

Clemons Pond Association Meeting August 31, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Douglas Bradley at 10:10am at Dolly & Harold's barn. President Douglas Bradley called for a moment of silence for our Clemons Pond neighbors who are no longer with us and all who have given their lives in service to our country and those who are presently serving. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harold Gillman.

Introduction of new members and/or loss of previous members: None

Secretary's report: Sandy Tate read the report and Walter Novak 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 the absent David Limbert Treasurer. There is an ending balance of \$849.10 in the account. Chris Shields made a motion to accept the report as read. Walter Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Water Quality report: Victor Lerish reported that this has been a quiet and cool summer, nothing amiss. Water temperature in 2013 at the point was 84 degrees and in 2014 77 degrees. The cooler temperatures help the oxygen levels. Water clarity was 15 feet. The phosphorous level has not been done yet. There are no comparative numbers from previous testing.

Invasive Aquatic Plant report: Pat Clifford reported that level 3 survey that was done found no invasive plants. State wide there has been an increase in the algae metaphyton gleotrichia. It is thought to be caused by agricultural fertilizers.

Web Master's report: Web statistics from David Howard as conveyed at the Clemons Pond Association. Overall, trends have remained the consistent.

- 1737 visits (+4.2% greater than last year's number)
- 4670 page visits (-5.1% less than last year's number)
- 923 new visits (+10.3 % greater than last year's number)

There was a problem with the Adobe Flash. They are working on it.

Loon report: Chris Shields reported that the loon count was two. There were two chicks this year but, were lost. The reason is unknown whether it was possibly the snapping turtles or eagles. It was seen that the chicks were left alone most of the time.

Old Business:

Annual Dues: President Doug Bradley reminded members that the annual dues were now payable for the 2014 year.

Dragonfly Planting: It has been agreed upon that the dragonfly larvae will not be planted next spring. Chris Shields said that we should not plant the larvae because of other possible ways of contamination. It was discussed by the membership and Tony Materna amended the proposal to discuss the dragonfly planting annually as to whether to continue with the planting. The amendment was unanimously approved.

July Picnic: President Douglas Bradley thanked all those who helped with picnic

E-Mail Invites – Sandy Tate
Set-up – Paul Sweeney
Cooks – Tony Materna

Shopping – Sandy Tate
Clean up – Paul Sweeney
Trash – Harold Gillman

The membership gave a round of applause to Ava & Charlie Saurman for celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

COLA listings for Clemons Pond Association has been resolved.

New Business:

Meetings: Judy & Doug Bradley will host the Spring 2015 meeting. David Howard and Rich Colicchio for the Fall 2015 meeting.

Other Business:

- Walter Novak suggested that David Howard send the bill for the web site costs to the Treasurer David Limbert for payment instead of him absorbing the cost. It was unanimous that the Association would fund the cost.
- Vice President Harold Gillman said that we need to reach out to neighbors and friends around the pond to add to our membership.
- Secretary Sandy Tate said that 5 years ago the membership had her send out a welcome letter to new and old members and she would be willing to send out another letter. All agreed.
- David Howard suggested that we may want to look at a Face Book page for the group. It was decided that it would be discussed at the Spring meeting
- Our thanks to Walter Novak for his efforts to keep the area of the cemetery neat and tidy.
- Vice President Harold Gillman told the Association members who are town residents that Hiram needs a volunteer to run for Selectmen.
- Louise Novak told the group that Hiram's Centennial Celebration was a great success. Our State Senator Susan Collins was here and many other programs. The fireworks were great.

President Douglas Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Materna made a motion to adjourn. Chris Shields seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Douglas Bradley adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary