

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:
SQUAM LAKE
SKETCHBOOK



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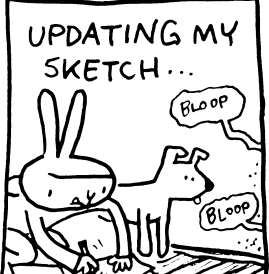
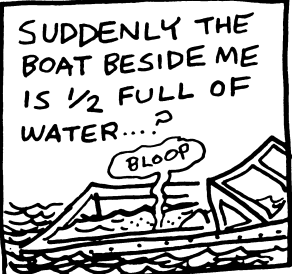
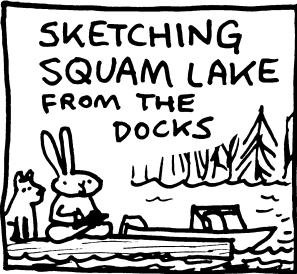
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SQUAM LAKES

WELCOME
to a
CONVERSATION
about
COMMUNITY...

& what
COMMUNITY
MEANS
to you.

CICDEA
shaping
stronger
more connected
communities



ASSOCIATION

Here @ S.L.A.
We're building
the FABRIC
of COMMUNITY
BEYOND
ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES...

keeping
AMERICORPS
programs going

NEW WATER
QUALITY Lab

NEW CENTER
(old MOTEL building)

WHY OUR
COMMUNITY
CENTERS
MATTER

We're looking
forward to
HEARING FROM
YOU TONIGHT!

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WHAT DOES "COMMUNITY"
MEAN TO YOU?

Common
MEANING

WORKING
or PLAYING
TOGETHER

TRUST

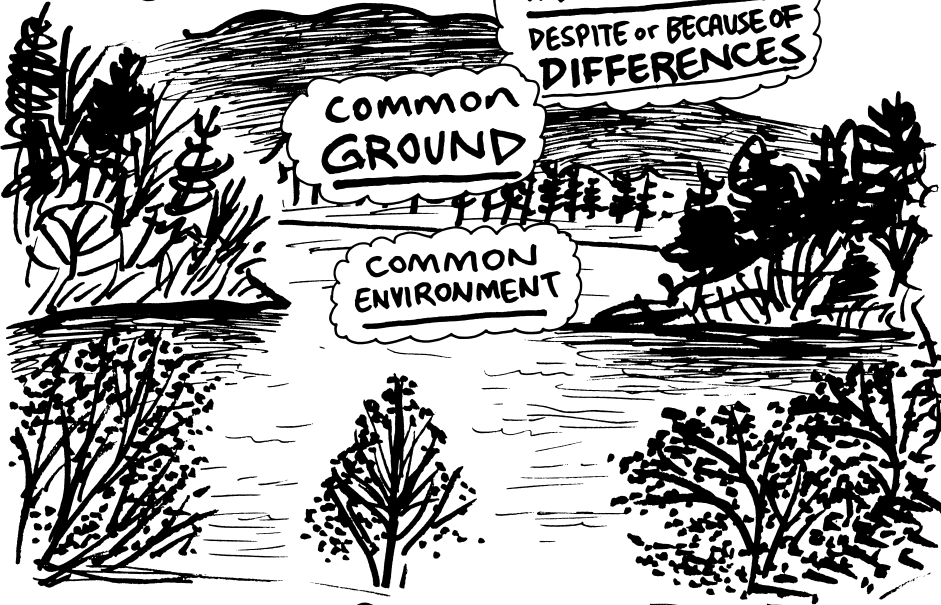
Common
INTERESTS

OPENMINDEDNESS

INCLUSION
DESPITE or BECAUSE OF
DIFFERENCES

Common
GROUND

COMMON
ENVIRONMENT



COMMUNITY means
TAKING A LARGER
PERSPECTIVE...

ALL LIFE depends upon
WATER QUALITY

SHARING
SPACE

LIVING IN
HARMONY
with OTHER
SPECIES

INTERACTING

COOPERATING

CONSERVING

FIGURING OUT
how to GET ALONG

You have to
have INTEREST
in your FELLOW
HUMANS
& in YOURSELF.

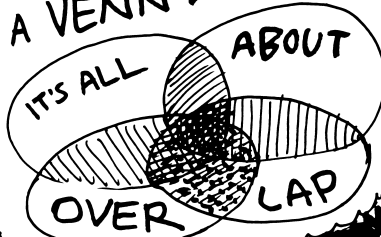
CHANGE

ADAPTABILITY

The
ENTIRETY
of a place,
(NOT JUST
ATTRACTIVE)

A TRUE
COMMUNITY
— IS A —
fantastically
NUANCED,
CONFUSED
THING...

A VENN DIAGRAM:



VALUES
CROSSOVER

especially
here in
NEW ENGLAND.

IT TAKES
TIME.

Maybe
it's the
CLIMATE?





HOW CAN WE BUILD COMMUNITY?

