

Newsletter

2026



July 4th Boat Parade Date

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Off the point at the Cottages at McWain Point

Join friends, neighbors, and visitors for one of McWain Pond's favorite summer traditions — the Annual July 4th Boat Parade! Boats of all sizes and types are welcome, with any form of propulsion encouraged.

Fourth of July Fireworks Display

Time: 9:15 PM

Location: Over the lake at McWain Point

Fireworks will be provided for all to enjoy! Donations are warmly welcomed, with 100% of proceeds going to the Waterford Church's Friends in Need Fund, which directly supports members of our local community.

Annual McWain Pond Association Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 11th

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Birch Rock Camp.

The McWain Pond Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the Annual Meeting for the McWain Pond community. This yearly gathering is an opportunity for members, residents, and friends of the lake to come together, discuss important updates, hear from the Board, and look ahead to the upcoming season.

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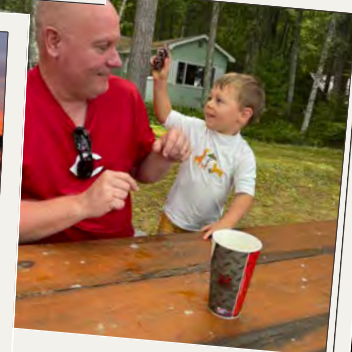
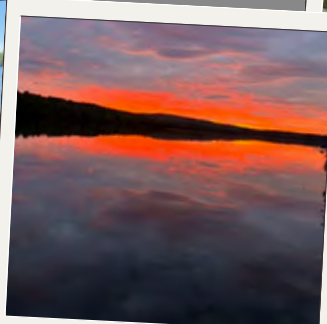
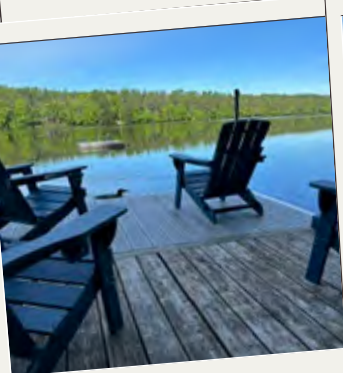
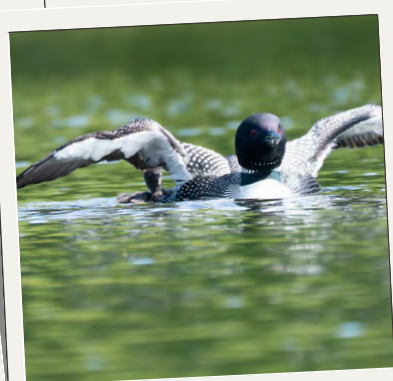
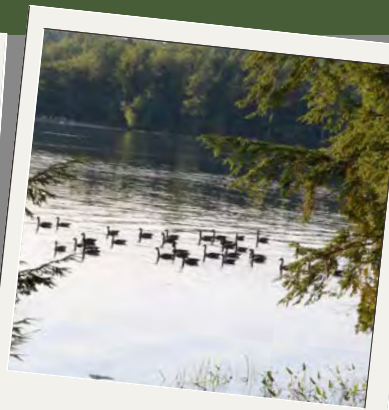
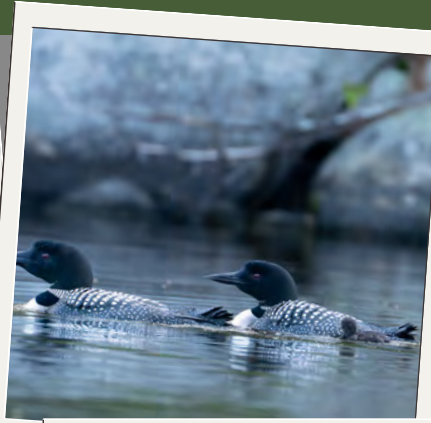
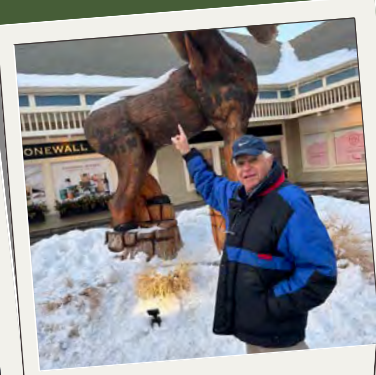
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Fun on McWain



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Adventures Beyond the Lake

One of our trustees, Bill Cook, crossed a once-in-a-lifetime experience off his bucket list.

After skiing all over New England and the western states for the past 60 years, he took a trip to Zermatt, Switzerland this past February.



