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## FRIENDS OF MOUNT SUNAPEE NEWS



**Into the Woods, Oil,**  
by Sunapee artist Susan Parmenter.  
-Prints available through FOMS-

### FOMS Offers Conference Awards

FOMS invites you to attend the [Saving Special Places Conference](#) in Sutton on April 5, and to then share your experience by joining a FOMS committee.

Also, FOMS will give several financial Conservation Awards to be applied toward the conference fee to interested members, environmental and community organizers or students of environmental and public policy study.

If you are interested in **receiving** or **sponsoring** a Conservation Award, please call: (603) 863-0045 or email: [info@FriendsofMountSunapee.org](mailto:info@FriendsofMountSunapee.org) or contact one of our Directors.

### Saving Special Places Conference Convenes in Sutton April 5

#### The 7th Annual Saving Special Places

Conference will take place in the Lake Sunapee Region on Saturday April 5, 2008 at Kearsarge Regional High School in Sutton. Presented by the Forest Society's Center for Land Conservation Assistance (CLCA), UNH Cooperative Extension and the State of NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program, the Saving Special Places Conference is the premier land conservation training, education and networking event in the state. And this year it is being held in our part of the state!

Dr. John Aber, Vice President for Research and Public Service at the University of New Hampshire, will give the keynote address—*Conserving Land in a Changing Climate*—about climate change in the Granite State and globally, and

the importance of conserving land in a heavily forested state such as New Hampshire.

There is something for everyone—property owners, town officials, environmental advocates, land trust supporters and land use planners and professionals. For public officials and planning board members whose communities are working on a town Master Plan, the timing is perfect, as there are sessions on “community connections” and land use planning in relationship to land conservation and energy, housing and wind power.

Conference workshops will focus on:

- ◆ Land Conservation Basics
- ◆ Land Trusts
- ◆ Climate Change
- ◆ Community Connections
- ◆ Mapping & Navigation
- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Land Management
- ◆ Conservation Easements
- ◆ Legal & Advanced Issues
- ◆ Two Farms and A Forest Field Trip

Forest Society President Jane Difley will open the conference. Concluding the day's events is presentation of the Sarah Thorne Award, which recognizes a “New Hampshire conservation activist whose efforts have helped to increase the capacity of others to accomplish effective conservation results.”

For detailed information about the workshops log on to: [www.clca.forestsociety.org](http://www.clca.forestsociety.org). For general information, contact: Dijit Taylor, [dtaylor@forestsociety.org](mailto:dtaylor@forestsociety.org), (603) 717-7045 or Frank Mitchell, [frank.mitchell@unh.edu](mailto:frank.mitchell@unh.edu), (603) 862-1067.

The conference fee is \$60 per person prior to March 21 and \$75 per person after March 21. Sign up by contacting Trish Churchill at [signup@forestsociety.org](mailto:signup@forestsociety.org) or call 603-224-9945 x311.



Landscape View by Susan Parmenter

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**Greetings,**

**A**s we slip, shovel and slide through a white but warm winter, we can take comfort in knowing mud and black flies are only a few weeks away. Really, though, our dramatic seasonal changes are a large part of what makes our region so special. Appreciation and respect for that which we have no control of is part of our lives here. Keeping that perspective is our challenge. Protection of our natural resources and our special places is our solution. The success last year of the Pillsbury-Sunapee Ridge Forest Project, protecting over 1000 acres of highly visible, ecologically critical land, an effort driven by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, demonstrates the passion of the region to protect open space. Thank you and congratulations to all who participated.

As featured in this newsletter, on Saturday, April 5th in Sutton, we have an opportunity to come together, network and learn about the latest in land conservation and community planning at the Saving Special Places Conference. We hope many people, including town officials, take part.

We continue to advocate for an open and accountable planning and decision-making process for our public lands managed by the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). Specifically, why did DRED not involve its own advisory committee and the public in the nearly two-year discussion surrounding the proposed new, multi-million dollar New England Handicapped Sports Association complex at Mount Sunapee? Such usage of public lands deserves a public process. Such a worthy project merits no less.

As you can read in this newsletter, we continue to monitor the lawsuit filed by the Okemo group operating the ski area. As this proceeds, we will be involved as appropriate and necessary. We remain vigilant.

