

**Franklin Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**November 10, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**

**Webmeeting by Zoom Link:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74237378069?pwd=OXNOOFBuMDIwVkZ4dTI6R3Y1V1JGdz09>

**or by conference call**

1-603-759-0769

**Call to Order**

- Approval of the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes

**Old Business**

- BioBlitz – Bob informed the Commission that he met with Charlotte Thompson of the Cooperative Extension Service on August 13, 2020 to walk and begin mapping a portion of the trails in the Great Gain Forest.

**New Business**

- Approval of New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions annual dues.
- Peabody Home Letter
- NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Notice of removal of red pine scale
- Webster Lake Association – Fall 2020 News Letter

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**

## **FRANKLIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

*August 11, 2020*

*Location:* City Hall Basement

*Present:* Nita Tomaszewski, Roy Gilbreth (via conference call), Glenn Morrill, Timothy Stangroom, Bob Morin, Mike Mullavey

*Absent:*

*Next meeting:* September 8, 2020 - 7:30 pm, City Hall Basement

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Meeting called to order by Nita at 7:30 pm

Minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting were distributed for review. Mike moved and Timothy seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Note to Files: The July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting was cancelled.

### **I Old Business**

BioBlitz Update – Bob reported that he contacted UNH to discuss going forward with the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 BioBlitz in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Charlotte Thompson, of the UNH Cooperative Extension Service, explained that implementing the BioBlitz this year is contingent on the university's approval of Service's staff participation and went on to explain that if the BioBlitz is cancelled for 2020 that it would be possible to hold it in 2021. The Commission discussed go/no-go scenarios and approved delaying the BioBlitz program until September 18, 2021. Bob is to inform Charlotte of the decision.

### **II New Business**

Review of Wetlands Permit-by-Notification – Denis and Lisa Duquette presented the details of their application for work at 339 Webster Lake Road, Tax Map 34 Lot 38. No action was required.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions – A summary of the NHACC July News was distributed to the Commission. No action was required.

### **III Other Business**

Nita distributed an announcement regarding public input sessions for further development of the Alteration of terrain rules as they relate to threatened and endangered species.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**NH Association of Conservation Commissions**

54 Portsmouth Street

Concord, NH 03301

[www.nhacc.org](http://www.nhacc.org)[info@nhacc.org](mailto:info@nhacc.org)**Invoice**

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Date

10/05/20

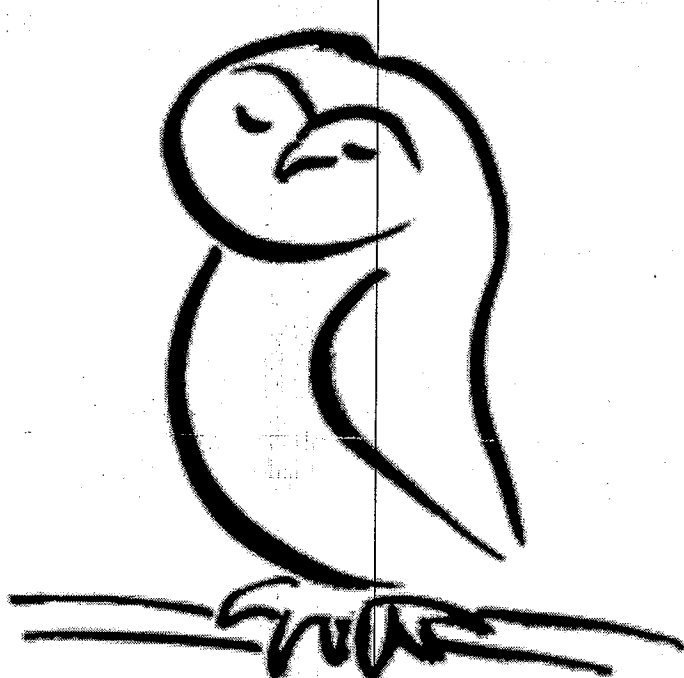
**Bill To**

Franklin Conservation Commission

Franklin Town Office

316 Central St

Franklin, NH 03235

Item	Amount
FY 2020 Membership Dues	375.00
	

Thank you for your membership!

**Total****\$375.00**



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September 25 2020

City of Franklin Conservation Commission  
316 Central Street  
Franklin NH 03235

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Conservation Commission, Nita Tomaszewski, Robert Morin, Michael Mullavey, Glenn Morrill, and Roy Gilbreth,

With much excitement and trepidation, we are thrilled to inform you that Peabody Home has received approval from Rural Development United States Department of Agriculture Community Facilities program to proceed with our building expansion project.

