

Clough Pond Association June Meeting & Potluck  
June 23, 2019 4:00pm Bartlett Residence

1. Roll Call/Quorum - Attendance: Brewster, Michelle & Warren Bartlett, Tom Edwards, José & Allison Cambrils, Mike & Kathy Shields, Denise & Bill Andrus, Steve & Barri-Lynn Medeiros, Priscilla Giles, Deb Lincoln, George & Perry Hayden, Lou Cote, Laura Ross, Paul Martin & Lisa Ransom, Polly Touzin, Emma Tillotson.

2. Opening Remarks – Tom O’Brien guest speaker from NH Lakes introduction.

3. Potluck Dinner and Social Hour (4:00 – 5:00pm)

4. Tom O’Brien Guest Speaker – President of NH Lakes

a. Raffle for NH Lakes Mug

b. NH Lakes is interested in the long-term health of the lake/pond.

c. LakeSmart - Lakes have life cycles and life stages. How we landscape contributes to the aging of the lake. Ex: Nitrogen and Phosphorus are found in fertilizer and are on the increase.

We are lucky in that Clough Pond is a deep pond, it’s forested and small.

Threats to the pond are:

1. Invasive weeds/animals. All boats/small craft need to “Clean, Drain & Dry”.

(One way some of the invasive species have gotten into lakes was that ocean-going ships can get into the Great Lakes. When they off load their cargo and empty their ballast, invasives got into that lake.)

2. Run off polluting the water.

3. Subtle threat = the runoff from driveways, roofs, lawns etc.

LakeSmart gives you tools to minimize the above. LakeSmart looks at your property to see how you can slow down the water with tools such as infiltration trenches, rain barrels etc. The training is on July 18 at NH Lakes.

“Blueberry Sod” is a plant that can be planted near the waters edge to prevent run off.

Questions: Do Boat Wakes create shore erosion? Tom wasn’t willing to say that they definitively do but the newer boats that create 4 – 6 foot waves are probably more to blame.

Question: Will folks who have been trained by the LakeSmart Program train others who are interested?

This is a NH Lakes pilot program. Tom Edwards explained that it is our hope to establish a list of materials, and service providers that comply with this program and will be a good resource for those who want to work on their landscaping.

5. Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items – none

6. Secretaries Report – The secretary’s report from the Aug. 19, 2019 mtg./Pig Roast were distributed prior to the meeting so folks could read them. They were approved.

7. Treasurer’s Report - 2019 YTD - Barri-Lynn distributed this report and explained the cash receipts, disbursements and noted where the unrestricted donations were allocated. Report accepted.

## 8. Committee Reports

### Request for Nominating Committee.

In the absence of a chairperson, Tom Edwards asked board members who was willing to continue to serve. Perry Hayden, George Page, Tom Edwards, Bill & Denise Andrus all said that they would continue. Paul Martin asked what was involved in the director’s position and Tom explained that it was to attend meetings (approximately 5 per year), brainstorm at board meetings, help with set up for the Pig Roast August Mtg., and just “jump in” when help is needed. Paul Martin and Lisa Ransom thought they’d like to step up and would be willing to be nominated. Thus the Nominating Committee’s slate of candidates was completed.

## 9. Program Updates

a. Lake Host – Perry Hayden coordinator, explained that 2 of last year’s lake Hosts returned and we had two new ones this year. We began ramp coverage on Memorial Day and were fortunate to have heavy coverage in July. Even though we cut back in August, we did have 300 hours of summer coverage.

b. VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment) – Deb Lincoln explained that Tom Edwards, she and husband Earl Lincoln sample the pond water once during the months of June, July and August. Samples are taken from the inlet, outlet and deep spot. We are fortunate to have the use of the Lincoln’s pontoon boat and because there is extra room for one more person, anyone from around the pond is invited to join us if they have an interest in learning how the samples are taken. Samples are then taken to the DES lab in Concord and we receive the report approximately a month later. The water quality has been staying pretty much the same over the past few years. According to Tom O’Brien of NH Lakes, the recent improvements to the Town Beach will no doubt help contribute to the stable trend of the pond’s water quality. As Mr. O’Brien explained, the VLAP program gives us good early warning signs if the water quality is trending in the wrong direction. He explained that the goal of the NH Lakes is “Prevention, Early Detection, and Rapid Response.”

c. LakeSmart – Tom Edwards explained that he has spoken with NH Lakes and that they are on board to help us get started with the LakeSmart Program. Folks on Clough Pond will get help establishing good landscaping practices for example with rain barrels, infiltration trenches etc. The committee will find local contractors and where materials can be found and come up with a resource list. Our goal is to help facilitate property owners.

## 10. Recent Activities

### a. Public Relations Activities

- i. CPA Articles are sent into the Loudon Ledger during the summer and fall months (approx. 3) along with 3 credit card sized ads for a total of \$114.00.
- ii. Loudon Old Home Day – During a winter meeting, The CPA Board discussed our possible involvement in the Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> Loudon Old Home day and decided we'd like to try it. At the very least it requires \$35.00 for a table space and listing in the program. Seems like a good investment but someone is needed to head the OHD committee. José is willing to run a raffle and work at the booth. Tom will also work a shift at the booth. We will discuss this further as the summer progresses.

### b. Grant Status

- i. NH Lakes – our yearly membership in NH Lakes is \$300.00
- ii. Loudon Conservation Commission once again awarded us \$1,000.00.

c. Sponsorship – Brookside Pizza is sponsoring us with a \$1000.00 donation.

## 11. Open discussion

### a. 2019 Discussion

### b. Volunteers Needed

- i. Secretary – Deb would like to step down due to mounting family obligations. Lisa Ransom showed possible interest and will talk with us over the summer.
- ii. Old Home Day/Watershed Warriors
- iii. Directors/Weed Watchers/Membership Manager/Social Media  
(No volunteers for Weed Watchers, Membership Manager)
- iv. Event Manager (Pig Roast) Perry Hayden will do again
- v. Bylaws Review Committee – Kathy Shields and Barri-Lynn Medeiros volunteered to look over the bylaws over the winter.

## 12. Adjournment – 6:15pm

Respectfully Submitted: Debbie Giles Lincoln