Organizationally, FOMS is seeking a director to join the current board, and would appreciate the assistance of a recording secretary. If you are interested in learning more about FOMS and volunteering, please contact one of our directors or call the office at 603-863-0045.

We look forward to hearing from you, and always welcome your questions and ideas.

We appreciate your support,

**Mount Sunapee**

**I**n 1910, the first campaign to protect land on Mount Sunapee began with Herbert Welsh and Philip Ayres of the newly formed Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. By 1934, parcel-by-parcel in an on-going effort, the Forest Society secured over 1100 acres on Mount Sunapee. This land, in 1948, was central to the formation of Mount Sunapee State Park which now encompasses 2900 acres of public land—spectacular forested highlands to sandy beachfront.

With the passage of time, change has come to the mountain and to the park. Yet, Mount Sunapee's heritage endures. And, as it was long ago, as Welsh and Ayres demonstrated, environmental stewardship

requires public awareness, education and action to protect our special places and natural resources.

FOMS continues to advocate and educate about the importance of protecting Mount Sunapee and the open spaces within and beyond its border.

Join us.

See page 7 for a membership form, or call, if you can help in one of the following areas.

- ◆ Public Policy & Public Lands
- ◆ Land Conservation
- ◆ Land Use Planning
- ◆ Administration (Membership, Events & Office Support)
- ◆ Building FOMS network of Community Contacts

## SRKG Offers Updated Trail Guide

**H**ikers and nature lovers, not to mention bibliophiles, will be interested in the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition's improved Trail Guide being published this March. The Guidebook will have much the same look and feel of the first edition, but has been reedited to make it more accurate and easier to use by hikers enjoying the "Emerald Necklace," the 75-miles of trails that cross Sunapee, Ragged and Kearsarge Mountains.

The updated guide includes revised trail descriptions reflecting route changes and improvements; better identification of flora and fauna found along the Greenway trails; and two companion essays discussing hiking and environmental awareness.

"It's a beautiful little publication, appealing to even those who don't hike actively, but who are interested in the environmental diversity of our region," noted Guidebook Committee chairman Frank Perrotta of Newbury. "The illustrations by Loa Winter are worth the price alone."

The new maps were designed by longtime Greenway member and GIS specialist Brian Faughnan of Wilmot using the software ArcView GIS. The powerful program "allows greater control over appearance and content of the maps. Users will find them easier to read and more detailed," Faughnan said. Distances mentioned in the trail descriptions have been correlated with the GPS-ed distances shown on the maps.

The Guidebooks (\$10) are available at: Morgan Hill Bookstore, New London; Main Street BookEnds, Warner; Dartmouth Bookstore, Hanover; Norwich Bookstore, Norwich, Vt.; Gibson's Bookstore, Concord; the Toadstool bookstores in Milford and Peterborough; and directly from the SRKG by contacting Iain Gilmour, 603-927-4053. Additionally, purchases can be made at participating local libraries and from SRKG directors and hike leaders.

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes hiking and land conservation amid the rugged beauty of these three major mountains. Its 75 miles of trails, incorporating 14 separate hikes through 10 towns, are open to all. For information, visit the website at [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com), or write: Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, PO Box 1684, New London, NH 03257-1684.

*Friends of Mount Sunapee advocates for protection of Mount Sunapee State Park for its essential public values; conservation of the Lake Sunapee watershed and Sunapee highlands; and preservation of the unique character and natural beauty of the rural communities in the mountain's shadow.*



Province Road, Goshen, leading to a SRK trailhead and the Mountain Reach Resort.

### What's In a Name?

**I**n 1965, Mt. Sunapee State Park added the Province double chair lift and new slopes for novice skiing. It was affectionately known for more than three decades as the *Province Area*. In doing so, it drew attention to the historic road that once cut through the park and was traveled by native Americans and early settlers centuries before.

However, after the state leased the ski area to Okemo in 1998, the Province area lost its identity. It was remapped "South Bowl Learning Center" and the lift changed to "Clipper Ship Quad." Now many of the old Province slopes sound like south-sea resort names -- *Flip Flop, Coconut Grove, Calypso, Lemon and Lime* -- rather than using names that reflect the area's unique place in New Hampshire history.

