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Silver Lake Resident Wins NH LAKES 2020 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship
Ted Kramer receives the organization's most prestigious award

Concord, N.H., July 22, 2020 – Ted Kramer, resident and long-time steward of Silver Lake in Madison, New Hampshire, was recently awarded the 2020 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship. On July 18, Stu Lord, NH LAKES Board Chair, along with Tom O'Brien, President of NH LAKES, presented this prestigious award to Ted at the Silver Lake Association of Madison annual meeting.

In September 2002, a special award was created in honor of the late John F. Morten (1914-1989). It was Mr. Morten's lifelong work, giving generously of his time, talents, and financial resources to help protect New Hampshire's lakes and ponds that he loved so much. He was a person who made things happen—an out-of-the box thinker, leader, and activist who was organized, determined, and persistent in the achievement of any task. It is in tribute to his vision, dedication, and commitment that NH LAKES established the John F. Morten Memorial Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship.

“Ted's motto is ‘engagement is essential and together we can do more!’ This is what Ted does every day for the lake community—locally at Silver Lake and statewide for all New Hampshire's lakes,” explained Stu Lord. “Ted's values, and commitment, serve as a model of exemplary lake stewardship for all. He unselfishly gives of his time and treasure to protect New Hampshire's lakes—and encourages others to do the same.”

Ted has provided over two decades of exemplary service to New Hampshire's lakes, including his local lake. Between 2000 and 2010, he served in a variety of leadership positions with NH LAKES, including serving a board chair, and, today he continues to serve the organization at the committee level. He's equally involved in his local lake health organization, currently serving as president of the Silver Lake Association, and initiating, coordinating, and participating in routine water quality monitoring and invasive species prevention programs.

NH LAKES President, Tom O'Brien, had this to say, “Ted is most deserving of this award. Our selection committee was unanimous in its sentiments that he should have received it years ago.”

For a listing of previous Morten Award recipients, visit nhlakes.org/awards.

NH LAKES is the only statewide, member-supported nonprofit organization working to ensure that our lakes remain clean and healthy, now and in the future. The organization works with partners, promote 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: Ted Kramer (center), was awarded the 2020 John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship by NH LAKES Board Chair Stu Lord (left) and NH LAKES President Tom O'Brien (right) on July 18.