KOLELEMOOK LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (KLPA)
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
Saturday, JULY 18, 2026, 9:30am
Springfield Town Office, Protectworth Room

Attending: Steve Dolan, Carol Clancy, Jim Clancy, Nancy Bower, Barbara Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Phil DeConinck, Lori DeConinck, Theresa Quinn, Cathy Lemberg, Lisa Toune, Janet Wilson, Lisa Ouelliette, Sid Pratt.

1. **Welcome – Steve Dolan, President**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32am.

2. **Introductions and Attendance**

Each person present introduced themselves in turn. A couple of attendees were here for the first time.

3. **Approval of Minutes of 6/28/2025 Annual Member Meeting**

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were made available via email to all the membership prior to the annual meeting. A motion was made by Jerry, and seconded by Theresa, to approve the minutes as provided. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. **Treasurer's Report – Lou Senatore, Treasurer**

The Treasurer's report was made available via email to all the membership prior to the annual meeting. Steve provided a brief overview of the report and the finances of KLPA.
The usual balance is around $6,000. This year so far, we have brought in nearly $4,000 and we ended the year 2025 with $6,163.09. This year we have a designated Watershed Fund. It has nearly $1500 so far. It has 2 purposes - to do any recommended work based on the watershed plan, and to have an emergency fund for remediation should we ever have the need. We should continue to build this fund. The biggest expense every year is the lake host program. 75% of our dues goes to our lake host program, and we receive $1,400 from NH lakes. A motion was made by Barbara, and seconded by Jerry, to approve the treasurer's report as provided. The treasurer's report was approved by unanimous vote.

5. **KLPA and Kolelemook Lake Year in Review – Steve Dolan, President**

Steve noted that in past years we have had an invited guest speaker at the annual meeting. This year the board decided we would forgo an invited guest and focus on the happenings of the past 12 months for KLPA. Steve presented a very well-prepared summary: "Kolelemook Lake Year in Review". Steve also reviewed the annual VLAP report prepared by the NH DHES with specifics for Kolelemook.

The slides from Steve's presentation are included as an attachment to these minutes. There was an opportunity for comments from the audience, and lively discussion followed. One suggestion was to have a designated point person from KLPA to attend select board meetings and also planning and zoning meetings. Mike Thomas is the Springfield representative on LSPA. Steve also suggested the recent 5-year plan for the town as another potential starting point and source of useful information for KLPA planning.

6. Section Updates

a. Lake Host – Theresa Quinn, Vice President

Theresa reported several results from the VLAP annual report, for the state over all, and specifics for Kolelemook Lake. Statewide, June 28th was the date with the highest number of boats inspected. Statewide results confirm that weekends are the busiest. Our current Summer Lake Host is Haley Belaire and is scheduled for 20 hours per week.

b. Weed Watching – Danielle Dulchinos, Board Member

The following report, prepared by Danielle, was presented by Lisa Ouellette.
2026 Weed Watchers Report for KLPA Meeting:

- We're into the 2026 growing season and happy to report that our native plants are growing well. All looks good under the surface.
- Healthy & native plants identified include:
  - pipewort and quillwort (though some patches have been destroyed from likely PWC/boat activity along 114) - these are important filter plants
  - native milfoil (small patch) and filamentous green algae (looks like the Grinch melted) - both unconcerning
  - tape grass - happy homes for little fish
  - Elodea - abundant patch near the boat launch. Confirmed with DES in 2024 this was not the invasive lookalike, but we will be re-sampling for a check again this summer
- While not weeds/plants - lots of healthy fish and bird activity!
- Danielle is hosting a group paddle on Sunday Aug 2, starting from the boat launch at 9:30 am.
- One goal this summer is to create & share a digital coverage map.
- And we're always looking for a few more volunteers! (No reply from regional high school outreach)

c. Water Testing – Jerry Cooper, Board Member

Jerry reported that phosphorus content is up 20 to 30%. Lake clarity about normal. Currently we target monthly sampling in June, July, August, and September. Kolelemook seems to be staying at a higher level of conductivity than prior years. The best results were in the 80 (uS/cm); it is up to 140 (uS/cm) now. This was what prompted the request that DOT reduce salt application levels along the lake. The main concern with water quality now is phosphorus. One of the best things we can do is to

support the ongoing efforts for our watershed protection and education as promoted by the Lake Smart program.

d. Lake Smart – Jim Clancy, Board Member and Lake Smart Ambassador

Jim reported on our current activities and participation in the Lake Smart Program, which is coordinated through NH LAKES, the statewide nonprofit organization which works to restore and preserve the health of New Hampshire's lakes. The process involves a tour of each candidate's property. They identify 4 areas of primary concern. The main job is to control adverse effects of potential erosion. Jim displayed the form that NH LAKES uses to summarize the results of the property evaluation. It is a confidential written assessment provided to the property owner. They enter the data and provide a confidential and secure portal.

We need a minimum of 4 properties to review for NH LAKES to come out and do an inspection. We are working on dates that are available in August. Two questions were raised. One is whether the assessment includes only lake front properties, another is whether the assessments should include undeveloped lakefront lots. Jim reported that Pat Keller announced we have reached our goal of 15% of properties around the lake are Lake Smart awardees. This may be erroneous in that there are substantially more than 35 houses on Kolelemook shores. Another question was whether there are any funds to assist the property owners with the recommendations. The NH LAKES website has a list of Lake Smart approved contractors.

Jim told us that anyone can request a review online. Just go to the NH LAKES website. Also, if you have not attended the NH LAKES yearly conference, consider going to it. Lots of good information is presented and shared there.

7. Election of Officers for 2026-2027 term

All the current association officers and board members had agreed to continue for the next year. Nominations were opened to the floor; however no new candidates were presented. Jerry made a motion to accept the current slate of officers for another year, and the motion was seconded by Phil. The slate of officers and board members was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Holland Cooper
Secretary