



Spring 2022

Friends of Lake Quannapowitt

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

Letter from our President

This has been, and continues to be, a busy year for FOLQ. We are nearing a decision by the Town on the proposal by Cabot, Cabot, and Forbes to develop 200-400



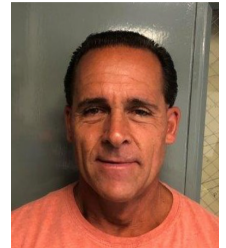
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Quannapowitt Parkway with three buildings containing up to 485 apartments. Board members have been attending and speaking at meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board as the application works its way through the permitting process. And once permits are granted, we will continue to be diligent in following the development, always alert for any changes that may come up at these boards. Thanks to our hard working board members for attending as many as three meetings a week (remotely) giving hours of time to this important topic.

FOLQ has welcomed AnnMarie Gallivan to help us with our digital presence. AnnMarie came to us with much experience from the Wakefield Farmers Market where she has helped them with on-line resources, website management, and Face Book and Instagram postings. Look for FOLQ to become more visible on these platforms in the coming months.

FOLQ ANNUAL MEETING DINNER MAY 25 at Bear Hill Golf Club

FOLQ is excited to be planning a live, in-person Annual Meeting this year, after 2 years of ZOOM versions during the pandemic. As in years past, it will be a time to gather with other lake advocates with food, drink, visiting, organizational business and a live presentation of interest to our lake mission. This year, we are pleased to have as our guest speaker **Dennis Fazio, Wakefield DPW manager of Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery** for the past 24 years. Dennis has been a great friend to FOLQ, working collaboratively on efforts to preserve the lakeshore environment. His presentation will focus on the continuing efforts to control the geese population around the lake. But he will also be available to address questions about on-going park maintenance, the renovation at the Vets Field/Floral Way, or other DPW-related concerns. Join us for an enjoyable night out. It's a tasty dinner at a reasonable price, a chance to visit with neighbors, and a time to support FOLQ! See the details below:



Dennis Fazio

DATE: Wednesday May 25
LOCATION: Bear Hill Golf Club
TIME: 5:30- 6:15 Drinks (cash bar) and visiting
6:15- 7:00 Buffet Dinner
7:00-7:30 Annual Business Meeting
7:30-8:15 Dennis Fazio Presentation
COST: \$15 per person

To participate in the dinner portion of the evening, an RSVP is required by May 21. You may do this by US Mail (P.O. Box 517, Wakefield MA) or by email at mail@folq.org. Please remit appropriate payment or specify "pay at the door". (RSVP is not required for the business meeting and program.)

2022 Membership Dues

Membership dues request for 2022 are being posted in this newsletter. Dues annually are \$25 and \$35 for single or family memberships respectively. A commercial membership is \$150. Two new and convenient ways to pay are:

1. Capture the QR code here or in the mail you received or at FOLQ Facebook on your smartphone and complete your membership and payment information.
2. Visit our website at folq.org and click on Membership.



If you prefer to use US Mail, send payment and membership information to:
FOLQ, P.O. Box 51, Wakefield MA, 01880

Your membership and the support it provides allows us to continue efforts to preserve, protect and enhance the lake and its surrounding areas.

THANK YOU!

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Board Meeting Schedule

FOLQ Board meetings are open to all members and interested parties. Generally, meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7 p.m. at WCAT or (via ZOOM as needed). Dates are listed below

May 3	Oct. 4
June 7	Nov. 1
July 5	Dec. 2
Sept 6	

Volunteer Energy Fuels FOLQ!

The time and efforts of volunteers is what makes FOLQ effective in its mission. It is why your dues go so far in protecting and enhancing the lake.



Pictured above are employees of **Weston and Sampson** celebrating after spending an afternoon cleaning hard-to-reach lakeshore areas. **Galvin Middle School Students** turned out in droves on April 30 to further clean other areas of the lake. Kids enrolled in the **Boys and Girls Club** will be helping out with lake tasks during the summer.

Another volunteer opportunity is coming up in late May & early June with the **Galvin School Watershed Awareness** field trips. FOLQ organizes adult chaperones to augment adult supervision with small groups during a 2-hour walk through wetlands with a professional naturalist. The adults are often as excited as the kids by what they observe in the natural wild. 24 slots are available.

To volunteer, or for more info, email us at mail@folq.org.

FOLQ's Vision Statement

FOLQ has recently adopted a Vision Statement that embodies an aspirational goal: **"A shoreline greenway surrounding Lake Quannapowitt"**. This vision depicts a bold objective to serve as a unifying focus for concerted effort and peer-group cooperation. This simple and unambiguous image initiates the evolution of a detailed plan for extending the present greenway around the lake. By contrast, our Mission Statement, **"To promote public awareness and provide long term protection and enhancement of Lake Quannapowitt and its surrounding public lands"** presents our thematic organizational identity, well-matched to our new Vision Statement.

Lakeside Development Approval Nears



The application and site plan filed by Cabot, Cabot & Forbes with Wakefield Zoning Board of Appeals for a mixed-use residential development appears to be nearing approval as we issue our Spring Newsletter. While there have been many adjustments during the permitting process, the elements FOLQ worked hard to achieve remain intact: New lakeshore parklands will be available for public use; Over 11 acres of woodland and wetland are being permanently protected; Limits to building dimensions have been retained; And efforts to improve lake water will be given a big assist by the \$1.3 million donation to the town for that purpose. Despite the complexity of challenges involved in this development, FOLQ looks forward to a reasonable outcome.

What's Happening at Vet's Field?



A major overhaul of the grounds near Vets Field and the Floral Way is underway. At completion there will be new tennis and pickleball courts; a retaining pools to help clean surface water before entering the lake; regrading of the land to direct surface water to the retention pools; and construction of new a pathway suitable for wheelchairs and carriages, but also compatible with the historical character of the area. Hats off to the Historical Commission, Disability Advocates, and our Town DPW for considering various community needs in a good design.