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### Nottingham Summer Institute 2016

*Submitted by Rose Breslin-Dawson and Barbara Henderson*

Fifteen Nottingham School students who had completed grades four through eight participated in Summer Institute 2016. This year's problem was to explore and research the field of aeroponics and Next Generation Science Standards. The students piloted an exciting STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) investigation for our school. The second aspect of their problem required the building of a tower garden for the use of science inquiry within the school. Problem three required the integration of various forms of technology to document and to share with others the results of student observations and data collection. The fourth problem involved developing ways to get students interested in using the tower garden and what it produces.

In order to reach their goals, students constructed a tower garden that arrived in nine separate boxes. They

conducted a scientific experiment comparing the growth rate of plants in the aeroponic tower versus soil-grown plants. They researched the pH requirements of plants and worked to find the optimum pH level for the tower. Students measured their plants and recorded the data daily. Through the use of technology, they constructed double line graphs using their data, designed their own T-shirt, wrote multiple reports for their two jury panel presentations, used computer drawing programs to illustrate the tower garden, and they created a collection of recipes which contained at least one vegetable or herb which can be grown in a tower garden.

Through their exploration of the Next Generation Science Standards, the team was very pleased to discover that they had covered most of the eight practices of science and engineering. In solving the four aspects of the problem, students planned and carried out investigations, analyzed and interpreted data, used mathematics and computational thinking, constructed explanations for science, engaged in argument from evidence, and obtained, evaluated, and communicated information. In what little spare time they had, they enjoyed playing cooperative games and forming new friendships.



First row: Ross Cook, Aaron Witham, Kaleb Scott, Lily Wotton, Isaac Reynells, Gavin Dabrieo. Second row: Mrs. Rose Breslin-Dawson, Ayla Walker, Gwyneth Glaser, Robbie Adams, Sam Marcotte, Bella Shepard, Ms. Barbara Henderson. Not pictured: Anushka Chavda, Nikhil Chavda, Libby Cillo.



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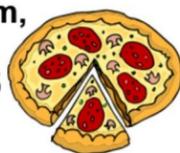


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### Nottingham Food Pantry

*Submitted by Chelli Tennis*

We are located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services only Nottingham residents. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month. New clients by appointment, please. Call 679-5209 (all calls are confidential).

## Nottingham Police Department

Submitted by Chief Gunnar Foss

As you know, there have been a number of police fatalities over the past month throughout our country. We here at the Nottingham Police Department grieve for our brothers and understand all too well the devastation rendered upon the families, friends, and co-workers of these men. We wear the same uniform, badge and pledge the same oath to protect and defend. There but by the grace of God. I know there's a conversation to be had relative to the police shootings of unarmed individuals. I know that there are rogue officers in our midst and we need to do all we can to identify and remove those who tarnish the good and gallant work that the majority of our officers do every day. But, I also know that the media driven sensationalism and a 10 second cell phone snippet is the evidence used to convict police in the eyes of the beholder. That's a conversation that I'm willing to have with anyone.

For the here and now, I wanted to acknowledge the thoughtful cards, the food, the increase of waves and smiles from our citizens and the appreciation and respect shown us.

Shortly after the shootings in Dallas, a number of our citizens came to the department with food and cards and just a plain "thank for your service". Although unnecessary and certainly not expected, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of appreciation. So thank you Nottingham, we are proud of the spirit of our community, its kindness, and its awareness of the emotions being experienced by its police officers during a difficult time in our history is simply amazing. It strengthens our resolve to continue to do our duty.

Thank you,

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## Letter to the Community

Hello Nottingham Families,

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I write this letter to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal of Nottingham School. I have worked in education as an elementary school teacher for the last eight years. Working with children keeps me young at heart and inspires me to continue learning and challenging myself both personally and professionally.

