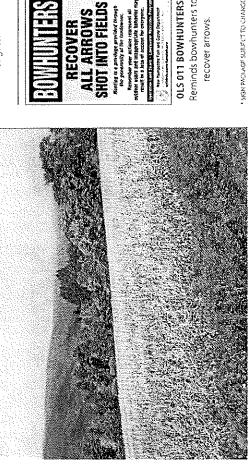
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To enroll in Operation Land Share, please visit wildnh.com/landshare, contact the Landowner Relations Program at 603-271-6355, or email landownerassistance@wildlife.nh.gov. The program is here to help and appreciates your generosity.



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#### Topic: Rangers Town Forest Rehabilitation

Fellow commissioners. At our December HCC meeting we discussed the possibility of instituting a rehabilitation plan for Rangers Town Forest to improve its overall health. During the meeting Eric Radlof from Full Circle Forestry LLC and author of the Forestry Management Plan for this parcel indicated that he'd be willing to lead an "in field" review and further discuss what might be the best way to approach this matter. With that said I recently contacted Eric and asked if he'd still be interested in providing input on this potential project. He indicated that he would be and then mentioned that Full Circle Forestry charges a fee of \$75.00/hour for this service. If this is a project you'd like to take on this summer we could arrange for a date in late March or early April to complete a site review and begin the process. Below is a draft motion to allow payment to Full Circle Forestry for the initial service of a field evaluation with HCC members present.

#### Goals would be

- 1) Invasive species control
- 2) Understory rejuvenation
- 3) Wild life habitat area
- 4) Limited timber cut?

#### **Draft Motion:**

mov	e to pay for a Full Circle Forestry representative to be on site at Range Town Forest to
review and provi	de input on improvements to this parcel of land. Full Circle Forestry charges a fee of
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to exceed \$	and to be paid from account 06-4619-5586-252-000 Conservation Commission
	rice fund. Motion Second



#### **TOWN OF HUDSON**



#### **Conservation Commission**

William Collins, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

12 School Street ' Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 ' Tel: 603-886-6008 ' Fax: 603-816-1291

#### DATE: February 14, 2022

MEETING MINUTES: Below is a listing of minutes for the Hudson Conservation Commission. Minutes are not a verbatim record of each meeting, but rather represent a summary of the discussion and actions taken at the meeting. All Conservation Commission meetings are televised live and repeated during the following week on HCTV, cable television channel 22. Official copies of the minutes are available to read and copy at the Town Engineer's Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.).

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Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u>E</u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u>X</u>	Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u>X</u>		

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:05 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Bill Collins noted that Brian Pinsonneault moved to full member status on the commission.

No alternates were seated.

V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

#### VI. Old Business - None

#### VII. New Business

A. Conditional Use Permit for 55 Executive Dive; Map 209 Lot 002-000

Chairman Collins recognized James Petropulos, President and principle engineer at Hayner / Swanson Inc. to make a presentation to the commission to regarding the conditional use application

Mr. Petropulos requested input from the Conservation Commission to the Hudson Planning Board on the project that includes work within wetland buffer. Mr. Petropulos provided a review of the application, project narrative and various supporting maps and documents. The lot under consideration is approximately 5.06 Acres. Mr. Petropulos noted that abutters include Presstek building and noted that there was development under consideration along Friary drive.

Mr. Petropulos noted that the project was conceived in the late 1990's and while that project had been approved by the town, no development was performed. In 2021 a new wetland impact evaluation was performed and Mr. Petropulos described a forested wetland which accounts for approximately ½ acre of the 5 acre property and noted that the original development had already disturbed the wetland buffer, noting on the map displayed that location and approximate area.

Mr. Petropulos noted that the development is on town water and sewer connection.

Mr. Matthew Ladd, construction manager at Sakonnet Associates was introduced to provide more insight into the operations of Integra Biosciences Corp. Mr. Ladd described Integra as specialist in liquid handling equipment in the life sciences industry and experiencing growth for COVID 19 test kits. Currently employing approximately 80 employee at this facility, Integra Biosciences is part of Integra Holdings with headquarters in Switzerland.