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Loon Count

Maine Audubon Annual Loon Count: A Half-Hour Snapshot with Decades of Meaning

Each summer, on the third Saturday of July, volunteers across Maine head out on lakes and ponds from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. for the Maine Audubon Annual Loon Count. In just half an hour, their observations create an important statewide “snapshot” of Maine’s Common Loon population and help scientists understand how these iconic birds are doing from year to year.

The count began in 1983, and the long-term results are encouraging. Maine’s loon population in the southern half of the state has more than doubled since the first count, when 1,417 adult loons were estimated in that same region. Because northern Maine is so vast and remote, Maine Audubon uses the southern half of the state to establish the most reliable population estimates.

In 2025, the 42nd Annual Loon Count brought together 1,848 volunteers on 427 lakes. Together, they counted an estimated 3,174 adult loons and 568 chicks in southern Maine—another sign that the population remains healthy and stable.

McWain Pond: Our Local Count

McWain Pond has its own small but meaningful history with the loon count. The first survey was conducted in 2001 and recorded four adult loons. Two chicks were spotted and recorded for the first time in 2007. The highest count so far came in 2020, with six adults and one chick. In 2025, our count was four adults and two chicks.

This year, my brother-in-law, Anthony Manuriell, and I will be counting loons on July 18. It is a short window of time, but each observation contributes to a much larger picture of loon health, lake quality, and conservation across Maine.

Maine’s Waters: A Perfect Home for Loons

Maine is well known for its lakes, ponds, and wild shorelines. The state has 5,785 bodies of water larger than one acre, and nearly half are legally classified as “Great Ponds,” meaning they are larger than 10 acres.

Among Maine’s most notable waters, Moosehead Lake in the Maine Highlands is the largest body of freshwater entirely within the state, spanning 75,471 acres. Sebago Lake is the deepest, reaching 316 feet, and it serves as an important regional water source. Rangeley, in western Maine, is famous for the concentration of waters around it, with 112 lakes and ponds in the immediate area. Remarkably, at least 2,677 of Maine’s lakes and ponds remain unnamed.

Loon Count Cont.

Why Loons Capture Our Attention

Loons are remarkable aquatic birds, famous for their haunting calls and their ability to disappear beneath the surface with ease. Unlike most birds, loons have heavy, solid bones that reduce buoyancy and help them dive. They can plunge as deep as 250 feet, remain underwater for up to five minutes, and use their powerful feet to maneuver quickly while chasing fish.

Their bodies are perfectly designed for life on the water, but that design comes with trade-offs. Because their legs are set far back for swimming, loons can barely walk on land. They usually come ashore only to mate and incubate eggs, and if they must move on land, they push themselves along on their bellies.

Taking flights is also a challenge. Loons are heavy birds and need a long runway of open water—sometimes up to a quarter mile—to splash, build speed, and lift into the air. Once airborne, however, they are fast fliers and can reach migration speeds of more than 70 miles per hour.

Calls, Chicks, and Family Life

A loon's voice is one of the unforgettable sounds of a Maine lake. Loons are known for four distinct calls—the wail, yodel, tremolo, and hoot—which can sound like haunting howls, eerie laughter, or quiet contact calls between family members.

Because loons are not built for land, they even sleep on the water, taking short naps by turning their necks and folding their heads onto their backs. Their chicks can swim within hours of hatching, but they often ride on a parent's back to rest, stay warm, and avoid danger.

Raising loon chicks is a true partnership. Both parents feed and protect their young, sometimes bringing food dozens of times a day. With care, good nesting habitat, clean water, and enough fish, loons can live long lives—some nearly 30 years.

A Count That Connects Us

The Annual Loon Count is more than a tally of birds. It is a community science tradition that connects volunteers, lakes, and conservation across Maine. A healthy loon population suggests clear water, plentiful fish, and suitable nesting habitat—signs that lake ecosystems are supporting the wildlife that depends on them.

For those of us watching McWain Pond, the count is also personal. Each adult and chick observed adds to a local record that stretches back more than two decades. On July 18, we will be looking and listening carefully, grateful to be part of a statewide effort that helps protect one of Maine's most beloved birds.



Birch Rock Camp Celebrates 100 Seasons

A hundred summers ago, the very first thirteen Birch Rock campers dipped their paddles into Lake McWain and lit the first campfire that still glows in our hearts today. This year, we invite you – campers, counselors, families, neighbors, and supporters of generations past, present, and future – to gather on the Hillside to celebrate a century of Birch Rock Camp. We are so grateful to be dedicated members of the McWain Pond Association and the Waterford community. Camp is all about connection and community, and during this 100th season, we will take stock of our unique heritage and share our hopes for the future.

