



# Clough Pond Association

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## Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting of March 12, 2015

A meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on March 12, 2015 at the home of Priscilla Giles.

### Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Deb Knowlton was absent and Secretary Tom Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:46pm and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Tom Edwards, Jean Cote, George Hayden, Priscilla Giles, Deb Lincoln, Sandy Decato (arrived 7:12pm). Absent: Mike Shields, Emma Tillotson. Perry Hayden was a guest at the meeting.
- Deb and Andy Knowlton have resigned their roles in the Board of Directors of the Clough Pond Association.

### Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- None

### Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

- Tom offered the Minutes of the October 9, 2014 as well as Minutes for the May 28, 2014 meeting and indicated that he believes that the May 28th Minutes were never done and approved as a result of his heading out on vacation at the time they would have been reviewed and approved.
- Motion to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting was made, seconded, and approved.
- Motion to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- Balance today is \$1,441.92 in the account.
- Balance remaining at NHLAKES is \$501.20 as a carry-over to 2015.
- We have 20 Family and 11 Single memberships.
- Balance Fiscal EOY (8/31/2014) was \$1,511.92
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded, and approved.

## Committee Reports

- **Lake Host Program Update**

- Grant application to NHLAKES almost complete.
- Sandy volunteered to be the Point Person this year. We accept. Thank you Sandy.
- Sandy said that she will mix up the hours, weekends, and weekdays to vary the exposure. She will consider making the end of summer schedule light but keeping in mind that the milfoil growing season is from late June through late August. Sandy will use her expertise in this to plan the schedule.
- Sandy will hire two people to share the load at \$9.00 per hour.
- Sandy is registered for the Point Person training.
- Emma will likely let us use her screen house as a last resort if we do not get the box at the ramp done in time. Tom now to build.
- All Paid Lake Hosts will need to be trained at DES but volunteers, whether returning on new, can watch the video and be trained by Sandy.

- **VLAP Program Update**

- No activity since last October.
- Tom did respond to a related invite from DES to participate in a VLAP Data Communication Group and was selected to serve on the committee. There were about 12 members selected. Interest seems to have quickly fallen off. And the group is dormant and effectively dead.
- Tom did expand the information about turbidity in Clough Pond as his participation in the group. He related information about the relationship of rainfall to turbidity levels. He is hoping to do something similar with phosphorus.
- Again we will do three samplings this summer.
- Tom will invite an intern (his granddaughter) to participate in the VLAP program this summer.

- **E. coli Program Status**

- Agreed that Tom would politely seek the e. coli results from 2014 from the Selectmen.

- **Get the Lead Out, NH**

- Sandy will continue to run this program this year. Will get it to boaters via the Lake Hosts.
- We should try to get an opening day presence at the ramp including the Get the Lead Out, NH program. We still have free samples.

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

## Old Business

- **E. Coli Testing**

- The state law does not require e. coli testing. There are other requirements of a public beach but not that.
- Tom to ask the town for last year's results based on updating our membership with the results.

- **Beach Rejuvenation**

- Our rocks at the road appear to have cut down on the runoff across the beach.
- Getting the permit to put sand on the beach would be difficult. The state would ask why not do a stepped beach first. That indicates that we would not get permission to dump sand on the beach. Perhaps we can work with the Recreation Committee to do the stepped beach approach.
- Our interest is to stop the runoff into the pond. It used to be a much bigger beach. The water has encroached onto the beach over the years.
- The beach is unappealing.
- Tom will approach the Recreation Committee to see if there is anything we can do together to improve the situation, both runoff and appeal.
- An aside: We do not know why the lifeguard stopped duty last year.
- The lifeguard box and the picnic table were repaired.

- **Sponsorships**

- Package ready for presentation to prospective sponsors. Looking for the Board to approve certain offerings to sponsorships.
- We now have a website page views report available.
- Tom wants to offer 2 levels of sponsorships: \$100, website logo, a-frame sign space, \$250, website larger logo, a-frame larger logo, small handout at the ramp. Both get a mention in the ledger each year, get a mention on our members/sponsorship page, get links to their website from our website, and also will be given a membership in the CPA as a single vote member. Call it a sub-type to single memberships.
- Tom approved to proceed to seek sponsorships under his proposed arrangement.

- **Membership fee to NHLAKES**

- Jean noted that the \$300 we spend on membership can be allocated to the Lake Host program in her Treasurer Reports.

- **Sign at Clough Pond and Berry Road**

- What can we do to get this re-mounted in the area. Do we need permission to get it back up? The town is mentioned on the sign so we should work with them to see what we should do. Perhaps a pair of pressure treated posts planted in the ground for support. Do we have the property owner's permission?

## **New Business**

- **NHLAKES Congress**

- Coming up in late May. Sandy expressed an interest in attending and we will pay her registration fee. Wait, it's a weekday so she is not available.
- Motion to pay the registration fee for one member to attend the Lakes Congress made, seconded, and approved.

- **Secretary of State 5-Year Report** - Jean will get this done later in the year.

- **Membership in NHLAKES** - Motion to have Jean pay the membership fee of \$300 in NHLAKES made, seconded, and approved.

- **Replacement of Officers**

- Per the by-laws the Board can appoint an interim officer to replace an officer no longer serving in the organization.
- Motion to accept Deb Knowlton and Andy Knowlton resignation made, seconded, and approved.
- Motion to appoint Tom Edwards as Interim President, his resignation as Secretary, and Deb Lincoln as Interim Secretary made, seconded, and approved.

- **Next Board Meeting**

- Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30pm at Tom's camp.
- June Regular Meeting, June 28, 2015.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

Respectfully submitted, Tom Edwards