

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1220

Bill as Introduced

HB 1220 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2278
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Approved: May 27, 2022
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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Energy and Natural Resources

Sen Kevin Avard, Chair
Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair
Sen James Gray, Member
Sen David Watters, Member
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: April 13, 2022

HEARINGS

Tuesday	04/19/2022	
(Day)	(Date)	
Energy and Natural Resources	State House 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.		Hearing on proposed Amendment #1373s, establishes a committee to study the New Hampshire law relative to soil conditioners and relative to costs eligible for reimbursement from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund., to HB 1168 , establishes a committee to study the New Hampshire law relative to soil conditioners.
9:10 a.m.	HB 1186	relative to companion animals during a declared state of emergency.
9:20 a.m.	HB 1220	prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.
9:30 a.m.	HB 1299	relative to the process for the importation of wildlife and creating an appeal process for denials of permits.
9:40 a.m.	HB 1297	relative to taking lobster while engaged in recreational scuba diving.
9:50 a.m.	HB 1356	relative to the taking of gray squirrels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 1168

Rep. Bixby

HB 1186

Rep. Gallager

Rep. Homola

Rep. Read

Rep. Amanda Bouldin

HB 1220

Rep. Gottling

Rep. Tanner

HB 1599-FN

Rep. Vose

Rep. Notter

HB 1297

Rep. Hill

Rep. Rice

Rep. Renzullo

Sen. Avar

HB 1356

Rep. Amanda Bouldin

Rep. Gallagher

Rep. Harvey

Rep. Schultz

Rep. Turcotte

Rep. Weyler

Sen. French

Rep. Andrew Bouldin

Rep. Nutting-Wong

Daley Frenette 271-3042

Kevin A. Avar
Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Daley Frenette 271-3042

HB 1220, prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

Hearing Date: April 19, 2022

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Gray and Watters

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Giuda and Perkins Kwoka

Bill Analysis: This bill prohibits the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

Sponsors:

Rep. Gottling

Rep. Tanner

Who supports the bill: 104 people Signed in Support.

Who opposes the bill: 3 Signed in Opposed.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Gray, Senate District 6

- Senator Gray introduced HB 1220, prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 21, 2022

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB1220 on 2022-0

Support: 104 Oppose: 3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Fichter, June	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bolsinger, Lorraine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Bishop, Kirk	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Saunders, Robin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gearan, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Sicco, Maryellen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gordon, Katherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Sicco, Melissa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rylander, Becky	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Friedhofer, Ann	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wellers, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Nunez, Mary Elisabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Callahan, Sharon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Tripoli, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wallace, Carol	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DiMauro, Vincent	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gracey, Catherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Peterson, Cynthia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Greer, Stuart	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Peterson, Steven	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Binkowski, Carole	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Benjamin, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Blohm, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Priest, Stephen	A Member of the Public	Myself and my wife	Support
Bowen, John	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Ford, Maggie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
MCLAUGHLIN, William	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Macioce, Frank	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wilks, Rowena	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Sinatra, Diane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Buckley, Henry	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hebert, Edward	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Diamond, Priscilla	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Mars, Virginia Cretella	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
eliassen, marion	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Scannell, Brian	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Eliassen, Thomas	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Springsteen, Kathy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Barton, Riley	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
MacIntyre, Fleur	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
MacIntyre, Mike	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Keenan, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Szalucka, Gary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Saghir, Jason	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Beardsley, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bruni, Lisa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bruni, Mark	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Feeney, Sharon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McGoldrick, Patricia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Putnam, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Callahan, Thomas	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support
Bushueff, Catherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Maraldo, Carol	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Steproe, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Attwood, Polly	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
hoffman, melanie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Junius, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Geddes, Maura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Geddes, Rick	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Todd, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Berenson, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lovely, Martha	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
O'Halloran, Christina	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Harris, Sarah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lyons, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Knuth, Charles	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cunningham, Cheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cote, Natasha	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Khan, Adnan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
biskovich, karin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bartlett, Susan R.	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Watkins, Gilbert	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Dewey, Dale	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Stilphen, Paula	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Arnold, Lynn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Russell, Abby	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Mulcahy, Leslie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Mulcahy, Steve	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wilkie, Tanya	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bealer, Dorothy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bealer, Ronald	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Sharp, Anne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Crean, Kevin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Crean, Catherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Davis, Laura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
sinatra, william	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brown, Billie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brown, William	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Farnham, NH LAKES, Michelle Davis	A Lobbyist	NH LAKES	Support
Hochman, Merle	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Watkins, Anne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McKee, Sue	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Fregeolle, Laurette	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
GravesMcMahon, Suzanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hawley, John	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Briggs, Larry	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lewis, Sheila	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Priest, Catherine	A Member of the Public	Myself - Catherine C Priest	Support
Sears, Katherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Robbins, Diane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Nestler, Gunter	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Tripoli, Domenic	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Udall, Gordon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Pasquarelli, Cheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Testimony

Daley Frenette

From: Robin Saunders <rsaunders@baypath.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Daley Frenette
Subject: HB 1220 AN ACT prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee

Dear Senator Frenette-

I am reaching out to you, in advance, of our bill, *HB 1220 AN ACT prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee*, getting to the senate floor.

In 2018 after many years of advocacy, the town of Sunapee and property owners on Perkins Pond finally had public sewer connections installed. Perkins Pond is an average depth of 4.5 feet and maximum depth of nine (9) feet. As environmentally responsible property owners, maintaining high water quality in Perkins Pond is very important. This public sewer project was an important step to preserve our fragile ecosystem. It was accomplished at considerable expense for the Town and each homeowner; an investment we were all happy to make.

Unfortunately, in recent years, a houseboat has taken up residence during the summer months.

The houseboat owner was collecting her wastewater in 5-gallon plastic buckets. There are no restrooms or dumping facilities at Perkins Pond and there is a great concern that any houseboats on the shallow pond could contribute biological material that would be detrimental to the health of our water body.

This one situation alerted us to an issue that could turn potentially catastrophic.

We are fortunate that there have already been bills passed to prohibit houseboats on Squam, Conway, and Silver lakes.

As a State regulated body of water with a State boat launch we found we have no local authority for bylaws or enforcement so we too have taken the route of state law.

We urge you and the other senate members to vote to Pass on HB 1220, to protect this asset for the Town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,

Robin B. Saunders Ph.D.

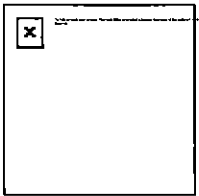
Chair Houseboat Committee

Perkins Pond Protective Association

Robin B. Saunders, Ph.D.

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Director of Graduate Programs in Communications and Information Management

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Certified Blacklight Examiner
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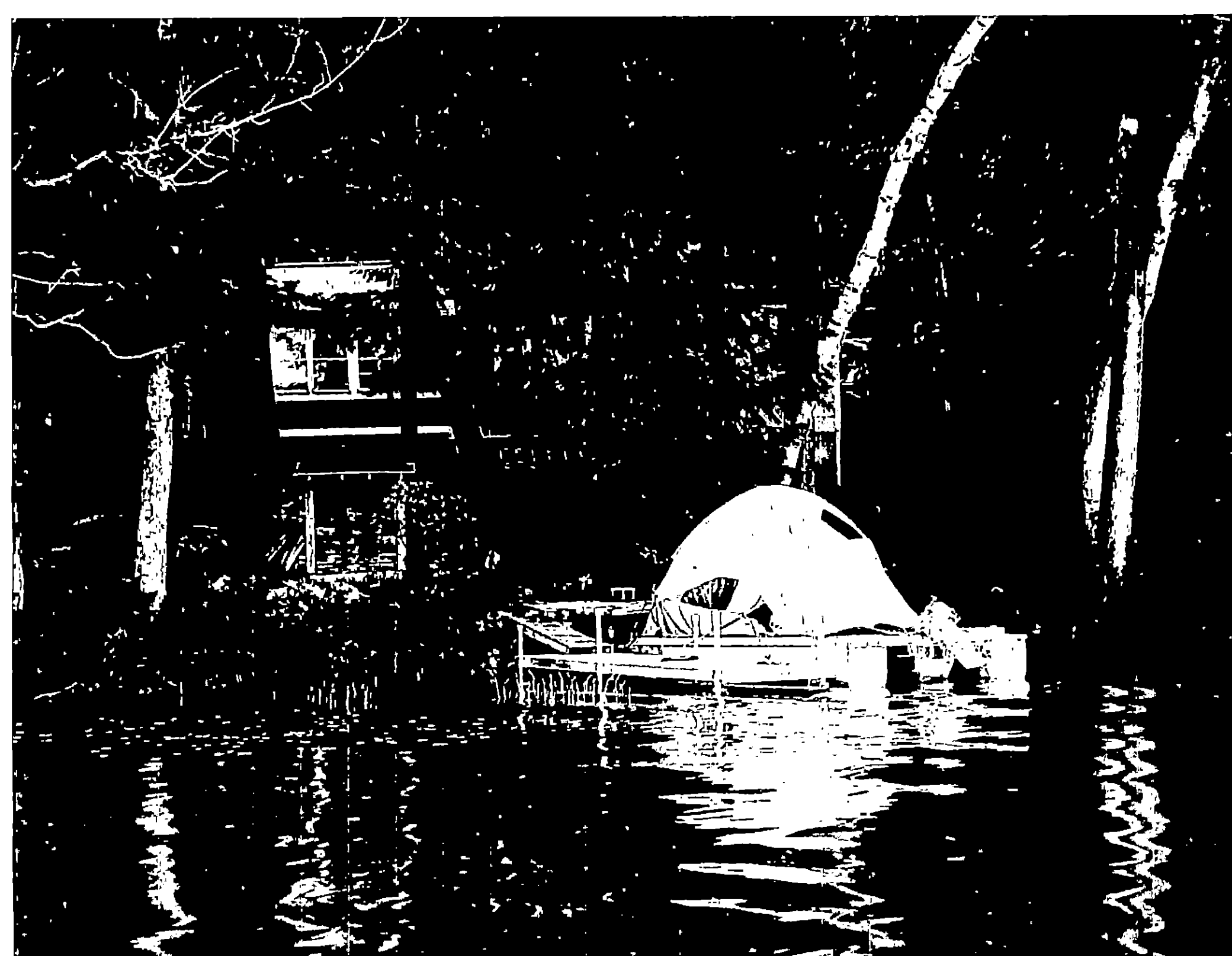


