

# LAA NEWSLETTER

Lake Anasagunticook Association – Stewards of the Canton-Hartford Watershed

## Upcoming Events

LAA Board Meeting  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

LAA Board Meeting  
Feb 7th, 2023

LAA Board Meeting  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

LAA Board Meeting  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

LAA Board Meeting  
Aug 1<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Lake Days  
August 12, 2023

Annual Meeting August 13,  
2023

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## 2023 LAA Board Members

Interim. Pres.: Tim Kirwan

Sec./Treas.: Diane Ray

Biff Atwater

Maryellen Baron

Tim Bernard

Bill Gray

Carolyn Gray

Mike McCluskey

## Letter from the LAA President

*Another Summer on the Lake put to bed!*

This was a milestone year on the lake as we welcomed new members, doubled communication via town newsletters and social media, reconvened in-person for the first time in two years and invested time and money in the second year of the watershed mitigation grant – WHEW!

As of this writing we have instituted a new committee – The Membership Committee - purposed to improve value and communication to members- thank you *Joanne Bartlett, Polly Boussiere, Judy Hamilton and Liz Rothrock* for helming this new initiative! Please see the article herein.

Looking ahead to 2023 we are discussing the need for a comprehensive invasives survey – something we haven't done since pre-covid.

Please reach-out to any member or board member with ideas to make the LAA more effective and more valuable to you – our members!

*Tim Kirwan*



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## 2020 – 2022 Watershed Mitigation Grant

### Lake Anasagunticook Watershed Protection Project, Phase II

| Task                                     | Required in Grant  | Done So Far   | Notes   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Steering Committee Meetings              | 2  | 2   | 2/4/21, 4/6/22  |
| NPS Abatement Projects                   | 14   | 12 (In progress but not considered "Done" yet: Pinewood Drive)  | DONE: 3-04, 6-03, 1-01, 1-04, 6-02, 2-02, Dearborn Road, Lower Bonney Road, 6-07, 6-04, 6-05, 5-12. <b>Likely for the remainder of 2022: Pinewood Drive in Hartford.</b>  |
| Technical Assistance                     | 15   | 15  | Rothrock, Mike McCluskey (2 properties), Kirwan, Barron, Hartford town sites with ACE, Bryant Road (Noyes), Dearborn Road, D. Ray, Bill & Carolyn Gray, Bernard, Vincelette, Miller, Pete McCluskey, Pine Shores. |
| Residential Matching Grant Installation  | 5  | 5   | Done: Rothrock, McCluskey (#35), Barron, Ray, Vincelette.   |
| Education & Outreach                     | a) 2 annual mtgs of LAA.....<br>b) 1 mtg with Hartford Select board.....<br>c) 1 mtg with Canton Select board.....<br>d) Press releases & web postings (unspecified #).....<br>e) 2 workshops.....<br>f) 1 house meeting....<br>g) 1 final project brochure..... | 2 (8/15/21, 8/14/22)<br><br>1 (3/17/22)<br><br>2 (5/12/22, 7/14/22)<br><br>At least 6 (see next column)<br>1 (gravel road 7/23/22)<br>1 (buffer 8/13/22)<br>0 | <u>Outreach:</u><br>1) 2 LAA web postings (their e-newsletter).<br>2) OCSWCD press release (Sun Journal).<br>3) OCSWCD web posting.<br>4) article in Canton Crier.<br>5) article in Hartford News.                |
| Workshops                                | 2  | 1 (Gravel Rd. 7/23/22)<br>1 (buffer 8/13/22)  |   |
| House meeting                            | 1  | 0   |   |
| Matching contributions                   | \$34,444   | \$50,563  | This is 147% of the total required in the grant.  |
| Buffer planting                          | 50'  | 117': 22' (Rothrock), 8' (Barron)*, 8' (Vincelette)*, 79' (Ray)   | This is 234% of the total required in the grant.  |
| Soil loss avoidance for <u>NPS</u> sites | 45.00 tons/year  | 30.06 tons/year (includes everything to date)   | This is 67% of the total required in the grant.   |

This work is the culmination of 4 years of work – the watershed survey, grant application and two years of grant implementation – ***many thanks to the volunteers, land-owners, Maine DEP, Oxford County Soil & Water, The Towns of Hartford & Canton, Community Funders, Jeff Stern – Consultant*** for all the hard work to keep our lake as clean as possible!

## **YOU COULD BE A WINNER BY JOINING LAA!!**

The Lake Anasagunticook Association (LAA) is holding a raffle. It's easy to enter: Just pay your 2022 dues. By paying your \$15 per person membership dues, your name will automatically be entered in a prize drawing. The drawing will be held at the LAA Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, 13 August 2023.

If you also pay your 2023 dues prior to the drawing, your name will automatically be entered a second time, doubling your chances of winning!

