



SILVER LAKE NEWSLETTER-QUARTERLY

December 2021



It is hard to believe that we are near the end of 2021. During this year, the first newsletter was created for the members of the Silver Lake Association. The lake was quite eventful in having our first Labor Day outing which was graciously hosted by Jim Brown. It was quite a success.

Save The Date

The Silver Lake Association Annual Meeting will be held on June 26, 2022, at 10:00AM. The location for the meeting will be announced at a later date. We have a great turnout for the 2021 meeting. Be sure to let new neighbors about our Association and especially our Annual Meeting.

Silver Lake Gear Sale

We held our second Gear Sale Store in the fall. The clothing will arrive in time for Christmas. Hope you were able to do some of your Christmas shopping using the Gear Store. We are looking forward to having our Spring sale in time for clothing to arrive for our Annual Meeting. Depending on the availability of clothing we are hoping to have some new bright colors and some new products for next year.

Volunteers Wanted:



We are looking for volunteers to work on committees this coming year. If you have interests in any areas that you could help one or more committees, please let us know. Anyone willing to help on any of these committees is welcome to sign up for the committee that you are interested in serving on. Please email: silverlakebt@gmail.com.

Milfoil Committee Description (3 or 4 members):

- To apply for grants from our state and towns (Belmont, Tilton) for possible funding each year.
- Must be available to meet with dive teams on the lake the day of harvesting.
- Coordinate with the dive teams while they are working on the lake.
- Arrange any additional programs to help locate milfoil and any other exotic plants in our lake.

Silver Lake Association Gear Sale Store Description (2 or 3 members)

- Correspond with vendor for clothing selection.
- Post link for the sales on our website or Facebook.
- Be prepared to distribute the bulk gear that is shipped to SLA from the vendor.

Website and Facebook Committee

- A few members have been working with a webmaster to create our new website. They are looking for additional help with this project. If anyone has experience in this area who would like to join this committee, please notify us.

Newsletter Committee (2 or 3 members)

- Gather articles and publish newsletters on a quarterly basis.

Lake Level Committee (5 or 6 members)

- Continue to research possibilities of getting a solution to our lake level issues.
- Create correspondence to be sent out to state and federal representatives for assistance in getting results to fund a study for a possible dam at the outlet of our lake.

By-Laws Committee (3 or 4 members of the Board/Officers)

Duties:

- Must be an existing board member or current officer.
- Review and if necessary, revise By-Laws to insure conformity to State guidelines for nonprofit organizations.

Activity Committee Description (5 or 6 members):

- Research new activities for the SLA to enjoy during the year.
- Organizing the Labor Day Block Party.
- Organize and order supplies for Fourth of July Boat Parade.

Labor Day Block Party Committee They did a fantastic job putting together our first annual block party. It was a lot of work, but everyone came together to pull off a great event for our members. Thank you to the **Committee for their hard work. Special thanks to Jim Brown for offering the location which was perfect!**



The Dam Project

“The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls” Longfellow’s poem about the unceasing, constant fluctuations in water level along the tidal coast could be paraphrased “the water level rises, the water level falls” to sum up life on Silver Lake.

This summer (like many others) saw docks piled with cement blocks and tied to trees to prevent their floating away and then soon afterwards-boats stuck on shore as the water levels dropped. Similar changes have been experienced since before 1986 when the Corps of Engineers suggested a dam on the outlet end of the lake.

The Silver Lake Association’s Board and Officers have been working to find a solution to the level changes that not only take away from the enjoyment of the lake, but also create conditions such as silting, damage to the shoreline walls and trees as well as flooding potential nesting sites for birds.

DES’s Jim Gallagher suggested a dam and associated dredging project would allow a moderation in the ebb and flow of lake levels. The dam would hold back water to ease low water levels, and the dredging would allow water from upstream to be passed through without the flooding we constantly see.

He estimated the initial study for the project would cost about \$ 1,000,000. At the same time that he was suggesting this project, the Belknap County Commissioners were looking to allocate spending American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization funds. With the support of Belmont’s State Representative, Mike Sylvia, the SLA Board and Officers spoke before the County Commissioners at meetings in August, September, and October until it became clear that they would not support the project despite the benefits to the entire watershed. Hopefully they will revisit our request in 2022, but they are reluctant to spend county monies to fund a study for a dam that the State may never find funds to build.

The Silver Lake Association team is looking for ways to apply effective pressure not only on State leaders, but also on our Senators and Representatives in Washington to secure funding from the recently passed Infrastructure bill. We will be looking for your help via letter/ email writing and phone calls when a focused course of action is decided upon.

In the meantime, the water level rises, the water level falls.

Milfoil Harvesting This year we had Aqualogic on our lake for four days of harvesting. The majority of the harvesting was curly leaf pondweed with a little milfoil as well. The cost of this harvesting was \$5,000 for the four days. Your association was able to receive grants from Tilton in the amount of \$3,750.00 and \$1,250 from Belmont which covered the full cost of the harvesting. In addition to Aqualogic Dawn Marie Godin had seventeen student divers on our lake this summer who also harvested milfoil for us. Your Association has secured State funding for next year's harvesting of exotic plants in our lake. We will be in contact with the towns of Belmont and Tilton for assistance in the fall of 2022.

In concerted efforts, members of the of the Silver Lake board have been actively involved in trying to find a solution as it relates to the lake's water levels. Below is an update (The Dam Project) which provides the latest update on the progress.



As 2021 comes to a close, your officers and board members send our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year! The beautiful views in the winter of the lake will bring peace and serenity.

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We look forward to sharing news, if you have any information that you would like to put into the newsletter (please email: karengriffin67@gmail.com.)

Enjoy the Lake and have fun.