Mr. Ladd noted that the business has been very successful in Hudson, wants to remain in Hudson with an expectation to add another 55 jobs to this facility.

Mr. Ladd described the improvements proposed to include add additional manufacturing space and warehousing, with the warehouse to be the largest improvement. Mr. Ladd additionally described traffic flow around the building and noted that they would be looking for a reduction in the number of required parking spaces due to the 2 shift operation.

Mr. Petropulos went on to provide details on the existing site conditions generally described as sheet draining, where they would look to improve drainage conditions with the implementation of sub-surface catch basins.

Mr. Petropulos noted that these changes would add approximately 1 acre of additional new pavement to the site.

Mr. Dhima noted that the storm water analysis should be performed on a 100 year worst case, that the original analysis was done on a 50 year case.

Mr. Petropulos noted wetland buffer impact of ~14K sq-ft and added that the majority of this area had already been impacted and approximately 900 sq-ft of trees within the buffer would need to be removed.

Mr. Petropulos provided some final summary comments that the development would disturb ~14K sq-ft of buffer already impacted, would be mitigated with retaining walls within the buffer not to exceed 4 feet in height, that the storm water plan would not impact downstream conditions and that strict adherence to the 50' buffer would make the project impractical.

Mr. Kallgren commented that the project narrative indicates that the redevelopment adds ~40K impervious surface that appears to exclude the additional pavement. Mr. Collins inquired for description of the soil types to which Mr. Petropulos noted deep deposits of sand found in four test pits leading to good conditions for drainage recharge. Mr. Dhima clarified that these conditions were positive and that there would be no expected negative impact on down stream conditions.

Mr. Dickson requested additional description of the sub-surface water storage systems as well as discussions on retaining wall. Mr. Petropulos noted that the subsurface systems would include fabric filtration to  $150\mu m$  and described the retaining wall generally running two to three feet with the highest at four feet.

Mr. Collins questioned snow removal as the site is particularly tight and was concerned about snow being pushed into the wetland buffer. It was indicated that snow would likely need to be hauled out due to lack of storage area.

Mr. Dickinson made some suggestions and discussions on replanting certain area.

Mr. Pinsonneault provided positive comments on the plans and benefits of the storm water management plans provided by the applicant.

Mr. Collins recommended a site walk coordinated with Planning Board site walk on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

#### VIII. Other Business

Rangers Town Forest. Mr. Collins brought discussions regarding advancing rehabilitation of Rangers Town Forest with a site walk later part of March and too be coordinated with availability of Eric Radloff, who had done the initial field evaluation.

#### IX. Financial Status

Mr. Collins reviewed the current Financial Status, noting monies for professional services has been expended. Mr. Dhima explained that this is due to purchase orders being placed for professional services that will be occurring in the next financial year and that this would balance out.

#### X. Correspondence

Mr. Collins noted that state Limnologist Amy Smagula from NHDES and Dominick Jude from Aqualigic were expected to present at the March 2022 meeting regarding invasive species control

#### XI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to Approve meeting minutes for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 4-0-0

#### XII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Dickinson reported a good trail cleanup day in January and thanked the volunteers who came out.

Selectman Morin and Mr. Collins both commented on the necessity of performing site walks as part of evaluation of conditional use permit applications.

Mr. Collins proposed a regularly scheduled trail workday once a month. After some discussions, it was agreed 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month with the next clean up day March 12th

Mr. Dhima noted that Carl Murphy has applied to join the commission subject to final approval by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Collins was eager to have him join.

Mr. Collins noted to take care hiking trails due to icy conditions, wear micro-spikes as necessary and noted that the Kiwanis Club was sponsoring annual fishing derby this Saturday.