We already have some wonderful prizes including aprons, cheese board and knives and packaged meats from Fiorucci Foods, courtesy of LAA member Chris Perry; sweet corn from Conant Farms, and handcrafted hula-hoops from Debbie Hamilton.

We are accepting additional prize donations from local businesses, LAA directors, members, and friends. Some will be used for the membership raffle and others will be put aside for our annual Lake Days Raffle (to be held on Saturday, 12 August 2023). If you have prizes to donate, please contact Judy Hamilton 207-320-1113 or [mafinch@megalink.net](mailto:mafinch@megalink.net).

To pay your dues and enter the raffle, send your name, email address, phone number, and postal address to:

LAA Membership  
PO Box 411  
Canton, ME 04221

Thank you—and good luck!

LAA Membership Committee:  
*Joanne Bartlett*  
*Polly Boussiere*  
*Judy Hamilton*  
*Liz Rothrock*





# 2021-2022 in Photos

What a wonderful life.... 

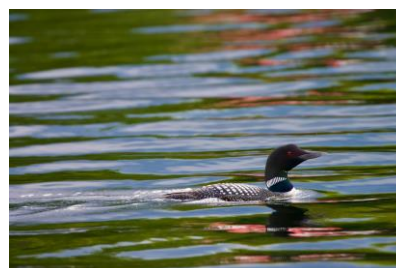
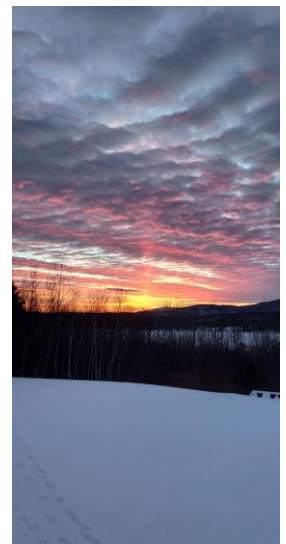
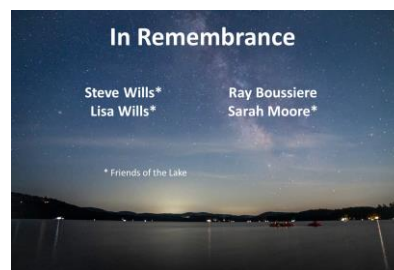
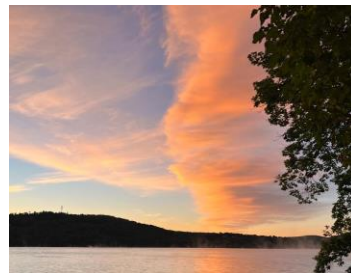
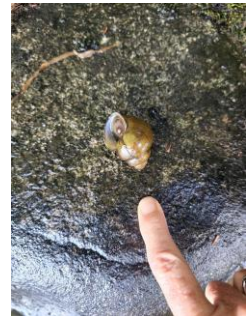


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## Planning for 2023 Invasives work

We have been gifted with very few/ no invasives in Lake Anasagunticook – *and we want to keep it that way!*

