

FRIENDS OF NORTH AND SOUTH TWIN LAKES

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MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, August 1, 2026

NEXT MEETING / FINAL MEETING OF 2026

Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 9:30 AM

18 Shore Drive, South Lake

In Attendance

Claire DesBecker, Chair
Rebecca Harclerod
Lucille Meagher
Ray Recht
Vicki Spinola
Ellen Casper, Acting Secretary

Open Discussion: Dangerous Invasive Species

Tree of Heaven has been spotted along the South Twin Lake waterfronts. Tree of Heaven is a host for the spotted lanternfly. These trees cannot simply be cut down, as they will regrow from their roots. A question was raised about responsibility for trees along the waterfront: are they the responsibility of the lakefront owner or of TLIA? It was suggested that trees standing in water be cut when there is ice to stand upon.

Treasurer's Report

No change.

Old Business

A letter from New England Aquatics was read aloud, explaining the electric motors on the pontoon boats used for DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting).

Independent Survey of South Twin Lake

The group discussed commissioning an independent survey of South Twin Lake. It was decided to wait for the results of the Ready-Scout survey, even though Ready-Scout is a known supplier and distributor that applies ProcellaCOR and other chemicals. The decision will depend upon sightings of Eurasian watermilfoil. An independent and more thorough survey by AJ Reyes would cost \$2,700 and would require raising funds to cover it.

There are concerns about another chemical application, together with a proposal to use DASH near the beachfront areas and to encourage more homeowners to use it where access is needed for swimming and boating.

Algae Growth and Photo Documentation

There is concern about algae growth along the shoreline at Camp Scatico. We need past and present photographs of algae growth, water lilies, and floating land islands, both before and after they attach to other land masses. Rebecca Harclerod will take current photographs and will serve as the point person for photo documentation.

Sediment and Water Quality

There are concerns about changes in the sediment, including noticeable broken shells and a thick, silt-like sediment, as well as the disappearance of crayfish and leeches and fewer frogs and turtles since ProcellaCOR was applied in June 2025.

Low oxygen levels are evident at 10 feet, and extremely low levels are also evident at 30 feet. There is concern for trout, the fish currently used to stock South Twin Lake. Lake trout generally require cold, well-oxygenated water, although some trout species are more adaptable than others. There will be further lake testing of both oxygen levels and salinity levels at the end of August or in early September.

Tall grass has been spotted in the southeast and southwest areas of South Twin Lake. We need volunteers to take pictures and to place samples in a plastic bag.

Volunteers Needed: North Lake Rec Park Celebration

FONASTL T-shirts may be sold on September 5 at the North Lake Rec Park celebration, and information on lake health will be offered. Volunteers are needed. The T-shirts are ready, the information has been printed, and the tables are in the carport at 18 Shore Drive, South Lake. Please sign up and offer to set up and take down a table. Email Claire at clayredes@aol.com to sign up.

Last Meeting of 2026

The final meeting of 2026 will be held on Saturday, September 5 at 9:30 AM at 18 Shore Drive, South Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Casper and Claire DesBecker