Summer, 2008

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sunapee, New Hampshire

We very much appreciate the generosity and hard work of the volunteer Sunapee Gardeners and wholeheartedly support the mission of the Beautification Oversight Committee (BOC) stated in the Town Report of 2007, "to act as good stewards of the Town land by enhancing and preserving the green spaces therein." We also see a need for collaborative long-term planning to preserve, protect and over-see these public open spaces, which are so important to Sunapee's past, current and future residents and its many visitors.

Specifically, the park at Sunapee Harbor continues to attract attention, and most recently as it relates to the extent and scope of alterations underway. Many enjoy and want to preserve the lakeside park's open and natural ambience. Therefore, we strongly urge the Selectmen to take this opportunity to be more involved and bring more clarity to the over-sight process for these important public, green spaces.

We respectfully ask that the Board of Selectmen: **(1) expand the Beautification Committee to include two members of the Board of Selectmen to serve as ex officio members, (2) establish a public process by holding open meetings and publishing Beautification Committee agendas and minutes, and (3) proceed to establish guidelines for making alterations and installations to public green spaces <u>prior</u> to making more permanent changes at the lakeside park including pathways/pavers, steps, lighting, memorials, etc. .**

We believe this action will help prevent future misunderstandings and conflicts and will promote good town planning. Thank you for your consideration.

Please sign, print name and indicate whether you are a Sunapee voter, property owner or resident. Thank you.

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