Birch Rock Camp looks forward to welcoming you to campus for the annual MPA meeting on Saturday, July 11, 2026 @ 10 AM. We hope to share a few nostalgic moments from BRC's yesteryear and engage many of you in your unique connection to MPA and BRC.

Your presence will complete this milestone.

And as our best waterfront cheerleaders and ambassadors, if you know of any young men who might benefit from the BRC experience www.birchrock.org, please let us know. Our community thrives from your support and neighborly partnership

A Chat Between Two Old Dogs on McWain Hill About Birch Rock Camp's 100th Anniversary

In the summer of 1926, "the very first thirteen Birch Rock campers dipped their paddles into Lake McWain, and lit the first campfire that still glows in our hearts today". BRC and the Plate family have been neighbors for 86 of those 100 years. Rich Deering, BRC Alumni and Community Director, and his McWain Hill neighbor Bob Plate met recently to chat about the history of Birch Rock Camp.

Bob: Thanks for indulging my love of history, Rich! So, let's start at the beginning... what inspired the Brewsters to open a camp?

Rich: Chief and Onie Brewster, along with Bartlett Boyden, started BRC in 1926. All three came from teaching backgrounds in the Boston area, and Chief and Onie had worked for 3 previous summers at Chewonki, a highly respected boys' camp in Wiscasset. They wanted to develop their own camp and had 3 particular criteria in mind: 1) to be on the eastern shore of a freshwater pond, 2) to be on a hillside where campers could be physically conditioned, and 3) to keep it small in size and exclusively for boys (because that's who they were used to teaching).

Bob: All of us reading this newsletter (being not the LEAST bit biased) would agree they made an inspired decision with McWain Pond, but how did they come to choose this location?

Rich: The Brewsters had been searching all through Maine for a suitable location. A friend in South Paris connected them with Helen Sanderson. Helen was a nurse, originally from East Waterford, who in 1923 expanded her summer cottage on McWain Pond into a girls' camp "for the delicate girl", which became known as Camp McWain. Helen introduced the Brewsters to her brother, Burton Sanderson, who had just left a teaching career to return home and take over the family farm on McWain Hill. Burton shared the Brewsters' commitment to education and agreed to sell the Brewsters an 8-acre parcel of land (now 10 acres), which had been a cow pasture and maple grove. An informal agreement allowed the camp to build a tennis court on Burton's upper hay field and to use that field and the woods across the road for activities. And later, we were able to add further activities when, around 1997, your father, Henry, said, "If you need more playing fields, we are happy to open our fields. It's important to have activity and enjoyment, so spread it out".

Bob: I suspect most folks know the answer to this one, but how did Birch Rock Camp get its name?

Rich: Native American names were often used for camps at that time, but Chief wanted to do something different. He met with a Norwegian author of children's adventure stories who suggested naming it after a unique natural feature within the camp. There was a birch tree near the shore which had seeded itself on top of a large boulder . . . and the rest is history!

Bob: How big was Birch Rock when it first opened in 1926?

Rich: Birch Rock was one of 5 camps on McWain Pond at that time. That first year, we had 5 cabins plus the main lodge, 7 staff members (many of whom were educators who worked with the Brewsters), and 13 campers, adding 13 more campers each year for several successive years. (As a point of comparison, we've now got 33 buildings, and we'll have 42 staff members and 135 campers this year). The waterfront was very rustic, rough-and-ready, with a main dock and a swim float.



1926 - "Mister Brewster's Tent and group, plus Master Billy Brewster"



1930s Waterfront

Bob: What activities did Birch Rock offer in the early days?

Rich: Swimming was a mandatory activity because the Brewsters felt it was important not only for conditioning but also for safety. They wanted kids to feel one with the lake and confident in their ability to swim. Birch Rock is one of the few camps around today that requires instructional swim daily. Additional activities included primitive skills like camp craft, outdoor living, and wilderness adventure trips, along with sports like sailing, canoeing, archery, badminton, fishing, horseshoes, baseball, and tennis.

Birch Rock has expanded greatly over the past 100 years. We've now got 22 different activities, including pickleball, wind-surfing, kayaking, rowing, Junior Maine Guide, music, art, crafts, lacrosse, volleyball, soccer, basketball, mountain biking and fishing. We've got a library and even offer tutoring services for those campers who are interested.

A Chat Between Two Old Dogs on McWain Hill About Birch Rock Camp's 100th Anniversary CONT.

Bob: What impact did the Depression and World War II have on a new camp still finding its footing?

Rich: There were ebbs and flows just like the economy, and the Depression definitely had an impact, but most Maine summer camps survived the crisis. Birch Rock closed in 1943 because of the war, and in 1944 it operated at Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire, where Chief and Onie had become Heads of School.