During these past few weeks, I have had many interactions with parents, teachers and students. From these conversations, it is clear that Nottingham School is successful due to the partnership between all stakeholders to provide the best possible academic experience for our students. I am very passionate about education and I look forward to fostering relationships and working with staff, students and families to continue the amazing work already happening here. Great schools are a result of collaboration between home and school to ensure each child's social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

I have been married for 16 years to my incredible husband, Erik. We have two amazing daughters who love ice hockey and lacrosse. Our daughters keep us very busy and we couldn't be happier. During my free time, you will find me running outside in preparation for my next challenge of running the New York City Marathon in November. I also enjoy teaching kids how to jump rope, keep an eye out for me at recess; you may learn a few double dutch tricks.

I am eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever. My door is always open; I value and welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to communicate any celebrations or concerns you may have to share to help make this the best year yet! I am truly honored to be a part of the Nottingham community and the new Assistant Principal of an awesome school.

Sincerely,

Kristen M. White

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## News from the Nottingham School Board

Submitted by Susan Levenson, Jackie Snow, Lorraine Petrini, Peter Perron and Rosalyn Chavda, Ph.D.

The School Board welcomes Ms. Kristen White as the Assistant Principal of Nottingham Elementary School. Kristen started on July 1 and has spent the summer getting to know students, staff and community members. We look forward to working with her and believe she is a great addition to our community. We also welcome the following paraprofessionals: Erica Filippone, Carly DeLeeuw, Josselyn DeTrude, and Tatum Schladenhauffen.

Over the summer, the school was busy with the extended school year program and the Summer Institute. Mrs. Breslin-Dawson has been leading the Summer Institute for many years and it is a wonderful, enrichment program.

Mr. Chauvette, Curriculum Director, worked on curriculum development with the team over the summer. He and the teachers are preparing for the new reading program.

This year there will be a scheduling change for grades 7 and 8. This year there will be four 60-minute blocks instead of five 50-minute blocks. This will allow for more time for each discipline. Writing will be implemented across the curriculum instead of having both reading and writing classes. This schedule is similar to a high school and the hope is that it will assist with the transition to high school as well as allow for deeper exploration of subject matter.

The Board is exploring having community forums on a regular basis to provide information and gather feedback on topics of interest to the school and community such as the development of executive function skills in students, which include time management, organizational skills, project management skills and study skills that are necessary for success in school and the workplace.

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The School Board will be at Nottingham Day on September 17, please stop by our table for information or to share ideas.

The statewide Smarter Balanced testing has taken place, the Board received the results at our August 17 School Board meeting and then shared the results.

Our upcoming meetings are:

September 7 at 6:30 in the School Library  
September 21 at 6:30 in the School Library  
October 5 at 6:30 in the School Library  
October 19 at 6:30 in the School Library

We look forward to a great school year and hope to see you at our meetings!



### Nottingham Community Newsletter

Carrie Bounds • Irma Hale • Margaret Joyce  
Laurie Legard • Amy Mueller-Campbell • Kay Kyle  
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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bi-monthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident.

The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the November/December newsletter is October 1. News articles can be submitted to [nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com) as single spaced Word documents in Times New Roman 12 point font with one inch margins. Photos or graphics should be sent as separate .jpg attachments (please do not embed them into the Word document). Also, refrain from special formatting such as underlines, all caps, tables, columns, or bold type. Please do not indent paragraphs, and insert just one return between paragraphs. Most importantly, insert only one space after periods and colons. Please include a name and contact number. Thank you!

Advertising size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for non residents. E-mail ads (jpg format) to [carriegillis@comcast.net](mailto:carriegillis@comcast.net).

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**New Hope Church***Submitted by Chelli Tennis*

We welcome you to join us at 10 a.m. for Sunday services at 34 Raymond Road (Rte. 156) in Nottingham. Other opportunities to get connected include:

Grammie's Praying for Grandchildren (Moms in Prayer International): Mondays at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry: For information, call Joe at 942-5833.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday nights. Call Donna at 734-4646 for more information.

Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study: For information call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.

