FEDERATION OF VERMONT LAKES AND PONDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 3, 2022 Summary Minutes

WELCOME to new Board member, Kemper Pierce, from Lake Morey and a welcome back to the board to Roger Crouse and Tracey Shadday. Laura Callahan is stepping down as an Auxiliary board member.

- Alison Marchione, newly employed as Lakes Shoreland Coordinator for DEC and coordinator of the Lake Wise program gave a presentation about her background, her work, and plans for beneficial updates to the Lake Wise program. Alison along with seasonal assistant, Matt, completed 75 Lake Wise assessments during the summer, data is being analyzed and the number of awards given will be available by the end of the year. Plans are to update assessment forms, and work on a Lake Wise Assessment App, which will avoid using as much paper and easily record data rather than record manually. Hiring two seasonal assistants next summer will mean more assessments can be done. Alison is also working on other outreach materials and funding for Lake Watershed Action Plans. Board members asked many questions, most centered on failing septic systems and ways to get information to lake residents.

- Kemper Pierce presented information about the major cyanobacterial bloom in September at Lake Morey, something that has not occurred before. No specific cause has yet to be discovered. Members of the board suggested collecting temperature data in the water column and examining lay monitoring data for any changes. Samples have been taken to assess if another alum treatment for phosphorus release from the deep sediments might be needed.

- The two at-large board members appointed to the Executive Committee are Jay White and Tracey Shadday.

- The Events committee will begin work on 2 Zoom webinars: Inter-water body AIS transfer; New aquatic invasives and water quality to be presented in January and early spring.

- A Communication and Social Media Policy was approved by the board.

- New FOVLAP Website: Content for the new FOVLAP website is being added regularly. Discussions center on ease of use and attracting others to the website.

- One director still needed to complete the FOVLAP board. Please send any potential nominees to Jay White.

- Newsletter available on the website: Celebrating FOVLAP’s 50th Year protecting lakes and ponds!

- Membership/membership renewals available on the website Member Community. Please update your member file and encourage your lake association to add information to its profile on the new FOVLAP website.

Not sure if you’re seeing cyanobacteria or algae? Use the stick test to help you distinguish one from the other. All the photos above show algae draping off a stick. It’s usually very easy to pick up algae with a stick. In contrast, most types of cyanobacteria cannot be picked up with a stick. There are some exceptions, but the stick test is a helpful tool to confirm algae. Please use caution and avoid contact with skin if cyanobacteria is suspected.