

## Minutes of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area Working Group

DATE: 24 April 2009

PRESENT:	Bud Berry	Lakes Management Advisory Committee
	Melissa Coppola	Natural Heritage Bureau
	Kevin Donovan	Parks and Recreation
	Diane Hanley	Lakes Management Advisory Committee
	Jean Hansen	Long Sands Association
	Sheila Jones	Town of Effingham
	Don Kent	Dept. Resources & Economic Development
	Ted Kramer	NH Lakes Association
	Wayne Killam	Business Community
	Richard Lover	Boating Community
	Allen McKenney	Boating Community
	Harry Merrow	Town of Ossipee
	John Panagiotakos	Boating Community
	John Shipman	Town of Freedom
	Susan Slack	Green Mountain Conservation Group
	David Smith	Ossipee Lake Alliance

Don Kent called the third meeting of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA) Working Group to order at 1:00 PM. The Working Group approved the minutes of the previous meeting via email communication.

### Old Business

#### *Management Plan*

The Working Group reviewed and discussed the draft final management plan, "Managing the Ossipee Lake Natural Area". Ted Kramer indicated the term 'haul out' might be confusing to canoeists and kayakers. The Group settled on the term 'landing' to describe the shoreline location for canoes and kayaks.

John Shipman initiated a discussion about dogs and public sanitation. DRED Administrative Rules do not prohibit dogs from Natural Areas. The boating members of the Working Group indicated that few dogs frequent the shoreline. Dog owners must pick up after their dogs, and keep them out of closed sections of the OLNA. Water quality sampling results, and reports from the public, will inform future decisions about the merits of allowing dogs on the OLNA shoreline.

Bud Berry asked if the references to 'working with DRED' should be more definitive. Don Kent indicated that working with DRED would become clear as relationships evolve.

## OLNA Working Group

David Smith asked the Working Group if we should include a set back from the shoreline for anchoring. After discussion, the Working Group added language about being afloat to the plan.

David also encouraged the Working Group to discuss the issue of disturbance, specifically loud and unreasonable noise. Boating members of the Working Group provided information about the infrequency of amplified sound, and the boaters' adjustments. Ted Kramer reminded the Working Group about the ease with which low frequency sound travels across the lake. Don Kent noted that loud and unreasonable noise requires an offended party, communication by that party to the noisemaker that the noise is a disturbance, and a response by the noisemaker to decrease the noise. The Working Group will encourage courtesy, with recognition that Marine Patrol and the Forest Rangers can enforce a prohibition on loud and unreasonable noise.

### *Implementation*

Jacquie Colburn led a discussion of water quality sampling. The Working Group will facilitate *E. coli* sampling on four occasions in 2009, beginning 10 May, at the mouth of the Pine River, the OLN nearshore, and the outlet of Red Brook. The Department of Environmental Services will train volunteers.

The clean up is scheduled for Saturday 16 May 2009. Organizers Bryon Nowell and Dennis Gould (of Totem Pole Park) worked with Jean Hansen to produce a flyer. Volunteers will meet at the Lakefront Landing Marina at 8:00 AM. Harry Merrow will ask the Ossipee selectmen if OLN trash, debris, and waste will be accepted at the town dump.

Don Kent reported that many of the signs are complete, and DRED will complete the remaining signs soon. DRED will attempt to erect the signs in advance of clean up day.

DRED has purchased fencing for the public access area. DRED will erect the fence on clean up day.

Melissa Coppola solicited comments from the Working Group about the management brochure. DRED will print 4,500 brochures for distribution with help from Working Group members.

### Action Items

1. DRED will make final edits to the management plan and print copies for distribution to the Working Group
2. The Water Quality Subgroup will implement the water quality sampling plan
3. DRED will erect the signs in advance of the clean up
4. DRED will revise, print, and distribute the management brochure

## OLNA Working Group

### Next Meeting

The OLNA Working Group will meet in the fall to assess the short-term success of the management plan.

*Donald M. Kent*

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