

## **Clemons Pond Association Meeting September 4, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:18 am at Sandy and Bill Tate's house. President Richard Hunt called for a moment of silence for all who have given their lives in service to our country and those who are presently serving. We expressed our sympathy to Ava and Charlie Saurman who recently lost their son. A thank you card to the Association from the Saurmans for the flowers they received was read by Secretary Sandy Tate. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Johanne Smith.

**Secretary's report:** Sandy Tate read the report and Normie Limbert made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Tony Materna seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's report:** David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$692.44 in the account. Normie Limbert made a motion to accept the report as read. Bill Tate seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Water Quality report:** Report given by Victor Lerish. He reported that the oxygen has been better than usual. The pond is still being monitored for climate changes but, as to date we have not received any reports from the professor at the University conducting the studies. The invasive plant workshop was held August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-8:00 PM at the Sacopee Valley Middle School, by the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). Clemons Pond Association had 10 attendees and 7 attendees from other ponds also attended. All felt that it was very successful and informative. We now have 11 members certified. Pat Clifford said she would help with others to complete a survey of the Pond. September would be a good time to try and do the survey. David Limbert made a motion to accept the report as read. Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Web Master's Report:** President Richard Hunt thanked the new Web Master David Howard for all the work involved with the successful transfer from former Web Master Bill Stansky site. Also Rich Colicchio for his updates. The association will continue to fund the \$10 Domain Name fee each year. David Howard requested that members contact him to add any information to our website.

**Loon Report:** Johanne Smith reported that the loon count was one loon. There were no eggs seen in the nest this year. There were 8 loons seen "visiting" this summer on the Pond. The nesting platform is in need of repair.

### **Old Business:**

**Annual Dues:** President Richard Hunt reminded members that the annual dues were due at the Spring Meeting. There were more dues collected at the picnic. And, President Richard Hunt thanked all that helped out at the picnic.

**Dragonflies:** Jo Smith and Normie Limbert volunteered to plant the dragonfly lava next year with David Limbert as backup.

**The Day Site Development:** No further developments.

**Sheppard's Property Development:** Victor Zelman stated he accepted the offer to extend the right of way to 50 feet but they came back and wanted it to be 60 feet. So, as it stands as of now he has not decided to go forward.

**Association History:** Carol Hill asked for more clarification as to just what the Association wanted in way of history. After brief discussion with the group, it was felt it should be kept simple with many pictures, cards, etc. of fun times past and present with the members. Jo Smith said she would contact the Hazens for more possible information.

**New Business:**

**July Picnic:** The picnic will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July, 7/21/2012 at 1 pm at Louise and Walter Novak's cottage.

**Meetings:** The Spring 2012 meeting will be at Normie and David Limbert's. David Howard and Rich Colicchio will host the Fall 2012 meeting. Sandy and Bill Tate will host the Spring 2013 meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee Normie Limbert, Louise Novak, and Johanne Smith stated their job was done as all of the officers have agreed to another 2 year term. A motion was made by Normie Limbert and seconded by Tony Materna to re-elect Richard Hunt as President, Harold Gilman as Vice President, David Limbert as Treasurer and Sandy Tate as Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

**Power boats on the Pond:** President Richard Hunt opened for discussion the problem of excessive speed and the damage from the wake (including wash-outs) on the Pond this summer. Many experiences both past and present were discussed concerning the limiting of motor boat horse power. It was finally decided that it might be best to limit motors to non gasoline or electric motors. In order to have Clemons Pond have this regulation it must be done through the state. Johanne Smith moved to establish a subcommittee to look into what the State of Maine requires to be able to include Clemons Pond on their list of restricting power motors on selected ponds and lakes. David Limbert and Bill Tate volunteered to be the committee to look into this issue. All members agreed to this approach.

**Time Warner Cable availability:** Treasurer David Limbert stated that Fairpoint said that they must survey all the poles to be sure they can carry the extra weight. They will extend the time frame of the grant. So it will be a while before cable will be available. President Richard Hunt thanked David for all his efforts that have brought broad band to us.

**COLA Newsletter:** Treasurer David Limbert asked if members that should be getting the newsletter have been receiving it. It was brought up that the letter is on line at their web site. David said he would again send the updated list for the mailing.

**Camp Hat:** Secretary Sandy Tate said that there were 2 pins that are not accounted for on the list but, are on the hat: a beaver and the State of Florida pin. She said she would continue to research and correct the time line and find who belonged to the pins.

**Land or water use on your property:** Victor Zelman brought up the subject because he has allowed the Town of Hiram Fire Department to take water from Little Clemons Pond (his property) when needed for fires. He stated he has never given them written permission which he will now correct because if there is no proof of permission a town after so many years of use can claim ownership. Because of a recent house fire near the north end of the pond, he thought it would be a good idea if there would be a fire department connection to the pond in that area. No further discussion took place.

**Theft on Clemons Pond:** Members were informed that a water pump was stolen on the Levesque property.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter Novak made a motion to adjourn. Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary