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Representative Suzanne Smith Wins NH LAKES Prestigious Award
Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy presented for the first time

Concord, N.H., June 14, 2022 – Representative Suzanne Smith was recently recognized as the inaugural recipient of the Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy. On June 2, Peter Lovett, son of Sidney Lovett, accompanied by NH LAKES President Andrea LaMoreaux and NH LAKES Policy and Advocacy Program Manager Michelle Farnham, presented this prestigious award at a gathering of the NH LAKES Leadership Circle.

The life and work of the late Reverend Sidney Lovett (1928 – 2021) inspired NH LAKES to establish this award. Throughout his life, Lovett served many as a pastor, politician, and an environmentalist. He served as the Chair of the NH LAKES Board of Directors in 1993 and 1994 and was recognized as an honorary board member thereafter. He served five terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives and sat on the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee where he advocated for New Hampshire’s lakes—including his beloved Squam Lake.

“Representative Smith is well-respected amongst her peers on both sides of the aisle and recognizes that clean and healthy lakes are not a partisan issue,” explained Farnham who has worked with Smith advocating for lakes in the state legislature. “She demonstrates compassionate, collaborative leadership in the pursuit of proactive, protective environmental legislation, and has volunteered countless hours in this endeavor.”

Representative Smith has served seven terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, representing the towns of Hebron, Holderness, and Plymouth. In fourteen years serving the State of New Hampshire, she has worked tirelessly to keep New Hampshire’s lakes clean and healthy by supporting and helping initiate lake-friendly legislation. She has served eight years on the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee, serving as Chair from 2019 to 2020. The committee studies and votes on legislation related to water quality issues, shoreland protection, recreational boating, and other land-related conservation, state parks, and forestry issues.

“It is in tribute to Sid’s enthusiasm for education, politics, and the environment, his kindness, and his unparalleled ability to connect people that NH LAKES established the Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy,” explained LaMoreaux. “And, we couldn’t think of a more deserving advocate for our lakes than Representative Smith to be the inaugural recipient.”

NH LAKES is the only statewide, publicly supported nonprofit organization working to ensure that our lakes remain clean and healthy, now and in the future. The organization works with partners, promotes clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 603.226.0299

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Photo 1: Representative Suzanne Smith center, was awarded the 2022 Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy by Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES President left, and Bruce Freeman, NH LAKES Board Chair right, on June 2.