Furthermore, US Geological Survey maps show South Peak located in the White Ledges and Lake Solitude area of the park. The "South Bowl Learning Center," while it faces south, actually is located in the northern quadrant of the ski area.

FOMS believes that the state should preserve and showcase the park's unique heritage and use authentic and accurate references in describing park features, so that current and future generations can be made aware of Mount Sunapee's historical and cultural importance.

## The Province Road

**A** lone, at the edge of a traffic island blanketed with frozen snow, sits a rock bearing a plaque. Situated opposite the entrance to the Mount Sunapee Ski Area, it has long witnessed the change of seasons. It has stood for more than thirty years, unnoticed by most motorists who hastened by, preoccupied with their own destinations. If one were to find a convenient place to stop and walk close enough to the marker to read the inscription, one would discover a memorial to The Province Road placed by the Daughters of Colonial Wars in 1960. It reads: "The Province Road 1769 - Military Road 1754 - Scout Path 1743 - Penacook Trail."

Of what significance was this road that someone thought it important enough to erect a plaque in its memory with tantalizing hints of its history? Where did it go and more challenging, what is left of it now? There are a few clues to be found along small stretches of area roads bearing the name Province Road, Old Province Road, or West Province Road, the latter being adjacent to the access road to the Mt. Sunapee ski area. Following the access road, said to be a remnant of the original Province Road, one can find a double chairlift bearing the name, Province Double Chairlift, whose route roughly follows the direction of the Province Road. Beyond that however, one must rely on maps so old that many of the town names and boundaries are not as we know them today.

Imagine the land, which was to become the State of New Hampshire as it might have been 300 years ago, before early settlers had made significant advances into the interior countryside. A vast forested land, inhabited mainly by Native Americans who lived mostly along lakeshores and the two major waterways in the area, the Connecticut and the Merrimack Rivers, it was un-chartered country, devoid of roads. The Native Peoples concerned themselves with hunting, fishing, foraging and planting crops with little need to explore further unless their

food supply became depleted. Initially, the only significant movement seems to have come from the occasional Iroquois raiders who would travel from Lake Champlain, southward and then east to the Merrimack River to invade the Penacooks, thereby establishing a trail, which later became a scout path.

At the beginning of the 18th century, Portsmouth, a thriving seaport, was established as the provincial capital of the region and the growing population began moving further inland. About the same time, trading posts had begun to develop along the Connecticut River Valley, the furthest of which was Number 4, located where the center of Charlestown is now situated. The need for settlements at the western limits of the province to "communicate" with the so-called Metropolis, as Portsmouth was then termed, became increasingly necessary.

In December, 1742, Governor Benning Wentworth, recognizing this growing need for a road between the Connecticut River and the Merrimack, employed a surveying crew to begin laying out a route. Frequently deterred by Indian attacks, little was accomplished until about 1759, when Sir Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, commanded some of his men to make a survey and mark trees in preparation for establishment of a road leading east from Charlestown, Number 4, to "Pennycook" on the Merrimack River. The military men, already familiar with the established scouting path, followed its line. Eventually, a road was established which, according to an early map and various town records, traveled from Charlestown eastward through the towns of Acworth, Lempster, Unity and Goshen, a town formed in 1791 from sections of Newport and Sunapee. It then continued onward through Saville (Sunapee), around the southern end of Lake Sunapee through Fishersfield (Newbury), Perry (Sutton), Almsbury (Warner) . . . terminating in Boscawen.

Records show that the old scouting trail officially became Province Road

around the years of 1768-1772 and was so-named because it was the result of the actions of Governor John Wentworth and the provincial legislature, the only carriage road in western New Hampshire built through such a process.

*This article consists of excerpts from "The Province Road" (SooNipi, Winter, 1999) by Jane White, and printed with permission from SooNipi Magazine, which shares the history of the region and tells of its special people and places in four publications a year. For distribution information, call (603) 763-2441. For a copy of the entire article, email: [info@FriendsofMountSunapee.org](mailto:info@FriendsofMountSunapee.org) or call 603-863-0045.*

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## Easement Protects Judkins Property

**A** conservation easement will soon be in place on the Judkins property, reports Bardy Flanders, chairman of the Unity conservation Commission. This will protect the 258-acre parcel from development. If Sullivan County, the property owner, ever sells the parcel, only one homestead can be built on a five-acre lot. The easement allows perpetual multi-use of the property—on-going timber management by the county, agricultural use and recreational use by the public.