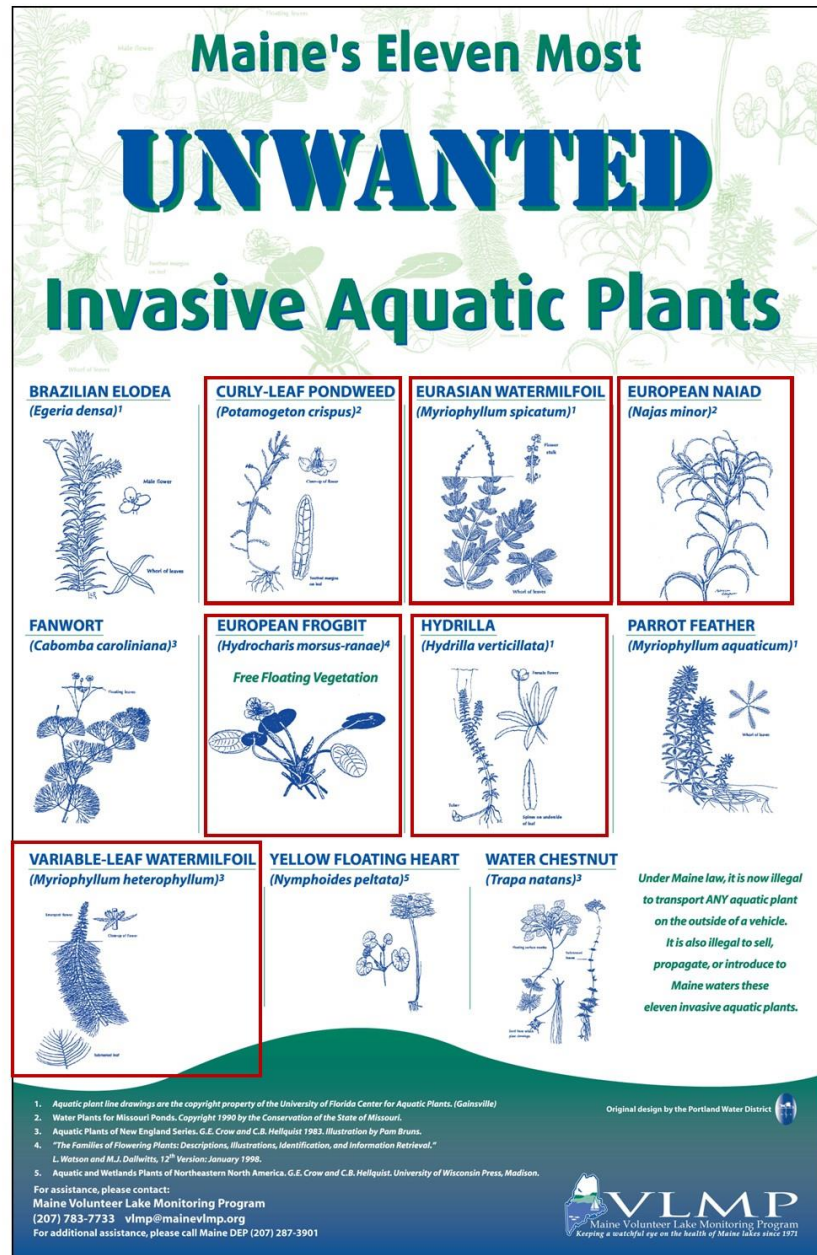
We have two key initiatives to kick off early next year but we can start thinking about them now:

### 1) Invasives Survey

This typically includes training, a one-day survey that covers the entire lake (lots of participation), with expert guidance, then ongoing monitoring & reporting on a regular basis. We carried this out some years ago but with new members could use a refresher and an updated, comprehensive survey.

### 2) Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI)

We have had sporadic volunteers in the past but really little activity during COVID – time to renew our efforts!



## Resources:

<https://mainelakes.org/resources/visitors-guide-to-lakes/>

<https://mainelakes.org/boaters/>

<https://mainelakes.org/resources/clean-lake-check-up/>

<https://mainelakes.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2014-CBI-Handbook-web-quality.pdf>



### *Newsletters:*

**LAA Newsletters:** Sign up by joining the association. Past issues posted on the LAA website.

**Canton Updates:** Sign up by sending your email address to [info@cantonme.org](mailto:info@cantonme.org) OR text message the word CANTONEVENT to 22828 and follow the prompts.

**Canton Crier:** To receive this hardcopy newsletter, provide your mailing address to the Canton Town Office.

**Hartford News:** sign up by sending your address to: [hartfdnews@megalink.net5](mailto:hartfdnews@megalink.net5)

### *Webpages:*

**Lake Anasagunticook Association** – [www.lakeanasagunticook.org](http://www.lakeanasagunticook.org)

**Town of Canton** – [www.cantonme.com](http://www.cantonme.com)

**Town of Hartford** – <https://hartfordmaine.weebly.com>

**Canton Historical Society** – [www.cantonmehistorical.com](http://www.cantonmehistorical.com)

**Canton Bicentennial Committee** – <https://www.1821canton2021.org>

### *Landscaping Resources:*

[Buffer Publication Resource List](#). This document lists publications available in Maine regarding lake buffers

[Buffer Handbook](#). A Guide to Creating Vegetated Buffers for Lakefront Properties (1998).

[Buffer Handbook Plant List](#). This 50-page publication contains a listing of and details about trees, shrubs, and groundcovers that could be used in planting or improving a buffer in Maine.

[Gardening to Conserve Maine's Natural Landscape: Plants to Use and Plants to Avoid](#) from University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

[Invasive plants](#) from the Maine Natural Areas Program.

[Yardscaping](#). Yard care tips with a conservation focus.

[LakeSmart Program](#), Maine Lakes Society.

[DEP Lakes Page](#). This webpage provides links to more information about lakes.

## **What is the LAA?**

The Lake Anasagunticook Association (LAA) is a public, nonprofit organization that brings together people who care about Lake Anasagunticook—aka “Canton Lake.” The lake has a depth of 50 feet and occupies 600 acres in the towns of Canton and

Hartford, Maine. It is used for recreational purposes, including boating, swimming, and fishing, and is a source of drinking water.

The LAA is concerned with the preservation and protection of the lake as a natural resource and the surrounding watershed. Fundraisers and member donations are our primary sources of funding. The organization monitors water quality, pursues invasive plants and animals, holds meetings; publishes a newsletter; and hosts an annual Lake Days celebration.