

May 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Congratulations to us! I am proud to announce that with a vote of 93% in favor, the Town supported our \$100,000 CWSRF Stormwater forgivable loan request, a first step in our Watershed-based Plan. We have already been chosen from many pre-applicants; the town must now submit the formal application. The Watershed-based Plan is essentially a “business plan,” allowing us to apply for a 613 DES grant to fund these solutions. For more information: www.kezarlakenh.org/watershedplan.

There are many to thank. Top of the list are our members, who continue to support the KLPA through membership dues, donations, and volunteer work. I cannot thank Polly Crocker enough. She created our Watershed Committee (Lynn Wittman, Jonathan Brown, Bonnie Hill, Chip Chesley, Don Davis, and Alex Del Vecchio) and did the lion’s share of the work and organization. Glenn Pogust’s advice on presenting our request to the Select Board and preparing the bond was invaluable. Jonathan’s VLAP water sampling continues to be an important part of identifying threats.

To promote lake-friendly living, we enthusiastically adopted the NH LakeSmart Program. Over 50% of residents around the Lake took advantage of this program, earning the Kezar Lake Protective Association the first LakeSmart Community Award. We hope the rest will sign up this summer.

Our core mission has been the Lake Host program. Michele Coleman has expanded the program with a large group of volunteers to augment our paid lake hosts, minimizing the cost to the KLPA. We decided not to pursue money from the Town of Sutton this year (as there are so many pressures on Sutton taxpayers) and will rely on the money we raise through dues and fundraisers to underwrite this vital program to protect our lake. Please consider volunteering for seven four-hour sessions, one every other week. Contact Michele at mdcoleman115@gmail.com or 617-584-1351.

The Horse Beach area is active, attractive, and fun with our friendly lake hosts, informative kiosks, shaded picnic tables, raised flower beds, and port-a-potty. The port-a-potty is a big hit with walkers, boaters, and local workers; it is said to be one of the cleanest in New Hampshire! The dog waste station helps keep excess nitrogen and phosphorus from seeping into the lake, and thanks to Kyle Hubbard, the grass is mowed.

All of the above relies on strong membership support. **Please renew your membership today** using the enclosed envelope or online at our website, www.kezarlakenh.org. We’ve decided to give the annual auction a rest this year, which means forgoing approximately \$4K. So, we will be dipping into our funds to pay for costs attendant to the Watershed loan (interest & a surety bond-\$5K) and sponsoring swim scholarships (\$500).

Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions for fundraising and friend-raising. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you around the Lake.

Sincerely,

Lynn Wittman, President
KLPA BOARD

Jeff Hopkins, Treasurer; Michelle Ritz, Secretary; Denis Swords, Sondra Brake, & Jonathan Brown

Upcoming Events:

JULY 4 4:00 pm

Boat Parade – Theme “Invasive Species”

Followed by BYO Drinks and Appetizers at the Beach

JULY 13 9:00 am

Annual Meeting

First Free Will Baptist Church

Guest Speaker: Caroline Hughes, Loon Preservation Committee

JULY 22-AUGUST 2

YMCA Swim Lessons at Wadleigh State Park

Register at www.graniteymca.org

Scholarships available from KLPA for those in need

kwimpey@graniteymca.org

AUGUST 11, 1 pm

Annual Picnic

Wadleigh Boat House