

## **Lower Saranac Lake group would like speed limit**

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SARANAC LAKE - A shoreowners' group would like to see a 5 mile-per-hour speed limit in Ampersand Bay from Lake Street to the end of Lower Saranac Lake.

That is a busy part of the lake, popular for all kinds of recreational uses, and motorboats operating in that area at high speeds often create dangerous conditions for other boaters and swimmers, Lower Saranac Lake Shoreowners' Association President Robert Hammond told the Harrietstown town board Thursday evening.

"We would prefer self-regulation," Hammond said. "We've tried to get people to do that, and we've been unsuccessful."

Hammond said canoeists and kayakers won't even go on the lake at certain times of day, due to the risk. He said he believes most people would obey a posted speed limit and that the state Department of Environmental Conservation has a police boat in that area.

The town board did not take any action, deciding to contact Franklin County and DEC officials and discuss it with town Attorney James Maher to determine who would be responsible for enforcement and to pay for the signs.

One possibility, said town Councilman Ron Keough, would be to put out buoys recommending people boat at 5 mph but not legally requiring it.