

# Invasive Species Report, July 2022

By Mike Gately

- We are changing the name of this committee from Milfoil to Invasive Species Committee. There are more and more invasive species that are infecting our lakes, both plants and animals. There is much more to be concerned about beyond Milfoil. Check out the Maine Lake Stewards website for more information.
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection awarded HSPA \$2,200 grant to help offset the costs of the Milfoil program. This was an increase of \$200 and the second year in a row we have received an increase.
- With the assistance of this grant as well as the donations made to the newly created Milfoil fund we have expanded hours at the public boat launch.
- Days increased on all three holiday weekends from two days to four days (Friday through Monday)
- Hours increased each day from 8 hours to 10 hours. 7am to 5pm.
- Costs increased from \$16 to \$18 per hour to remain competitive and attract people to work at the boat launch.
- With the increased costs we will deplete the money raised in our Milfoil account, so we will need to raise \$2,000 into this account prior to next season to maintain the increased hours.
- Please consider a donation above your annual dues toward the Milfoil account.
- Please continue to track your hours spent volunteering to monitor the pond. These volunteer hours are a big part of our grant application. As you spend time in Canoes/Kayaks/SUP boards please watch for any changes or plants that look out of place. Please let me know or contact LEA directly if you see anything suspicious.

- Please email Mike Gately at [mgately84@gmail.com](mailto:mgately84@gmail.com) the total hours spent pond watching prior to September 15, 2022.
- If you rent your property please take the time to talk about invasive plants and animals with your renters and ask them to check their power and paddle boats prior to launching.
- Residents and renters should be aware if your boat is registered out of state you must purchase a Maine Milfoil sticker for your power boat. Easy to purchase online for \$40, the fine for not having one is \$500 if the Game Warden spots you out on the lake. Maine registrations come with a Milfoil sticker and it does not need to be purchased separately.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.