



Clough Pond Association

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Minutes: Annual Meeting of August 22, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Clough Pond Association was held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, starting at 4 p.m. at the home of Roanne Sanborn. We thank Roanne and Bill for hosting this year's meeting. To accommodate schedules the business meeting was held prior to proceeding to the potluck supper.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

President Andy Knowlton called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

At this time a brief discussion of the Special Meeting of the Association that was held on August 9, 2009 took place. At that meeting representatives from DES presented information about wetland management and they took questions from the membership. (The minutes and presentation material from this meeting are on the website.)

No new agenda items were added.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were available on the website before the meeting and distributed to everyone prior to the start of the meeting. Jean had asked Tom to include the balance in the treasury in the minutes. Tom will make that addition to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote with the change as requested.

Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report: Tom reports that everything he has to report has already been included on the agenda for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was delayed until later in the meeting at which time Jean distributed copies of her report.

Balance in Treasury as of the meeting date: \$2,193.28.

Jean also reported that we have 43 voting members, 8 single memberships and 17 family memberships.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Passed on voice vote.

Committee Reports

- **NH Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Update**

Tom reports on behalf of Curt that the pond is essentially in great shape and that Curt is about to head out in the next couple of days to do another sampling. Tom will join him for this event. Note that Curt still welcomes company for this sampling of the water for the NHVLAP program. Anybody interested can contact Curt.

Note that the resulting reports are now being posted to the website.

- **Lake Host Program Update**

Emma provided an update on the program and solicited volunteers for ramp duty. Labor Day will be the last day for Lake Hosts at the ramp. We did consume the entire two grants as appropriate.

We are not going to reach the 500 boat threshold to enable a greater grant next year from NHLAKES. It was a consensus of those present that we are not seeing as many boaters on the pond as usual. It was not clear how much the rainy weather contributed to that or whether any gaps in coverage that resulted from losing our Point Person part way through the season was more responsible. Emma does not recall us ever getting to over 500 inspections although we have come close (498) in the past.

We thank Emma for picking up the pieces and completing the year as our Point Person. Later in the meeting we will address the need to find a new Point Person for the 2010 season.

Old Business

- A brief discussion took place again concerning the Special Meeting where DES presented wetland information.
- Tom answered questions concerning the membership list on the website noting that he was reducing the amount of information posted to the website on each individual with an eye toward privacy concerns. That will include not posting information on a person upon request. Tom noted that anybody wanting the full list in paper form can request it of him at any time. The information is stored in his computer and it can be produced relatively easily. It just did not seem appropriate to post all the information on a public website.

New Business

- **Goals and Objectives** for the next year. We primarily focus on the Lake Host Program and Curt's NHVLAP. Do we want to focus in fund raisers? Do we want to reach out to the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to open lines of communication? No new direction was set on any of these issues.
- **Membership Drive** - It was suggested that we focus on increasing the membership.

A discussion took place concerning the disconnect between wanting to get

Canterbury residents interested in the pond and the CPA and their access to the pond. It was noted that they are not allowed to use the beach, which is a Loudon Town facility and thus not open to Canterbury residents. If they had better access to the pond we might get greater interest in the pond and the CPA activities.

It was decided that Andy and Tom would work up a package for Lynn LaBontee and Joyce Milligan to use to do their "walk, knock and talk" around the pond soliciting new members. We thank them for continuing to volunteer to do that. This packet would be ready in time for next summer. It was to include the By-Laws, Membership Form, Welcome Letter, and information about the Lake Host Program and the impact that an invasive weed such as milfoil would have on the pond.

- **Weed Watchers Program** was discussed. Do we want to embrace that program? If so, we would need a lead person to run with the program, to gather information about it and our required commitment. Nothing was decided.
- **Mercury Levels in Fish.** Are we interested? Nothing was decided.
- **Point Person for 2010** – Nancy Rondeau volunteered to run the program next year and the CPA accepted that offer. Thank you Nancy.

Adjournment: The business portion of the meeting adjourned and we moved on to the potluck supper.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tom Edwards, Secretary