

Silver Lake Association of Madison (SLAM)
2021 Annual Report for the Town of Madison

There was a little more normalcy around the lake last summer, as the watercraft volume returned to more historic levels. In consultation with NH Fish and Game officials, their experience was similar throughout the state with more normal traffic in parks, trails, lakes and ponds. But... there are still risks out there that threaten the health and purity of our lake.

On August 13, 2021, a boat and trailer arrived from Mascoma Lake in Enfield and during the courtesy boat inspection and powerwash, a green weed was removed from the trailer and a photo was sent off to DES in Concord. The weed was Eurasian Milfoil -- the aquatic invasive species that multiplies rapidly and eventually clogs shorelines. The Lake Host Program accomplished a "save." In total, our Lake Hosts inspected some 1,579 boats this year over a span of 117 days of manning the town launch.

Silver Lake received another "excellent" water quality report (the highest) from UNH officials as they conducted their annual audit on August 12 that is supplemented by volunteers conducting sampling and testing every two weeks. That effort along with the shoreline weedwatchers helps keep a protective eye on the quality of our lake for all to enjoy.

SLAM is fortunate to have a robust membership (all Madison residents are invited) and generous contributors who support our programs and efforts to protect the lake:

Sources of Income:		
Donations and Dues *	\$ 28,780	*Including gifts in memory of Eli Szklanka
Town support of Lake Hosts	7,000	
Expenses:		
Lake Host Program	\$ 15,000	
UNH Monitoring	1,272	
Other	4,546	
Reserved Fund (Invasive Removal) **	\$ 50,000	** In memory of Hersh Sosnoff
Cash Balance	32,131	

With the prospect of a new boat launch, more vaccines, reduced Covid cases, and the opportunity to enjoy more safe time with family and friends, 2022 has the prospect of being a wonderful year to enjoy our community lake. We welcome all to our Annual Meeting at the elementary school on Saturday, July 9th at 9:00am for further updates on the State of our Lake.