The Unity Conservation Commission will be responsible for monitoring the easement held by the Town of Unity, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will be the secondary easement holder. The parcel is located in the northwest part of town off Judkins and Britton Roads.

*Born in Newport, NH, Bardy Flanders grew up in Sunapee. In 1967 he joined the New London Police Department, the NH State Police in 1970, and retired in 1991 as Assistant Troop Commander. As someone who always loved the woods and outdoors, Bardy sees one of the biggest challenges is public awareness -- getting people to realize the importance of conserving open space. Bardy joined FOMS Board of Directors in December 2005.*

## Our Mountain Park Report

**F**riends of Mount Sunapee have felt great relief since the denial of the proposed expansion of the ski area at Mount Sunapee State Park by Governor Lynch almost three years ago. Lynch's action in May 2005 culminated nearly five years of public discussion and organizing by FOMS and many of you.

While this matter is temporarily "off the table," it has not gone away, and continues to deserve our attention and engagement, as well as other important issues. Here's a brief roundup of news affecting Mount Sunapee State Park.

### Okemo Sues Lynch for Breach of Contract

Some remember Okemo publicly threatening a lawsuit against the state in the summer of 2005 over their failure to gain access to an additional 175 acres of public land to expand the ski area and facilitate their private development on the western flank of the mountain in Goshen. Then the matter seemed to quiet down, at least, until October 11, 2007, when Okemo filed a suit against the State of New Hampshire alleging breach of contract because Governor Lynch refused to let the expansion move forward and refused to submit the plan to Executive Council for review.

The Governor repeatedly said that he does not support expanding the ski area lease for the purpose of condo development on private land. And, in a recent AP report, the Attorney General's office said Governor Lynch cannot "be ordered by a court to change his mind" and the Governor and Executive Council "cannot be ordered to approve the expansion plan."

On February 25, attorneys for both the state and Okemo met with Judge Mangones of the Merrimack County Superior Court to set a schedule for the lawsuit. Discovery is expected to stretch throughout 2008, unless the state is successful in having the case



February, 2008: Clearing at Mountain Reach opens view of nearby ski lift at Mount Sunapee State Park.

dismissed. Trial is set for early November.

FOMS continues to actively monitor the matter. To read the suit and other information, visit our website, where you will also find links to several news articles that summarize both the state and Okemo's legal arguments. Go to [www.FriendsofMountSunapee.org](http://www.FriendsofMountSunapee.org).

### Mountain Reach Gains Approval, Scales Back Plan

After two years before the Goshen Planning Board, the Mountain Reach Development Group (MRDG) gained approval in November for its real estate development abutting the park. (See our *Spring 2007 newsletter*, also on-line, for a full report of this project.)

Throughout 2005, 2006 and 2007, FOMS representatives spent many hours before the planning board advocating for limited access to the state park by condo owners and for minimizing the environmental and visual impacts of the development.

While greatly disappointed to see residential sprawl encroaching upon our beloved park and cutting into the beautiful western landscape of Mount Sunapee, FOMS is pleased that the planning board required MRDG to create a permanent deeded, open space buffer between the condos and the state park. This easement is owned by the town of Goshen and prohibits any mechanized or commercial activity from occurring in the buffer. If strictly enforced, this easement will forever

preclude "ski across" trail and lift development, and limits access to the park to human-powered pedestrian access only.

### NEHSA Looks to Build New Facility in Province Area

In the Province Area of the park, along the historic Province Road and just above the original beginner rope tow, the New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA) is seeking approval to build a new 12,000 square foot facility. In December, NEHSA went before the Goshen Zoning Board seeking a Special Exception to allow the new lodge in the town's rural zone, and succeeded in gaining conditional approval. A scanned copy of NEHSA's application is available on the FOMS website.

FOMS attended the Goshen Planning Board hearing and asked about use and ownership of the proposed new facility. The building's uses will be limited to the activities of NEHSA's core mission, and will not include commercial rentals or activities. NEHSA also clarified to the board that should their programs ever end at Mount Sunapee, the State of NH would become the owner of the new facility.