Meal time in the 1940s

Bob: For a camp hidden in the Western Foothills of Maine, Birch Rock has a sizeable international representation . . . when did that begin to happen?

Rich: Well, Chef Albert Bryan, who started at Birch Rock in 1929 and was our chef for 52 years, was from Jamaica, so you could say we've had an international presence almost from the beginning. Since then, we've had campers and staff from Korea, Mexico, England, Spain, Italy, the UAE, Israel, Ireland, France, Japan, China, Portugal, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

Bob: I need to broach a scary question, because I've heard rumors. My grandson Jameson will be a first-year camper at Birch Rock this year, and on an introductory Zoom call a few weeks back, one of the incoming campers asked about the "Midnight Phantom". Should the rest of us around the Pond be worried?

Rich: Well, first, we are looking forward to having another Plate at camp, following in the footsteps of your nephew (and Karen's son) Austin, who was a BRC camper, and your daughter (and Jameson's mother) Kelsey, who worked in our kitchen for two summers. As for your question, the Midnight Phantom has been lurking in the woods of Birch Rock for many, many years. No one knows for sure whether it is one or a group of beings. Some have said it is a group of wood gnomes who strike at night, while others firmly believe it's just the staff. Many staff members have been accused by campers over the years, but very few campers have any real evidence for what they claim to see. What we do know is the Midnight Phantom, while mischievous, is mostly harmless and just wants to have a little fun. There are also tales of the McWain Monster, which lives beneath the lake, roams during the summer, and hibernates in the winter.

Bob: I'll remember that the next time I go for a moonlight swim and think it's a sunfish nibbling at my toes! Final question: There used to be 82 boys' camps in Maine, and now there are only 21. Congratulations to you and the entire Birch Rock Community on reaching this impressive Centennial milestone. That's a really big deal... not just for the difference you've made in these young men's lives, but the exponential difference they go on to make as they "Help The Other Fellow" throughout their lives. What's the secret to your success?

Rich: Lots of factors have helped us get where we are. The Brewsters established a strong foundation at the start, supplemented since by neighbors, vendors, families, loyal and talented staff, partner organizations, and the young men who return each year, both as campers and as counselors. How do you really define that? We are especially grateful to our McWain Pond community. How lucky is BRC to have such loyal and helpful neighbors, especially the Plates, Sandersons, Hagues, Whichards, Muziks, and the McLaughlins at Camp Waganaki! Because Birch Rock Camp is embedded in a community, our neighbors are essential to our success in ways staff and vendors alone cannot be.



Bob Plate note: I am still interested in collecting stories relating to the history of McWain Pond. If you've got a story you'd like to share, please reach out to me at 203-885-8231 or bobplate1@yahoo.com, and I'll incorporate it in a future MPA newsletter or find another way to share these stories!

A Special Place

As anyone who has spent time on McWain Pond knows, every season on our pond is special. In the spring, it's great fun to keep track of when the ice "goes out," and then it's just as entertaining to keep an eye out to note when our loons return. It's true that this year our May temperatures were a bit chilly, but those of us who were fortunate enough to be here on the pond enjoyed a lovely spring in spite of the cold weather.

Of course, summer is our busy season. Our seasonal neighbors, Birch Rock and Camp Waziyatah campers, all return in time for the July 4th festivities, and it's fun hearing the kids out on the water having a good time. The annual Commodore Bob Hanger Boat Parade just might be the highlight of the holiday for many of us. Those of us who don't have motor boats line our docks with our enthusiastic family members and friends to cheer as our neighbors pass by our docks. This parade is not showy or glitzy; it's small-town Maine at its best. When the sun sets, the fun continues as we head back to our docks to enjoy the annual fireworks. Our youngest grandchildren are delighted that they are now old enough to stay up for them! We on McWain Pond have no need to fight the holiday traffic, we have everything we need to celebrate right here! My bet is that most of us know just how fortunate we are.

In the summer, we do have a lot going on. Most of us look forward to our annual McWain Pond Meeting. Attending gives each of us an opportunity to reconnect with our neighbors, to meet new friends, and to make a difference. It's our chance to voice our concerns and stay abreast of our ongoing preservation efforts to keep our pond clean and safe for future generations. I know I am truly grateful for the hard work so many of our neighbors do to keep our pond healthy.

Another summer activity and a good way a lot of us connect with our community is by volunteering and attending the Wilkins House Summer Breakfasts. I have found that when I volunteer, I get to chat with my neighbors and enjoy a delicious breakfast. This event is yet another way to give back to our community, as the proceeds from the breakfasts help support the Wilkins House, a special place that does a fantastic job of connecting all of Waterford. (You'll see the signs around town reminding you of the breakfast dates.)



