

## **Clemons Pond Association Meeting May 30, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:18 am at Dolly & Harold Gillman's house. A moment of silence followed for members who have passed and all those who have given their lives in service to our country. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harold Gillman and Louise Novak read a poem in honor of all our service men and women.

Two new members Jon & Cindy Patterson were introduced and welcomed. President Richard Hunt informed the membership that Alice Kenny was now in a nursing home.

**Secretary's report:** Sandy Tate read the report and Chris Shields made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Harold Gillman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's report:** Bill Tate read the report for vacationing David Limbert. There is an ending balance of \$189.99 in the account. The State of Maine Annual Report has been filed. Harold Gillman made a motion to accept the report as read. Celia Hunt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The subject of last year's "Pig Roast" was brought to the attention of the membership by the president. Since the cost of the roast (\$400+ as compared to about \$60) is more expensive and an added drain on our treasury, did we wish to continue to have the roast as a yearly picnic as has been suggested? A very positive discussion ensued favoring the continuation of the roast with those participating in the roast offering a contribution to the cost. The Association will pick up any short fall in the contributions. Charlie Saurman made a motion to continue with the July Picnic as a "Pig Roast" and Celia Hunt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Water Quality report:** Report given by Victor Lerish. He was happy to report that 2009 was a good year for the pond. We continue to have water clarity numbers that are above average for lakes and ponds monitored throughout the state. More importantly, there have been no negative trends in water quality parameters that we monitor. We monitor three measures of water quality:

1. Secchi depth - a measure of water clarity
2. Dissolved oxygen – a sensitive indicator of water quality, and of the ability of the pond to support aquatic life.
3. Total phosphorus concentration – the nutrient that most influences the growth of algae in a pond.

Louise Novak made a motion to accept the report as read. Walter Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

President Richard Hunt noted that Victor Lerish was not on the list to receive the newsletter from the Maine Congress of Lake Associations and that the secretary would notify them so he would be included in their regular mailings.

**Web Master's Report:** Web Master Bill Stansky reported that we have had about 3500 visits to the site. He thanked Rich Colicchio again for the updating of the photography on the site. The pictures are beautiful and really show off the Pond. He asked for donations of pictures, news and any info for the site and also contributions to the Recipe Book. Walter Novak made a motion to accept the report as read. Victor Lerish seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

### **Loon Rangers Report:**

Loons have been spotted checking out the nesting platform. As of yet it did not appear that they will utilize the nesting place. Concern over boaters going too close to where the loons may be nesting was raised. President Richard Hunt will check to see if the sign about warning people about speeding in the area is still posted.

### **Old Business:**

**Annual Dues:** President Richard Hunt reminded members that the annual dues were due at the Spring Meeting. Secretary Sandy Tate told the group that the welcome letter that was sent out again has been

well received and we have received both current and past dues.

**Dragonflies:** Web Master Bill Stansky volunteered to plant the dragonfly lava this year.

**The Day Site Development:** The site appears to be in legal limbo as nothing more has been done as it is still in the appeal process. A discussion was held again about the future possibility of waste water runoff. It was decided that a baseline study of the stream from the area leading to the pond should be done for future reference. Betty Zelman gave permission to allow the tests to be taken on the Zelman's property. A motion was made by Victor Lerish to look into the feasibility of having the test done and the associated cost. He stated he would be willing to do this and get back to the Association. He thought an estimation would come in around \$150.00. After the information was in hand President Richard Hunt said the Executive Committee would meet for further action. Pam Mullen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Sheppard's Property Development:** This site also appears to be on hold as there is a culvert on the property that the state will not allow modifications to that would provide proper access to the proposed improved area. There is a map of the proposed subdivision on the web.

**The beaver problem:** The beaver presentation has been postponed since Joanna Lerish has still not heard back from the wild life people.

**Association History:** We are still looking for information on the Association History. There was a suggestion that a past member Lyndon Ward may know something about it. But, as it stand at the present no one is sure where we can find the info on the pond history. Vice President Harold Gillman volunteered to do more checking.

**New Business:**

**Pig Roast:** Harold Gilman updated the members on the pig roast for our July 17<sup>th</sup> picnic. He has found a source for purchasing the pig at a lower rate per pound. Charlie and Ava Saurman have agreed again to have it at their camp. Harold has taken care of the details and will be selecting his crew to assist on the roast. Pam Mullens will do the shopping (paper goods etc.), Louise Novak and Sandy Tate will do the calls.  
Carol Hill will order the Port-a-Potty.

**Fall Meeting:** The Fall meeting will be at Bill and Joyce Stansky's. Bill and Sandy Tate volunteered to host the Spring 2010 meeting and David Howard and Rich Colicchio will host the Fall 2011 meeting.

**Non-members:** President Richard Hunt said that he had been asked if it was necessary for a policy to be made concerning non-members participating in the Association meetings. It was decided that anyone could attend the meetings but only members could participate, unless a non-member had spoken with the president prior to the meeting wishing to address the membership.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter Novak made a motion to adjourn. Harold Gillman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 12:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary

