

Perspectives on town government-NGO partnerships



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About me ...

- Winthrop town manager since June 5 (11 lakes, mooring ordinance)
- 7 Lakes Alliance communications & operations director, 2022-23 (town funding, expanded CEO hours)
- Belgrade town manager 2019-22 (5 lakes, Lakes Committee)
- Belgrade Lakes Association member
- Great Pond camp owner

It's all about advocacy

- Town funding
- Regulation and enforcement
- Advisory bodies

Funding

- Special requests
 - Supports YCC, CBI, milfoil efforts; leverages other dollars
 - Make it about economic / tax impact
- “Until you ask, the answer is always no.”
 - Gauge what a Selectboard and the voters will support
- Evidence of effectiveness
 - Data, figures, costs, impact
- And even then ...
 - Sidney

Regulation & enforcement

- Code enforcement
 - More hours
 - Shared resources
- Ordinances
 - Shoreland zoning ordinances
 - Mooring / houseboat ordinances
- Jurisdictional consistency
 - Ordinances
 - Enforcement (including fines)

Advisory bodies

- Belgrade's Lakes Committee
 - Expanding mission
- Winthrop's Conservation Commission
 - Shoreland zoning ordinances
 - Mooring / houseboat ordinances
- Issue advocacy, expertise and board/committee service
 - ARPA spending, Charlie Baeder, Carol Johnson
- Partnerships
 - 7 Lakes Alliance and lake associations

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