



Fall 2022

# Friends of Lake Quannapowitt

*"Preserving and enhancing the waters of Lake Quannapowitt and its surrounding lands"*

## Letter from our President

The FOLQ board has had a very busy summer as our members continue to meet to strategize and plan future actions and events. Following the development of 200-400 Quannapowitt Drive through the various Town boards had consumed most of our time and energy in 2021-2022. Now we will be monitoring the implementation of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding that was negotiated with Cabot, Cabot, and Forbes as well as the Town's orders of conditions.



**Margaret Coppe**

We have a busy fall season ahead with a table at the Farmers Market, collaborating with students from the Galvin Middle School in our biannual Lake clean up, participating in Wakefield 101 which gives new residents the opportunity to learn about Wakefield organizations, volunteering with the Run For the Ages, and ending with our Annual Breakfast.

In between all these activities, the Landscaping Committee planned and executed the placing of colorful native species plants in Colonel Connelly Park and Spaulding Park

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See what is happening at Spaulding Park at the Head of the Lake. You will be happily surprised.

As will the butterflies!

## Fall Breakfast Sunday November 6



### *Friends of Lake Quannapowitt* **ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

Support FOLQ, enjoy a delicious hearty breakfast while visiting with neighbors & friends



**Sunday, November 6, 2022**  
**7:30 - 11:00 am**

**\$25**

at Bear Hill Golf Club  
2 North Street, Stoneham  
Just over the town line on Prospect St

FOLQ Annual Breakfast is an opportunity for our general membership to celebrate and show support for Lake Quannapowitt.

**Do come join us!**

Reservations can be made on our website or with FOLQ Board members. You can also contact us by email or phone to indicate you will attend and pay at the door.

## FOLQ Annual Dues Help the Lake

### HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES FOR 2022?

FOLQ relies on the generous efforts of volunteers and from annual membership dues and donations. Please pay your FOLQ dues using this easy QR code, or by mailing a check to

FOLQ, P.O. Box 517, Wakefield MA 01880

**Thank You!**





## FOLQ Volunteers Transform Walkdown Area at Spaulding Park

Recent efforts by volunteers at Lake Quannapowitt have made improvements to the walkway and stairway areas at Gertrude Spaulding park at the head of the lake. Volunteers shown here are members of the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt and staff from Weston and Sampson Engineering in Reading.

The project removed invasive species and overgrowth from the area and replaced them with a native plant garden on either side of the steps. The Wakefield Department of Public Works provided a great help to the volunteers in preparing the area for planting and coordinating with the Conservation Commission.

Margaret Coppe, President of FOLQ, commented "We expect to team again with the DPW with future improvement projects. They are wonderful with their cooperation, support and suggestions."

If anyone would like to participate in future volunteer projects, please contact us at [mail@folq.org](mailto:mail@folq.org) or call us at 781-486-3795.



### Lake Clean-up Oct 22



Come join us for our Fall Lake Cleanup on Sat. Oct 22 (Rain Date Oct 29) 9-11a.m. Meet us at the Gazebo for bags, gloves, and directions.

### Lakeside Construction to Begin

After hearing the Special Permit requests of Cabot Cabot and Forbes to build 440 units of residential housing and a restaurant for over a year, Wakefield's Zoning Board of Appeals approved the project unanimously on July 14, 2022. The site has been vacant for several years and is the former location of American Mutual Insurance and Digital Reality Trust. CC&F's attention is now focused on getting a building permit and moving forward with construction early in 2023.