Men's Breakfast at the Church: On the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

Praying for our wayward children: On the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Prison Ministry: On the fourth Saturdays of the month; for more information, call Pastor Ted.

**Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist***Submitted by Karyl Martin*

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. We offer weekly services on Sundays at 10 a.m. at our historic church building located at 106 Church Street. Sunday services are scheduled to resume on September 4, 2016, after the summer break. This fall, we will be welcoming guest ministers from the surrounding area as we begin our search for a new pastor. Visit our website at [www.nottinghamuu.com](http://www.nottinghamuu.com) for more information and a scheduling of visiting ministers. We also host concerts and other events in our historic sanctuary and our multi-purpose room. If you have interest in using our space for a community event, please email [nottinghamuu@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghamuu@gmail.com)

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**Blueberry Pancake Breakfast***Submitted by Rhoda Capron*

On Sunday August 14, the Nottingham Historical Society held its annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at the Nottingham Square Schoolhouse. The weather cooperated and over 200 people attended. They had a chance to visit with friends and neighbors and see the Schoolhouse Museum as well as enjoy the music of Nottingham residents Rick and Theresa Landry. This event is a major fundraiser for the Historical Society.

We would like to thank the following businesses who donated to the breakfast: Liar's Paradise for the coffee, the Bascom family for the maple syrup, DF Richards Energy for the propane and Northwood Hannaford for beverages and other food items. The Nottingham Fire Department, the Nottingham Community Church and the Nottingham Recreation Department loaned us tents, tables and chairs. We would also like to thank the Else Cilley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for allowing us to use their meeting house. This event owes its success to the many volunteers who help from setting up the grills and tables including the flowers, to cooking, serving and cleaning up as well as all the people who attended.

**Nottingham Women's Club***Submitted by Lorraine Petrini*

The Nottingham Women's Club is always looking for new members! Check out our Facebook page online or come to one of our meetings, which are usually scheduled on the second Monday of the month.

Be on the lookout, Nottingham. Between October 1-30 local businesses around town will have Scarecrows on display for the First Annual Nottingham Women's Club Scarecrow Contest Fundraiser. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the NWC Scholarship Fund, which awards between \$1,000 and \$2,000 annually to a Nottingham student pursuing higher education. Businesses will purchase a scarecrow kit from NWC



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Pictures of the Scarecrows along with their locations will be found on the "NWC Scarecrow Fundraiser Contest" facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/NWCScarecrowFundraiserContest/> and Scarecrow locations will be placed on a Scarecrow map and posted on the Facebook page for residents to print and take their own Scarecrow tour. Residents can like their favorite Scarecrow pictures online to help NWC members along with some invited residents choose the winning Scarecrow!

The winning business Scarecrow will be announced on the Facebook page on October 31! Thank you to the Town of Chester for the wonderful idea for this Scarecrow contest.

**Pawtuckaway Piecer's Quilt Guild***Submitted by Karen Delisle*

The Pawtuckaway Piecer's Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. Our meetings are held at the Community Center 'kitchen' room. We currently have room for new members, all levels of ability are welcomed and membership is not limited to Nottingham residents. Come by and check us out, there is no fee or limit on visits. Our meeting schedule: September 12; October 17 (third Monday due to holiday); November 14.

The guild Charity Quilt for the Franciscan House in Kennebunk, Maine, is done and it is beautiful! The Franciscan House is where the guild goes for our yearly Retreat in November and their fundraiser is one way they have to keep costs low. The Boho bag class taught by Pam Turcotte was well attended and we are looking forward to seeing the 'Show and Tells'. The guild is planning to be at Nottingham Day in September and have a raffle quilt. This is a great chance to meet some of our members and perhaps take a chance on the raffle quilt!



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**Ninth Annual 2016 WORDFEST***Submitted by Priscilla Carr*

On Saturday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at Nottingham Community Church, The Poets Studio of New Hampshire Annual WORDFEST Scholarship Show will celebrate awarded poet, Galway Kinnell.