***Truly we could not have arrived at this moment without your support.***

The project has had an extraordinarily long lead time in terms of concept development, planning and architectural design and had to overcome an unforeseen hurdle no one could have anticipated, the COVID-19 pandemic. In spite of these challenges, our Board of Managers, Staff leadership team, and an incredibly dedicated group of individuals, both professional and private, have worked so hard and guided this ambitious project all the way to the funding finish line.

Peabody Home has been a beloved and well-respected community partner for over eighty years. We opened in 1942 will eleven elders from the Franklin area cared for by two live-in staffers. Since that time, we've evolved into a thirty-nine-bed facility that afforded seniors the opportunity to age with dignity, respect and love. This new building project expands our services to care for up to seventy-four seniors who will be able to enjoy their later stages of life in a warm, safe, well-appointed environment.



We are overjoyed to be part of the City of Franklin's continued revitalization at both ends of "Main Street". We look forward to still more positivity for the City and are proud to count you as an integral part of this wonderful project, perhaps even, a beneficiary of it once completed! Meanwhile, we'll keep you informed every step of the way.

Sincerely

Christopher Seufert Esq  
President Board of Managers

Mary (Meg) Miller  
Executive Director



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES  
**Division of Forests and Lands**

172 PEMBROKE ROAD CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301  
PHONE: 271-2214 FAX: 271-6488 [WWW.NHDFL.ORG](http://WWW.NHDFL.ORG)

October 21, 2020

Judie Milner, City Manager  
City of Franklin  
316 Central Street  
Franklin, NH 03235

Dear Ms. Milner:

The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is planning a commercial red pine removal due to red pine scale from 10 acres of the Franklin Falls Flood Control Area in the city of Franklin, New Hampshire. Red pine scale is an exotic insect that has caused swift decline and mortality in red pine stands throughout RI, CT and MA. By removing these trees quickly the Division of Forests and Lands hopes to minimize the spread of this devastating insect as well as prevent the risk of hazardous standing dead trees in the forest. Attached is a location map of the planned project for your reference.

We are in the early stages of planning this red pine removal project, but due to the nature of the infestation we are expecting to begin operations this winter.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the forester in charge, James Airey directly at (603) 796-2323. Please refer to project P2-471.

This letter is in compliance with RSA 541-A:39, Notice to Municipalities. We would appreciate it if you would post this letter in a public place, thank you.

Sincerely,

William T. Guinn, Administrator  
Forest Management Bureau

WTG/rt  
cc: Franklin Conservation Commission  
Captain Douglas Miner, Forest Ranger  
Abutters: M & P Dodge III  
HJ Sevigny  
LW Brown  
Crowley Container & Trailer

# NH Division of Forests and Lands Mapping

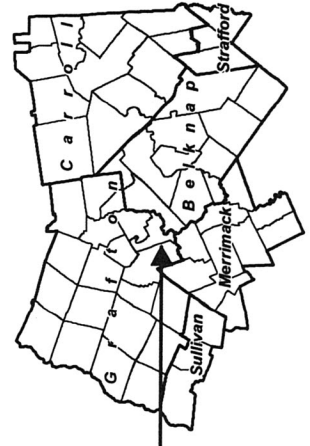
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Franklin Falls Reservoir