A Special Place CONT.

One more summertime Waterford tradition that we really enjoy is the Waterford's World Fair. You know it has to be amazing since it has been around since 1852. It's a small, traditional fair run by some of the nicest people you will ever meet. It won't cost you an arm and a leg, and it's close by, too. If you never have attended, you might want to give it a try this summer. That is if you can tear yourself away from your dock. (I get that. It's tough to leave the pond.) Your children or grandchildren just might win a pig! One year, winning a pig in the pig scramble was the highlight of the summer for our little guy. The fair dates this year are July 17-19.

In my opinion, McWain Pond is the most beautiful in the fall. The colors, the peace and quiet, the fragrance of the drying leaves, the combination of the hot sun and the cool breeze from the pond – that is difficult to beat. Last year, our fall weather was warm and sunny, so we were still swimming and kayaking into October. That was a win. This year, if you aren't still lounging on your dock on October 11th, the Waterford Fall Foliage 5K, Fitness Walk, and One-Mile Fun Run is another wonderful way to connect with neighbors. This autumn event offers runners, walkers, and spectators a good time while also benefiting the Tony Waldeier Scholarship Fund for local students. I like the idea of just hanging on my dock, but I also like the idea of doing something for the greater community.

I have got to mention that I love Christmas on McWain Pond. Each year it looks a little different, but it's always magical. A couple of years ago, we didn't have snow, so we made a campfire and cooked s'mores after we opened our presents and enjoyed our holiday meal, but usually we have plenty of snow for sliding. This past year, we certainly did! The out-of-door activities are fun, and, as a bonus, the stars do seem to be brighter on winter's night here on McWain Pond. There is something special about that.

Hmm. Maybe I have given you something to ponder. Which is your favorite season? Truth be told, my favorite is the one we are enjoying. Enjoy your 2026 here on McWain!



New Wake Rules Make Waves

LD 2284 passed and is now law. The bill, titled "An Act to Implement Recommendations in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Wake Boats," completed its legislative journey in early 2024.

Passed by the House: April 2, 2024.

Passed by the Senate: April 3, 2024.

Signed by Governor Janet Mills: April 9, 2024.

Effective Date: April 9, 2024.

It was enacted as Public Law Chapter 611. As established by this law, wake surfing in Maine is now prohibited within 300 feet of the shoreline or in water less than 15 feet deep. The approved bill (LD 2284) requires the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to formulate an education plan for wake boaters and wake surfers, and to submit a report about the watersport to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than Feb. 1, 2027.

250 years, where has the time gone?

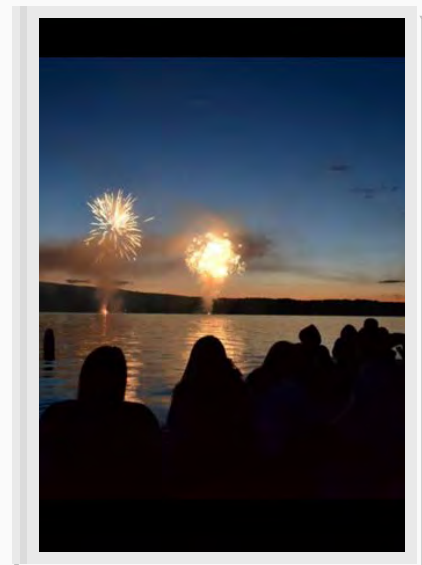
It is that time of the year again to ring in the start of another (hopefully) fantastic summer on Lake McWain! When it comes to our Country and the USA, let us always remember our Veterans who gave us what we enjoy today. Speaking of our Veterans, remember these 3 words and actions. Remember, Honor and Teach. REMEMBER: those Veterans who are no longer with us and who have fought for our freedom. A Veteran, is said that they die twice, once when they take their last breath of air on earth, the second and final death is when their name is no longer said out-loud and they are forgotten. Please always say the names of Veterans who have passed out loud so that their memory may continue on. HONOR: a Veteran by thanking them for their service. Some Veterans do not like to be acknowledged publicly. Do not hesitate to go up to a Veteran, with your arm out, shake their hand, and thank them for their service to our country. TEACH: It is up to ALL of us to teach the next and future generations about our past. To teach about WWI, to teach the future generations about the "Greatest Generation" of WWII men and women. Teach our children and grandchildren about all the veterans who have come before them and what they have done for our children's future. Teaching is now very important! As July 4th and the start of our country's 250th birthday are right around the corner, the Tradition that started many Years ago by "Commodore" Bob Hanger and his wife, and has continued on through the years, is our 4 on the 4th McWain Boat Parade.



