



Canton Lake Association

Lake Anasagunticook
Canton, Maine



July 10, 1995

Dear Friends and Members of the Canton Lake Association,

The annual meeting of the Lake Association will be 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 6, 1995 at the Hartford Community Church (1 mile up the hill past the entrance to the Grove on Church Street).

Last fall an Information Survey was mailed to lakefront property owners and other individuals who have a common interest in the preservation of Lake Anasagunticook. Of the 98 Information Surveys mailed, 45 responded, 2 had moved away and 29 were returned with dues and donations. A summary of those responses are summarized below. It is obvious from this response that many of us share a love for the lake, what it provides for us and how much we care about its preservation.

Please join us on August 6th with your ideas and support. We can only make a difference if we work together.

For the Board and Membership,

Judy Hamilton
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OFFICERS:

Dave Campbell, Pres.
Priscilla Brown, V. Pres.
Virginia Kelly, Treas.
Al Somes, Sec.

Information Survey Results

1. What months of the year do you live near the lake? Are you a permanent/voting resident of either the town of Hartford or Canton?

4 Voting Resident/Hartford	5 Weekends much of the year	8 Summer and fall
4 Voting Resident/Canton	19 Summer only	

2. What does Lake Anasagunticook mean to you? How do you and your family make use of the lake?

42 swimming	30 non-motor boating	19 nature study	13 picnicking	7 cycling
36 waterfront property	28 fishing	15 water supply	9 ice fishing	5 camping
35 scenic views	26 motor boating	13 ice skating	Other: walking / Cross-country skiing relax w/friends / ice boating/running	

3. How long have you known this area or lived on or near the lake?

10 10 years or less	5 21-30 years	6 41-50 years
4 11-20 years	7 31-40 years	9 over 50 years (including 68 and 75 years)

4. What changes in the lake have you seen over the years you have been in this area? How has the quality of life around the lake changed or grown?

Some have seen little change in the quality of life around the lake. However, others have noted many changes. In summary: the town of Canton has lost many store fronts, the summer resort camps (Pinehaven, Lakeview, etc.) are gone, private development of the waterfront has grown particularly with the Patten purchase of The Grove, restriction of public use of the Grove shores, decline in the numbers and variety of fish in the lake, railroad torn out in the 50's and other more subtle changes in the lake quality. While some feel there has been an increase in the number of boats on the lake, others feel the opposite but all seem to agree that the size and speed of the boats has increased and causes concern for the safety of bathers and the peacefulness of the lake. Jet skis raise many of the same concerns. Changes in water quality of the lake were noted: a scuba diver mentioned a decline in underwater visibility, greening

of the lake spreading farther out from the shoreline near the road shore, algae blooms, decline in the fish population and no more fresh water mussels which are a sign of clean water and were notorious for cutting our feet. The increase in development of the lake has brought more noise, trash and clearing of the property to the shoreline.

5. How does the lake effect your life and that of your family? What are some of your concerns?

Most of those responding, said that the lake is a place of recreation, peace of mind, and a gathering place for family and friends. The desire to preserve the lake for themselves and their families was a constant. The concerns were also quite common with water quality highest on the list and a desire to see regular monitoring of water quality. Concern for the erosion and run off into the lake from the watershed, management of the dam and water level of the lake and for pollution of all types--noise, trash, phosphates, and dogs in the lake. There was great concern for the enforcement of codes for buildings, septic systems, and zoning laws. The desire to limit horse power of the motor boats, size of the wake and their operation (and the jet ski) near bathers as well as proper care of town beach was often voiced. Protection of the loons and preservation of wildlife was also important.

6. Would you like more information from the Lake Association about the lake? 27 responded "Yes" with suggestions of a newsletter and regular notification of water quality results.