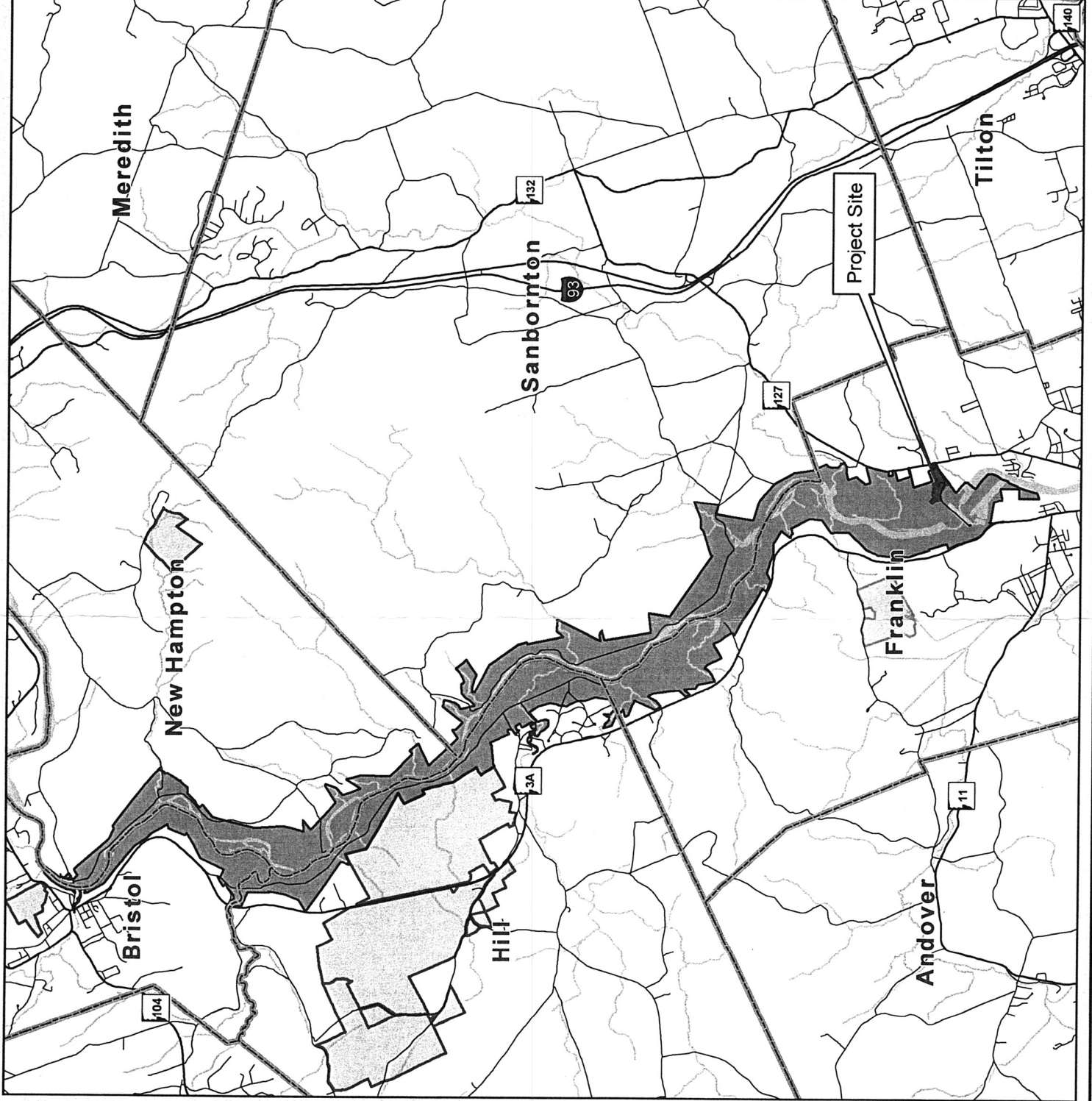
- Project Site
- ▤ Town Boundary
- ~ Local Road
- ~ State Route
- ~ Rivers and Streams
- ~ Waterbodies
- ▤ NWI
- ▤ DNCR
- ▤ DNCR CE
- ▤ USACE
- ▤ NHFG WMA
- ▤ Conservation Land



CENTRAL REGION\*



\*May contain only partial counties dependent on FNL Management Region





# Celebrating Together, Socially Distanced!



The Covid-19 pandemic certainly has changed the ways we do things in our lives. Many national and local events were cancelled and that held true here at Webster Lake. All WLA sponsored activities were cancelled with the exception of our **4th of July Boat Parade**. When the 4th of July came, people were ready to come together and celebrate our families, community and country. The sky was sunny and blue. The water was clear and calm. These were perfect ingredients for record participation in the boat parade. It was noted that 30 plus boats paraded around the lake. The Marine Patrol officer joined the festivities too. There was no specific theme this year. Everyone decorated their boats with whatever idea inspired them. There was plenty of creativity and spirit displayed by the WLA community as you can see in some photos from the parade! The parade was a wonderful event and has been a tradition since 1974. Hopefully, you all have wonderful memories of a nice summer spent at Webster Lake, even in these most unusual times. **Stay safe!**

## WLA RESOURCES

Boater Education Classes	603-267-7256
Boater Safety/Marine Patrol	603-293-2037
Franklin Municipal Services	603-934-4103
Exotic Plant Concerns	603-271-2248
The Loon Center	603-476-5666
Shoreland Concerns	603-271-2147
Water Quality Concerns	603-419-9229
Weed Watcher Volunteers	603-271-2248
Wetlands Concerns	603-271-2147
Webster Lake Association	603-671-7961



# Communities within the WLA Community

## PINE COLONY BY BILL CAIN

About 25 years ago I purchased an old map of Webster Lake dated 1892, which is now framed and hanging on a wall in my house.

