

**LITTLE LAKE SUNAPEE INVASIVE WATCH
REPORT FOR THE JULY 16, 2022 MEETING**

We had another successful invasive watch program this year, with 40+ volunteers covering the lake shoreline plus Murray Pond. **No invasive species were found.** Surveys were run on around July 1, August 1, and September 1.

Amy Smagula (NHDES) continues to be a great resource for us, identifying any plants for which we are uncertain. This year, Sallie Barker found an odd-looking thing while snorkeling off Colby Hill beach, and Amy told us it's a freshwater sponge. This is a native organism that eats algae; it is no cause for concern.

As in past years, we had great interaction with the Big Lake LSPA, spearheaded by Nancy Giraldo and Susie Burbidge (Big LSPA Invasive Watch Coordinator). Susie organized and invited us to a pre-season webinar on June 9, 2021 by Amy Smagula (freshwater biologist at NHDES). This webinar described NH invasive species and how to conduct watches. Several of our members attended. A recording of the webinar may be watched on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td5uph7cbTg>

This was Pat Goodlin's last year watching along the undeveloped shoreline west of Stanley Point. She has been a stalwart for us, and we greatly appreciate her good work.

Also retiring this year is JK Kiernan, who has served as Captain for some 20 years. He did a stellar job running the team along the north shore of the western basin. Thank you JK!

We are very happy to announce new Watchers to our team. Peter and Kathy Lowe Bloch will join our Invasive Watch team in 2022. Also, Kathy Thomas of Colby Hill will join us, helping out along Colby Point. Kathy found that freshwater sponge, so she has a keen eye for this.

Below is a summary of volunteer hours by month.

Date	Total Hours
July 1	32.5
August 1	38
September 1	36
Totals	106.5

Respectfully submitted by Roger Bloch, Invasive Watch Coordinator.