

Clemons Pond Association Meeting September 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:12 am at Joyce and Bill Stansky's house. A moment of silence followed for members who have passed and Charlie Saurman who has been ill and in the hospital also those 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.

Secretarys report: Sandy Tate read the report and Carol Hill made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Johanne Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Treasurers report: David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$739.02 in the account. Tony Materna made a motion to accept the report as read. Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The "Pig Roast" final cost was \$377.80. It was decided that we would continue to have the roast but, not as a yearly picnic. Perhaps every few years would be better and it was unanimously agreed.

Water Quality report: Report given by Victor Lerish. He reported that 2010 has been another good year for the pond. We continue to have water clarity numbers that are above average for lakes and ponds monitored throughout the state. The rest of the report will be coming at a later date.

Because of the growing and spreading of invasive aquatic plants in nearby lakes and ponds (Brownfield, Porter, etc.) there is a need to have trained monitors to regularly check the water for any signs of contamination on the Clemons Ponds. There are programs available for education and training through the state. Bill and Sandy Tate and Carol Hill volunteered to participate. Victor will get the pertinent information to them. He asked for the secretary to contact other pond associations in our area to see if it would be possible to coordinate a joint meeting for training.

President Richard Hunt said that officers had received a letter from Maine Congress of Lakes Associations and Maine Lakes Conservancy stating that they plan to merger. No further information was available at this time.

Jack Macomber made a motion to accept the report as read. Carol Hill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Web Master's Report: Web Master Bill Stansky reported that there have been many comments on the "Guestbook Page" some of them very interesting about our concern for the loons. He thanked the Dilleys for the great photographs of the growth and progress of "Clem" our newest baby loon. The pictures are beautiful. He asked for donations of pictures, news and any info for the site and also contributions to the "Recipe Book." Betty Zelman thanked Sally Williams for the news about the Hiram Historical Society's presentation of "Hiram Barns."

David Limbert made a motion to accept the report as read. Johanne Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Loon Rangers Report: Johanne Smith reported that the loon count is always on the 3rd Saturday in July. The count was three loons. "Clem" is doing great and if anyone is interested in more information and answered questions about loons there is a great book titled "Loon Magic" author? is available on the web.

Old Business:

Annual Dues: President Richard Hunt reminded members that the annual dues were due at the Spring Meeting. Treasurer David Limbert said it has been a big season this year as we have received many current and past dues.

Dragonflies: Web Master Bill Stansky and Carol Hill volunteered to plant the dragonfly lava next year.

The Day Site Development: Victor Zelman said the decision is in the judge's hands then oral arguments will be heard. Betty Zelman said that DEP was satisfied with what has been done a precaution for any

runoffs (mainly a berm has been created) Victor Lerish stated that his investigation of the association doing its own checking of possible contamination from the site would not have any credence with authorities. It was felt by members that a baseline study of the stream from the area leading to the pond still should be done for future reference. Betty Zelman gave permission to allow the tests to be taken on the Zelman's property. David Limbert made a motion to measure the water quality on Little Clemons. Pat Clifford seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Victor Lerish will look into the feasibility of having the test done and the associated cost. After the information was in hand, President Richard Hunt said the Executive Committee would meet for further action.

Sheppard's Property Development: Victor Zelman stated he received a letter requesting his permission to allow the expansion of his right away from 30 feet to 50 feet. His position is undecided.

The beaver problem: No new action.

Association History: Vice President Harold Gilman contacted Lyndon Ward. His wife, Jeanette Ward (deceased) did have in the past a box containing the information about the Association but it appears it is now gone. Judy Comer will again check with May Hazen. Normie Limbert said that Pam Morse told her at the picnic she may have some material. Carol Hill, Johanne Smith, and Harold Gilman have now been assigned to be the "Historical Committee" to further pursue the quest for the Clemons Pond History.

New Business:

President Richard Hunt read the thank you notes from members. Secretary Sandy Tate said the information about the 'Camp Hat' (year and pins) would be made available to all on our web site. It was unanimously decided that next year there would be a regular picnic, the place to be decided at the spring meeting.

Secretary Sandy Tate brought up the subject that has been mentioned in the past concerning the continuing of mailing notices to members who have not participated in meetings or events for several years. A short discussion ensued and Walter Novak proposed that any member not involved with the association for 3 years or more be dropped from the mailing list. All agreed.

A discussion about banning jet skis on the pond ended without a consensus. There is a sign at the public landing about milfoil but, would we want to have a sign banning jet skis? Further exploration into the matter is needed as to what are the options.

Spring Meeting: The Spring 2011 meeting will be at Bill and Sandy Tate's. The Novaks have agreed to host the picnic provided it is not a pig roast. David Howard and Rich Colicchio will host the Fall 2011 meeting.

The Possibility of Cable Coming: Treasurer David Limbert and Web Master Bill Stansky are part of an organization called "Hiram Broadband Inclusive." This group is exploring the possibility of bringing broadband to the area. Both Time Warner and Fairpoint are also part of the discussion. The group is in the process of writing a grant to receive cable in the area.

The Need for a Disclaimer for the Web Page: Victor Zelman spoke to association about the need for a disclaimer to be put on our web page to protect us from any difficulties from a law suit brought to the web master and the association. The disclaimer was read by Web Master Bill Stansky and Louise Novak made a motion to have the disclaimer placed on our web page, and Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dolores Levesque made a motion to adjourn. Johanne Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary