



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | June 2022



First Day of Summer 2022 from the Holmes dock

NEWS from the LAKE:

- The loons in North Cove have 2 chicks, hatched June 10-11. Please be careful when you bring your boats in to the northern end of the lake. The southern pair are nesting; arrival of chicks may be just before the holiday weekend.
- We've seen 1 very large eaglet in the Driftwood Isle nest. Not sure if it has fledged. The American Bald Eagle species once saw its numbers drop to 500 nesting pairs, but with people putting in decades of hard work, its population was able to recover. Today, the lower 48 states are home to over 5,000 nesting pairs!

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

- **The New Hampshire Lakes Conference Report.** I attended 3 outstanding sessions – of particular interest were talks on PFAFs and microplastics in the lake, and limnology studies being performed on some NH waterbodies. ***By far the most important takeaway of the day was the awareness of how fortunate we are on Deering compared to so many other lakes in New Hampshire.*** I was very surprised that people wanted to hear from me how they might establish a watershed overlay protection zone and/or set up an effective water testing program. Many lakes have invasive species and/or cyanobacteria issues. On Deering Lake we have many residents that not only see the value in conservation efforts, but also get actively involved. By the end of the day, it was clear that Deering Lake residents aren't just being self-congratulatory – we really DO live on one of the healthiest and most beautiful lakes in NH. THANK YOU to

everyone working to keep us pristine! If you are interested, many of the program slides from the conference are available: <https://nhlakes.org/lakes-congress/>

- **Weed Watching is underway:** With changes in stewardship, we are seeking a volunteer to take on a section of the southern shoreline. If you'd like to join the team and help with this very important service, please contact Jen Battistello: battistello@comcast.net.
- **LakeSmart Evaluations are being scheduled for July and September.** The team at NH Lakes was overwhelmed by the interest for evaluations earlier this month; they have **rescheduled their first visit for July 28** with another in September. If you would like a free evaluation, first take the self-evaluation <https://s.pointerpro.com/lakesmartstart>. Please also consider joining the Deering Lake team by getting trained as an evaluator. Training is free and available online – contact Betsy Holmes for more details: eleoneh@yahoo.com.
- **There will be a free concert at the Deering Gazebo this Friday, June 24 at 7pm** – The Sanctuary Jazz Band. Bring your own comfy seats and look forward to the tunes.
- **Last day to buy a brick is June 30!** Deering is celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2024. Be a part of Deering history by purchasing a commemorative brick to be installed in the walkway from the historic Schoolhouse to Town Hall. Cost is \$100. More information, and to order your piece of history: <https://www.deering.nh.us/library-trustees/news/deering-library-walkway-brick-order-form>
- **Mark your calendar for August 5: “Rural One-room Schoolhouses of NH”** will be a program, offered by the NH Humanities Council and sponsored by Deering Public Library and Deering Community Church.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

- **You are now able to renew and PAY for your DLIA membership online!** The cost using a credit card will be \$32/year, which includes carrying charges. If you have not done so, please renew your membership so you can get a draft member directory at the July meeting: <https://deeringlake.com/membership%2Fpayments>. And we are still happy to accept a check for \$30, mailed to DLIA, PO Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244.
- **The slate of officers to join the DLIA council will be presented at the July 9 meeting.** If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Betsy Holmes eleoneh@yahoo.com.

- As noted earlier, **we will be issuing a preliminary Lake Directory at the July 9 meeting**; we hope to list as many lakefront residents with names, Deering street address, phone and email contact as we can determine. If you do not wish to have phone # and/or email address listed you can opt out by contacting Lilian Carter at lcarter0914@gmail.com.
- **Thanks to Karl and Peg Haushildt for hosting the first annual DLIA Spring Fling**, and to Donna Rouast and Lilian Carter for all their organizing! We had a perfect day weather-wise with a great crowd and were happy to welcome new DLIA members.
- **The DLIA Social Committee is excited to introduce the first Deering Diner's Club on Saturday July 30!** This unique series of small-group gatherings are potluck suppers for 6-12 adults hosted in homes of Deering Lake residents. ***You can pick whether you'd like to be a host or a guest!*** Contact Amy Williams at mempro@comcast.net. This is a wonderful way to get to know more of your neighbors – hope you can join in!
- **DLIA Wine Tasting Event coming August 19.** Stay tuned for email blasts with more info to sign up. Limited to 24 DLIA members!

Reminder: The next DLIA Membership meeting will be Saturday July 9 at 9am.

The speaker will be Josh Megyesy, wildlife biologist with NH Fish & Game Department's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program. He'll be presenting on **Reptile and Amphibian Conservation in NH.**

Dates to remember:

June 24: Concert at Deering Gazebo, 7pm

July 9: DLIA July meeting 9am Town Hall—slate of officers presented; draft printed directory distributed.

July 23: Roadside clean-up. 9am Town Hall parking lot.

Aug 5: "Rural One-Room Schoolhouses in New Hampshire" presentation at Deering Town Hall, 7pm

Aug 13: Deering Faire – Town Common 9am

Sept 3: DLIA Labor Day meeting 9am Town Hall. Election of officers

Sept 4: Boat Parade closing Summer 2022

Sept 24: Harvest Happy Hour

Oct 1: Roadside clean-up. 9am Town Hall parking lot.

Thanks to everyone on the council and associated folks who are committed to making positive change for our community- socially and environmentally. Hope to see you at the July meeting... and on the lake!

Betsy Holmes
DLIA President