The map shows every dwelling around the lake at that time, along with the names of the owners. There were only three dwellings on the east side of the lake, or the side where the current community of Pine Colony exists. What had been the Daniel property, and is now the Michael residence, is shown as one of those original properties and, remarkably, it has undergone little or no change since 1892.

Over the years, other houses, including my own which came along in 1932, were built nearby

along the shoreline right up to the marsh at the end of Dyers Cove where the loons nest. The dirt road connecting the residences came to be known as Kwitchersquawkin Lane.

In 1959, formal surveying and zoning took place, which defines all the current property lines. The community adopted the name Pine Colony, the road name was changed to Webster Avenue Extension, and a small association was formed amongst property owners.

Amusingly, a year or so later, an urban legend was born among local adolescents, which had it rumored that the new development on the far side of the lake was a nudist colony.

In 1991, the road name was changed again to Pine Colony Road and was extended to include the section of Franklin City Road starting at Griffin Beach.

Today, the Pine Colony Club is comprised of 14 properties, each with its own dwelling, six of which remain seasonal. Our association holds annual meetings to discuss and vote on concerns and shared responsibilities in the community, including annual dues, which are used to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the private road both in summer and winter. The association president is my wife Peggy Cain, who has served in the role since 1994, and who would be happy to field any questions or comments from the greater Webster Lake community.



## NORTH SHORE LANE BY TAFFY JOHNSON

*BY TAFFY JOHNSON*

North Shore Lane is that little dirt road on the north side of the lake just off Lake Shore Drive. It is an informal association of 18 cottages and property owners pay an annual dues of \$200. Dues are used for maintenance and plowing of the road. I've been told that North Shore Lane was developed by a local funeral director after World War II. He built the initial few cottages. It has been said that he "cut corners" (by today's standards) during construction of the properties. For example, we found that we had rights to a "septic system" (50 gallon oil tank) on our neighbors lawn and that our neighbor had rights to a very shallow dug well in our backyard.

We bought our camp on North Shore Lane in July 1971. It is a treasure!

Our boys were 4 and 8 years old.

We had tried camping and that was

a disaster. When we moved in, we

had no telephone, no second car,

no shower, no hot water, no well, and we soon found out that our septic system was totally inadequate for a family of city folks who didn't know you shouldn't flush for yellow! But we loved it! Our kids met new lake friends and had the freedom to roam, enjoyed floating in the lake and fishing for kibbies. Our cottage was built with scrap lumber, a chimney for a stove was built on the floor joists and began to pull the whole camp to China shortly after we bought it. The camp's foundation was three huge timbers that were rotting out because the lot was so wet. You need to have a sense of humor when you own property!

Through the years, we and our neighbors have improved our properties and I am proud to say that almost everyone on NSL has updated their septic systems. That is important but what really is more important is the wonderful memories we have of this place. Our neighbors, (the Tolman/Protzman/Brown families), have enjoyed the lake for four generations. Our granddaughter who lives in Amsterdam is looking forward to bringing our two great grandchildren for a visit, hopefully next summer. It would be a Golden Anniversary Celebration of our special place. We've made great memories here!





# PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE LAKE

by Mark Lorenze

**It is a 24/7/365 job!**

**Webster Lake is threatened by the land development within the watershed; it is our responsibility to mitigate, as much as possible, the consequences of that fact. Each of us can contribute to caring for the lake by being thoughtful stewards of our properties; in order not to adversely affect the quality of the water and the beauty of the lake we all love so much.**

**LakeSmart**



Award for  
lake-friendly living  
[www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org)

Sources of nutrients negatively affecting the lake include storm water runoff, septic systems, and lawn fertilizers. Controlling these big three will go a long way towards protecting the lake for generations to come. The NH Lakes Association's "Lake Smart" program has a resource library that outlines in detail how to control these nutrient loaders. Go to <https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart>. On

that site you will be able to take a survey of your property to see how lake friendly it is. Should the property meet all the requirements of a lake friendly site, the property will be awarded a lake smart status. You may have seen signs for several properties around the lake that have been granted that designation. Let's see if we can get more compliance with this worthy program.

**In the meantime, here is a general guideline for consideration:**

## **Storm water control:**

- Plant native plants in bare areas to absorb runoff.
- Direct runoff to vegetated areas.
- Help water from roofs soak into the ground with stone drip edges or drywells.