NEHSA's next step in the permitting process is to present an application to the planning board for Site Plan Review. Since the plan includes a significant amount of parking and road

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development in Newbury, the Newbury Planning Board will also review the proposal. In December, the Goshen Planning Board identified the project as one with Regional Impact, which requires NEHSA to notify affected area towns and organizations, including FOMS, of future hearings.

FOMS continues to learn about NEHSA's proposal.

### **What Happened to the Ski Area Advisory Committee**

When the ski area within Mount Sunapee State Park was first approved for leasing ten years ago this spring, a mitigating concession made by Governor Shaheen and the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) was the creation of an advisory committee comprised of state and local representatives to review all activities related to the ski area. Since its first meeting in the fall of 1998, the Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee, or MSSAAC, has provided the only consistent opportunity for the public to gain insight and information about planning and decisions about our state park.

While the committee has no veto power over decisions or actions, the mere presentation of information to the committee offered a glimpse inside the management and policy-making that control the public's park. However, in the past three years, the MSSAAC has met only three times, to review Okemo's Annual Operating Plan.

FOMS believes that the advisory committee has played a central role in bringing to light important public information about the future of Mount Sunapee State Park and has helped air critical public policy questions. We believe the public and the park will benefit, if the committee convenes regularly and more often, with meetings posted well in advance and made handicapped accessible.

The commissioner of DRED heads the MSSAAC, which includes the Director of the NH Division of Parks and Recreation and representatives

from the Natural Heritage Bureau of the NH Division of Forests and Lands, NH Department of Environmental Services, towns of Newbury and Goshen, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

The on-line link to the MSSAAC is: [www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/commissions-and-committees/mount-sunapee-advisory-committee.aspx](http://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/commissions-and-committees/mount-sunapee-advisory-committee.aspx)

### **Mount Sunapee a State Park Again**

For much of the last decade, visitors to Mount Sunapee State Park had a hard time recognizing Mount Sunapee as, well, a state park. Official state websites had dropped the words "Mount" from online listings. Also, the traditional state park sign at the traffic circle welcoming visitors was gone.

Campers coming to stay at the campground (sited near the Sun Bowl lift base on the historic Johnson farm) wondered how to get to their camp spot. To many new visitors, Mount Sunapee was just a "resort" with winter downhill skiing. More than fifty years of public access and involvement in our treasured park became hard to see or find.

However, with some encouragement by FOMS, the Division of Parks and Recreation recently restored the full name of the park online, and placed new signs at the traffic circle proudly pronouncing Mount Sunapee State Park ahead.

Our thanks to NH State Parks Director Allison McLean, a Sunapee native, and her staff for making Mount Sunapee a state park again in the public's eye.

### **State Park System Advisory Council**

The next meeting of the NH State Park System Advisory Council is March 28 at 9 a.m. at the Department of Resources & Economic Development, 172 Pembroke Road in Concord. Council meetings are chaired by Senator Bob Odell and are open to the

## **Wilson Heads New Bureau of Historic Sites**

**B**enjamin Wilson of Hopkinton is the new Program Specialist overseeing the newly created Bureau of Historic Sites in the NH Division of Parks and Recreation. Most recently, Mr. Wilson was the Building Conservator and Property Manager for the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society in Hartford, CT.

The creation of the new Bureau of Historic Sites was approved in 2007 by the legislature as a result of the findings of a Senate Commission established to study the state park system. After holding public hearings and analyzing the current system, the Commission concluded that the State historic sites were under-funded and in need of serious attention. The new bureau will be funded through the general fund.

The NH Division of Parks and Recreation is part of the Department of Resources and Economic Development and manages 72 state parks, campgrounds, historic sites, trails, waysides and natural areas. For more information, visit [www.nhstateparks.org](http://www.nhstateparks.org) or call (603) 271-3556.

public. The Council, created as a result of the State Park Study Committee (reported in our spring 2007 newsletter), advises the director of the Division of Parks and Recreation on issues relating to the operation and development of the state park system.

