

Board of Directors Meeting
Kingston Lake (Great Pond) Association
July 31, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Kingston Community Library
Minutes

- Call to Order at 7:05. Members present: Susan Palmeter, Betsey Bixby, Holly Ouelette, Betty Wright, Walter Roy, Jim Edwards, Linda Corson, Emily Boilard, Dave Lovely-Taillon, Troy Dutton and Muriel Ingalls.
- Secretary's Report – No June report as this was our annual meeting. Two presenters, Christie Bunyan and Laurie Diemer, from Bell Environmentalists presented data collected from the Grant. Approximately 20 folks in attendance. Two members of the Select Board were in attendance,
- Treasurer's Report – Sue Palmeter. Cash balance in operating account- \$4,089.90. Five memberships received bringing the total to 31. Printed report accepted as printed.

New Business

- Regatta up-date and feedback. Regatta was poorly attended this year. There were only 13 boats. Last year we had 40 boats. This is our first year without the local newspaper. We did the other advertising we normally do: mailed reminders to past participants, emails to membership. Banners were in place and seven lawn signs were placed around town. We also covered the event on social media. Others have reported that participation in other events is also down. Big thanks to Camp Lincoln and Staff for hosting the Regatta once again. Thank you to our sponsors Dunkin Donuts in Kingston, Hannaford in Hampstead and Shaws in Exeter. Back to the drawing board in 2025.
- Loon Report. The loons were on their nest in early June. The loons were observed on the nest by several folks including Carolyn Hughes from LPC on the loon tour on June 8. They left the nest in mid-July during the heat wave. Many have observed the pair and sometimes 3 on the lake, but no other nesting behavior was observed.
- Lake Host program. Linda was present at this meeting and reported how busy the ramps have been with boats coming and going. Safety concerns are still a high priority.
- Life jacket station. Linda reported that life jackets are being borrowed from the station and returned. Donations have been received.
- Water sampling has been successful May, June and July. Thanks to Bill, Linda and Jim. Two dates left to go: August 19 and September 16.
- Emily reported how busy the State Park has been. They can take up to 385 reservations. July 28 a church group arrived with 200 participants on top of the usual reservations.
- New ideas? A concern for Kingston Lake (Great Pond) is the lack of sampling at Greenwood Lake and Long Pond in Danville. Both of these lakes are in our watershed area. This will be addressed this fall with Select Board and KCC.
- Next meeting August 28

Meeting Adjourn at 7:45. Respectfully submitted by
Muriel Ingalls

