



Clough Pond Association

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Minutes: Meeting of May 26, 2011

A Meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on May 26, 2011 at the home of Andy Knowlton.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Andy Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Andy Knowlton, Debra Knowlton, Jean Cote, Tom Edwards, Emma Tillotson, Roanne Sanborn, Nancy Rondeau, Priscilla Giles, and Deb Lincoln.

Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- None

Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

- Motion to accept the Minutes was made, seconded and approved.

Secretary's Report

- Tom said he had nothing to report that was not already included in the agenda. Motion made, seconded, and approved to

Treasurer's report

- The balance is currently \$2,425.25 including \$743.04 being held and dedicated to the Lake Host Program.
- Jean received the \$1,000 check from the Loudon Conservation Commission toward the Lake Host Program and will be forwarding that money along to NHLAKES. Also Dues for this coming year are starting to trickle in.
- Motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and approved subject to audit.

Committee Reports

- Lake Conservation Corps Committee Report - Tom updated the Board about the Selectmen's meeting in which NHLAKES (Robie Parsons) presented copies of the plans for the town beach. Tom and Andy were present at this meeting to show that the CPA was in full support of this effort. David Rice was there indicating his support and how he was going to supply or arrange a lot of the resources and effort to make this come together. The selectmen indicated their support of this project and that they were going to get the agreement with NHLAKES signed and forwarded to them.

The design includes the placement of large boulders about 4 feet from the fence to act as an edge to the water garden that will run the entire length of the beach

between the fence and the boulders. It will be slanted toward the east to allow overflow into the drainage area along that end of the beach whenever there is so much runoff that it overpowers the garden. David is arranging for Fillmore to place the boulders at no cost to the town or NHLAKES and is working with the town to locate suitable boulders along the roadside. There still may be operator charges incurred for the heavy equipment involved.

We are still hopeful that a replenishment of the beach sand can become a phase II of this effort. This requires a permit from the state and NHLAKES has provided David with information about the permit required. NHLAKES cannot get involved in permits but may be able to help with the beach sand issue.

- Edwards Project – Tom reported that his project involves creating 2 rain gardens, one halfway down his driveway to divert runoff at that point and another right at the water's edge where there already is a depression to capture whatever gets that far down the hill toward the pond.
 - Tillotson Project – Emma reports that her children are working with NHLAKES on this and she is leaving the arrangements up to them.
 - Rondeau Project – Nancy reports that their unworkable initial plan has been redone and will involve a diversion near the water's edge into a rain garden that will be created to the left of the driveway, several feet from the pond.
 - Bartlett Project – Tom reports that Michele and Brewster have signed on for a project. Their original idea was out of scope (permit needed) but the backup plan that they are agreeing to involves a rain garden to divert some of the more significant runoff.
 - We still have room for one more project if somebody comes forward. Well if the money holds up. They secured the funding such that it spans two years so that they can revisit the projects next year to tweak where needed. But they did plan 18 projects in total and are currently at 21 around the state. We have 5 of them here at Clough Pond and a place holder for a possible 6th.
- NHVLAP Program Update – Tom and Deb L updated the Board concerning the status of the VLAP program with DES. The program is currently under budgetary attack in the legislature and may have to be curtailed. Depends on the Legislative Committee of Conference where they work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of legislation with a mind toward acceptance by the Governor so he will sign it.

Tom and Deb L attended the VLAP conference. They will be scheduling on pond training for the program with Deb being the primary person and Tom secondary.

We thank Curt Darling for his many years of effort with this program.

Old Business

- Lake Host Program Update – Nancy reports that we are underway this year. She has hired Dustin Anderson to be our paid lake host. He and she took the

training and he will begin his duties Memorial Day. He will pull duties generally on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. He can pull other days if we want and if it fits his other commitments.

Emma indicated that she has \$200 in hand that was dedicated to the Lake Host Program in memory of her husband Mel. A motion was made, seconded and approved that we accept that money and as requested to use it for the Lake Host Program only.

Tom suggested that we consider taking the Lake Host Program dedicated money and not using it in its entirety this year since we are already at almost \$950 extra in hand for paid lake host activity. Perhaps we should use only half this year and save the other half for next year. Motion made, seconded and approved to split the money between summer of 2011 and 2012.

Of major note: Nancy indicates that she will not be doing the Lake Host Program in 2012. This is her second year and she needs a break. We will be looking for a volunteer for next year.

- Membership Drive – We continue to talk about this but the spirit does not translate to action. Tom indicates that he has the material ready for a packet of goodies to go to the members and prospective members. Samples provided to the Board. It will get done this time. There will be a stuffing party in the near future.
- Loon Nest Update – Tom showed off a picture from George (via Nancy) of the nest. It is deployed and as far as anybody knows uninhabited. It is not expected that it will be occupied soon. Just available should the loon so desire.

New Business

- June Meeting, Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 4:00pm Roanne's. This was talked about in September but like the May 4 Board meeting we all forgot. Eats and social at 4:00, business meeting starts at 5:00.
- August Meeting, Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 4:00pm, location perhaps at Tom Edwards (perhaps not). Roanne might be willing. Nancy is also willing but the steep driveway is prohibitive. Speakers: Regarding the heritage guy, he is collecting stories from pond residents around the state. In particular he would be looking for people to meet with him and tell their stories. Or perhaps the Loon Preservation Center speaker. Modest interest on this one. Or perhaps the LCC folks can do a post projects presentation. Sounds like a great idea.

Tom to invite the heritage guy and NHLAKES to speak.

- Board Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 6:30pm at Tom's place on the pond.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted

Tom Edwards