Nottingham residents UNH Theater Educator Dan Raymond, anthropologist Gary Hume, and mentee Hazel Dellario, a freshman at Coe-Brown, will perform as a string trio. Charles Baroody of Portsmouth will offer jazz and blues vocals and Studio Historian Dr. Steven Jones, M.D., of Lamprey Health Center will provide an oral biography of Kinnell.

Cambridge's Lesley University Professor, Elizabeth Gordon McKim, will perform a unique integration of spoken word, dance, and vocals. Nottingham's author and poet, Priscilla Carr, will read from her memoir East of Eagle Pond. Scholar Colin Baciocco, of Sitka, Alaska, recipient of a Studio one hundred dollar essay honorarium, will read "King Crab," which was chosen from fifty Studio entries.

You may read or recite a Kinnell poem or prose excerpt during our "Community Voices" segment and provide a brief impact statement about your selection. Not familiar with Kinnell? Google The American Academy of poets. Pick a favorite, grab our mic, and share your voice.

The Studio believes arts events should be accessible to all and there is no admission fee to attend WORDFEST, however, donations are appreciated. Donated Liar's Paradise pizza and snacks will be served during intermission. Paper products, food, beverages, ushers, set-up, and breakdown help are still needed.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at WORDFEST on October 1 at 7 p.m. at Nottingham Community Church. For information or scholarship applications contact [priscillaecarr@gmail.com](mailto:priscillaecarr@gmail.com).

**Nottingham Orchard**

A very poor bloom this spring, leading to very few apples, means that we won't be open this fall. We will try to make cider a few times.

Please call or check our Facebook page to find out when we'll have cider. We'll also have hard cider for sale. Call if interested.

Mark and Katy Hiza

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## Recreation Department News

Submitted by Nicole Lee

Recreation Office Hours: Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
679-3435, recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov

Line Dancing classes are on Monday nights at the Old Town Hall. The 6 p.m. class is for beginners; the 7 p.m. class is for intermediate or try both!

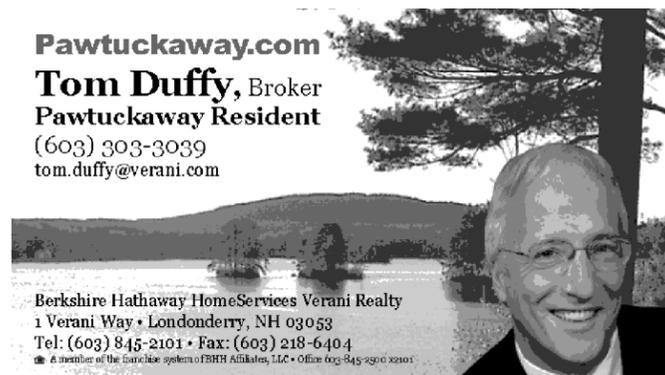
Nottingham Family Day will be held on September 17, rain date September 18. Sponsor and participant forms can be found on the town website under forms and waivers. You can also call, email, or stop by the office to get forms. The cost to register as a participant will increase from \$15 to \$25.

Flag football games begin on September 10, and parents should be on the lookout for more information from coaches, including practice schedules. Please register players on the NFL website.

Interested in learning Martial Arts? Join Brendan Behr on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Community Center Gym. Classes start at from 5:30 p.m. for the beginner class with the intermediate class starting afterward. Classes are held for ages five through adult. Contact the recreation office or Brendan for more information: brendan.behr@gmail.com.

Ready Rides currently needs two board members from Nottingham. Ready Rides provides rides for seniors and the disabled so they can get to their medical appointments. This service is available to Nottingham residents. If you are 55 or older or are disabled and are in need of rides to medical appointments, call 244-8719 for more information. Please call to volunteer as a driver, board member, or to sign up as a rider.

Sign up for the Recreation newsletter to find out what is going on the Recreation Department. Send an email to recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov and ask to be added to the list. The list will be used for our purposes only and will not be distributed or sold.



