



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | April 2023



It has been a l-o-n-g gray winter up here at the lake – can't wait for spring! Your DLIA Council is at work planning for what we hope will be another great summer of Deering Lake *Community*! Read on below for updates on Council work as well news from around the lake.

NEWS from the LAKE:

- We didn't have an "ice-out" contest this year since the ice never properly came 'in'. But Glenn does report an "ice-out" date to the state—this year it was April 11.
- We received over 3 feet of snow on March 14; much of it has melted and the lake is filling nicely. One loon arrived last week while there was still a lot of ice; I saw a bald eagle fly over this morning now that the water is open.
- Our water testing (VLAP) results from last year have been posted on the DLIA webpage: <https://deeringlake.com>. It will be reviewed at our May 27 meeting.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

- **The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, May, 6** leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. We (the DLIA) do about 2 miles along Deering Center Road; it usually takes about an hour. Hope to see you there—remember your gloves and bug spray! Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this 3 times every year.

- **Bob Compton and Bob Carter** (aka the “Other Bob Carter” Deering resident, but not on the lake) will participate on a panel discussing the establishment of the Deering Watershed Protection Overlay at the **2023 Lakes Conference on Friday, June 2 in Meredith**. Peter Kaplan was unable to make the meeting but will provide further info. Here is the link if you would like more info on the conference and/or would like to attend: <https://nhlakes.org/lakes-congress/>. Note: price increases after May 15 – register early!

- **The Forest Society’s forest management project on the Wilkins-Campbell Forest ran from October to mid-February, and is now complete.** The harvest was a mixture of (1) improvement thinning to provide more space to trees they want to favor and (2) regenerative cutting where they want to initiate new growth and a young forest by putting significant light on the ground. Some young growth that was established during the 2000 harvest was encouraged during this project as well. The harvest left an uncut buffer around the lake. There were four tours of the harvest while it was active – including one for the public and one to a class of 7th graders from The Well School. This spring staff and volunteers will be working to assess the trail system and plan any work needed to rehabilitate sections that were impacted during the harvest. If you have any questions about the harvest, or about management of the Wilkins-Campbell Forest, Gabe Roxby, Field Forester encourages you to contact him at groxby@forestsociety.org

- This has been a busy legislative session in Concord. The NH Lakes organization (which DLIA members support through annual donations), advocates for laws and policies that affect our lake quality and safety. You can sign up to receive their Advocacy Alerts: <https://nhlakes.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b33a4862ca1e2187163883f87&id=9ad3993ea8>. Bills that are being monitored in 2023 include Landfill Setbacks (HB 56) and Funding for Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund (HB 276).

- There are several events upcoming in Deering – ***all are free of charge***:
 - Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall sponsored by the Deering Association, Sat April 22, 8-11AM. Come celebrate Earth Day!
 - Monthly Breakfast at Deering Community Church – the second Saturday of the month. Really good! All are welcome!
 - Children’s Program: “Junior Zookeepers”, June 24 2pm at Town Hall. Program with both exotic (no contact) and hands-on interaction with animals, sponsored by Deering Public Library and the Deering Association.
 - “12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State” program at Town Hall, August 11, 7 pm Dr. Robert Goodby, Franklin Pierce College, speaker, sponsored by Deering Public Library.
 - Children’s Program: Aquatic Insects (from Deering Lake!) August 12, 11am Deering Library/Schoolhouse. Mike Thomas will be gathering critters from the lake to discuss.
 - The Schoolhouse Library will be open for book circulation and informal programming on Saturdays from 10 am to 1pm. Contact Betsy Holmes (eleoneh@yahoo.com) if you’d like to volunteer or get more info.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

- **Our meetings for 2023 will begin promptly at 9am on May 27, July 8, and September 2.**

Grab a nametag, coffee and donut and come early to catch up with neighbors, renew your membership, and buy Deering swag. Doors will be open by 8 (coffee should be ready by 8:30).

Fire Permits will be available at the May meeting. Members of the Deering Fire squad will be available beginning around 8:30 am. There is no cost, but **you will need ID (you don't need proof of Deering residence.)** If you can't make the meeting you can contact Fire Chief Jeffery LeBlanc at firechief@deering.nh.us or cell# 603-831-2844 to arrange a time to get one.

- **Member dues remain \$30/year per household.** You may pay by check or cash at the May meeting or by mail (P.O. Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244), or by credit card (for \$32) at the DLIA website: <https://deeringlake.com/membership%2Fpayments>. Your membership dues help us support important organizations (Our Lake Host employees; New Hampshire Lakes; Piscataquog Land Conservancy; Loon Preservation Society) as well as fund the membership directory; website; social and meeting supplies and refreshments.

- **We will be issuing a revised Lake Directory this summer;** we hope to list as many lakefront residents with names, Deering street addresses, phone and email contact as we can determine. One copy will be free to each member household; should you like a second they can be purchased for \$10. If you have changes/corrections/updates- or know of new neighbors on the lake- please let us know at dliamembership@gmail.com.

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! The Social Committee has several fun events planned for this summer-- but they can't do it alone!** They are victims of their success –the additional events this go-getter group have held have been very popular and new events are being considered for this summer, but ***your help is critical*** to pull it all together! Please contact Donna Raoust at donna@raoust.com if you'd like to join the committee and/or help with an event. The DLIA Council is committed to building a true community on the lake – please join us in supporting this mission by working to lend a hand!

- **Our speaker lineup for 2023 meetings:**

May – members of the Deering's Conservation Commission to review some of their current projects, including hiking trails in Deering.

July - Chris Martin will speak to us about the NH Audubon Bald Eagle Management and Monitoring Program.

September – TBE—we are inviting members of the Deering Board of Selectmen to attend.

Dates to remember: Fill up your summer!

April 22: Pancake Breakfast Town Hall, 8-11 Deering Association

May 6: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

May 13: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

May 20: Deering Public Library will be open at the Schoolhouse every Saturday 10-1

May 27: DLIA May meeting – renew your membership and update directory. 9am Town Hall. Coffee and donuts by 8:30.

May 28: Boat Parade celebrating the start of summer – leave from Holmes dock, North Cove 6pm

June 10: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

June 24: Junior Zookeepers program for kids, Town Hall 2pm

July 14: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

July 8: DLIA July meeting 9am Town Hall—slate of officers presented; directory distributed (tentative).

Aug: 11: “12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State” program at Town Hall, 7 pm

Aug 12: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

Aug 12: Aquatic Insects (from Deering Lake!), kids (and grown-ups!) 11am Deering Library/Schoolhouse

Sept 2: DLIA Labor Day meeting 9am Town Hall. Election of officers

Sept 3: Boat Parade closing Summer 2023

Thanks to everyone on the Council and all you folks who are committed to working towards better lake living! I’m looking forward to seeing you on the water- a couple boats are in now!

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