## **Fertilizers:**

- No fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides should be applied within 40 feet of the lake.
- Beyond 40 feet only slow release, non-phosphorus fertilizers should be applied.

## **Septic systems:**

- Have your septic system pumped on a schedule recommended by your service provider. Service frequency depends on use and size. If settled solids are not removed from the tank, they can wash into and clog the leach field.
- Upgrade or replace your septic system if it is outdated or undersized. The typical life expectancy of a conventional septic system and leach field is approximately 20 years. If your system is approaching this age, or if you have added bedrooms and/ or bathrooms to your house since your septic system was built, have your system evaluated by a licensed septic system installer.

## **Additionally:**

- Use non-phosphate cleaning products and chloride free water softeners.
- Conserve water.
- Watch what you put down the drain: limit bleach, no paint, deodorizers, or tank additives.
- Use pervious pavers, water bars, and vegetated swales to control runoff.
- Use winter de-icers sparingly. Make sure they are chloride-free.
- If possible, keep areas in a natural, vegetated state. Cover all bare areas.
- Repair soil where it has been washed away and divert runoff to a vegetated area.
- Create a vegetated strip along the shoreline.
- Refrain from feeding waterfowl.

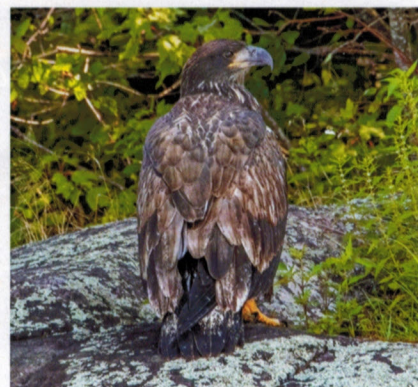
**All of us have been charged with the responsibility of preserving and protecting the lake.**

**Let's Not Let it Down**



# WILDLIFE CORNER

Photography:  
Linda Johnson



*Linda Johnson shares her thoughts on our Webster Lake wildlife.*

Harold and I saw a pair of loons early this Spring. We followed them from mid-May through June. One of the field biologists, who watches loons for the Loon Preservation Center, also spotted this pair going in and out of the cove. The loon population is increasing on Webster Lake. Perhaps it is the abundance of fish or a nice protected cove area that is attracting them. With an increase in the number of loons, it is



more difficult to protect a nest. This young pair was having difficulty protecting their nest. By mid-June we saw them at the edge of the cove trying to keep the other loons away. They could not gain control and that may be why we had no loon chicks. We often saw nine and ten loons at a time on the lake. One morning we followed twelve loons for over an hour, coming and going on the lake. I was able to capture the loons challenging each other for a coveted spot.

Webster Lake is most fortunate to have its own eagle's nest. This summer our Bald Eagle pair had two eggs. They worked hard to keep the eggs warm and dry. Two eaglets were born. The mother and father brought them fish to eat. One eaglet ate a fish that had a hook and lure entangled in it. Unfortunately, it did not survive. The other eaglet became stronger as the mother and father continued to feed it. In September, while photographing out on the lake, another person on the lake told us they had seen the juvenile and its parents flying over Highland Lake. I was able to capture the juvenile on the rock.

## TRASH HUNTING

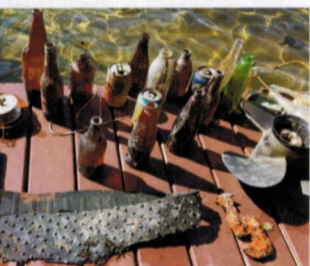
As we sat on our dock on a warm summer afternoon this summer, two 12-year-old girls went by us on a paddle board and water bike. A third was swimming behind them wearing a snorkel mask. They were moving slowly enough that we could speak with



them. We asked them if they were looking for treasures and they responded, "no we are picking up trash"! They were amazed at what they were finding at the bottom of the lake. They were putting items on the paddle board or the bike.

Later that evening, I was paddle boarding and went by the home of Mark Lorenze and Nancy Wolcott. The girls were out front. The "trash hunters" were Mark's granddaughter, Nancy's friend's daughter, and her friend. They had placed

the collection of trash on the shoreline wall. I was amazed as much as they were. These girls took our lake mission to heart. Thank you to Laura Lorenze, Gabriella Gilbert, and Emerson Gitt for cleaning up what others had left behind. You spent your summer afternoon at the lake making a difference!



### Webster Lake Association

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