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## Planning Board News

Submitted by Eduard R. Viel

It has been a busy few months for the Planning Board with several major and minor subdivision cases and lot line adjustments requests being held, a conceptual design for a mixed use on Rt. 4, a joint hearing with the Conservation Commission, a site plan review, and a public hearing for the updated Site Plan Review Regulation. With continuations and expected new applications, as well as continued work on other areas of responsibility, the members of the Board and Land Use Office expect to be busy for the foreseeable future.

Recent applications heard and approved: Major 4 lot subdivision on Smoke Street, Major 6 lot subdivision on Mountain Road, Minor two lot subdivision on Meindl Road, Lot Line Adjustment on White's Grove Road, and a Site Plan Application increasing the capacity of All Aboard Preschool on Stage Road.

Cases heard which have been continued to the August 10 meeting include a Major 24 lot subdivision on Flutter Street and a Minor 2 lot subdivision on Gile Road. The Conservation Commission will also be meeting with the Planning Board at this meeting to continue discussion from the May 25 Joint Meeting. Additional new applications are expected. To stay aware of Town happenings, please visit the Town office or website and follow the links for the respective Boards and Committees to view the agendas and related documents.

At our July 27 meeting, a Public Hearing was held for the updated Site Plan Review Regulations, as is statutorily required, and the updated version was unanimously accepted. The update of this document marks a milestone for the Planning Board, as these regulations had not been updated in nearly 20 years and brings us closer to our goal of having all Planning Board documents be current and consistent. A big thank you to Paul Colby and JoAnna Arendarczyk for their time and efforts on this and other Land Use projects!

The Planning Board is seeking Alternates. If you are interested, please contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 679-9597, ext 1, or attend an upcoming meeting. At each meeting, time is reserved for public comment and questions, outside of specific cases being heard. The Board meets the second and fourth (as needed) Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office Complex. Meetings are televised on the local access channel and the public is always welcome to attend.

## "Falling" into the Library!

Submitted by Eric Stern

The Summer Reading program for children, teens and adults was a lot of fun this year – and now that we are turning the page to fall, more fun lies in store!

**Adult Programs:** On Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Library and the New Hampshire Humanities Council present popular speaker, historian George Morrison, who will be presenting "Vanished Veterans: An Illustrated Introduction to New Hampshire's Civil War Monuments & Memorials." This program will be held in the library meeting room so arrive while seating exists!

On Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m., the New Hampshire Humanities Council and Blaisdell Memorial Library present "Brewing in New Hampshire: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present," presented by author and historian Glenn Knoblock. Once again, this program will be held in the library meeting room.

On Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m., the Blaisdell Memorial Library is honored to host acclaimed local musicians Ellen Carlson and Jim Prendergast for their program, "Fiddling Styles." This educational performance will demonstrate the melting pot of fiddle music played in America, briefly discussing the differences in styles such as Irish, Cajun, Bluegrass, Swing, Texas Long-bow, and others. This is the last concert scheduled at the library for 2016, so this is your opportunity to hear great local musicians for free!

And last but not least... the results of the Adult Summer Reading Program's "Sweet '16" Tournament of Books! We started with 16 adult fiction books, and through weeks of voting, eventually narrowed the field to two finalists: Kristin Hannah's, "The Nightingale" and Anthony Doerr's, "All the Light We Cannot See." In the end, it was "The Nightingale" taking the crown by the narrowest of margins (one vote), the past year's most popular book as selected by the patrons of the



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**Children's and Teen Programs:** The 2016/2017 story hours will proceed in six-week increments, separated by short breaks (typically two weeks). Nottingham children from ages birth to six are invited to sign up commencing on August 30, up to and through the start of the first story hour session on September 13. We will again be offering sessions for babies (birth to two), toddlers (two and three year olds), and preschoolers (ages 4 to 6). Pre-registration is required to participate in story hours: Call us at 679-8484; email us at blaisdellml@comcast.net; or visit us at the library to register. In addition to story hours, there will be other children's programs happening throughout the fall, including Lego club, holiday story hours, movies, fairy houses, and craft activities.

