



Clough Pond Association

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Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting of June 6, 2013

A Meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on July 20, 2012 at the home of Tom Edwards.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Andy Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:46pm and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Andy Knowlton, Debra Knowlton, Tom Edwards, Priscilla Giles, and Roanne Sanborn. Absent: Mike Shields and Jean Cote. (Nancy Rondeau has resigned her membership on the Board.)

Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- None

Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

- Motion to accept the Minutes of the July 20, 2013 Board Meeting was made, seconded and approved after correcting one typographical error.

Secretary's Report

- Nothing not already on the agenda.

Treasurer's report

- None. Treasurer Absent.

Committee Reports

- Lake Conservation Corps Committee Report –(Tom)
 - Tom conducted a “post mortem” on all the Clough Pond LCC projects in May with Andrea LaMoreaux and Robie Parsons. We visited each project site and reviewed it. Tom had previously solicited input from each of the property owners concerning each project's success and failure.
 - Edwards – Part of this project design turned out to be undersized. It filled up with sediment within two months of being completed. In addition this spring the propane truck stopped in the driveway just short of where it crossed the driveway. Being mud season the boards lifted up from the ground and were later removed entirely.

Tom indicated that he already planned to replace that section with an open trench leading to a catch basin. That way there would be no

stones in the trench to clog up and it could be rinsed clean easily with a hose. Further, the catch basin would then serve to capture the sediment before it went into the rain garden and could easily be routinely shoveled out. Andrea and Robie indicated that they were awaiting approval for a grant adjustment to revisit the Cough Pond projects needing tweaking and would plan to help with that “redo”.

- Bartlett – This project appears to be a total success. Brewster reports that it is capable of handling two inches of rain in two hours without overflowing.
- Tillotson – Minor issues here. The steps leading from the road were discounted from the success/failure of the project as there was some confusion as to what was to be done and they were removed from the project scope and later taken care of by the property owners.

The brown rocks there were placed in the rain garden in contrast to the grey ones are considered an eyesore and once again if the grant adjustment is approved they will be removed.

Tom noted that there was a false start on the east rain garden when the crew began but that it was left unrecovered to its natural state.

- Town Beach – This appears to be a success. Given the small curb that already exists on the road and the size and scope of the rain garden along the road it looks like it can capture even the heaviest rainfall. We still need to be looking into the status of whether the town will replenish the sand on the beach now that there is no longer water rushing across it from the road washing it into the pond.

Andy or Deb will check with David Rice to see if there is any progress happening or if we can do something to help get this moving.

- Giles – The temporary plastic razors were replaced with the conveyor belt versions by Andrea and Robie as soon as the post mortem was complete. This project should now be in excellent shape.
- Rondeau – The under-sizing of this project was apparent even before it was completed. The small stones were partially washed into the pond and the crew replaced them with larger stones. It seems to be doing its job.

- Tom noted that Andrea and Robie were interested in helping us host an open house concerning the LCC projects. They will work with us to publicize it when the time comes.
- Lake Host Program Update – Andy updated us. He has two Paid Lake Hosts who are sharing the duties, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Also a volunteer who will support the Paid Lake Hosts from time to time.

We still do not know if we are getting the Loudon Conservation Commission grant. Andy to contact Julie Robinson as to the status of the grant.

Tom noted that we want to consume all the available money this summer including the left over from last year.

- NHVLAP Program Update
 - Deep Spot Location - Tom indicated that he wants to better understand where the deep spot is so that he can GPS it for future reference. Andy indicates that he has that capability and that he has a map from years ago that he made with his father that will help. Tom to contact him to schedule an outing.
 - Oxygen Level Testing – This is tested only once every two years, only when the biologist comes to the pond. But they have equipment that they can lend to us to do our own testing on the off years.
 - Temperature Testing – Same as Oxygen.
 - E. Coli Testing by the town - Tom observed that we seem to get concerned whether the town is doing this testing. At the same time he noted that we pay twice a year for phosphorus testing but DES would like it three times a year. Perhaps we can approach the town and offer to take on the task of taking the E. coli samples but still have them pay for it. Also, can we get them to pick up the phosphorus fees and we can then take three samples over the course of the summer.
 - Tom to check with the town into the possibility of cooperating with that testing.
- Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept all the Committee Reports.

Old Business

- Loon Nest – It's out there.
- Get the Lead Out, Loon Preservation Effort – It is now approved for the Lake Hosts can include this at the ramp provided it is done after the Lake Host duties are performed. We may get more information soon including perhaps some funding or purchase non-lead sinkers. Awaiting word from NHLAKES on this program. Board approves the CPA to participate in this program when it comes to pass.
- No new fund raiser.
- No membership drive.
- No change to dues amount.

New Business

- June Potluck – June 30, 2013, 4:00pm, Knowlton residence.
 - Mostly just a social meeting. No major speaker planned at this point.

- August Potluck – August 18, 2013, 4:00pm, location to be determined at the June Potluck.
- Speaker ideas:
 - Perhaps we can get a presenter next year regarding fireworks around the pond. We are holding the event too late in the month this year for that to happen.
 - Perhaps the Shields or their solar company for June or August.
 - Perhaps somebody from the Wetlands Bureau can present on shoring up the banking, what can be done with or without permits for August.
- Next Board Meeting – July 25, 2013, 6:30pm, Edwards camp.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted

Tom Edwards