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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, I am Sue Gottling representing Sullivan County District two, the towns of Sunapee and Croydon. I am here to introduce HB 1220, a bill to make Perkins Pond in Sunapee the fourth houseboat-free body of water in NH joining Squam Lake, Silver Lake in Madison and Conway Lake. For many years, I have supported residents' efforts to keep the pond free from contamination from sources such as old septic systems, cesspools, outhouses, and even latrines. The Department of Environmental Services *Perkins Pond Diagnostic Feasibility Study, 2009*, described the bleak future of this small (157 acres) and extremely shallow pond (average depth 5 feet, maximum depth, 9 feet) if development of the shoreline and watershed continued without any change. The Perkins Pond Association began a several years long process to connect all properties to the Sunapee Sewage treatment facility. When Sunapee taxpayers agreed to share the cost of bonding to extend service to Perkins Pond, and all dwellings were connected at great cost to the homeowners, the health of the pond seemed assured. Given this history, you will understand the shock when a makeshift houseboat appeared at the dock of an out-of-state owner, occupied by a person enthusiastically encouraging others via social media to do the same. With all its implicit threats of contamination from sewage and gray water, even one floating septic system on Perkins Pond is a truly bad idea. I urge you to join the house in supporting HB 1220.



Helpful facts about Perkins Pond and the effort to protect it.

There are **83 individual homeowners on Perkins Pond**. Over the years almost all the homeowners have been members of the Perkins Pond Protective Association, at one time or another.

The PPPA association voted unanimously twice at virtual meetings on June 27, 2020 and May 29, 2021 to support the following resolution.

“That in recognition of the small size, shallow depth and fragility of both the water quality and overall ecology of Perkins Pond in Sunapee, New Hampshire, the Perkins Pond Protective Association hereby condemns the presence of houseboats and/or any watercraft serving as such from docking, anchoring and/or mooring on or at said Perkins Pond. In accordance thereto, the Perkins Pond Protective Association does hereby petition the Town of Sunapee, County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire to take any and all actions as soon as possible to prohibit the presence of such vessels on said Perkins Pond from this day forward.”

The Perkins Pond **Community Facebook group has existed for more than two years and has over 200** members.

All information about HB-1220 was shared on the Perkins Pond Community Facebook Group page gathering overwhelming positive responses.

Online testimony for HB1220: **124 votes to support** the bill. 1 opposed by Joseph Cummings who is not known to be a homeowner on the Pond. 1 neutral (John Doe).

47 additional letters of support from PPPA members, Perkins Pond residents, & community members.

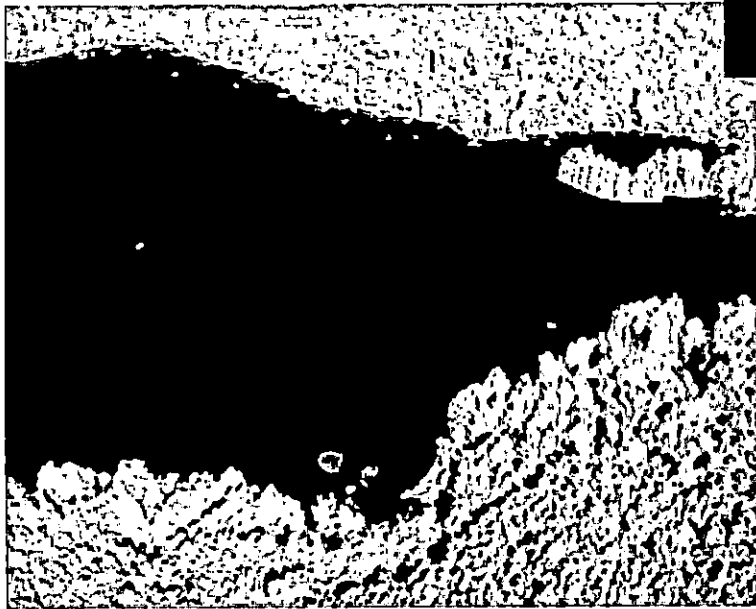
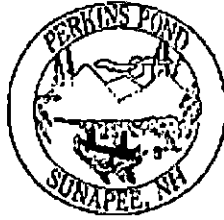
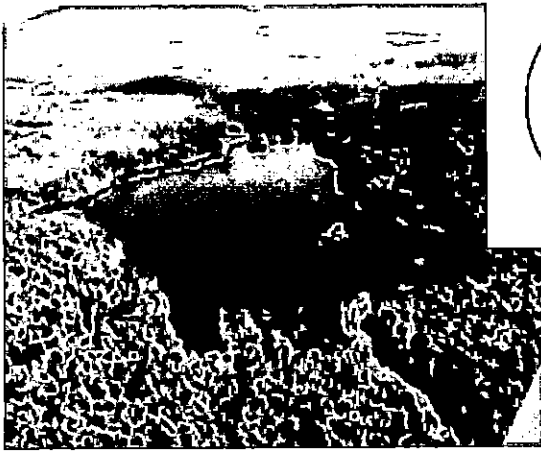
The **Town of Sunapee Select board voted unanimously to support the PPPA's resolution**

Comparison of various Ponds & Lakes in New Hampshire

<u>Maximum Depth</u>	<u>Average Depth</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Body of Water</u>
182	74	4,451	Newfound Lake
173	49	4,214	Winnisquam
180	43	44,422	Lake Winnepesaukee
105	37	4,125	Lake Sunapee
73	27	3,257	Lake Ossipee
99	24	6,791	Squam Lake
43	14	486	Little Lake Sunapee
50	10	409	Massasecum Lake
30	10	190	Otter Pond
27	9	170	Kezar Lake
17	9	116	Ledge Pond
25	8	72	Messer Pond
9	5	157	Perkins Pond

Source

New Hampshire Fish And Game Department
 "Guardian of the State's marine resources"
 June, 2021



HB 1220

January 12, 2022

AN ACT prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

/www.eagletimes.com/news/on-the-water-new-bill-seeks-to-change-perkins-pond-regulations/article_76139ae2-79f3-581d-a7d8-626d2d6da86b.html

On The Water: New bill seeks to change Perkins Pond regulations

By Patrick Adrian EAGLE TIMES STAFF
Jan 11, 2022



A houseboat is seen docked on Perkins Pond in Sunapee. A bill — HB 1220 — which seeks to prohibit the docking of boats on Perkins Pond will be discussed on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, by the House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee at 2:30 p.m.

Photo by Robin Saunders

SUNAPEE — Sunapee residents and conservationists are looking to legislative action to prohibit houseboats on Perkins Pond, a shallow but sizable pond that the community has worked vigorously to clean of human contamination.

Located along Sunapee's border with Croydon, Perkins Pond spans 157 acres and provides recreational activities that include fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. The pond has numerous private residences built around it as well as a public boat launch.

What keeps Perkins Pond from being classified a "lake" is its shallowness. The pond's average depth is only four feet and its deepest point is only nine feet.

This shallowness also makes it more ecologically fragile, according to Robin Saunders, a Sunapee resident and vice-president of the Perkins Pond Protective Association, a local conservation group that helps to monitor the pond's health.

Between 1986 and 2003, the water quality went into decline, eventually being downgraded from “oligotrophic,” a classification indicating a “good” water quality, to “mesotrophic,” which indicates a “fair” water quality.

Oligotrophic water bodies are generally defined as clear, oxygenated, and low in nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Too many of these nutrients can cause an excess of plant and algae growth that adversely impacts the rest of the ecosystem and increase public health risks.

Studies conducted in the early 2000s indicated that human waste from septic systems around the pond were the primary culprit, according to Saunders.

After several years of negotiation, including two failed town votes, the town of Sunapee connected the residences surrounding the pond to the town sewer system in 2017, a project costing a total of \$3 million.

“It was fantastic,” Saunders told the Eagle Times. “I was able to do the first flush.”

But the town had not anticipated the arrival of a houseboat on the pond.

Two years ago, a Florida woman, Centura Churchill, received permission to tie her “makeshift houseboat” to a property owner’s dock.

“It’s basically a pontoon boat with a tent on it,” Saunders said.

According to Saunders, the woman’s only waste collection system is a five-gallon plastic bucket. The woman reportedly told officials in 2020 that she was taking the waste to the disposal center at Sunapee Harbor, though that facility had been closed during the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic shutdown, Saunders said.

For Saunders and other residents, the major concern was that New Hampshire has no regulatory laws to prohibit this activity.

“It’s pretty amazing that there are not more limits in shallow bodies of water because they are so fragile,” Saunders said. “But [according to state law], as long as her boat is attached to a dock she could stay there.”

New Hampshire’s current statute is lacking in regulations regarding houseboats. According to RSA 270-A, titled “Use of Houseboats,” a “houseboat means any ship, boat, raft, float, catamaran or marine craft of any description upon or within which are located

“Our concern was not what she was doing but that there were no laws in New Hampshire to protect us,” Saunders said. “It could have been anyone. But we realized that we were vulnerable to people who could contribute to the waste and that we had no way to stop it.”

Churchill also created a Facebook page called “Summer on Perkins Pond,” where she posts videos of her stay on the pond and encourages friends on the page to visit.

Saunders said the community is worried about other people following suit with their own houseboats.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, the New Hampshire House legislature will hear public comments on HB 1220, which seeks to prohibit the docking of boats on Perkins Pond.

Democratic Rep. Sue Gottling, District 2, who sponsored the bill with Democratic Rep. Linda Tanner, District 9, indicated that making the bill specific to Perkins Pond was the quickest way to ensure the bill’s passage, Saunders said.

Three New Hampshire lakes were allowed to prohibit houseboats using this same legislative approach, including Squam Lake, Conway Lake, and Silver Lake in Madison.

Saunders said she will be speaking at the hearing in Concord this week.

The bill has also received support from the Sunapee Selectboard, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and the Otter Pond Protective Association, Saunders said.

Eagle Times attempted to reach Churchill for comment but did not receive a reply in time for publication.

reporter@eagletimes.com

For fishing regulation information, please refer to the NHFGD Freshwater Fishing Digest.

Contact: NHFGD Region 2 (Lakes Region), New Hampton
E-mail: reg2@wildlife.nh.gov Phone: 603-744-5470

PERKINS POND Sunapee

FISHERY: Warmwater ACRES: 157

TROPHIC LEVEL: MESO

AVG. DEPTH: 5 MAX. DEPTH: 9


SPECIES: SMB,ECP,BBH

ADDITIONAL INFO:

ACCESS: gravel ramp, parking

Please contact NH Dept of Safety, Marine Patrol for info. on water body/boat/motor restrictions:
(603) 293-2037 www.nh.gov/safety

Public Water Access site

 Canoe/cartop


 Shorebank


 Ramp

 Bathymetric contour (feet)

Bathymetry provided by the NH Department of Environmental Services, Watershed Mgt Bureau


 Town boundary

 Primary Route


 Road or Street

 Trail or other

 Stream or Shoreline

 Surface Water

 Wetland

 Conservation or Public land

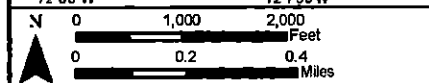
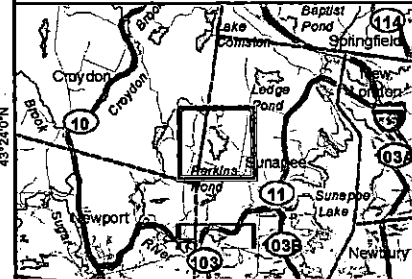
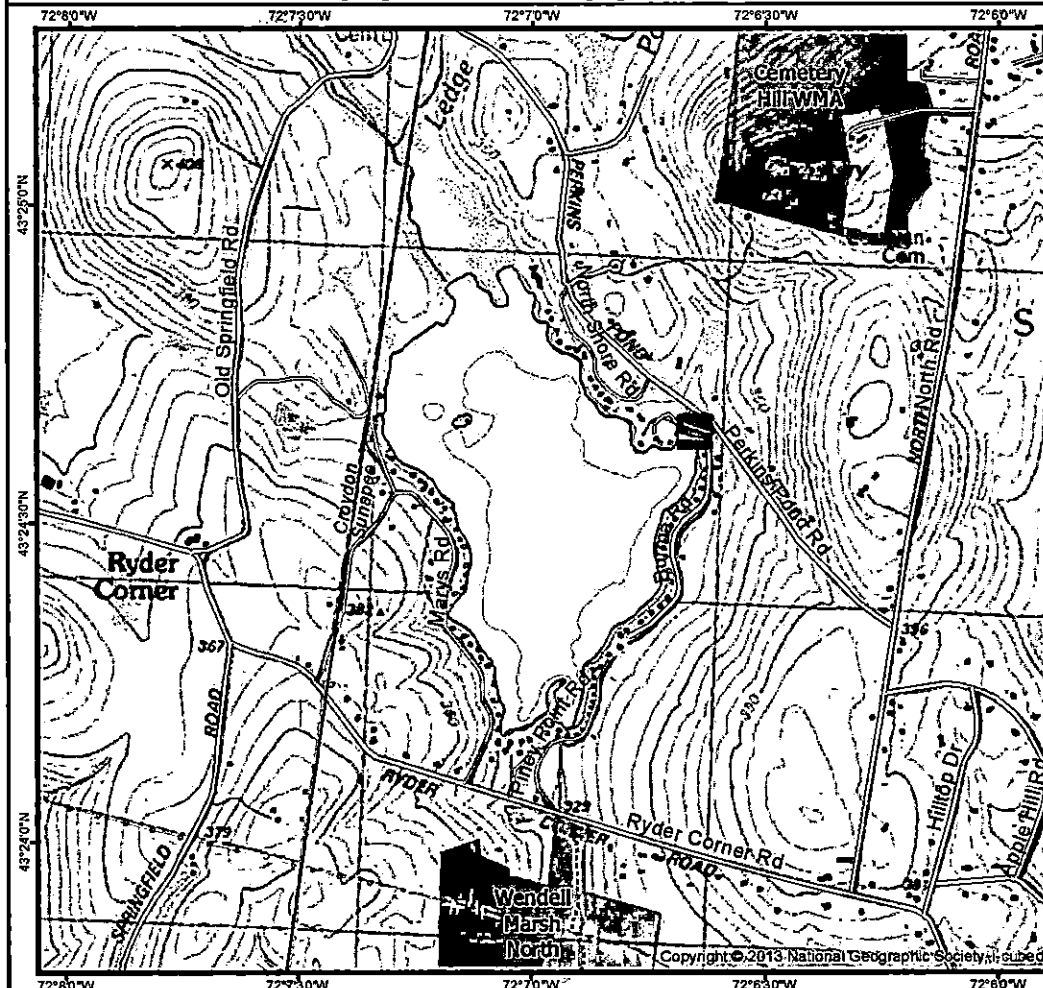
 Cleared Forest

 Contour

 Building

 Source: USGS

 Restricted Access Conservation



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Directions: Rt 11 to Trow Hill Rd to North Rd to Perkins Pond

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, I am Sue Gottling representing Sullivan County District two, the towns of Sunapee and Croydon. I am here to introduce a bill to make Perkins Pond in Sunapee the fourth houseboat-free body of water in NH. One of my first constituent service requests when I was a relatively new Representative was to help the Perkins Pond Association dislodge a long-promised report on the state of the pond from the Department of Environmental Services. This report was needed for the Association to determine the direction of their long-term efforts to protect the pond. This report, the Perkins Pond Diagnostic Feasibility Study, 2009, describes what the future of this small and extremely shallow pond could be as increased development of the shoreline and watershed took place. The Perkins Pond Association decided to continue their efforts by recommending replacement of the existing sewage systems, chiefly septic systems, but including cesspools, outhouses, and latrines. This would be done by advocating for connection to the Sunapee Sewage treatment facility. I am happy to say that the Associations efforts were eventually successful, and all dwellings are now connected. As you hear from residents around the pond about the hard work it took to achieve their goal of protecting the pond as well as the cost to Pond homeowners and Sunapee taxpayers who agreed to pay for the lengthy connection, you will understand the shock when a makeshift houseboat appeared at a dock occupied by a person enthusiastically encouraging others via social media to do the same. With all its implicit threats of contamination from sewage and gray water, a floating septic system on Perkins Pond is a truly bad idea.

Testimony: Robin B. Saunders, 46 Burma Road, Sunapee, N.H.

Good Afternoon MR Chairperson and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak today.

I'm Dr Robin Saunders and have been an active member and a vice-president of the Perkins Pond Protective Association for over 20 years.

Perkins Pond is a 157 acre, shallow lake, located in the town of Sunapee, in Sullivan County. The pond is only 9 feet deep at the deepest point. (picture PP with HB) This picture is an aerial view of Perkins Pond identifying the approx. location of a houseboat that has taken up residence for the past 2 years.

Due to the small size and depth, we are a small and very fragile body of water.
But We like to think of our community as tiny but mighty.

The Perkins Pond Protective Association has been actively monitoring Perkins Pond and its watershed since 1987 through the New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP).

We were one of the first lakes to participate in the testing program to be able to monitor small lake changes and quickly mitigate when needed. A Perkins Pond resident Attorney Richard Jaffee was the founding godfather of the NH Lakes Association and lake monitoring was important.

As a community were concerned about the health of our water body.

There are 3 classifications schemes used to rate water bodies based on the amount of biological productivity they sustain.

oligotrophic "good" water quality

mesotrophic "fair" water quality

eutrophic , "poor" water quality.

In 1986 Perkins Pond had good water quality and was classified as Oligotrophic, in 2003 it was downgraded to fair ...water quality also known as Mesotrophic.

(Picture # 1 Cyanobacteria) This is a picture of a Cyanobacteria outbreak in 2014. Our small and shallow pond heats up quickly in the summer and outbreaks like this can quickly appear.

As part of the N.H. volunteer lakes assessment program we collect data during the summer months that is reviewed by experts and report card tables are created for the community. (Picture DES data)
Here is the most recent Report card for Perkins Pond. We are already struggling to keep our pond clean.

As an older community we were concerned that older cottages with old septic systems might be contributing phosphorus causing excessive plant and algae growth, and a shift in trophic status.

In the 1990's, more than 20 years ago, the Perkins Pond Community initiated discussions with the town of Sunapee to install a sewer system to prevent another shift in trophic status. In other words, to try to limit biological growth that would result in another downgrade.

After 4 failed votes to have a sewer bill passed. One missing by 1 vote...we decided to contact NH DES and request a very expensive and time-consuming diagnostic study of the pond to gather data for another vote.

NH DES in partnership with the Perkins Pond community began the comprehensive diagnostic Study in 2004 and completed and published the report in 2009.

The conclusion of the study indicated that a sewer system around the pond would remove septic system phosphorus and have a significant benefit in maintaining lake water quality over the long term.

The Perkins Pond community spent over 20 years lobbying for a sewer system and in 2019 with the help of the town of Sunapee and representative Gottling, were able to install a 3-million-dollar sewer system to help mitigate septic waste.

The residents of Perkins Pond have worked tirelessly to keep that pond clean, including investing hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to have a sewer system installed to protect the asset.

So, you can imagine our horror and surprise when a makeshift houseboat with five-gallon plastic buckets for waste collection and disposal was able to attach to a dock owned by and out of state person and stay for 2 years.

Lynn Arnold a respected member of the Perkins Pond community will tell you why we are here.

Testimony: Lynn Arnold, 22 Burma Road, Sunapee, N.H.

Good Afternoon MR Chairperson and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak today

My name is Lynn Arnold and I live on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

I am here today to ask you all to support House Bill 1220.

We moved here 3 years ago from a lake in another small town in Massachusetts where I Chaired the Selectboard, Chaired the Planning Board, started and chaired the Lake Oversight committee.

We chose this beautiful pond in large part because of the town sewers and the work of the Perkins Pond Protective Association to protect this resource.

You can imagine my surprise ON May 19th two summers ago to see a large stripped down pontoon boat sitting at a neighbor's dock

The boat owner asked others to use their docks and was told no. Finally, The boat owner convinced an out of state homeowner who has rental properties on the pond to rent her dock space. When the pontoon boat moved to its new home the boat owner erected a tent and that was where she lived that summer and again this past summer.

NH DES Marine Patrol and the Board of Health visited her and she explained that she was using 5 gallon pails for her waste water and she would be dumping them in the facilities at Sunapee Harbor .

Those facilities were closed that entire season due to COVID > < SO where did all of her waste water go, where did she shower etc. Perkins Pond has no restrooms or dumping facilities nor are we close to any .

TO make matters worse

The boat owner has an active social media presence and once she was docked she advocated for others to bring their boats to our beautiful pond. Just a Few days later I watched a large boat with sleeping facilities trying to launch

Thankfully they were unable to do so due to the low water level and silting at the public launch.

This is bigger than the homeowners of Perkins Pond . There is a State Boat launch on the pond which is used year round by non-residents who fish, kayak, canoe, boat, and bring their dogs and children to swim. This is their resource also. Biological waste contributed by houseboats can cause the degradation of the water quality and harm our pond.

I am here today asking for your support for all of us in protecting this vulnerable resource by voting to pass House Bill 1220 prohibiting houseboats on Perkins pond .

RICHARD & JEANNE JAFFE

**42 Marys Road
Box 363
Sunapee, NH 03782
(603) 763-2150**

Jan 11, 2022

The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
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re: HB 1220 *relative to prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee:

Let me wish you all a Happy and Very Healthy New Year, and additionally express my appreciation for the opportunity to comment on HB 1220 which, if passed, will prohibit the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

I fully support this Bill.

An article in the ***Manchester Union Leader*** way back on November 13th of 1979 began as follows:

"A gathering of persons concerned with the survival of New Hampshire's lakes approved in concept Saturday the creation of a statewide organization to provide clout in solving lake management problems and a nine-point program to bring that clout to bear. Meeting at the Sunapee Junior-Senior High School in what may be the state's first Lakes Conference, about 75 representatives of lake associations and local planning boards and conservation commissions heard presentations from State and private authorities on lake management."

At the end of that 1979 Conference in Sunapee, the representatives in attendance unanimously voted to take the first step in creating what eventually became the New Hampshire Lakes Association.

It was my great honor at that time to have been elected Chairman of that Conference and its subsequent steering committee.

However I do not write you today on the collective behalf of all the beautiful bodies of water that bless our entire State. In all candor, I confess that my goal today is somewhat selfishly to elicit your support for the reasonable protection of that one small pond that my wife and I fell in love with almost 50 years ago.

I know you have received materials from my neighbors and other concerned 1220 supporters regarding the long battle to bring town sewer to Perkins Pond, the continuing fragile nature of the Pond, the absence of public rest rooms thereat and the present threat posed by houseboats on this small body of water. As such, I'm going to limit this letter to a reminder and brief summary of some salient facts as follows:

#1) As you know, houseboats are currently prohibited on Squam, Conway & Silver Lakes.

#2) Pursuant to information published by the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department:

Silver Lake is 969 acres in size. Conway is 1,316. Squam comprises 6,791 acres.
Perkins Pond is only 157 acres.

The average depth of Conway Lake is 15 feet. It's 24 at Squam and 47 at Silver Lake.
The average depth at Perkins Pond is only 5 feet. That's comparable to a typical in-ground swimming pool.

The maximum depth at Conway is 45 feet. It's 99 at Squam and 164 at Silver Lake.
At Perkins Pond, the maximum depth is only 9 feet.

#3) The current Trophic Classification of Perkins Pond is Mesotrophic. Simply put, this Pond is officially fragile.

So, I guess I am just posing one simple question . . . Is it not both reasonable and advisable to extend the same protection to the small, shallow, fragile Perkins Pond that is already afforded the three larger and deeper bodies of water named above?

On behalf of my wife, myself, and all my caring neighbors, I thank you in advance for your continued support and devotion to all our treasured lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

Respectfully,

Dick Jaffe

Richard P. Jaffe
42 Marys Road
Box 363
Sunapee, NH 03782

Testimony: Diane Sinatra, 11 North Shore Road, Sunapee, N.H.
Good afternoon Mr Chairman and Committee Members

I am Diane Sinatra and I live at 11 North Shore Road on Perkins Pond. I am also a member of the Perkins Pond Protective Association. I am here to read the motion that was passed unanimously by the membership, at the June 27, 2020 Perkins pond Protective Association meeting.

MOVED:

“That in recognition of the small size, shallow depth and fragility of both the water quality and overall ecology of Perkins Pond in Sunapee, New Hampshire, the Perkins Pond Protective Association hereby condemns the presence of houseboats and/or any watercraft serving as such from docking, anchoring and/or mooring on or at said Perkins Pond. In accordance thereto, the Perkins Pond Protective Association does hereby petition the Town of Sunapee, County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire to take any and all actions as soon as possible to prohibit the presence of such vessels on said Perkins Pond from this day forward.”

PASSED: Unanimously

My home is on the same street as the makeshift houseboat, and we have noticed increased vegetative growth around the boat. This has been concerning for all the residents. Thank you for your time and commitment to this issue.

Testimony: Shannon Martinez, Sunapee Town Manager, 29 Burma Road, Sunapee, N.H.

Good Afternoon Mr. Chairperson and committee members:

I'm Shannon Martinez, the town Manager of Sunapee, NH and a resident of Perkins Pond.

As you know the Perkins Pond Protective Association, and the town of Sunapee have experienced increased growth and construction of properties during the past two years.

Property values have increased creating new tax revenue for the town.

Perkins Pond is an important town asset. After a successful town wide vote, the town of Sunapee contributed over 3 million dollars for the construction of a sewer system around the pond. This has helped to increase property values, construction and added tax revenue to support the town . The bodies of water within the town of Sunapee are some of its most valuable assets. The town is committed to support any and all efforts to keep these water bodies clean and safe.

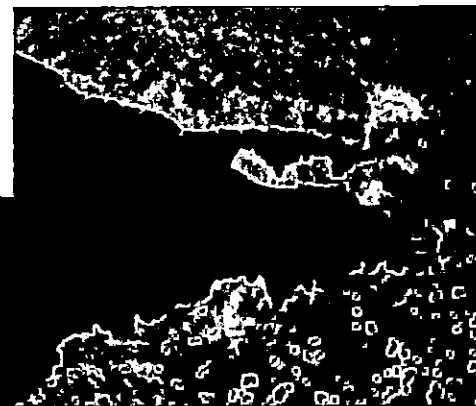
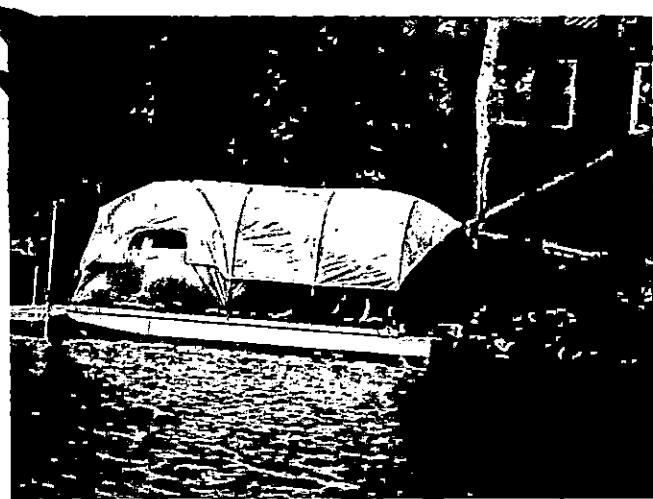
At the June 14th 2021 Sunapee Board of Selectman Meeting the Select board voted to fully support the Perkins Pond Protective Association's motion to "**condemn the presence of houseboats and/or any watercraft serving as such from docking, anchoring and/or mooring on or at said Perkins Pond**" This motion was also passed unanimously by the Perkins Pond Protective Association.

As a resident of the Perkins Pond community and a member of the Perkins Pond Protective Association I appreciate the need to continue to protect our pond.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you vote to pass this bill.

Location: Sunapee, N.H.
County : Sullivan
Size 157 Ac.

Max. Depth 8.86 feet
Mean Depth: 4.59 feet





Cyanobacteria Outbreak 2009





Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Individual Lake Reports
PERKINS POND, SUNAPEE, NH

MORPHOMETRIC DATA

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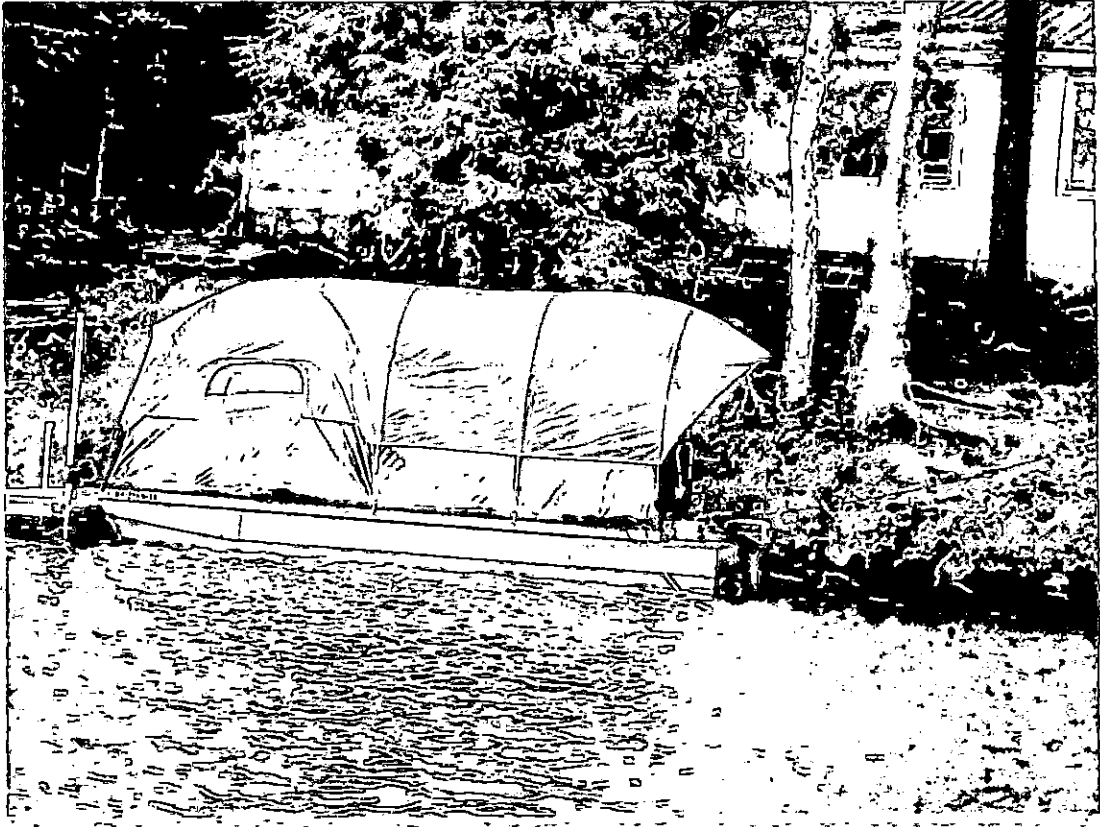
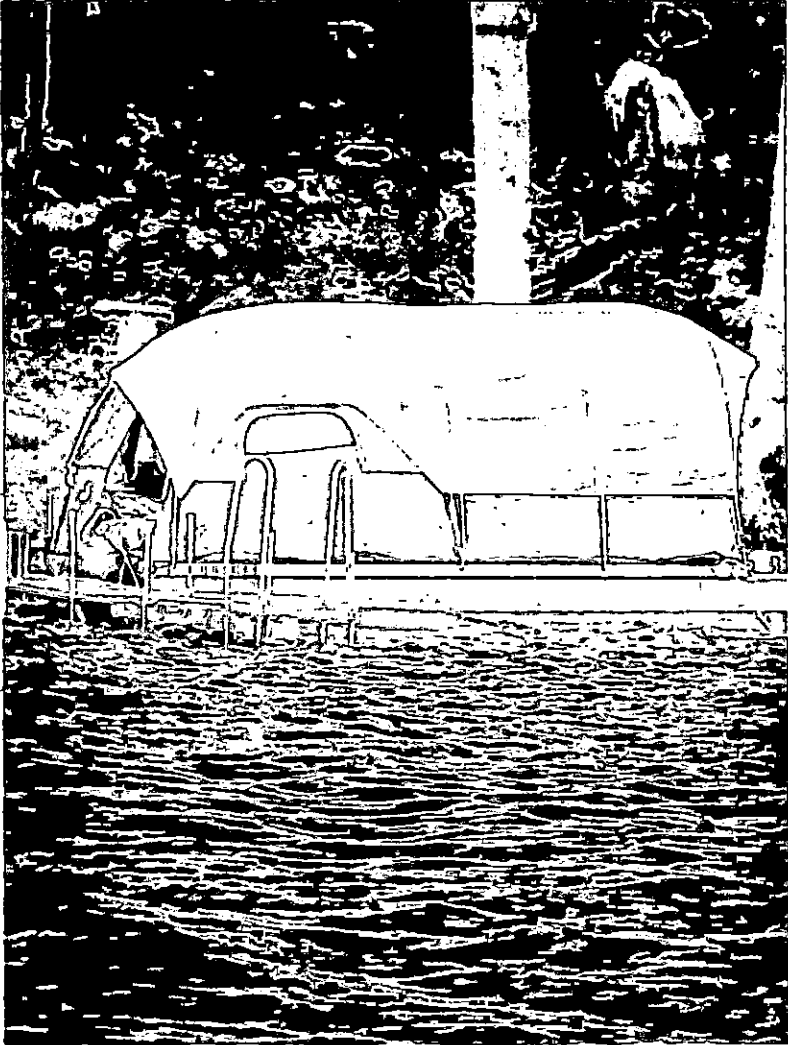
KNOWN EXOTIC SPECIES

Watershed Area (Ac.):	704	Max. Depth (m):	2.7	Flushing Rate (yr⁻¹)	1.3	Year	Trophic class	
Surface Area (Ac.):	157	Mean Depth (m):	1.4	P Retention Coef:	0.83	1986	OLIGOTROPHIC	
Shore Length (m):	3,900	Volume (m³):	877,000	Elevation (ft):	1082	2003	MESOTROPHIC	

The Waterbody Report Card tables are generated from the DRAFT 2020 305(b) report on the status of N.H. waters, and are based on data collected from 2010-2019. Detailed waterbody assessment and report card information can be found at [NHDES' Water Quality Assessment Website](#).

Designated Use	Parameter	Category	Comments
Aquatic Life	Phosphorus (total)	Slightly Bad	Data exceed water quality standards or thresholds for a given parameter by a small margin.
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Perkins Pond Houseboat Resident



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**Gilbert K. Watkins
28 Marys Road
Sunapee, NH 03782**

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Respectfully,

Name: Gordon and Debbie Udall
Address: 10 Burma Rd, Sunapee NH 03782

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Catherine A. Crean
20 Northwest Lane
Sunapee, NH 03782

From: Katherine Sears kasears@gmail.com
Subject: Support for HB 1220
Date: January 9, 2022 at 4:34 PM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



DATE 1/09/2022

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Katherine Sears
132 Mary's Rd.
Sunapee, NH 03782



From: Jeanne Jaffe jej786@aol.com
Subject: HB1220 relative to prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond
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John Hawley
8 Demijen Ln

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Subject: HB 1220
Date: January 12, 2022 at 8:58 AM
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Robin

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Sincerely

Betty Erickson
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Sent from my iPhone

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Address: 66 Kate Lane, Sunapee, NH 03782

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Respectfully,

Name: Gunter Nestler

Address: 66 Kate Lane, Sunapee, NH 03782

**JACQUELINE BRADLEY
98 Mary's Road
Sunapee, NH 03782**

January 9, 2022

**The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

**RE HB 1220 RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE DOCKING OF HOUSEBOAT S
ON PERKINS POND**

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thousands of dollars. Keeping Perkins Pond water safe and clean is very
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Committee to VOTE TO PASS bill HB 1220. We need to protect this asset for
the town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire.**

Thank you.

Respectfully,

**Jacqueline Bradley
98 Marys Road
Sunapee, NH 03782**

From: Frank Ward III fmwiii90@verizon.net
Subject: HB 1220
Date: January 9, 2022 at 10:33 AM
To: rbsbird@aol.com



DATE 1/12/2022

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Name: Kathleen M. Ryan
Address: 43 Piney Point Rd.
Sunapee, NH 03782

From: Domenic Tripoli domtripoli@yahoo.com
Subject: Perkins Pond - RE: HB 1220 relative to prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond.
Date: January 9, 2022 at 10:27 AM
To: Robin Saunders rbsbird@aol.com



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Domenic Tripoli - Perkins Pond Resident
21 North Shore Road
Sunapee, NH 03782

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Respectfully,

Name: Colleen Hawley
Address: 8 Demijen Lane
Sunapee, NH 03782

John McMahon and Suzanne Graves
52 Burma Road
Sunapee, NH 03782

12 January 2022

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We fully support this Bill.

Four years ago, Perkins Pond was able to have town sewers installed around the pond after many years of negotiation, activism, and thousands of dollars spent by members of the community. Keeping Perkins Pond water safe and clean is very important to us.

As you know, Perkins Pond is a small and shallow lake in Sunapee, N.H. The maximum depth at the pond is 9 feet.

Unfortunately, a 'houseboat' has taken up residence at a homeowner's dock. This 'houseboat' is not really what one would consider to be a 'houseboat' but instead is a pontoon boat with a tent on top. Additionally, the 'houseboat' owner has invited friends to come and moor on Perkins Pond via social networks.

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Respectfully,



Name: John McMahon and Suzanne Graves
Address: 52 Burma Road, Sunapee, NH 03782

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Respectfully,

Name: William Sinatra
Address: 11 North Shore Road
Sunapee, NH 03782

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Respectfully,

Name: Diane Sinatra
Address: 11 North Shore Road
Sunapee, NH 03782

From: pattymgoldricknl@gmail.com
Subject: HB 1220
Date: January 11, 2022 at 7:45 AM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



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Respectfully,

Name: Patricia McGoldrick
Address: 25 Demijen Lane, Sunapee, NH 03782

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Kevin M. Crean
20 Northwest Lane
Sunapee, NH 03782

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Respectfully,

Paul Lewis
70 Burma Rd.
Sunapee, NH 03782

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Respectfully,

Sheila Lewis
70 Burma Rd.
Sunapee, NH 03782

DATE 1/10/2022

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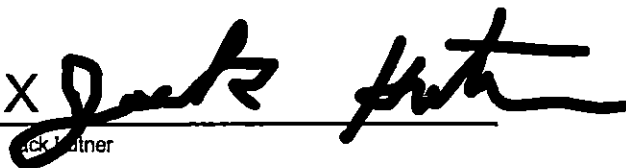
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Respectfully,

Jack Kutner
255 Bay Point Road

X 
Jack Kutner

Newbury, NH 03255

From: Gary Stilphen stilphenconstruction@verizon.net
Subject: houseboats
Date: January 10, 2022 at 10:19 AM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



To the members of the House Resources, Recreation and Development,

I am writing to ask for your help in creating and passing House Bill 1220 to protect Perkins Pond in Sunapee, NH. We finally have sewerage which has significantly improved the quality of the water in Perkins Pond. I am very concerned that allowing house boats, which have already been voted against in several ponds and lakes in New Hampshire, will undo all the progress we have made in improving the water quality in this small, shallow public pond.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Gary Stilphen
63 Piney Point Rd
Sunapee, New Hampshire

From: mbinzel@myfairpoint.net
Subject: HB 1220 Houseboats
Date: January 9, 2022 at 11:26 PM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



Robin Saunders
Chair Houseboat Committee

In relation to HB 1220 being presented January 12, 2022 I support unequivocally that no houseboat shall be allowed on Perkins Pond Sunapee N.H.

I am a year-round resident owning property at

88 Burma Road,
Perkins Pond
Sunapee, N.H.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Maureen Binzel
603 763 9962

From: ROBIN SAUNDERS RBSbird@aol.com
Subject: Re: Bill 2220
Date: January 10, 2022 at 7:01 PM
To: joy ericson joy_ericson@yahoo.com



Thank you Joy...
Remember you can vote too; It take less than 1 min...

On Jan 10, 2022, at 6:02 PM, joy ericson <joy_ericson@yahoo.com> wrote:

I am a member of the public who enjoys Perkins Pond.

I Support Bill 2220

Thank you.

Joy Ericson

From: Allan & Joan allanandjoan@comcast.net
Subject: Support
Date: January 10, 2022 at 10:31 AM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



Robin;
Supporting HB 1220!
Joan Gould
Sunapee
allanandjoan@comcast.net

Sent from my iPhone

From: Hugh McCann Jr hughmccannjr@gmail.com
Subject: PPPA
Date: January 9, 2022 at 11:35 AM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



I support PPPA regarding houseboats.
46 Oak Ridge Road
George's Mills

Hugh F McCann Jr
(c) 203-545-8857
hughmccannjr@gmail.com

From: @MYFAIRPOINT CUSTOMER SERVICES mattmaz@myfairpoint.net
Subject: support for HB 1220
Date: January 11, 2022 at 5:02 PM
To: RBSbird@aol.com



Hello Robin,

We are sending this e-mail to you as a show of support for HB 1220. Please include us on the list. Matt and Gail Mazgelis, 55 North Shore Road.

January 11, 2022

The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
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After many years of advocacy, four years ago the town of Sunapee and the property owners on Perkins Pond were able to have public sewer connections installed. The public sewer project was and remains an important step to preserve the ecosystem and to be environmentally responsive property owners; it also was accomplished at considerable expense to each homeowner on Perkins Pond. Many pond residents, including my family, were happy to make this investment due to the fact that maintaining high water quality in Perkins Pond is very important.