For teens, we will have ongoing book discussion groups and activities that will typically be held on Thursday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m. The book discussion groups are informal; an opportunity to talk about the books we're all reading. Occasionally, we will choose specific books that everyone will read, and then we will convene to discuss.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale:** The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be hosting the second of their 2016 book sales on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5. The Friday portion of the sale is scheduled for 6-7 p.m. at the Blaisdell Memorial Library and is for Nottingham residents only. The Saturday sale is open to all and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donated books for the sale can be brought to the library starting the last week of October during the library's normal operating hours. Due to limited storage space, we ask that you please wait until the end of October to begin bringing in books.

For details on any library events, new materials added to the collection, museum passes, or just about anything related to the library, visit us on Facebook, or at our website, nottinghamlibrary.org.



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## Pawtuckaway Lake Milfoil Infestation

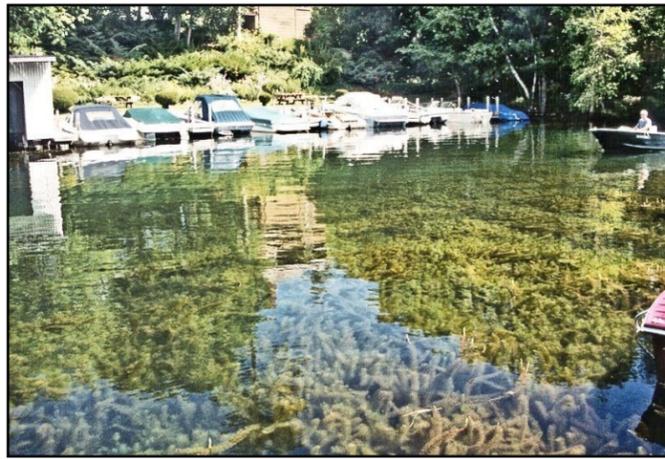
Submitted by Pamela Kelly

The recent milfoil infestation in the South Channel of Pawtuckaway Lake was a topic of urgent discussion at the July PLIA Board of Directors meeting. This invasive weed appears to have entered the lake on a boat or trailer at the State Park boat ramp on Horse Island, sometime late last summer. If it spreads throughout the lake, variable milfoil can eventually choke out all other vegetation and prevent boats, swimmers, and fishermen from using it altogether. Property values around the lake would naturally plummet and the tax base of Nottingham would suffer immeasurable damage as a result. The State Park would have far fewer visitors if recreation opportunities were so severely impaired. This crisis is one that should alarm everyone!

Currently, the PLIA is working with NH DES where Weed Watchers keep an eye out for new growth and DES tries to respond quickly to the problem with divers to eradicate the milfoil before it becomes widespread.

At this point, the best course of action for the general public is to help spread the word about avoiding the South Channel. All activity through this channel including boating, swimming, paddling, and fishing should be avoided if at all possible since milfoil can easily break off, float away, and take root in a new location.

The PLIA has increased its coverage at the State Park with additional Lake Hosts, thanks to a generous donation from a PLIA member. These are trained volunteers and paid workers who do voluntary inspections of boat/trailer/fishing equipment to prevent additional exotic species from entering the lake or fragments of the variable milfoil leaving to infest another water body. The PLIA is working to schedule a meeting with the NH DES staff at the conclusion of this growing season in order to get their assessment of their



**Milfoil Infestation at Squam Lake, New Hampshire**

control efforts and to begin plans for monitoring and, if necessary, removal actions next year.

The NH Marine Patrol has promised “No Wake” buoys for the South Channel by early August. This is expected to help in efforts to minimize damage to any fragile milfoil from boat traffic that does not avoid the channel. The PLIA is also working on a more specific one page flyer for distribution at the State Park, alerting campers and visitors to the issue. The “Spread the Word, not the Milfoil” campaign will continue on social media and email news alerts.

