

# LAA NEWSLETTER

Lake Anasagunticook Association - Stewards of the Canton-Hartford Watershed

## Upcoming Events

LAA Board Meeting\*  
Tuesday, April 11 at 4 PM

LAA Board Meeting\*  
Tuesday, June 13 at 4 PM

LAA Board Meeting\*  
Tuesday, August 1 at 4 PM

Lake Days Celebration  
& Fundraiser Raffle  
Saturday, August 12 at TBD

Annual Members Meeting &  
Membership Raffle Drawing  
Sunday, August 13 at TBD

\* To receive a Zoom link for the  
LAA Board meetings, e-mail  
[anasagunticook@gmail.com](mailto:anasagunticook@gmail.com)

## 2023 LAA Board Members

*President (Interim):*

Tim Kirwan

*Vice President:*

Vacant

*Secretary:*

Diane Ray

*Treasurer (Interim):*

Diane Ray

*Directors:*

Mel Barron Tim Bernard  
Bill Gray Carolyn Gray  
Mike McCluskey



*Photo by Caroline Rotbrock*

## Letter from the LAA President

Dear LAA Members and Friends,

As I write this letter, I want to thank all involved for the opportunity to serve as LAA president for the last four years. I'm happy to report that we have a full docket of activities, projects, and goals for the coming season. Our plans include lining up new officers and board members who will join the team at the annual meeting in August. All LAA members are eligible to step forward. Our plans also include more LakeSmart property reviews. If you would like to have a volunteer walk your property and discuss with you whether your landscaping is managed in a way that protects water quality, please contact Diane Ray on [dianeraypf@gmail.com](mailto:dianeraypf@gmail.com) or 717-314-7778. I look forward to seeing everyone on the lake and continuing to do the work the LAA was formed to do: Protecting Lake Anasagunticook.

Tim Kirwan, LAA Interim President, [anasagunticook@gmail.com](mailto:anasagunticook@gmail.com)

The LAA Membership Drive will be held July 2023 to bring in new members. E-mail [anasagunticook@gmail.com](mailto:anasagunticook@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.



## Pay your LAA Annual Membership Dues and be entered in a raffle!

The Lake Anasagunticook Association (LAA) is holding a raffle. It's easy to enter: Just pay your 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 scheduled for Sunday, 13 August 2023.

If you neglected to pay your 2022 dues, it's not too late. By doing so, your name will be entered in the raffle a second time, doubling your chances of winning!

We already have some wonderful prizes including aprons, a cheese board, knives, and packaged meats from Chris Perry of Fiorucci Foods; sweet corn from Conant Farms; honey from Al Fazelli; a bouquet from Loretta Blancato at Specialty Cut Flowers; handcrafted hula hoops from Debbie Hamilton; stained glass from Joanne Bartlett; a braided wool rug from Mel Barron; handmade stuffed frogs from Maine Audubon Society; and several gift baskets.

We are accepting additional prize donations. Donations will be used for the membership raffle or for our annual Lake Days Raffle (to be held on Saturday, 12 August 2023). If you have prizes to donate, please contact Judy Hamilton at 207-320-1113 or [mafinch@megalink.net](mailto:mafinch@megalink.net).

To pay your dues and enter the raffle, please complete and mail the form on the back page of this newsletter to:

LAA Membership  
PO Box 411  
Canton, ME 04221

The LAA dues are collected annually and used to maintain and improve water quality, address invasive plants and animal issues, purchase and install signage, educate individuals on local ordinances and state regulations, assist homeowners with mitigation efforts, protect wildlife habitats...and more!

For questions regarding your dues, please e-mail: [Anasagunticook@gmail.com](mailto:Anasagunticook@gmail.com). Thank you—and good luck!

LAA Membership Committee



## Lake Anasagunticook Erosion Control Project Extended

The LAA continues to take the lead to protect water quality in the lake and surrounding watershed. In 2019, the lake association coordinated a survey to document erosion problems, which, in turn, led to an intensive erosion control project that began in January 2021. The “Lake Anasagunticook Watershed Protection Project, Phase II” was originally slated to end on Dec. 31, 2022, but has been extended one year to allow for the completion of critical erosion control work on Pinewood Drive and Bonney Road. This project raised a total of \$86,009 (\$51,655 in federal grant funds + \$34,444 in local match). LAA has been the key local partner since its inception. To date, the project has led to the reduction in sediment loading to the lake of 33 tons annually, and the planting of 117 feet of shoreline plant buffers. For further information about the project, please contact Jeff Stern at [sternjm@hotmail.com](mailto:sternjm@hotmail.com) or 207-595-0317, or Michele Windsor, OCSWCD, at [oxfordcountyswcd@outlook.com](mailto:oxfordcountyswcd@outlook.com) or 207-744-3111.

Before and after photos below provided by Jeff Stern: 1) Inlet to a tributary to Sparrow Brook in Hartford; 2) residence on Lake Shore Drive in Canton; 3) Bryant Drive in Hartford.



Funding for the Lake Anasagunticook Watershed Protection Project, in part, was provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA. EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned.

## Hartford Beach Policy (as of January 19, 2023)

The following rules shall apply to the use of the Hartford, Maine beach and parking area:

- A. Only residents/property owners of the Town of Hartford may obtain parking passes for use of the Hartford Beach. Resident Pass Fee=\$15.00 annually.
- B. Only residents/property owners of the Town of Hartford may request guest passes for their guests. Guest Pass fee=\$5.00/ day or \$10.00/week. Maximum=1 week per Guest Pass.
- C. Guest is defined as a person invited to visit the beach with the resident/property owner.
- D. Beach parking passes must be purchased at the Hartford Town Office and must be displayed on the vehicle in order to park on property along Thompson Lane.
- E. Swimming Lesson participants may purchase a pass for the remainder of the season, once lessons are completed, at the Hartford Town Office. Swim Lesson Pass=\$20.00.
- F. Organized groups shall request prior Select Board approval for proposed use of the parking/beach area for private group activities that use or occupy significant portions of the parking/beach area and that may hinder or interfere with the general public use of the parking area/beach. The Board may impose conditions on the proposed use for public health, safety and welfare, and maintenance of the beach.
- G. Permit requests for use of all or a portion of the property by groups for organized public events shall be submitted to the Select Board and the Board may impose conditions on the proposed use for public health, safety and welfare, and maintenance of the beach.

Be sure to visit the Town Office to purchase passes before visiting the Beach in 2023.  
Offenders will receive a warning letter first, citation second, and then the vehicle will be towed.

### Wanted: Vintage Photos and LAA Newsletters!

If you have photos of past LAA meetings or events, we'd love to make copies of them. We're also interested in photos of camps and cabins, the lighthouse, and friends and family having fun at and on the lake. And if you have any LAA newsletters from prior to the year 2007, we'd like to scan them. We're working with the Canton Historical Society to house and catalog these items. If you can lend these items, please contact Judy Hamilton at 207-320-1113 or [mafinch@megalink.net](mailto:mafinch@megalink.net).



Photos courtesy of Judy Hamilton

## Community Resources

### Publications:

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

**Canton Updates:** Sign up by sending your e-mail address to [info@cantonme.com](mailto:info@cantonme.com).

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

**Hartford Updates:** Sign up by sending your e-mail address to [hartford@megalink.net](mailto:hartford@megalink.net). **New!**

**Hartford News:** Sign up by sending your e-mail address to [hartfdnews@megalink.net](mailto:hartfdnews@megalink.net).

**Canton Historical Society Updates:** Sign up by sending your e-mail address to [cantonmehistorical@gmail.com](mailto:cantonmehistorical@gmail.com). **New!**

### Towns:

**Town of Canton** - [www.cantonme.com](http://www.cantonme.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/cantonmaine/>

**Town of Hartford** - <https://hartfordmaine.weebly.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/Hartfordtownoffice/>

### Organizations:

**Lake Anasagunticook Association** - [www.lakeanasagunticook.org](http://www.lakeanasagunticook.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/271189350112>

**Canton Historical Society** - <https://www.cantonmehistory.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/Canton-Maine-Historical-Society-1934798230093833/>

**Hartford Heritage Society** - <https://www.facebook.com/hheritages/>

**Canton Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary** - <http://www.cantonme.com/firedept/> or <https://www.facebook.com/canton-volunteer-fire-dept-215788898443562/>

**Canton Hi-Riders Snowmobile Club** - <https://www.facebook.com/Canton-Hi-Riders-Snowmobile-Club-134508973262027/>

### Shore Landscaping Resources:

**Maine Lakes (Lake Library)** - <https://www.lakes.me/library>

**Lake Environmental Association (Resources)** - <https://mainelakes.org/resources/more/>

**Maine DEP (Lakes Water Quality Page)** - <https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/lakes/index.html>

**Lakes of Maine (Watershed Resources)** - <https://www.lakesofmaine.org/understanding.html#Watershedswater/lakes/index.html>

**Maine Audubon Society** - <https://maineaudubon.org>

**Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:** <https://www.maine.gov/ifw>

**LAKE ANASAGUNTICOOK ASSOCIATION (LAA) MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*For annual membership, please complete this form and mail it and a donation of at least \$15 per person to: LAA, PO Box 411, Canton, ME 04221*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for which year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of personal contact (pls rank 1-4 with 1=most preferred)

- E-mail
- USPS Mail
- Phone Calls
- Text

I stay informed about the LAA and its activities by (please check all that apply):

- Checking my e-mail from LAA Correspondent
- Reading the LAA Newsletter, Canton Crier, and/or Hartford News
- Occasionally visiting [www.LakeAnasagunticook.org](http://www.LakeAnasagunticook.org)
- Joining the Friends of Lake Anasagunticook Facebook group

If you are considering memorial gifts, please e-mail [anasagunticook@gmail.com](mailto:anasagunticook@gmail.com).

*Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in protecting the lake and supporting our projects.*

*The Lake Anasagunticook Association (LAA) is a public, non-profit organization that works in partnership with the lakefront property owners, residents of Canton and Hartford, and other interested parties to preserve the water quality of the lake, sustain its aesthetic appeal, and provide recreational opportunities.*



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