Once again, we ask that boats of all types please start assembling at about 3:45 off the Point, at the Cottages at McWain Point. We hope to depart on our slow journey around Lake McWain with bells ringing and American Flags flying, as we acknowledge our neighbors on their docks, and they wave and cheer back at the procession out on the Lake. Once again, at 9:15 pm Matt G pyrotechnics under the guidance and supervision of JWhich will enlighten all of us with their spectacular aerial light show.

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WRITTEN BY:
BRUCE WHICHARD

Lake McWain Memorial Elm Tree has Been Planted

Our Lake McWain Memorial Elm Tree was successfully planted last fall on Waterford Flat! The McWain Pond Board members wanted to find a way to honor and remember all of our previous Lake McWain family and friends who are no longer with us here on earth and who could once enjoy our lake. But we know that they are all looking down upon us from Heaven and watching us continue to enjoy our lake as they all once did with us.

Our elm tree was planted on the Flat last fall by the Waterford Memorial Tree Fund Committee which was under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Bill Stockwell. "Our" tree, and 2 other Memorial trees that were planted on the Flat were all dedicated last fall publicly during the annual Waterford 5K Road Race.



What is Happening in Waterford?

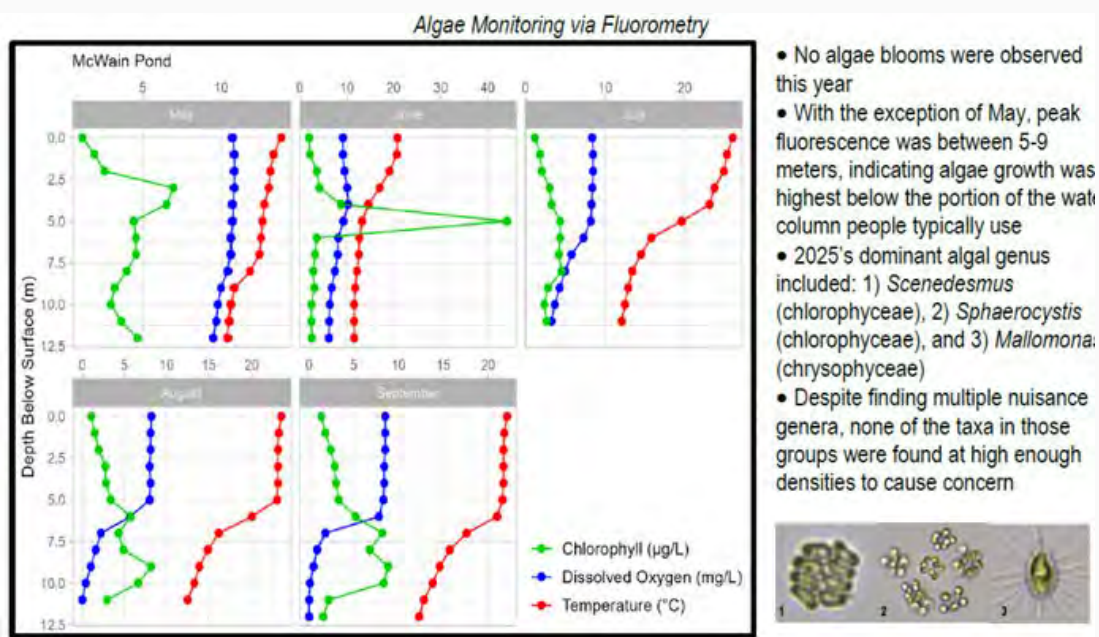
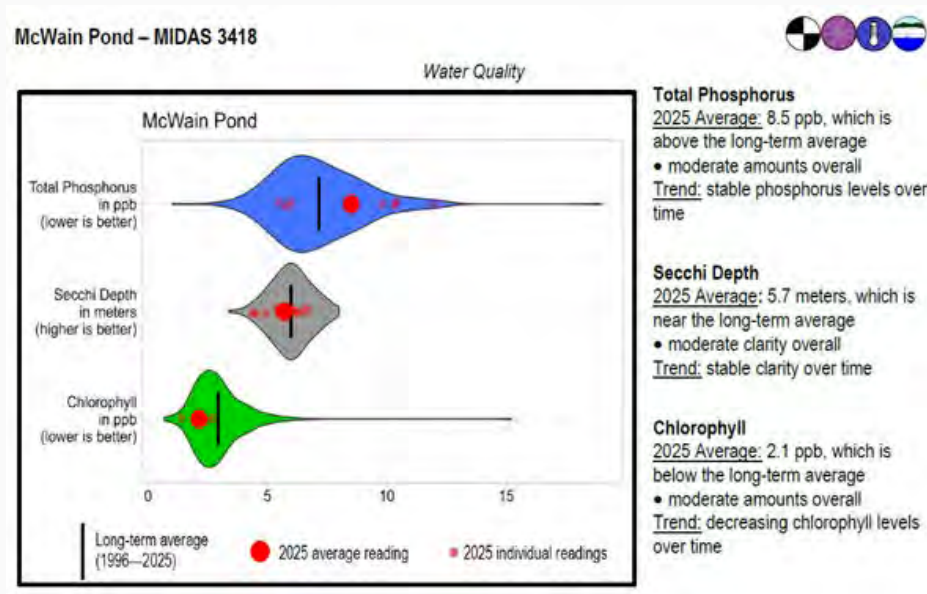
How many of you know that there was recently a 13 lot subdivision application here in Waterford proposed on a 14 acre lot (some of that original lot being wetlands)? How many of you know that there has been a commercial solar field of 40 solar trackers that has been approved on historic view farmland here in Waterford? Or the proposed ordinance of shoreland owners to mandate that they get their septic tanks pumped every 3 or 5 years and report to the town office to record when your septic tanks have been pumped?

