



# Clough Pond Association

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## Minutes: Meeting of August 19, 2010

A Meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on August 19, 2010 at the home of Andy Knowlton.

### Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Andy Knowlton called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Andy Knowlton, Debra Knowlton, Jean Cote, Tom Edwards, Emma Tillotson, Priscilla Giles, Roanne Sanborn, Nancy Rondeau, and David Drake.

### Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- None

### Outside Presentation – NH LAKES

- Andy introduced our guest speakers. We heard from Andrea LaMoreaux, Education Director and Brett Hillman, Program Coordinator from NH LAKES on their Lake Conservation Corps Program. Andrea noted that she and Brett had had a tour of the pond earlier in the week, had taken some pictures of some properties and included them in the slideshow presentation to come. She indicated that they spotted lots of candidate properties around the pond for participation in the LCC Program.
- Andrea gave us an overview of NH LAKES in general and pointed out that NH LAKES considers exotic species as the primary threat to NH's lakes and ponds. Thus the Lake Host Program. The next significant threat is stormwater runoff. The LCC Program is their answer to that.
- Stormwater runoff is "precipitation that comes off our landscape and is not able to soak into the ground". Andrea showed some images of stormwater in action in years past.
- She gave us an overview of the LCC Program. It is an education and water quality restoration program. They try to involve local high school youth in the program. They provide the students with hands on experience to get them turned on to protecting the environment through watershed management and give them some life skills. The program gives homeowners an understanding of what they can and cannot do without a state permit. The LCC Program wants to deal only in projects that do not require a permit.

- The guiding principle of the program is to vegetate the shores and/or slow down the runoff so that it can infiltrate into the ground. Their motto is “Vegetate and Infiltrate to Protect the Lake”.
- NH LAKES customizes the program to meet the needs of individual lake and pond associations and as well as local high schools and their community service programs.
- Andrea reviewed some projects depicted in their video presentation.
- Brett stepped up next and reviewed the projects that they did in the summer 2010. He talked about rain gardens, channeling water to areas where it can take the time necessary to infiltrate into the ground. Open top box trenches, vegetation, and other control mechanisms are in their toolkit.
- Andrea then came back on and did an overview of Clough Pond using some photos she and Brett took during the tour of the pond earlier in the week.
- They have already targeted the state’s Moose Plate Grant program as a possible funder.
- They are hoping to tap into the Merrimack Valley High School students and their community service requirement.
- They see the Town of Loudon as a possible partner, in particular the town beach area.
- We need to identify property owners who want to participate in the LCC Program. They need letters of interest from the property owners as soon as possible. They also need a letter from the CPA indicating that the CPA officially joins the program as well.
- We need to start to publicize this, recruit property owners, and produce the needed letters of support. Later we need to participate in tours, open houses, updates, press events, etc.
- We have a copy of their presentation and it will be placed on our website. It includes information about the responsibility of the property owner and the CPA.

**Minutes of the Last Board Meeting**

- Motion to accept made, seconded and approved subject to the adjournment time of 7:30pm being added to the minutes.

**Secretary’s Report**

- Tom said he had nothing to report that was not already included in the agenda. Motion to accept the ‘Nothing to Report’ Report from the secretary was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer’s report**

- The balance is currently \$2,157.21.
- Nancy reported that NH LAKES will be refunding any balance of non-NH LAKES funds to us. We in turn decided that we need to determine exactly how much that is and offer to return the Loudon Conservation Commission’s portion back to them or, if they permit, we will keep it in our treasury earmarked specifically to augment next year’s program.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made, seconded, and approved subject to audit.

## **Committee Reports**

- Nominating Committee Report – Andy, Tom, and Jean agreed to run for office again. David will not be running again for the Board. Candidates for the Board are Priscilla, Deb K.
- It was noted that Deb Lincoln will also be willing to serve on the Board to replace David. The Nominating Committee had already finalized their report so her nomination will have to come from the floor. We are agreeable to take on another Board member since we do not have a replacement for David included in the Committee Report.

## **Old Business**

- Lake Host Program Update – Program suspended for the duration of the year.
- Gift to Paid Lake Host. Motion made, seconded, and approved that we will get her a \$50 gift to come from the general Treasury, not from the unexpended Paid Lake Host Funds, in appreciation for her efforts. Deb to handle the gift card.
- Nancy reported that our host will be receiving an amount equal to what she would have received as worker's compensation from NH LAKES for the balance of the season. It is coming from NH LAKES funds. While not legally required of NH LAKES they are doing it in as a good faith effort.
- Should we publicize the "incident" around the pond? We will cover this at Sunday's meeting.
- NH LAKES is considering revamping their policy as to having youth work the ramps alone.
- LCC Program. We will ask the full membership to allow the CPA to formally enter into the partnership with the NH LAKES on the LCC Program. Individual property owners wanting to participate in this joint venture must be members of the CPA.
- Roanne, Deb K, Emma, and Tom will make up the CPA LCC Committee once approved by the membership.
- Loon nest. Andy did some checking around to see if we are getting into any legal issues with this. We are not. We are asked to coordinate with the Loon Preservation Commission and we agreed that we should do that.

We did have a nest beside the public beach in some year past that never produced young. Discussions to place about surveys, other loon nests around the state, etc. We learned nothing that would preclude us from continuing with the loon nest project.

## **New Business**

- Cleaning Products – Have the presentation at the front of the Annual Meeting, before breaking for the potluck dinner.
- Steve Jackson passed along a question: Do we want him to present information about tax abatements to the membership? No decision was made. We have a full agenda for Sunday already.

- A short discussion took place about the speed of watercraft on the pond.
- August Meeting Agenda
  - Loon Nest
  - LCC Program
  - Officers and Board of Directors
  - Lake Host Incident
- Discussion about Snail Mail v. eMail etc. as a means of communicating with the property owners. Tom agreed after the June meeting that eMail will be text only and added no rtf formatted messages after this discussion. Tom will include the content in the eMail and not rely on it being at the end of a link. This remains a hot button issue and its contribution to the lack of membership in the CPA.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted

Tom Edwards