7. Are you interested in the activities of the Lake Association? Please check below those which you and/or your family would like to participate:

<u>26</u> Annual meeting (preference)	<u>14</u> Monitoring water quality	<u>13</u> Picnic at the Hartford town beach
<u>19</u> Lake clean-up	<u>14</u> Membership	<u>12</u> Soil erosion
<u>17</u> Research ie, fish screen, dam, water level, watershed effect on the lake	<u>13</u> Pollution control	<u>7</u> Fishing Derby
		<u>1</u> Fundraising

8. Do you know others who are interested in the lake? Please give name/s and address/s. _____ we increased our mailing list by ten

9. There are approximately 60 families belonging to the Lake Association. Involvement varies and each donates time and money to the Association's activities as able. Lake Association membership dues are \$10 @ household although some donate more. What do you feel is an appropriate amount? _____ many felt the dues were fine at \$10, some suggested \$25, some suggested a varying amount, but many felt that additional fund be sought only when specific causes or projects were proposed.

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Note: Membership Lists will be available at the August 6th meeting

People interested in item in #7

26 Annual meeting

Biff & Mary Atwater, Kim & Glenn Appleton, Jack & Gisele Atwater, Lucille Rose Brennan, Priscilla Brown, Raymond & Pauline Bussiere, Frank & Gwedalyne Campbell, Rich Dwyer, David & Lillian Fisher, Ron Grand, Tom & Judy Hamilton, Carroll & Sandra Howes, Conrad & Regina Hutchinson, Norman & Virginia Kelly, Georgina Kidder, Robert & Joan MacNeil, Charles & Emelda Miller, Bob & Liana Poirier, Ann & Lloyd Poland, Peg & Charles Powers, Dominick Ranucci, Bob & Winnie Ray, Curtis R. Schultz, Al Somes, Pauline Tyler, Mal & Sally White, Jean Dwyer Williams

17 Research ie, fish screen, dam, water level, watershed effect on the lake

June & Albert Adams, Jack & Gisele Atwater, Biff & Mary Atwater, Lucille Rose Brennan, Priscilla Brown, Raymond & Pauline Bussiere, Frank & Gwedalyne Campbell, Ronald & Irene Garry, Ron Grand, Joe Gray, Carroll & Sandra Howes, Norman & Virginia Kelly, Ann & Lloyd Poland, Dominick Ranucci, Al Somes, Harry & Joan Suri, Robert & Ann Upton

13 Picnic at the Hartford town beach

Kim & Glenn Appleton, Jack & Gisele Atwater, Priscilla Brown, Frank & Gwedalyne Campbell, David & Lillian Fisher, Norman & Virginia Kelly, Robert & Joan MacNeil, Ann & Lloyd Poland, Peg & Charles Powers, Dominick Ranucci, Bob & Winnie Ray, Harry & Joan Suri, Mal & Sally White

1 Fundraising

Norman & Virginia Kelly

19 Lake clean-up

June & Albert Adams, Jack & Gisele Atwater, Biff & Mary Atwater, Jean & Merwin Bean, Priscilla Brown, Judy & Reuben Burnham, Raymond & Pauline Bussiere, Frank & Gwedalyne Campbell, Rich Dwyer, Ron Grand, Joe Gray, Norman & Virginia Kelly, Robert & Joan MacNeil, Ann & Lloyd Poland, Dominick Ranucci, Curtis R. Schultz, Al Somes, Harry & Joan Suri, Robert & Ann Upton,

14 Membership

June & Albert Adams, Jack & Gisele Atwater, Jean & Merwin Bean, Priscilla Brown, Ron Grand, Joe Gray, Judy Hamilton, Carroll & Sandra Howes, Norman & Virginia Kelly, Georgina Kidder, Dominick Ranucci, Robert & Elizabeth Smith, Jacqueline & Philippe Turgeon, Robert & Ann Upton,

7 Fishing Derby

Kim & Glenn Appleton, Priscilla Brown, Frank & Gwedalyne Campbell, Dominick Ranucci, Al Somes, Robert & Ann Upton,

13 Pollution control

June & Albert Adams, Jack & Gisele Atwater, Priscilla Brown, Judy & Reuben Burnham, Ron Grand, Joe Gray, Norman & Virginia Kelly, Dominick Ranucci, Curtis R. Schultz, Al Somes, Jacqueline & Philippe Turgeon, Robert & Ann Upton,

14 Monitoring water quality

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12 Soil erosion

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Other

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