



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR**

Executive Order 2017-06

An order establishing the Lake Sunapee Public Boat Access Development Commission

WHEREAS, efforts to construct a public boat access site at the "Wild Goose" property on Lake Sunapee (the "Wild Goose Property") began with the purchase of the Wild Goose Property in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to construct a public boat access site at the Wild Goose Property have met with significant local opposition, including extensive litigation involving multiple appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a public boat access site at the Wild Goose Property has yet to begin; and

WHEREAS, the wetlands permit for the construction of a public boat access site at the Wild Goose Property expired on August 28, 2017 and was not renewed following removal of funding for the project from the 2018-2019 Capital Budget by the New Hampshire legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to assemble a variety of perspectives in order to develop a new plan for development of the Wild Goose Property and expansion of public boat access at Lake Sunapee that will be amenable to and be supported by relevant public and private stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that:

1. There is hereby established the Lake Sunapee Public Boat Access Development Commission. The Commission shall research and evaluate both potential alternative opportunities for development of the Wild Goose Property and potential alternative opportunities for expansion of public boat access at Lake Sunapee.
2. The Commission shall prepare a report detailing its recommendations for submission to the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services, the Commissioner of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Executive Director of the Fish and Game Department by March 1, 2018. In preparing its report, the Commission shall solicit and review input from all relevant public and private stakeholders.
3. The Commission's report shall include an evaluation of the following factors:

- a) the potential for expansion of existing Lake Sunapee public access points;
- b) traffic safety;
- c) boating safety;
- d) construction and other development costs;
- e) input from all relevant public and private stakeholders;
- f) environmental concerns, including but not limited to storm water runoff, wetland impacts, and shoreland impacts;
- g) safety, aesthetic and lifestyle impacts specific to residents on Lake Sunapee;
- h) any other factors that the Commission deems relevant to its evaluation.

4. The Commission shall consist of the following members:

- a) one state representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- b) one state senator, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- c) the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, or designee;
- d) the Chairman of the New Hampshire Public Water Access Advisory Board, or designee;
- e) the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, or designee;
- f) the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, or designee;
- g) one resident of the Town of New London, appointed by the Town of New London Board of Selectmen;
- h) one resident of the Town of Newbury, appointed by the Town of Newbury Board of Selectmen;
- i) one resident of the Town of Sunapee, appointed by the Town of Sunapee Board of Selectmen;
- j) three public members, appointed by the Governor, who are either residents of the Towns of New London, Newbury or Sunapee, or who own property on the shore of Lake Sunapee; and
- k) three additional members, appointed by the Governor.

5. The Governor shall appoint the chair from the membership. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair but not less than once per month.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 19th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.


GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE