

Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan

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We continue to progress with the task of developing a Watershed Management Plan for Gregg Lake. Sediment and pollutants carried into the lake in stormwater runoff are coming up as a major concern. On June 22 at Town Hall, following **Lake Host** training by Celeste Lunetta beginning at 11 a.m., and lunch, we'll be holding a **Gravel Roads Maintenance** presentation at 1 p.m., featuring Russ Lanoie of Conway, NH. Russ has been working on the dirt roads of New Hampshire and Maine for more than forty years, and is an entertaining speaker and poet—on the back cover of his gravel roads manual *A Ditch in Time* is a poem that begins:

*I think that I shall never see,
a dirt road shaped as it should be.
Not graded flat the way some do,
or rutted like a dubble-u,
Nor rounded like a baby's rear,
but pointed like a Martian's ear...*

Please join us to find out what we as a community can do to improve the condition of and drainage from our public and private dirt roads and driveways.

On July 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, we'll be holding a **Water Quality Advisory Committee** meeting, whose task it will be to assess the current Gregg Lake water quality and set goals for the future, taking into account the effects of possible future development in the watershed. The goals we set will guide the recommendations we make in our long-term Watershed Management Plan. This meeting will include representatives from the NH Department of Environmental Services and our professional consultants, FB Environmental Associates.

Later in the summer we will host a **"Soak Up the Rain"** program in conjunction with NHDES to guide residents in making landscaping decisions that protect lakes, ponds and streams from pollutants and sediment carried by stormwater runoff combined with a **Septic Maintenance Workshop** to inform those with septic systems about best practices to limit septic leaching into nearby surface waters.

The Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee (if I had known how many times I would say or type that, I would have come up with a much shorter and catchier name!) is also honored to have been asked to present at the North American Lake Management Society meeting to be held in Burlington, Vermont, in November. Our work is being used as an example of a grass-roots community effort to develop a watershed management plan on a small budget. We'll be giving a 20-minute presentation and taking part in a panel discussion.

We thank the many people who have taken the time to speak with us, give us their impressions and describe changes they have observed in Gregg Lake over the few or many years they have known the lake, as well as those who have volunteered to help with data collection and analysis on both warm, sunny days and cold, windy ones.



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Dog Licensing

Diane Chauncey, Antrim Town Clerk

Each dog over four months old must be licensed by its owner or keeper prior to April 30 of each year. The license is effective from May 1 to April 30 of the subsequent year. Your dog(s) must have a current rabies vaccination. (Your veterinarian is supposed to send rabies updates to the Town Clerk). Failure to license your dog is a violation of state law. In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog (s). Civil Forfeiture Notices will be sent out June 17, 2019. If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, you will receive a **summons to appear in court**. Any questions, please call 588-6785 x223. ❀



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