#### Motion to adjourn:

Bill Kallgren

Mr. Kallgren moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson. Motion Carried 4/0/0

William Kallgren, HCC Clerk



#### **TOWN OF HUDSON**



#### **Conservation Commission**

Randy Brownrigg, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

12 School Street ' Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 ' Tel: 603-886-6008 ' Fax: 603-816-1291

DATE: February 26, 2022

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Noted: Planning Board members in attendance Chairman Tim Malley, Vice-Chair Ed Van der Veen PB Members, Elliot Veloso, Jordan Ulery, Dillion Dumont

Applicant Representative: Mr. James Petropulos, Hayner / Swanson Inc. and Mr. Matthew Ladd, Sakonnet Associates

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 9:00 A.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

#### V. Site Walk for 22 Friars Drive Integra Business Corp.

A. Conditional Use Application, 22 Friars Drive Map 209, Lot 004

The purpose of the site walk was to evaluate additional wetland buffer impacts requested by the applicant that will be needed to accomplish a proposed building expansion and on site improvements. The area of interest is located along the westerly property line and is noted to have previously approved buffer impacts that include parking. The new plan will eliminate this parking in favor of a one way driveway and new exit onto Friars Drive. Impacts being sought for approval are:

Temporary wetland buffer impact 875 sq. feet, Permanent wetland buffer impact 2,552 sq. feet.

No decision or motions were made and all members attending the site walk adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Next HCC meeting, March 14, 2022

William Collins

William Collins, HCC Chairman

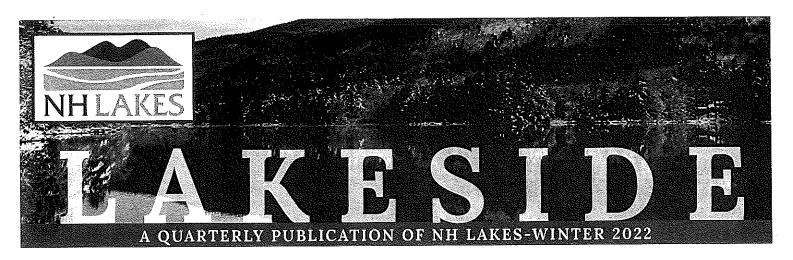
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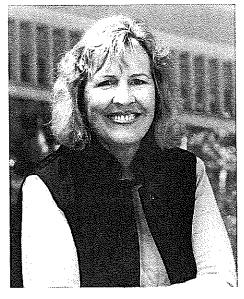
# Your Support Gives Our Lakes a Voice A New Bill Could Change Our Lakes for the Better

Like you, Representative Rosemarie Rung knows our lakes can't take care of themselves. That's why she introduced House Bill 1066 (HB1066) to the New Hampshire Legislature on January 12. This bill would establish a commission to study the impacts of toxic cyanobacteria blooms in New Hampshire's lakes and recommend solutions to this urgent, and increasing, problem.

Rosemarie found it alarming when a toxic cyanobacteria bloom appeared in her formerly pristine lake. Last summer, Lake Kanasatka experienced a toxic cyanobacteria bloom. Residents around the lake were getting sick, dogs were getting sick, and tragically, she believes, one dog died. "I felt like I had to do something," Rosemarie explained. "I wanted to start the study commission to bring the best minds in the state together to think about this problem strategically."

Rosemarie has owned a seasonal home on Lake Kanasatka for seven years. Her in-laws always wanted a place at the lake but never took that step. So, when their estate settled, she decided to do something Pa and Grammy would have loved. "Every waterfront is special, there's something peaceful about lakes, and the sound of water is meditative," Rosemarie shared. "I want to preserve those opportunities for everyone."

"It's scary. People can be swimming in a lake with a cyanobacteria bloom and not know about it or about the risks," said Rosemarie. "We need more widespread alerts and education so the public understands. This bill will provide that."



Representative Rosemaire Rung urges you to reach out to your representatives.

"It's a positive experience to be on the water and it makes me shudder to think that experience could make someone ill. I ran for state office to make a difference for others, to make sure all New Hampshire lakes are safe and

Hampshire lakes are safe and enjoyable for future generations."

Not only are our lakes beautiful, they bring in billions of dollars to the state. If we don't protect them, we lose that income. "What are we as a state if we can't protect our valuable natural resources?" Rosemarie commented.

You can give your lake a voice at the State Legislature for this urgent problem. Representative Rung urges you to speak to your representatives in support of HB1066. "As a state legislator, I appreciate calls from my constituents to keep my finger on the pulse of what's important to people living in the state. Legislators can't know everything about every subject." Our lakes are relying on members of the NH LAKES community, like you, to call their representative today. "It is so important!"

The NH LAKES community is becoming an increasingly influential voice for lake health at the State House. And, HB1066 is just one piece of legislation this session NH LAKES is calling for everyone to lean in on. If the rise in toxic cyanobacteria blooms in our fragile lakes concerns you, you can make a difference! Visit the legislature's website (learn how in the box below) and then send an email or letter of support, and/ or speak at a public hearing when the time comes. And, make sure you are signed up to receive the NH LAKES Advocacy Alert to know when it's time to act on HB1066 and other bills in support of clean and healthy lakes. Sign up at nhlakes.org/e-news.

# Find the Status of HB1066

Find the status of HB1066 as well as others at tinyurl.com/NHLRS

Then, find out who your legislator is and reach out! tinyurl.com/NHlegislator

Header – Lake Kanasatka (Photo Credit: Kevin Kelly).



## Together, We're Rescuing Our Lakes

Thanks to you, our lakes have a growing network of people throughout the state stepping up to keep them clean and healthy. As 2022 kicks off, this statewide community is the largest it has ever been. Why now? Why, when so much is going on in the world, why are so many people stepping up for our lakes?

Because, more and more people—people like you—are discovering how important the lake is to them and their family. With the pandemic, families have spent more time at the lake, and new families have moved to the lake. At the same time, many are discovering that our lakes can't be taken for granted anymore. Last year, a record number of public health advisories were issued for toxic cyanobacteria in our lakes. People throughout the state—maybe even you and your family—were told to avoid wading or swimming in the water. And, to keep the dog out, too.

Whether you are new to our community, or have been on board for decades, and whether you are a long-time supporter that gave a gift to grow the Healthy Lakes Forever Matching Fund, or you are a new supporter that gave a year-end gift for the first time to get the match—thank you.

I'm optimistic about what we can do together during the coming months to change the concerning trajectory many of our beloved lakes are on. As Margaret J. Wheatley, American writer, teacher, and management consultant wrote, "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

You have the power to make lake-friendly living the norm in New Hampshire, to make your voice heard at the State House, to spread the word to others, and so much more. Your favorite lake—and all our 1,000 lakes—thank you for being part of this growing and knowledgeable community.

Thank you.

Andrea LaMoreaux President

### You Can be a Lake Keeper and Protect Our Lakes

Lake Keepers are special people, just like you, who keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy by making monthly donations. This February, there is a special Lake Keeper challenge: A \$5,000 Challenge Grant! You can help NH LAKES receive this \$5,000 Challenge Grant if YOU and 49 others sign up to be Lake Keepers by February 28.

And, there are prizes for YOU! All Lake Keepers will be entered into drawings every week throughout February. Prizes include mugs, wine glasses, t-shirts, and a grand prize! NH LAKES also has a special gift for you, just for signing up to be a Lake Keeper today. Visit nhlakes. org/lakekeepers for more information.





# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NH LAKES operations are funded in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

#### Leave a Legacy

Please remember NH LAKES in your will. To do this, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:

I bequeath \$\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% of my estate to: New Hampshire Lakes Association, Inc., 17 Chenell Drive, Suite One, Concord, NH 03301.

Our tax identification number is 22-2668396. If you have chosen to include NH LAKES in your estate plans, please let us know.

