

Clough Pond Association Annual August Pot Luck Meeting & Pig Roast

August 20, 2017 – Home of Mike & Kathy Shields

- I. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum – Meeting was led by José Cambrils (in Tom Edwards absence. Tom was in Europe)
- II. No last minute addition of agenda Items
- III. Introduction of Guests & Thanks for their Support: Alicen Twardowsky & family (Faith Community Bible Church); Joshua Owens & family of 5 (FCBC); Polly Touzin (Loudon Conservation Commission Alternate)& friend Matt; Sandy Sims (Loudon Conservation Commission); Sandy Bartlett (Loudon Conservation Commission) & Laurie Vincent (friend of S. Bartlett); Contractors working on Beach; speaker Tom O’ Brien.
- IV. Speaker – Tom O’Brien of the NH Lakes Association
 - A. Tom O’ Brien is the President of NH LAKES which is the only statewide, member supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire lakes and their watersheds.
 - B. Tom explained that there are 2 major things that contribute to the pollution of lakes, ponds & streams. 1. run off/erosion and 2. invasive species.
 1. He said that the perched beach was going to be great for preventing run off.
 2. An example of recent invasive species that have taken over water bodies is the Zebra Muscle. In the larval stage they look like grit and the adult muscles are the size of your fingernail, so detection is incredibly difficult. The only way to get rid of them on your boat, or from intake of jet skis and boats is to clean, drain and dry.
 3. Prevention and early detection is best. Tom recommends that we start a Weed Watcher Program and/or educate waterfront property owners to keep their eyes open for invasive species on their own waterfront.
 4. If you see milfoil DO NOT pick it. (for fear of fragmentation) Take a picture of it and submit the picture to DES.
 - C. Question and Answer:
 1. Q: What’s the difference between a lake and a pond?
A: The difference is really arbitrary. Colonial Law said that any lake over 10 acres was considered a “great pond”
 2. Q: Does Climate Change have an effect on water quality of water bodies?
A: An example would be, cyanobacteria which might be on the rise (or it might just be reported more often) & if it is on the rise that might be due to climate change.
 3. Q: Can paddleboards, kayaks etc. hide milfoil?
A: Water craft and trailers that have lots of crevices will harbor milfoil. Not so much paddle boards and kayaks but if they or other water craft have

crevices or mottled surface, then you'll need to keep an eye on those surfaces.

4. In closing Tom asked if we had heard of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, where NY, VT, NH & ME coordinate to host paddlers who travel via rivers and lakes from NY to ME. They pass from one body of water to the other and are educated re how to watch for invasive weeds and how NOT to transport them from one water body to the next.
5. Tom asked us to fill out the raffle tickets so he could choose a name out of the hat in order to win the coveted NH Lakes Mug! (Laurie Connolly was the lucky winner!)

BUSINESS MEETING

- V. The Minutes of the June 11, 2017 CPA meeting were handed out before the business meeting. To give folks more time to review them we skipped to the Treasurer's Report.
- VI. Treasurer's Report
Barri-Lynn Medeiros handed out the treasurer's report and explained the Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Donations.
Report Accepted
- VII. Minutes of the June 11, 2017 Meeting were accepted. No discussion.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Lake Host – Perry Hayden
Perry explained Jenn Saucier (Tom Edwards daughter) had been our paid lake host for the summer. She worked 20 hours a week and often took vacation time to work at the boat ramp. Niks and Leo were 2 young men from Latvia who volunteered their time at the boat ramp. They were in the USA attending hockey camps and were staying with Jenn and her husband so we were fortunate to have their help.
 - b. VLAP Volunteer Lake Assessment Program – Deb Lincoln
Deb briefly explained that she, husband Earl & Tom Edwards pick up equipment from the DES and test once in June, July & August at the Inlet, Outlet and Deep Spot. It takes roughly a month to get the results back from the State Lab and Tom posts the results on the CPA Website. The water quality seems to be staying fairly stable.
 - c. E. Coli Testing – Deb Lincoln
Deb explained that the Town of Loudon has now picked up the task of testing for E. Coli at the Town Beach and paying for it. (The Fire Department tests)
Thus far the tests results have been OK.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Walk, Knock & Talk – Barri-Lynn Medeiros
Barri Lynn explained that she, husband Steve & Tom Edwards spent a day in July visiting neighbors and residents on both sides of the pond, delivering flyers

about the CPA and upcoming Pig Roast/Annual Mtg. The response was good but the process of talking with everyone took a long time and some were not home.

b. Loudon Ledger Articles – Deb Lincoln

We were able to submit a July and August Article in the Loudon Ledger letting the Town’s people know what projects the CPA has been working on this year as well as thanking sponsors and supporters.

XI. New Business

a. Donation to FCBC for T-Shirts – Perry Hayden

Alicen Twardowsky contacted Perry (in Tom’s absence) to check on how much the CPA would be able to donate towards the T-Shirts that the church purchased for the workers at the Beach. Barri-Lynn brought it to our attention that the Bi-Laws dictate that no more than \$200.00 can be spent without a vote of the membership at a regular or special meeting, therefore Perry let Alicen know that the CPA would be donating \$200.00. She also submitted a CPA logo so Alicen could include it on the shirt with the other sponsors.

b. Donation to Loudon Ledger. Deb Lincoln asked that the CPA consider giving a donation to the Loudon Ledger to support their 2017 fund raising. George Page suggested an amount of \$100.00 which was voted on and passed.

c. Nomination of Officers – José Cambrils

a. José read the slate of officers and asked if anyone would like to run for office or nominate anyone.

Denise Andrus offered to serve on the Board of Directors (2 yrs.)

Slate of Officers:

Current Officers as offered by the nominating committee

Office	Name	Term Length	Term Expires
President	Tom Edwards	2 years	2019
Secretary	Deb Lincoln	3 years	2019
Treasurer	Barri-Lynn Medeiros	3 years	2019
Board of Directors	José Cambrils	2 years	2018
(need min. of 4 directors)	George Page	2 years	2019
	George Hayden	2 years	2018
	Perry Hayden	2 years	2019
	Bill Andrus	2 years	2019
	Denise Andrus	2 years	2019

b. Lou Cote made a motion to nominate the above slate of officers as read by José with the addition of Denise Andrus as Director for 2 yrs.

c. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Huge thanks were extended to José Cambrils for his donation and expert preparation of the Pig Roast. Thanks were given to Mike & Kathy Shields

for hosting the meeting. Thanks were given to the guests for coming and being a part of our annual meeting.

- X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

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