KOLELEMOOK LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

LAKE NEWS

Spring, 2026

Letter from the President

Greetings fellow lake lovers,

The KLPA Board has been busy as usual gearing up to implement programs to keep our lake healthy. We've hired a new Lake Host and she has already started. We have completed our first water sampling, had our first LakeSmart property visitation and the Weed Watchers are ready to go! All of these programs contribute to protecting the water quality of Kolelemook Lake!

The loon nesting raft is also out and we ask that you continue to enjoy the loons from a safe distance so they can go about their business. Hopefully they will continue the tradition of blessing us with some loon chicks!

Our usually quiet offseason was quite busy as we worked to secure funding to commission a watershed-based management plan for Kolelemook Lake. We worked with the town to submit a warrant article to authorize the Town of Springfield to borrow up to $100,000 from the NH Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for this plan. The warrant article was passed at the town meeting on March 14th and we submitted our pre-application to NHDES at the end of May to be considered for funding. We hope to find out if we are selected by the end of July. Many thanks to the Springfield Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and staff for their support of this effort and to the voters for approving the warrant!

Annual dues contributions are lagging behind prior years so if you haven't had a chance to renew your membership, please take a moment to renew so we can fund these programs to maintain a healthy Kolelemook Lake!

Many thanks to the KLPA Board members and all our volunteers for all the work you do to help contribute to our mission - ***the preservation of Kolelemook Lake water quality and stewardship of its watershed and surrounding lake shore.*** None of these vital programs can be implemented without your generous donations of your time and money. But just as important is your own diligence as landowners within the Kolelemook watershed.

However you enjoy the lake – swimming, boating, fishing or just relaxing, I hope you have a great summer on Kolelemook!

Thank you,

Steve Dolan, KLPA President

Kolelemook Lake Weed Watchers Report

Healthy Lake, Thriving Native Habitat

Help Keep Kolelemook Lake Clean & Safe!

Any of us who have jumped into the refreshing waters of Lake Kolelemook or caught a beautiful bass fish or gently paddled by the loon nest can appreciate the quality and health of our lake. But what does it take to keep the lake so clean and healthy? Each of us being vigilant about invasive plants!

Our lake participates in a volunteer-led Weed Watchers program through the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) where we monitor key sections of the lake each month during the active summer season to watch for invasive plants and animals. Most often invasive plants are transferred between bodies of water via boats that have not been thoroughly cleaned and dried. While often accidental, when plants hitch a ride on a fisherman's boat it can mean destruction for the very thing the fisherman is seeking. NH DES explains, "Freshwater aquatic invasive plants are those that are not naturally found in New Hampshire's lakes, ponds and rivers. Because they are not native, they have no predators or diseases, which allows them to grow quickly and dominate freshwater systems and native plants, fish and aquatic insects already present."

(Example of invasive curly-leaf pondweed in Baptist Pond, source: LSPA article https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/Curly-leaf-Pondweed-in-Baptist-Pond.html?soid=1111876821812&aid=WD8bBGFrDgc)

How can you help?

- **Clean. Drain. Dry.** While bringing boats, trailers, and other items between bodies of water, make sure they are cleaned, drained and dried completely.
- **See something? Say something!** When using Lake Kolelemook, keep your eyes open for anything that seems out of place, no matter how small, and share with our volunteer Weed Watchers team.
- **Spread the word.** Encourage others you know to be good lake stewards and visitors by following these simple steps.

Want to learn more?

Visit Lake Kolelemook Weed Watchers website: https://www.kolelemook.org/weed-watching.html

The KLPA Board thanks everyone for their diligent support in keeping our waters healthy and beautiful for many years to come. Questions or concerns? Contact volunteer coordinator Danielle Dulchinos at danielle.dulchinos@gmail.com or 603-090-9959.

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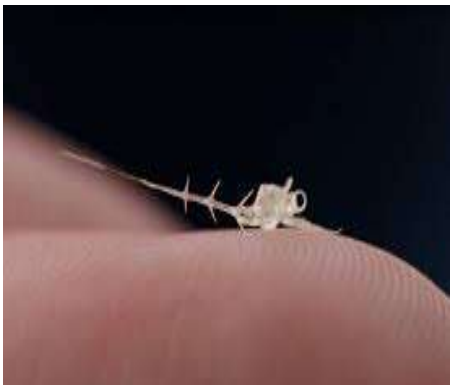
Stop the Spread of Spiny Water Flea

In addition to invasive aquatic plants like Eurasian milfoil, Brazilian Elodea, and Curly-leaf pondweed, Lake Host inspectors are also scanning for invasive animals. There is a new invasive aquatic predator in NH called the Spiny Water Flea. This crustacean is smaller than a fingernail and can hitch a ride on fishing lines and lures. Infestations have already been confirmed in Lake Winnipesaukee and Lake Winnisquam. To help stop the spread, please ensure you soak your fishing gear in very hot water and allow it to dry for five days before moving to a different body of water.



LAKE SMART

The KLPA is refocusing its efforts on increasing Kolelemook Lake landowners' participation in the NH LAKES LakeSmart program.

LakeSmart is a free, non-regulatory, and voluntary education and recognition program encouraging community members to adopt habits that protect lake water quality, wildlife habitat, and property values.

Your voluntary participation in LakeSmart is an important tool to help manage runoff of pollutants entering Kolelemook Lake and adversely affecting its water quality!

These are the steps it takes to become a Certified LakeSmart Property Owner:

1. **Create Your Free Online LakeSmart Profile at https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart/**
   Provide details of your property to identify areas where you can adopt lake-friendly practices. Your information is confidential.

2. **Request a Site Visit**
   A NH Lakes Guide will provide tips on how you can make your property more lake-friendly. Visit requests will be forwarded to our LakeSmart Ambassabor, Jim Clancy who will coordinate a visitation date.

3. **Make Lake-Friendly Updates**
   Use the tips to make changes on your property that help reduce polluted runoff water and other harmful impacts to our lake. Recording them in your profile.

4. **Show Off Your LakeSmart Award**
   Implement the recommendations made during your site visit and earn NH Lakes "LakeSmart Award". Show it off to inspire others to take action to improve our lake.

On June 18th, we had our first visitation this season from LakeSmart. They toured 4 properties on the lake. One property was deemed Lake Smart during the visit and presented with their plaque! The other 3 had a few minor issues for the homeowner to address before they can be certified.

We have a few more interested in becoming LAKESMART Property Owners and have begun the process noted above. In order to efficiently complete step 3, property visitations, NH LAKES requires a minimum of 4 properties on the lake to be signed up on a given day. **We would love to be able to schedule 1 or 2 NHLAKES visits to properties on Kolelemook Lake this upcoming summer and we need a few more interested parties to make it happen!!**

Have questions?
Get answers at **LakeSmart.nhlakes.org**

Or contact me.

Jim Clancy
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Kolelemook Lake Protective Assn.
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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing, we have received 35 membership renewals compared to 44 dues paying members last year. Thank you to all who continue to show their support!

For those who haven't found the time to renew, please renew your membership so that we may continue to fund activities to help protect the health of Kolelemook Lake!!

In addition to dues, the KLPA Board has established a separate Watershed Fund to be used exclusively to address remediation issues recommended by the WMP AND provide an emergency fund to respond to any immediate issues that threaten our lake such as detection of invasive species or cyanobacteria blooms. A speedy response to any environmental issue is key to timely and cost effective remediation and having a fund to draw from will help immensely! So please consider adding a donation to our Watershed Fund in addition to your annal dues renewal.

It's easy to renew your membership at our website, **www.kolelemook.org**, or download the **Renewal Form** and mail in with a check.

Thank you for your support!

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HELP WANTED

Do you have special skills to volunteer to help the KLPA fulfill its mission of protecting the water quality of Kolelemook Lake? The Board is looking for assistance in the following areas:

Website Host Migration: We are looking for one time assistance in migrating our website from our existing host Weebly to DreamHost to save on annual hosting fees.

Water Testing Assistance: We are looking for some backup to help with water testing. We test once a month from June to September. Duties include assist in collecting water samples and delivering to lab in New London. A lake resident with dock/boat on or with lake shore access is helpful.

Membership Development Coordinator: Board position - create and implement plans to increase number of members on our social media platforms, in contact database and number of dues paying members. Maintain membership contact database.

If any of these look interesting to you or you would like more information on how you can help, email Steve Dolan, President at kolelemooklake@gmail.com! Thank you

Lake Host

If you are at the Springfield town beach or boat launch this summer, please join me in welcoming our new Lake Host, Haley Belaire. Haley is a student at the University of Connecticut and lives in New London during the summer. Protecting the water runs in her family, as her mother is also a Lake Host at the Little Lake Sunapee boat launch. Haley will be working 20 hours per week and will be available most weekends to inspect motorized and non-motorized watercraft for potential invasive species. Feel free to introduce yourself and welcome Haley to Kolelemook.

Best wishes to all for a fun Kolelemook summer!

Theresa Quinn
Vice President, KLPA

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UPCOMING EVENTS – Look for updates via email, Facebook or our website!

July 11, 2026: Springfield Summer Festival – Rec Field (Stop by our booth!)

July 18, 2026: Annual Meeting at Town Hall, 9:30am – 11:00am

July 18, 2026: Summer Beach Party & Fundraiser at Town Beach, 12:00pm – 2:00pm