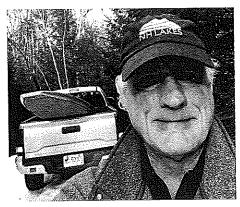
Thank you!

# Team Up with Grappone for Clean & Healthy Lakes

Grappone Automotive Group has been a longtime supporter of NH LAKES. They have set themselves apart as a responsible corporate investor in New Hampshire's environment. So, it's no surprise many NH LAKES supporters also choose Grappone when looking for a new or used vehicle.

Paul Guyre recently purchased a truck from Grappone. "Having a truck has made it easy to carry everything from kayaks and paddle boards to snow blowers. Four-wheel drive enables me to drive on my woodland ski trails to remove downed trees. Also, when a team-of 8th graders removed a lot of Japanese knotweed along the brook that

borders my property, with the truck I was able to move it all to a high and dry



Paul Guyre has invested in clean and healthy lakes by supporting Grappone.

place where it is rotting and not spreading," Paul explained. "While other dealers are closer to where I live, Grappone's support for NH LAKES puts them at the top of my list."

And, not only has Paul invested in clean and healthy by supporting Grappone, he has also donated two of his old vehicles to NH LAKES, and you can too! Find out how by visiting **nhlakes.careasy.org** or calling 855.500.RIDE(7433).













## Our Lakes Need Your Support at the State House

Through our 29+ year history of advocating for New Hampshire's 1,000 lakes—including your favorite lake(s)—NH LAKES has helped to initiate, enhance, and refine state laws and public policies for clean and healthy lakes. This has only been possible with YOUR guidance, support, and action.

Nearly 1,000 bills have been proposed for the 2022 New Hampshire Legislative Session. To learn about some of the many bills NH LAKES is tracking this session visit nhlakes.org/nh-legislature-2022. And, to stay up to date throughout the session, be sure you are signed up for NH LAKES Advocacy Alert at nhlakes.org/e-news.



Your support can help stop dangerous cyanobacteria blooms like this one which was observed on Lake Kanasatka this past fall. (Photo Credit: Kevin Kelly)

## You Are Changing Our Lakes for the Better – 5 Great Things Your Support Helped Make Happen in 2021

Thanks to your investment in New Hampshire's lakes:

- There are more boots on the ground. The NH LAKES Conservation Team has grown—we now have two Conservation Assistants!
- Lake-friendly living is becoming the norm in New Hampshire—93 LakeSmart site visits were conducted and 30 property owners achieved LakeSmart Award status.
- New Hampshire's lakes continue to have a frontline of defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species. During our 20th year of the program, Lake Hosts provided 90,000+ courtesy boat inspections at 101 boat ramps on 78 lakes.
- The public was invited to tune into sixteen different webinars from the comfort of their home through the "Explore Lakes with NH LAKES" webinar series. Sessions on how to keep the lake house in the family, boating safety, enjoying lakes while protecting wildlife, and more, are all archived and available for viewing on our website at nhlakes.org/explore-lakes-webinars.
- Our lakes have a louder voice at the State House—Michelle Davis, NH LAKES Policy and Advocacy Manager, is now fulltime. She's not loud, but she's here to amplify your voice. Let her know you need a megaphone by sharing your concerns with her—just email mdavis@nhlakes.org or call 603.226.0299.

## Your LakeSmart Projects are Saving Our Lakes From Toxic Cyanobacteria

Anne and Jim were barely settled into their newly acquired lakefront dream home two summers ago when they got the news—a toxic cyanobacteria bloom was occurring and the lake water was not safe to touch. "We originally bought a home on Lake Kanasatka because the water quality was pristine, but then it got progressively worse," Anne told us. "For the past two years we haven't been able to use the lake from August into the fall months."



Anne and Jim O'Connor replaced their septic system to protect the lake.