How many of you know that the Waterford Comprehensive Plan was last updated over 25 years ago? The Comprehensive Plan is a “living” document that should be updated always to keep up with the changing needs and demands of the town. But it is also there to protect the town, to protect the land and lakes, the forest land, to protect the wildlife and to help preserve Waterford as the beautiful village tucked away in the Western Maine Foothills that we all so love and enjoy. Yes, there will always be change and growth but how do we, those people that live here want to see Waterford next year, in 10 years from now and how do we want to leave Waterford for our children and grandchildren and generations to come? Do we want to see Waterford grow like Portland, Lewiston or Augusta, or do we want to see Waterford grow slowly over time and protect our “Peaceful Village” ? A committee is now being formed by the town looking for volunteers. A good thing about this committee is that you DO NOT have to be a legal resident of the town to take part. We are looking for any land owner, summer resident, any age, all ages, all ideas, people who spend a week here in Waterford, who spend the summer here in Waterford or live here full time. We are looking for folks that enjoy the lakes, the hiking trails, the ATV trails and snowmobile trails. People that want to see the Waterford elementary school back open, did you even know that the school district closed our Waterford Elementary school 2 years ago? We want people who enjoy the July 4th parade, the Waterford 5K road race in October, the lighting of the Waterford Christmas tree on the Flat in December, and people that attend the Waterford Worlds Fair in the summer..... Anyone that takes pride in our Village to stand up and come to a Comprehensive Plan Meeting and let your opinion be heard on your thoughts of what the future of Waterford should look like. Please take the time to go to the Waterford Maine web site, to see what the town is doing for you. As with the Comprehensive Plan, doing NOTHING will not have us stay where we are. Doing nothing will be moving us backwards. Let us all be proactive, let us all help move our town forward, but let us also protect the Village that we all love in the way that we want it to remain and help protect it. Please feel free to get involved and ask questions!