GET OUT THERE!

LOCAL SCHOOL GROUPS



ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



COMMUNITY SERVICE



VOLUNTEERS WHO CONNECT TO OTHER COMMUNITIES



OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- * AMERICAN LEGION
- * Local HOMELESS SHELTER
- * _____ ???

ACTIVITIES TO CONNECT seasonal & year-round RESIDENTS



SUPPLEMENT + COMPLEMENT TRADITIONAL EVENTS



MULTI-GENERATIONAL PROGRAMS



CLASSES for / by LOCAL TEACHERS



WORD OF MOUTH

INVITE NEIGHBORS...

= FREE for all to use!



= ZERO BARRIERS to VISIT + ENJOY!

EXPAND BOARD?



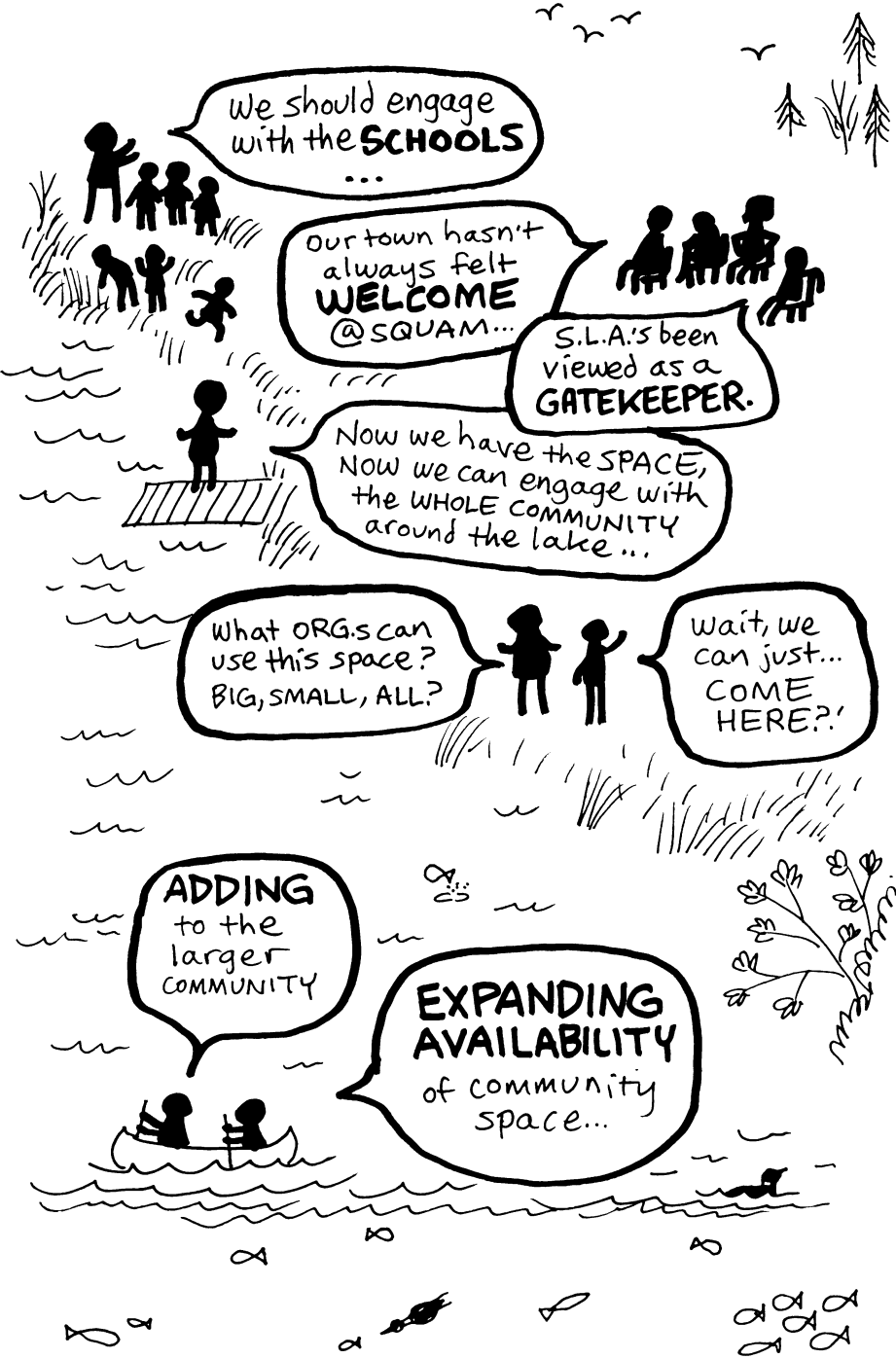
YOUR IDEAS HERE:

Wow, WHAT A GREAT CONVERSATION— SO MANY GOOD IDEAS!



Yeah, and while we were TALKING, the AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS got that SUNK BOAT out of the lake.

YAY!



ACCESS

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