



# Clough Pond Association

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## Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 27, 1010

The Regular Meeting of the Clough Pond Association was held on Saturday, August 27, 2010, starting at 4 p.m. at the property of Mel and Emma Tillotson. We thank Mel and Emma for hosting this year's meeting.

### Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

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

### Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

No new agenda items were added.

### Minutes of Last Meeting

Upon insistence of some members the Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lou Cote. It was requested that the balance in the treasury and the closing "Respectfully Submitted, Tom Edwards" be added to the minutes. With that the minutes were approved.

### 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

Balance in Treasury as of the meeting date: \$1,962.08.

Jean reported that she paid the NHLAKES membership with the approval of only the officers since it needed to get in for us to participate in the NHLAKES Lake Host Program.

Jean reported that memberships are coming in and has close to \$300 more to deposit into the bank. It is her impression that membership is lagging at this time in the summer behind where it usually is.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

### Committee Reports

- **Lake Host Program**

Nancy introduced us to this year's Paid Lake Host, Katie Clark, her granddaughter. At this point we have over \$1,200 remaining as Katie has

already put in hours since she started in May. The funds will likely support her duties two days a week and Nancy will be adjusting her schedule as the money holds and it becomes more apparent which days are most active.

Thus far she has inspected 73 boats. She also noted that it is her and Katie's observation that over 97% of the boats are returning to the pond having last visited Clough Pond. That is good from an invasive weed risk perspective. Not so good from the perspective of how effective NHLAKES money is being used, that is getting the same people over and over again.

By the way she is still looking for volunteers to man/woman the ramp.

Nancy noted that we have already met the NHLAKES requirement for matching volunteer time.

At this time Nancy reported that she attended the NHLAKES Lakes Congress at Squam Lake. She attended a number of sessions. There were many concurrent sessions so she had to pick and choose the ones of most interest to her. A number of vendors were at the conference and she thought that we might want to have some of these vendors speak to the CPA at some future meeting. There was: septic solution companies, a porous pavement company, a vendor with environment friendly household cleaning products, milfoil clean up companies (perish the thought), a company that has developed a strain of grass that is slow growing and needs little water, and more. We need to get the links for some of these vendors on our website.

Nancy updated us on the status of the Grappone PR program. Not much to report. Awaiting more information from NHLAKES or Grappone.

Motion made, seconded, and approved that we reimburse Nancy for the registration fee of \$40. She then declined and asked that we send that \$40 directly to the Paid Lake Host Program instead of reimbursing her.

Motion made, seconded and approved to re-direct that \$40 to NHLAKES for additional Paid Lake Host time.

Emma then stepped up and said that she would also donate \$40 toward the Paid Lake Host Program and challenged others to do the same. We accepted that offer and thanked her. We then indicated that we would send out a solicitation to the members and non-members to do the same.

- **NH Volunteer Lake Assessment Program**

Curt provided an update. He has the 2009 Interim Report. Tom will post it to the website. Curt reviewed when he takes samples, when DES takes samples, and generally how the program works.

His observation is that we are pretty much staying consistent over the years, pretty much the same as the numbers were back in 1999 when he started the program. Brewster indicated that his son Warren was also testing the water on a purely interest basis and confirms that the oxygen levels are pretty good in the pond.

A quick discussion occurred regarding bacterial testing. That is the town that has that responsibility.

Motion to accept the Committee Reports made, seconded, and approved.

### **Old Business**

- Membership recruitment drive. Still on the backs of Andy and Tom to do.

We want the package to not be too big. Just the By-Laws, Membership Form, Lake Host Program information, Welcome Letter, and Website Reference.

- Loon Nest: George wants to build a Loon Nest. This has been discussed before. Katie Clark offered to help him. George says that he has been given approval to do this from Fish & Game.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to dedicate \$100 to the project.

- Motion made, seconded, and approved to continue the NHVLAP program to the tune of \$100 - \$125 to D.E.S. for another year.

A question came up as to the status of the picnic table at the public beach. This is a donation from the CPA. Lou tested the table yesterday and Brewster went to check it out right then.

Side note: the skunk that just passed through the yard was quite pretty. And odor free it seems.

### **New Business**

- **Safe Boating** – Curt filled us in on a course and test needed for anybody wanting to drive a motor boat with over a 25hp motor. This was a 7 hour course and is offered either in one or two sessions. Of interest were speed requirements near shore, near other watercraft, etc.
- **Lake Conservation Corps Program** – We have been approached by NHLAKES to see if we want to participate in this program. They will come to the next BOD meeting to present what this is all about. Generally they think they can do three projects and may have a \$10,000 grant available. This is primarily for private property. They may use MV interns and use the money to primarily purchase supplies. This is very preliminary.

Tom will start collecting information about possible projects. Anybody with suggestions for areas for NHLAKES to assess get them to Tom.

George points out that the area beyond Berry Road and the houses there today and the area around the beaver damn are of interest.

- **Weeds** – A discussion took place about weeds in the pond. All good so far. If anybody wants to run the Weed Watcher Program, check out the information on the NHLAKES website and talk to the BOD about sponsoring the program. Emma has material about the Weed Watchers Program.

- **eMail versus Snail Mail Discussion** – A discussion took place surrounding the use of eMail for meeting notifications and whether that contributes to the lack of attendance at the meetings. After some discussion notification methods were left unchanged since everybody receives notification according to their consent (eMail) or via USPS by default or request.

Tom stressed that the only people who get eMail notification and no paper notification are those members and non-members that have AGREED to receive those notifications by eMail. Everybody else, members and non-members alike, get a USPS paper mail notification.

Tom will modify his notification based on Jean's suggestion that the body of the message also include the message itself and not just the link to the message. Good idea.

- **Nominating Committee** – Roanne pre-agreed to be on the Committee. Michele Bartlett and Sandy MacPherson agreed to serve.
- **Town Beach Runoff** – David brings to our attention the dismal condition of the beach. Runoff, holes, etc. What can we do? Andy will contact David Rice to see what can be done.
- **NHLAKES Renewal** – They sent along a survey to Jean that perhaps we may want to fill in about what we would like them to take on as new programs/projects.

**Next Meeting** – Scheduled for Sunday, August 22, 4:00p.m., location to be determined.

## **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Tom Edwards, Secretary