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Lake Anasagunticook Association Newsletter

WELCOME TO JULY 2015 !

Aldo Leonold wrote,

“We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

Offering a slight change of pace for the infrequent newsletter, I'll offer some **random thoughts** and news.

- Dues are due for 2015. Please send them to Gary Dougherty. Still only \$10.00 per person.
 - **The annual meeting is scheduled for August 8, 10:00 AM at the Hartford Meeting Hall.**
 - **Whitney Brook Trail Walk and Talk Announcement is enclosed.**
 - There will be some fun events planned for the rest of the day so be alert for announcements on the [Friends of Lake Anasagunticook Facebook page](#).
 - The Invasive Plant Patrol volunteers will be active during August so if you observe people swimming close to canoes near the shoreline please give them wide clearance.
 - For your information, [The Water Level Management Plan has been included.](#)
 - [The daily operation page for the dam will be included in the next newsletter. And since there was a lot of discussion about the water level earlier this spring and I thought this might help with understanding. Hopefully, since the lake is now “full” the publishing of the plan will help for next year.](#)
 - The LAA Financial report for last year is enclosed.
 - **Your Lake Association has provided money to start testing for phosphorous in the lake water. Phosphorous leaches from dirt roads, and other sources including lawn fertilizers and is food for algae.**
- Creating berms on the lakeshore helps slow the process so please do low bush plantings along your shoreline and use fertilizer that does not contain phosphorous.

Another important step you can take to help protect the lake is to have a **Lake Smart Evaluation.**

Ms. Diane Ray, our Lake Smart representative, awards the Lake Smart Sign to Ms. Liz Rothrock, a new resident on the lake and member of the Lake Association. The evaluation, which took place last summer, resulted in suggestions to improve the property. The plants seen along the shoreline are for protecting the lake. Once the plantings were added, Ms. Ray reviewed the property again and awarded the plaque. Lake Anasagunticook was once a leading lake in Maine for Lake Smart participation and awards given. Please call Diane Ray to participate in Lake Smart.



Photo by Sun Journal Photographer

WHITNEY BROOK TRAIL WALK AND TALK PLANNED

Join the Canton Park and Trail Committee, Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Maine Forest Service on Friday morning, July 24th to enjoy a walk along the Whitney Brook Trail while learning how to identify trees and invasive plant species and about the basics of woodlot management. The informal event will start at 9 A.M. at the Canton Heritage Park (Rt. 108, West of the intersection with Rt. 140) and will proceed along the trail at a leisurely pace giving ample opportunity to ask questions and have them answered before ending by 12 P.M. Constructed in 2008, the 1.7-mile main trail is easy walking through a mixed successional floodplain forest, fields and forested wetland. With numerous tree species, a vernal pool and unfortunately plenty of invasive plant examples, it provides a fine educational and recreational venue.

Merle Ring, the Maine Forest Service District Forester for Oxford County, will lead the discussion on tree identification and woodlot management. Michele Windsor, Project Manager at Oxford County Soil

and Water Conservation District will talk about the invasive plant species found in the park and along the trail and methods that may be used to control them. A representative of the Canton Park and Trail Committee will describe how the trail was developed and efforts to maintain it.

The event is being provided free of charge, with advance registration by July 17th.

A rain date is scheduled for July 31th. If you wish to register, email sergammon@megalink.net to provide contact information and number of people attending. Coffee and donuts will be available before the walk starts. Please dress appropriately and bring bug spray, water and other needed comfort items.

Contact: Sue Gammon, Canton Park and Trail Committee 597-2615

	BUDGET FOR 2013/14 7/1/13-6/30/14	INC & EXP TO 2013/14 f/ye14	BUDGET 7/1/14-/6/30/15	
INCOME				
Dues	\$1,400.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00	
Unencumbered Donations	650.00	1,060.00	\$1,000.00	
Water Quality Monitoring Fund	\$100.00	\$220.00	\$150.00	
Dividends	12.00	13.22	\$13.00	
Fundraising Events	1,000.00	1,093.00	\$600.00	
Total Income	\$3,162.00	\$3,686.22	\$3,163.00	
EXPENSES				
Newsletters	\$200.00	261.55	\$200.00	
Memberships	\$80.00	78.01	\$80.00	
Philadelphia Ins & Peerless Cos	1,050.00	1,038.00	\$1,050.00	
Annual Report Secretary of State	35.00	35.00	\$35.00	
LAA Membership Dues COLA	300.00	256.00	\$200.00	
LAA Contributions Tax Exempt Org.	400.00	975.00	\$675.00	
LAA Website	150.00	132.00	\$132.00	
Conference Fees	100.00	40.00	\$50.00	
Misc/Admin/Office Expense	200.00	506.79	\$250.00	
Sales Tax On Products Sold	5.00		\$5.00	
Purchases/Fundraising Items				
Special Projects	\$500.00	116.90	\$200.00	
Water Quality Monitoring Fund Exp	100.00	95.50	\$100.00	
Actual Balance 338.83				
Total Expenses	\$3,120.00	\$3,534.75	\$2,977.00	
Balance	\$42.00	\$151.47	\$186.00	
Capital Campaign Donations		\$1,650.00	\$1,500.00	
Capital Campaign Income Dividends		\$0.84		
Fundraise / Caps-Redemp-Bottles				
Capital Campaign Expenses				
Capital Campaign Dam Disburse		\$2,270.30		
6/30/14	6/30/13	Unencumbered	Wtr Qual Mon Fd	Dam Account
Difference		\$6,177.56	\$35.72	\$619.50
		\$6,204.53	\$160.22	\$0.04
Assets				-\$467.99
CURRENT DATE	6/30/13	Savings Acct	Checking Acct	Dam Account
		\$6,213.28		\$619.50
	6/30/14			Total Assets
Difference		\$6,364.75		\$6,832.78
				\$6,364.79
				minus \$467.99

Lake Anasagunticook Water Level Management Plan

Revised September 5, 2012

Revised May 1, 2013

The purpose of this plan is to explain how the Anasagunticook Lake Dam will be operated.

October 15th to Ice-In (Fall Drawdown Period)

On or about October 15th, the Dam gates will be gradually opened to draw the lake down to its natural water level of approximately elevation 398 feet above sea level. The drawdown will occur as gradually and consistently as possible with the goal of being complete by ice-in.

Ice-In to Ice-Out (Winter Period)

After the fall drawdown is completed, the Dam gates will be left open and lifted clear of the water. This will ensure the gates do not freeze in place during the winter and will preserve the flood control capacity of the lake during the winter months and into the spring runoff season. The lake will rise above and fall back to its natural level during this period as a result of rainfall and snow melt.

Ice-Out to June 1st (Spring re-fill Period)

On or about April 15th but after the ice is completely clear of the lake, two of the three gates will be closed. On or about May 1st but after the Canton Sewer spring discharge is complete, the remaining gate will be closed in order to start re-filling the lake to its spring level of 402.5 above sea level. During this period it may be necessary to open as many gates as may be required to maintain the target level and reduce the threat of possible flooding.

June 30th to October 15th (Summer/Fall period)

During this time period the water level of the lake will be managed as close as possible to the target level of 402.5 above sea level. In order to do this it may be necessary to raise and lower gates, before, during, and after any potential rainfall in order to try and avoid any lake flooding or downstream flooding.

I have it from reliable sources that summer fun usage in and on the lake is in full swing. There were wonderful displays of fireworks. And I've heard swimming, fishing and boating are being enjoyed by many. Also heard that both bass and trout are being caught. Do they get eaten or returned to the lake? The main dam operating procedure is enclosed in this newsletter. We are still in the planning process for summer activities so please stay tuned.

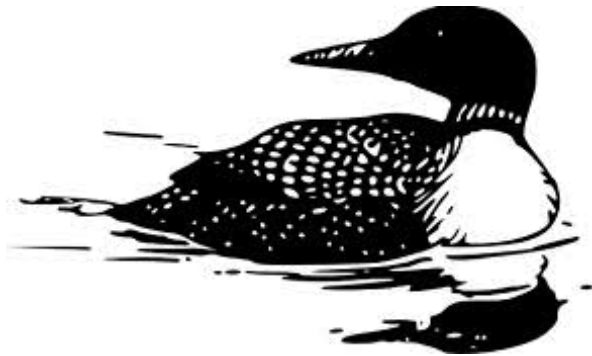
You are encouraged to join the Facebook page,
"Friends of Lake Anasagunticook."

You are the  to a clean, clear lake.



Biff Atwater, Editor, LAA Newsletter.

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



Members Projects (no particular order)

Finance Committee: Bill Gray, Chair
Fund Raising: Liz Rothrock and others
Lake Water Measurement: Tom Hamilton
Canton Liaison: Bill Gray
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Leslie Boness, Elaine Ferland, Polly Bussiere
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Membership: Polly Bussiere, Diane Ray
Nominating Committee: Bill Gray and Polly
Bussiere

“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

LAA Party August 8, 2015
Watch for news of
new events through the
summer.

ANNUAL MEETING AUG. 8th
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)

[http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docwatershed/
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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

WWW.LAKEANASAGUNTICOOK.ORG

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2015 Dues Due

Dues are \$10 per person per year.
Please join the Lake Association.
We have a lot of interesting
projects.

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Dues \$10/person/year _____
Name(s): _____

Additional donation; _____
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TOTAL _____

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