## Summary of the Advisory Committee Meeting, March 28, 2011

### CDBG Funding

**The dam project funding through CDBG is secure and not in jeopardy.** Sun journal article on March 26<sup>th</sup> headlining “Canton Dam Money Held Up by Federal Budget” caused ripples of concern locally as well as in Augusta. Canton got a memo from Office of Economics and Community Development (State department administering the CDBG funds) saying that the 2011 grant applications were being held up while a decision was being made in Washington concerning possible funding cuts. The \$500K for the dam project was 2010 grant and those funds are secure in the bank for Canton drawdowns.

While this does not affect the dam, the Canton Water District has a 2011 grant for upgrading these facilities, which is on hold at the moment. Their proposal is high on the priority list for 2011, however, and is unlikely to be affected even if the CDBG funds available decrease.

### Snowmobile/Pedestrian bridge

Kevin Chamberlain emailed Mac with a materials list for the bridge he designed. The hope is to find donations of these materials or discounts from local vendors to hold down the cost of this project. This bridge is one of several extensions of the dam project and separate funding will be sought. Alex Thibodeau offered prefabricated arched beams to the project but because of their design and size will not work. The Canton Hi-Riders snowmobile club was approached to seek grant funding for the project. Apparently there are no funds from this source. Because the bridge is for pedestrians and a connection to walking trails through Canton, the Hi-Riders will contact the Trails Committee to see if a joint effort for grant funding is a possible.

### NRPA permit

Holly MacKenzie at Kleinschmidt reported that there was no news and things are quiet on the application procedure. The NRPA application is being reviewed by State agencies and a response to the permit application is due by June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Contractor bid packages are on Kleinschmidt’s to do list for the near future. We want to have these ready so that they can be sent out as soon as DEP responds to the permit application. Construction is expected to begin by July.

### Boat ramp

Leon Bucher joined us from IF&W to give an update on the boat ramp project, another of the extensions to the dam project. Requests for proposals were issued by IF&W in January. Because Kleinschmidt has knowledge and experience through the dam project, it was possible that they would be interested and able to present a proposal for boat ramp designs, permitting and bid packages acceptable to IF&W within the constraints to pre-qualify and eliminate the need to put the design phase out to bid. Kleinschmidt was successful in presenting a proposal dated March 25<sup>th</sup> and Leon gave the committee some of the highlights. The boat ramp project is expected to qualify for a Permit by Rule from DEP, which is simpler and requires a short period of time for a response. Topographical survey is needed to establish the boundary lines and the needed to request an easement from the town and the Canton Water District for the purposes of constructing a public boat launch.

The question of a float being installed next to the ramp was raised. This is a common part of lake ramps and less common on streams. If the town wants to have a float, the town would have to designate someone to install and remove it in times of emergency caused by high water levels. The immediate response from the committee was to question its value and need. This will be discussed further by the selectmen before a firm decision is made.

The float discussion raised the question about where boats coming from the lake into town on business would tie up. The committee will consider options for providing a landing and tie up for short term near the boat ramp when Kleinschmidt submits preliminary designs in May.

Kleinschmidt will handle the design, permitting and bid specifications but not construction. They will work with Brian Beneski at DEP concerning the Brownfields assessment and recommendations. Mac has volunteered to monitor the construction process.

**Next Meeting** will be Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Town Office.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hamilton, CDBG Advisory Committee

LAKE DAY 2010



## **BY DEFINITION**

In the process of building the new dam many acronyms have appeared followed by questions about what they mean and how do they apply. Some definitions, supplied by Judy Hamilton follow:

**AVCOG** – Androscoggin Valley Council of Government. A lead agency guiding and helping communities plan and apply for and receive grants connected with environmental development and control.

**CBDG** - Community Development Block Grant - The \$500,000 grant from the Maine Dept. of Economics and Community Development.

**DEP** – Department of Environmental Protection Permitting agency for construction of the dam.

**EPA** - Environmental Protection Agency provided grant for contamination clean up of the dam properties, and the dam project's greatest supporter with DEP

**IF&W** - Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. – Along with the Federal IF&W supports, funds and builds the boat ramp that will be connected with the dam project. Also helped Canton with the Brownfields environmental hazard assessment (the tannery use of the property).

**MEMA** - Maine Emergency Management Agency who ordered the dam gates left open back in 2007.

**NRPA** - Natural Resources Protection Act - this is the type of permit required by the state for replacing the dam. Involves a 3-month application review process done by Maine DEP ending in approval before construction on a new dam can begin.

**MOHF** - Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund – A fund that awards communities money to help with environmental projects. The dam project applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from these folks with the aid of Leon Bucher from IF&W. Funds are from proceeds of the "Road Kill" lottery tickets and awarded through grant application for environmental projects.

**Kleinschmidt** (the dam project engineering firm) has already completed initial notification process and will be getting a notice of intent to file the NRPA application into the papers this week.

Please for the sake of  
the lake have a  
Lake Smart Evaluation



**Members Projects (no particular order)**

Finance Committee: Gary Dougherty, Chair  
Lake Water Quality: Tom Hamilton  
Canton Liaison: Elaine Ferland  
Hartford Liaison: Elizabeth Garcia O'Keefe  
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Membership: Rusty Knight  
By-Laws: Bill Gray, Gary Dougherty  
Nominating Committee: Shawn Henderson, Ch

**“High quality water is more than the dream of the conservationists, more than a political slogan; high quality water, in the right quantity at the right place at the right time, is essential to health, recreation, and economic growth.”**

**Edmund Muskie**

**Lake Day August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Hartford Public Beach Bring**  
**Your Own Drinks and Food.**  
**11:00 am till 2:00 pm.**

**ANNUAL MEETING AUG. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hartford Town Hall 10:00**



**Websites of Note**

SYNTHETIC FISH AND OTHER  
STOCKING MISTAKES IN MAINE

Submitted by George Smith on 11/02/2010  
<http://downeast.com/blog/mainenature>

[www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgw/  
septic\\_systems.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgw/septic_systems.pdf)

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d/camp/roads/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docwatershed/camp/roads/index.htm)

[www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org](http://www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org)

[www.mainecola.org/maine  
\\_filfoil\\_initiative\\_long.htm](http://www.mainecola.org/maine_filfoil_initiative_long.htm)

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFO**

See 4/C version of NL on the web

**CLICK ON THE NEW DAM PAGES**

**[WWW.LAKEANASAGUNTICOOK.ORG](http://WWW.LAKEANASAGUNTICOOK.ORG)**

**READ THE LATEST ABOUT THE DAM**



**2011 Dues Due**

How can you tell if you have paid your dues this year? Turn to the address label on this Newsletter. Just above your name and address, you will see the last year your dues were paid. If your label says “0000”, we have not yet been able to convince you of our need for your support. Dues are now \$10 per person per year. Please join the LAA. You too can be involved in a lot of interesting projects.

# LAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Water Quality Monitoring	_____
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<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

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