Anne and Jim reached out to NH LAKES through the LakeSmart Lake-Friendly Living program to learn what they could do to help keep their lake healthy and safe for their grandchildren. Following a visit to their home, NH LAKES encouraged Anne and Jim to seek out a septic inspection from a licensed septic professional. The septic inspection revealed the system was in "complete failure" and a second abandoned tank was discovered in the process—still full of untreated waste that could

pollute the lake! Anne and Jim got to work and upgraded to a new state-of-the-art system, but they didn't stop there. They upgraded walkways, installed erosion control measures along the road, stabilized the driveway, and planted a rain garden—all to keep runoff water out of the lake.

Anne and Jim's story is extreme. Most LakeSmart participants are finding it much easier to live lake-friendly. But today, Anne and Jim have the comfort of knowing no polluted water is seeping from their property into the lake

More and more people like Anne and Jim—and you—are listening to their lake. They—and you— know these toxic blooms are pleas for help from the lake. You can get started on your LakeSmart journey to keep our lakes clean and healthy today by taking the LakeSmart Survey at start.nhlakes.org. The survey is FREE and only takes a few minutes and you'll instantly receive a tailored list of suggestions on what you can to do live more lake-friendly.

## Your Conservation Commission and Lake Association Are Speaking... and We're Taking Action!



This past fall, NH LAKES and the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions partnered on our annual Municipal Lake Issues Survey. We invited your conservation commission and the lake association at your favorite lake to tell us which lake management and conservation issues are most important to your community. And, we asked how NH LAKES can help.

We received over 70 responses from conservation commissions, lake associations, and other community groups! We look forward to working with them to help keep the lakes in your community clean and healthy.

See what we learned about threats to lake health and how communities are addressing them above.

## Together We're Keeping Winni Blue

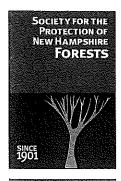
"We had a successful summer partnering with the Lake Winnipesaukee Association (LWA) through their Keep Winni Blue initiative," commented Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES President, looking back at 2021. "I'm so grateful to be working with LWA to keep our lakes clean and healthy. The challenges our lakes face requires we all work together and we'll continue to join forces going forward."

LWA's exceptional Keep Winni Blue Crew offers LakeSmart visits on Lake Winnipesaukee, Wakondah Pond, Lake Kanasatka, Lees Pond, Garland Pond, and Berry Pond. Learn how you can "Keep Winni Blue" at winnipesaukee.org/take-action.



NH LAKES and LWA visited six properties together this past summer.

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Dear Friends,

Your organization's annual membership in the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is coming up for renewal. We are grateful for your continued support.

Forest conservation is as important now as it ever has been, and this past year we've completed several key land protection and stewardship projects across the state. These projects hold strategic conservation and economic value for water quality, forestry, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitat. With your support, the Forest Society's recent accomplishments include –

- Acquiring the 273-acre Ammonoosuc River Forest in Bethlehem our newest reservation – with 1.8 miles along one of the state's iconic rivers. This spectacular property abuts the White Mountain National Forest, and features an important cold-water fishery, diverse habitat for wildlife, scenic views, and outstanding opportunities for additional recreational pursuits.
- Helping farm families forever protect their land base, with new conservation easements at Tuckaway Farm in Lee and Morrill Farm in Boscawen both of which include important forest buffers in key watersheds.
- Expanding the Michael M. and Claudia Yatsevitch Forest in Plainfield and Cornish with a 164-acre addition, bringing this Upper Valley gem to more than 1,200 acres conserved.
- Improving the visitor experience at Mt. Major in Alton to better serve its 80,000 annual hikers including trailhead and kiosk upgrades.

Our land protection work continues across New Hampshire, along with our commitment to the long-term stewardship of the lands we protect, and advocacy efforts that focus on finding effective, balanced solutions to conservation issues.

**Please renew today.** That way, your membership gift will go right back to work – protecting New Hampshire's most beautiful and threatened lands for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Jack Savage

President