Beyond the PLIA’s Weed Watcher and Lake Host activities at Pawtuckaway, there remains one important thing that everyone can do—avoid using the South Channel! Simply put, volunteers are the backbone of this effort. Anyone with an interest in helping out is urged to contact Dee Decker, Lake Host Coordinator, at 603-498-3830, deedecker.plia@gmail.com.

In good news, PLIA Water Testing Volunteers have been measuring much clearer water conditions than in previous years. This is an indicator that water quality has improved with proper monitoring and conservation efforts. Pawtuckaway Lake is a valuable public resource enjoyed by Nottingham residents as well as the wider public through the State Park and Fundy boat ramp, but sadly, invasive plant and animal infestations from boats could destroy all the gains the PLIA has worked so hard to achieve.

The PLIA is now a tax-exempt nonprofit under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which means all contributions to fight the milfoil battle are tax deductible. Any donation to help the cause is welcome: PLIA, PO Box 30, Raymond, NH 03077.



## Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney



The Conservation Commission is pleased that some folks from Nottingham have offered assistance in our summer service activities. Four times a year, we pick up roadside trash under NH Department of Transportation’s Sponsor-a-Highway Program. Members and volunteers attend to the

litter for one mile along Rte. 156 from its northern terminus to the Square, and one mile along Rte. 152 from Rte. 156 almost to Gile Road.

Additionally, the Commission participates in the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) coordinated by the State of New Hampshire. Water from three river sites, two on the North River and one on the Little River, are sampled every two weeks from early June to early September. Quality data for turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen concentration, conductance, and temperature are recorded and submitted to NHDES. You can review the data posted from 2007 to 2015 for the Lamprey River Watershed and other watersheds in the state at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/data.htm>.

Please view the Conservation Commission’s web page to see where other volunteer opportunities are listed for residents of all ages, from school age to adult.

One of the Commission members is presently completing an inventory on the biodiversity on a conservation easement property. If data reveals that sensitive species are using the area for breeding and raising young, it may well determine that residents use this and other properties only during the times of the year when wildlife and their habitats would not be disturbed.

At the June meeting, the Commission accepted Terry Bonser’s resignation. Members were grateful for his membership; as a lifelong resident of Nottingham, he brought a wealth of information and perspective to the table. For this vacancy, the Commission voted to recommend Paul Miliotis, alternate, as a candidate for full membership and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor of the appointment.

The Commission met again with the Planning Board at the Board’s August 10 meeting. This was a

continuation of the discussion between both groups at the May 25 workshop meeting in which Master Plan Action Items of mutual interest were considered. The minutes of that meeting may be viewed on the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission’s web pages.

Residents who participated in the well water testing program in May should have received their individual results by now. The composite data for our community has not yet been received, but when we do, it will be posted on the Commission’s web page for all to access.

The Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room #2, and schedules additional meetings as needed. The meetings are taped for broadcast on the local access channel for later in the week. Members of the public are always welcome and are encouraged to attend. The Commission seeks alternate members to assist with our responsibilities to protect natural resources for the health and benefit of wildlife habitats, water quality, and residents of and visitors to this special area.

## Nottingham PTA

Submitted by Melissa Bacon, Jen Bachhuber, Heidi Maguire and Michele Phillips

The Nottingham PTA would like to invite you to our next meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Come find out more about how your talents can help our kids and the school. Every person can bring value to our organization. Whether you have ideas to share, can offer help from home, volunteer at an event, or give time to come to meetings, each volunteer and member is valuable to us!

What to expect from joining the PTA: In addition to the benefits to the children and assisting teachers with funding to enhance their programs, you can expect to feel like you are making a difference, meet members that care and find people that want to make it fun!

It has amazed us what a few people can do to have a positive impact on the students of Nottingham School. Can you imagine what we could do with your help?

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Join Nottingham PTA today! Membership for September 2016-August 2017 is \$7 (\$5 supports the New Hampshire State PTA and \$2 stays local with Nottingham PTA).