McWain Pond Water Testing Summary

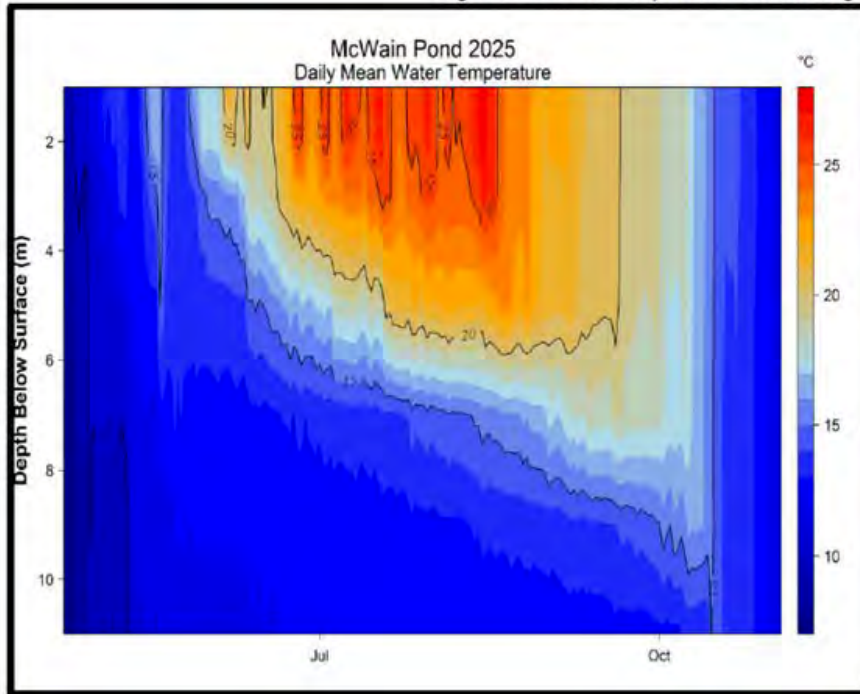
Water Quality Monitoring Summary

McWain Pond surface water chlorophyll (ppb), phosphorus (ppb), and Secchi depth (meters) data comparison. Colored areas represent the long-term range of values, from minimum to maximum. Area thickness indicates frequency of measurements at that value. Area thickness increases as more measurements are reported at that value. The vertical black line represents the long-term average value. The large red dot represents 2025's average value. The small red dots represent individual readings taken in 2025.



McWain Pond Water Testing Summary

High-Resolution Temperature Monitoring



- The water column of McWain Pond was weakly stratified when sensors were deployed.
- There were 5-6 distinct warm spells seen in the surface waters with temperatures reaching near-peak levels in June, July, and August. Peak temperature this year was recorded in mid-August.
- Shallow waters began to cool and mix with waters from the middle depths in late August.
- The water column mixed for the season in mid-October.

Deployment Date	Peak Temperature (°C/ °F)	Date of Peak Temperature	Full Mixing	Retrieval Date
4/23/2025	28.3/ 82.9	8/14/2025	10/24/2025	11/3/2025

In Memoriam: Arthur C. Sanderson

Arthur C Sanderson died on December 14, 2025, from complications of Parkinson's disease. Dr Sanderson was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, New York. He authored more than 250 journal and conference publications and six books in the areas of biomedical signal processing, robotics and automation systems, and sensor-based control. His research on sensor-based robotic control, planning and reasoning for intelligent systems, distributed sensor networks, and neural networks contributed to the development of many modern technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and driverless cars.

Arthur enjoyed running, rowing, windsurfing, and skiing. He was an accomplished guitarist, banjo player, photographer, and watercolorist, hobbies that he continued to pursue even as Parkinson's disease diminished his physical abilities. Dr. Sanderson was married for 55 years to Dr. Susan R. Sanderson (née Walsh). He is survived by his two children, Dr. Angeline S. Andrew of Bethel, Maine, and Andrew M. Sanderson of London, England, and by four grandchildren: Justin and Dirk Andrew, and Maggie and Julia Sanderson. He was predeceased by his brother, David W. Sanderson.

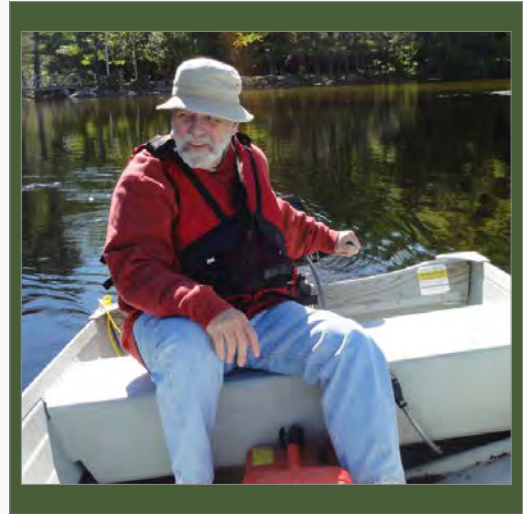
McWain Farm has been in the Sanderson family since the first settler, David McWain built his cabin on part of the land that we still own. Hannah Angline McWain and her husband Marshall Sanderson built the current farm.

In Memoriam:

Anthony J. Butterall

Anthony J. Butterall, age 82, of Waterford, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at the Andwell Hospice House, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on May 7, 1943, in Stoughton, Massachusetts, Anthony was the cherished son of the late Anthony and Marguerite Butterall. He pursued his passion for innovation and earned a degree in electrical design from the Wentworth Institute of Technology, a field in which he excelled and found great fulfillment.



On July 21, 1968, Anthony married the love of his life, Donna Vogel. Together, they shared 57 wonderful years of marriage, filled with countless cherished memories. Anthony was a devoted husband, a proud father, and a loving grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna; his daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Chris; his sons, Josh and Jason; his adored granddaughter, Lily; and his sister, Joanne. His legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him deeply.

After retiring to Maine, Anthony became a dedicated and active member of the Waterford community. He served as President of the McWain Pond Association, Manager of the Wilkins Community House, and Trustee of the Waterford Historical Society.

A private graveside service was held by the family at Elm Vale Cemetery in Waterford.

Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 45 Main St, South Paris. To make an online condolence, please visit www.chandlerfunerals.com.

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