Unfortunately, in recent years, a houseboat has taken up residence at a homeowner's dock during the summer months. There are no rest room or dumping facilities at Perkins Pond and there is a great concern that any houseboats on the shallow pond could contribute biological material that would be detrimental to the health of the water body.

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We urge you and the House Resources, Recreation & Development Committee to vote Ought to Pass on 1220. To protect this asset for the Town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,

Name: Jennifer Naide
Address: 2 Northwest Lane, Sunapee, NH 03782

DATE 1/11/2022

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House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

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I and my siblings are the owners of property at 27 Northshore Road on Perkins Pond in the Town of Sunapee. I am writing to indicate that I fully support HB 1220.

I am sure you have received many letters in support of this bill that describe the need to protect the Pond. I will not repeat those reasons except to say that Perkins Pond is now a pristine body of water and needs to be protected. One houseboat on the lake could lead to many more, and the eventual contamination of the Pond.

I urge you and the House Resources, Recreation & Development Committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on HB 1220. To protect this asset for the property owners, the Town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,

Name: Karen L. Olson

Address: 27 Northshore Road, Sunapee, New Hampshire 03782

From: Anne Watkins annemw630@gmail.com
Subject: HB 1220 - Prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond
Date: January 9, 2022 at 1:06 PM
To: HouseResourcesRecreationandDevelopment@leg.state.nh.us
Cc: ROBIN SAUNDERS RBSbird@aol.com



Dear Members of the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee,

I am a 40+ year property owner on Perkins Pond and write to urge the adoption of HB 1220. I fully support this Bill.

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In the summers of 2020 and 2021, a houseboat took up residence at a homeowner's dock which alarmed me and fellow residents and property owners. There are no rest room or dumping facilities at Perkins Pond and there is a great concern that houseboats on the shallow pond could contribute biological material that would be detrimental to the health of the water body.

This one situation alerted us to an issue that could turn potentially catastrophic. I personally believe this is an issue that will eventually face other bodies of water in NH, but, the potential threat right now to Perkins Pond is grave. I urge you each to vote "Ought to Pass" on HB1220 in order protect this asset for the Town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,

Name: Anne M Watkins
Address: 28 Mary's Road, Sunapee, NH
Email: annemw630@gmail.com
Phone: 603 763-9354

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Paula McDonough lemondroppaula@yahoo.com
Subject: Houseboats on Perkins Pond
Date: January 10, 2022 at 10:09 AM
To: rbsbird@aol.com



January 10, 2021

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern about allowing house boats on Perkins Pond. I have been a homeowner on Perkins Pond for 21 years. In that time, the entire pond community has worked diligently to protect this fragile ecosystem. We have worked closely with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, specifically Amy P. Smagula, limnologist, to ensure that Perkins Pond became and remains a pristine watershed. The pond is very shallow, 9 feet at the deepest, so extra care and close scrutiny is essential in preserving this pond.

One example is that the Perkins Pond Protective Association conducts several "weed watching" expeditions yearly to ensure that no invasive aquatic species have infiltrated our treasured pond. Also, the pond is a known "hot spot" for fisherman due to the abundance of bass, perch and pickerel and is accessed by a public boat ramp. The association had erected a notice board with notices about invasive plant species to further protect the pond. But most importantly, due to the untiring efforts of several community members advocating for almost 30 years, we now have sewerage partially funded by the state to reduce drastic contamination that was being caused by faulty leaching pits in failing septic systems. The clarity of the pond water has increased significantly and there is finally no malodorous odor in the heat of summer.

I am extremely concerned about allowing house boats on this delicate habitat. Any dumping of sewerage into the pond is extremely detrimental and, quite frankly, dangerous to the hundreds of adults and children that enjoy the use of the this wonderful pond. The one particular "house boat" that has spent the last few summers on the pond is homemade. It is floating dock with a tent and a small motor. There is no legal holding tank for sewerage and no access for dumping anywhere else.

You might think that it is just one boat. However, without legal protection, there is nothing to stop several "house boats" to destroy the tenuous balance that we have finally achieved on the pond. I strongly urge you to assist in our efforts to protect this public treasure by constructing and passing House Bill 1220, an Act to prohibit the docking of house boats on Perkins Pond, which the Perkins Pond Protective Association and the Sunapee Board of Selectmen have unanimously voted to support.

Your attention to this matter is deeply appreciated.

Best regards,

Paula Stilphen
63 Piney Point Road
Sunapee, NH. 03782

From: Leah O'Rourke leah.orourke516@gmail.com
Subject: HB 1220 Bill
Date: January 9, 2022 at 9:48 AM
To: RBSbird@aol.com
Cc: domtripoli@yahoo.com



DATE 1/12/2022

The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
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Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1220 relative to prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond.

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee:

I reside at 4 North Shore Road in the town of Sunapee NH and would like to voice my opinion concerning HB 1220.

Firstly, I am in full support of this bill for the following reasons.

This community Petitioned to keep a small body of water, know as Perkins Pond, clean and safe for everyone to enjoy, now and in the future.

The result has been that, at our own expense,we have all connected to the town sewer system, costing thousands of dollars along with a bi-yearly bond, and usage fee averaging \$420.00 twice a year, all in an effort to keep this lake alive.

In the last couple of years we have noticed at least one individual from out of state, using a houseboat docked at a private residence with no visible means of disposing kitchen and restroom waste, this is exactly what we have been trying to eliminate. No one wants to swim, fish or boat in contaminated water.

For these reasons I ask that you adopt this Bill and keep anyone from using our lake as a septic tank.

Regards,

Leah O'Rourke
4 North Shore Road
Sunapee NH

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We are full-time residents on Perkins Pond and we fully support this Bill.

We are members of the Perkins Pond Weed Watchers Committee with our assignment to paddle monthly around the Pond looking for invasive weeds, water-runoff situations, and maintain and report any situation that can cause Perkins Pond Water to deteriorate and become a cause of sickness. Unfortunately, one of our assigned areas passes in front of where a houseboat with a regular resident resides. There is no indication of how the septic issues of this person on this houseboat is taken care.

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116 Mary's Road
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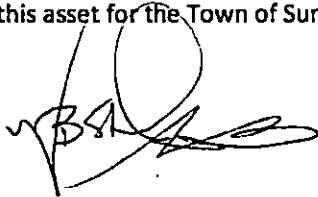
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William B. Stockwell
237 Sutton Road
New London, NH 03257



Also an owner on Otter Pond in Sullivan County

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Vincent DiMauro
46 Burma Road
Sunapee, N.H.

1/12/2022

To: State of New Hampshire Resources, Recreation and Development Committee

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SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING

6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room
Monday, June 14, 2021

Present: Chairman Josh Trow, Vice-Chairman Suzanne Gottling, Selectman Fred Gallup, Selectman Jeremy Hathorn and Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager.

REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CZC's:

Parcel ID:0136-0007-0000 179 Burkehaven Hill Road, JPC Investments

Parcel ID:0133-0116-0000 18 Maple Street, Joshua Wroblewski & Abby Peel

Parcel ID:0121-0026-0000 73 Fernwood Point Rd., Everett & Robin Pollard Rev. Trust

Parcel ID:0106-0023-0000 4 Sunny Knoll Rd., Luciana & Marcos Caixeta & DS Hillside

Parcel ID:0210-0056-0000 61 Keyes Road, Eric Thompson

Parcel ID:0128-0073-0000 108 Lake Ave., Michael Hadden

Parcel ID:0107-0001-0000 1373 Route 11, SDB Investments, Inc.

Parcel ID:0225-0076-0000 10 Riverside Drive, Mark & Diane Walkup

Parcel ID:0225-0008-0000 Route 103, Aubuchon Realty Company, Inc.

Parcel ID:0128-0065-0000 101 Lake Ave. Philip & Brook Harrell

Parcel ID:0106-0046-0000 754 Jobs Creek Rd., Michael Morin Rev. Trust

Parcel ID:0144-0036-0000 22 Hells Corner Rd., Peter & Loriann Salvitti

Parcel ID:0238-0004-0000 Timmothy Road, Kerry & Anthony Hebert
By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous.

LAND DISTURBANCE BOND:

Parcel ID:0128-0073-0000 108 Lake Ave., Michael Hadden

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Parcel ID:0136-0028-0000 323 Lake Ave. Mark & Deborah Pasculano
By Selectman Hathorn, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous.

DRIVEWAY PERMIT:

Parcel ID:0128-0073-0000 108 Lake Ave., Michael Hadden

By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hathorn. Unanimous.

•Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk/Tax Collector wanted to tell the Board that Rachel Carmen, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector resigned today and her last day will be Friday, June 25th. Rachel Carmen will be moving out of town, which living in town is a requirement of the position.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00PM-Scott Hazelton, 2021 Proposed Paving Projects

Scott Hazelton said that these projects are part of the Building and Maintenance Capital Reserve Plan. The (2) proposed projects are the Highway Garage and the Georges Mills Boat Launch. The (2) proposals are from GMI Asphalt and are attached along with a memo describing the work that will be done. **Motion to approve the expense of \$34,046 from the Building and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to complete the Highway Department and Georges Mills Boat Launch Paving projects by Selectman Gallup seconded by Selectman Hathorn. Unanimous.**

Selectman Hathorn asked what the process was the Transfer Station in regard the exchanging of cash to dispose of items. How are the transactions accounted for in this situation? Scott Hazelton replied that a receipt is given to the resident, a receipt is attached to a balance sheet that is given to the Town Office for balancing and a deposit is made to the bank. Selectman Hathorn said he saw a lot of non-receipts being handed out and does not feel there is a lot of recordkeeping happening. Chairman Trow said that when he has taken something there, he has been asked if he wanted a receipt and has said he does not need one. Scott Hazelton replied that he checks the books periodically and to his knowledge they have not been off. He will check on how the process is working with the Transfer Station guys.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

•Chris Whitehouse said the town does have a contract with GMI and went over the costs associated with the contract. He does not understand why the paving projects do not go out to bid and does not think this is the proper way to do it. Chairman Trow said the Board knows that Chris Whitehouse is not happy with the paving process and have listened to his complaints, so does he have any other public comments. Chris Whitehouse said for transparency, he thinks the town should have a policy regarding projects going out to bid.

•Dick Jaffe said at the June 27th, 2020, Perkins Pond Association annual meeting it was voted unanimously to condemn the presence of houseboats and/or any other watercraft serving as such from docking, anchoring and/or mooring on Perkins Pond. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and passage of time the vote was ratified and reaffirmed unanimously at the May 29, 2021, association annual meeting. The Association will be dealing with the state on this issue and realize the Board of Selectmen do not have any jurisdiction over the pond but would greatly appreciate the support of the town. After some discussion, the Board fully supports the association.

SELECTMEN ACTION

•Beverly Bjorklund, Abbott Library Alternate Appointment

Motion to appoint Beverly Bjorklund to the Abbott Library Trustees as an alternate for a 1-year term by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hathorn. Unanimous.

•Use of Facilities-7/11-Project Sunapee Teddy Bear Picnic, Sunapee Harbor

Motion to approve the Use of Facilities from Project Sunapee to hold the Teddy Bear Picnic on July 11th in the harbor by Selectman Hathorn, seconded by Selectman Gallup. Unanimous.

•Use of Facilities-Variou Dates-Project Sunapee 5th Annual Movie Under the Stars, Gazebo

Motion to approve the Use of Facilities from Project Sunapee to hold the 5th Annual Movie under the Stars every Thursday night in August in the Gazebo by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous.

•Summer Custodian Wage

Donna Nashawaty said that the Town is having a hard time finding someone to clean the harbor restrooms and would like to propose an increase to the pay range from \$14.61 to \$20.00 an hour. The Summer Custodian is on the Seasonal/Elected Pay Table. **Motion to increase the rate of pay for the Summer Custodian for the harbor restrooms to \$20.00 an hour by Selectman Gallup seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous.**

• ABC Members Update

Donna Nashawaty stated that at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting the ABC guidelines were changed, so the Board asked the Town Manager to contact the (3) applicants to see if they were still interested in being on the committee. An email was sent to the applicants and only (1) applicant replied that they were still interested. Donna Nashawaty said the guidelines call for (5) residents at large and to date there is (1) current resident and (1) interested resident which do not make a quorum. After some discussion, the Board asked the Town Manager to repost the committee search request.

•Information Booth

Donna Nashawaty said the Information Booth attendants have not had an increase to their wage since 2017. The current wage is \$13.99 an hour for Attendant I and \$14.50 an hour for the Attendant II who does the scheduling and ordering. Selectman Gallup asked if this position received the COLA? Donna Nashawaty replied no they did not receive the COLA. Donna Nashawaty suggested the new wage would be \$14.25 and \$14.75. **Motion to adjust the pay wage for the Information Attendant I to \$14.25 and Attendant II to \$14.75 by Chairman Trow seconded by Selectman Hathorn. 3 in Favor and Selectman Gallup Abstained.**

•Selectman Vacancy

Chairman Trow said he has had a couple of people ask when the deadline for submitting letter of interest for the Selectmen vacancy was. Chairman Trow is setting the deadline for Friday, June 25 at the end of business day.

• Manager Search

Donna Nashawaty made the suggested changes to the Town Manager Recruitment Profile from the Board. The Board reviewed the updated documents, which are attached. After reviewing the Board had more changes which Donna Nashawaty will edit and bring back to the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

•Chairman Trow is again the Chairman of the Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

•Monthly Expenditure & Revenue Reports

The Board received the May Expenditure and Revenue Reports.

•Short Term Rentals

Donna Nashawaty said that in November there was a discussion regarding hiring a company to manage the short-term rentals in Sunapee. Donna Nashawaty said Chief Cahill is already getting complaints from the neighbors who asked what the Board was going to do about it. Donna Nashawaty is looking for some direction on what the Board wants to do. After some discussion, Donna Nashawaty will run the numbers, talk to the company, and bring back the information to Board for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara Vaughn

Administrative Assistant

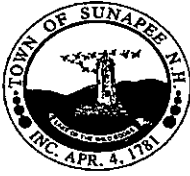
Sat. June 27, 2020

At the early summer Perkins Pond Protective Association meeting the following was unanimously approved.

MOVED:

"That in recognition of the small size, shallow depth and fragility of both the water quality and overall ecology of Perkins Pond in Sunapee, New Hampshire, the Perkins Pond Protective Association hereby condemns the presence of houseboats and/or any watercraft serving as such from docking, anchoring and/or mooring on or at said Perkins Pond. In accordance thereto, the Perkins Pond Protective Association does hereby petition the Town of Sunapee, County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire to take any and all actions as soon as possible to prohibit the presence of such vessels on said Perkins Pond from this day forward."

PASSED: Unanimously



TOWN OF SUNAPEE
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January 12, 2022

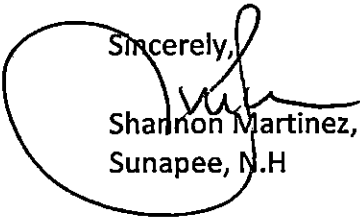
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2022

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Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # ~~1186~~ 1220

Hearing Date: 4/19/22

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 1220**

AN ACT

prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins
Pond in Sunapee.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 3-0

Senator James Gray
For the Committee

Daley Frenette 271-3042

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1220, prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator James Gray for the committee.

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB1220

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.*Official Docket of HB1220.:*

Date	Body	Description
11/18/2021	H	Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Resources, Recreation and Development
1/12/2022	H	Public Hearing: 01/12/2022 2:30 p.m. LOB305-307
2/2/2022	H	Executive Session: 02/02/2022 10:00 a.m. LOB305-307
2/8/2022	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 19-2; CC)
2/16/2022	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV 02/16/2022 HJ 3
3/1/2022	S	Introduced 02/24/2022 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 5
4/13/2022	S	Hearing: 04/19/2022, Room 103, SH, 09:20 am; SC 16
4/19/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/28/2022; SC 17
4/28/2022	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/28/2022; SJ 10
5/16/2022	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment # 2022-1989e Adopted, VV, (In recess of 05/12/2022); SJ 13
5/17/2022	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment # 2022-1989EBA: AA VV (in recess of) 05/12/2022 HJ 12
5/24/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/12/2022); SJ 13
5/24/2022	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/12/2022 HJ 13
6/1/2022	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 05/27/2022; Chapter 108; Eff.01/01/2023

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

May 11, 2022
2022-1989-EBA
07/04

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1220

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 1220

AN ACT prohibiting the docking of houseboats on Perkins Pond in Sunapee.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1220

This enrolled bill amendment makes a grammatical correction to the bill.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1220

Amend section 1 of the bill by replacing lines 2-4 to read as follows:

270:77 Squam *Lake*, [~~and~~] Conway [~~Lakes~~] *Lake*, [~~and~~] Silver Lake in Madison, *and Perkins Pond in Sunapee*. No person shall at any time place in or upon, or use, or operate upon, Squam Lake, [~~or~~] Conway Lake, [~~or~~] Silver Lake in Madison, *or Perkins Pond in Sunapee* any houseboat.

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 1220

Senate Committee: Energy

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

- Bill version as it came to the committee
 All Calendar Notices
 Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)
 Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing
 Hearing Report
 Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

- ___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___
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Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

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Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

- ___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):
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All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

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