For more information and to receive an agenda for coming meetings, contact Program Specialist Torene Tango-Lowy, by email: [ttango-lowy@dred.state.nh.us](mailto:ttango-lowy@dred.state.nh.us) or call (603) 271-3556.



If you have questions or comments for FOMS about these and other Public Policy & Public Lands matters, please contact Tom Elliott at: [tom.elliott@FriendsofMountSunapee.org](mailto:tom.elliott@FriendsofMountSunapee.org) or call (603) 863-0045.

## Conservation Easements

**What is a conservation easement?** A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or conservation group, which places permanent restrictions on the land use. Conservation easements are a practical way for landowners to protect their property and still retain ownership.

**What activities might an easement prohibit?** Generally, conservation easements will either limit or prohibit the subdivision of a property or the erection of structures thereon. Most conservation easements prohibit commercial and industrial activity, topsoil removal, billboards and any activities that might disturb wildlife habitat. However, the terms of the easement are dependent upon the individual landowner's desires.

**What uses are permitted?** Agricultural, forestry and wildlife management activities are allowed. For example, to preserve a scenic view across a field, an easement might stipulate periodic mowing.

**Does a conservation easement give the public access?** Not necessarily - the landowner decides whether or not to allow public access. If a landowner permits public access, it is usually for a specific area of the property, such as a marked trail or an access point to a body of water.

**Must the easement cover a person's entire property?** No. A landowner can place all or a portion of the property under easement.

**Does a conservation easement restrict the landowner's ability to sell or bequeath the property in the future?** Landowners can sell or bequeath property that is protected with a conservation easement. Since conservation easements are permanent, the restrictions run with the land and bind all future owners.

*This information was taken from Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), "Questions And Answers About Conservation Easements," which also addresses financial*

*"Man shapes himself through the decisions that shape his environment."*

Rene Jules Dubos

*benefits, enforcement practices and the easement process. Formed in 1987, ASLPT now serves 12 communities—Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. For more information, phone ASLPT at (603) 526-6555 or email: [info@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:info@ausbonsargent.org).*

### "Landowner's Perspective on Land Conservation" on DVD

**H**ear about several local conservation easements in Sunapee, Sutton, Andover, New London and Warner from the people that helped make them happen: Greg Berger for Springledge Farm, Sue and John Clough, Rebecca Courser, Mary Ann Broshek, Gerry Putnam, Syd Crook, Van Webb for R. H. Forest Preserve, and Debbie Stanley, ASLPT Executive Director. To view a streaming video of the DVD on-line, visit: [www.ausbonsargent.org/landownersperspective](http://www.ausbonsargent.org/landownersperspective) or call ASLPT to borrow a copy.

## Protecting Land

**P**ermanent land protection frequently includes partnering with one or more public or private non-profit entities and using a conservation easement, which allows the property owner to retain ownership of the land while protecting its special features. Easements are often donated, and if they meet federal tax code requirements, can qualify as a charitable donation. The donation value is the difference between the property value with the easement and its value without the easement, which is calculated through an appraisal process. To donate a conservation easement and take a tax deduction based on the value of the easement, it must have conservation value -- protect natural and cultural assets, such as wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, public trails, agriculture and forestry, rare natural and ecological features and species or other resources. For more information, visit your local land trust or the NH Center for Land Conservation Assistance at [www.clca/forestsociety.org](http://www.clca/forestsociety.org) or the Land Trust Alliance at [www.lta.org](http://www.lta.org).

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**Mt. Sunapee Sightings**  
Early Spring in Wendell, oil, by Susan Parmenter, Sunapee  
(Prints are available through Friends of Mount Sunapee)  
Susan's work is for sale at the Woodsum Gallery, Warner NH / Red Roof Gallery, Enfield NH  
and Gallery2, Brattleboro VT or by calling (603) 763-8701.  
Contact FOMS if you have photographs or art to contribute to future FOMS newsletters.



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## Notice

March 25, 2008

Information on the

New Comprehensive

Shoreland Protection Act

Standards

that go into effect

April 1, 2008

Sponsored by

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Planning Commission

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Lake Sunapee Bank

Community Building,

Newport Road, New London

Please RSVP by March 15

For more information, email:

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or call (603) 448-1680

*"Conservation is humanity caring for the future."*

Nancy Newhall