

To Dave Paine and Bill Weiler you were there all during construction, and more importantly when the chips were down during the floods. Bill even went home and got his tractor to enable us to install the new gate with no damage to the Harris's fence.

To the Towns of Bradford and Newbury for their cooperation and assistance in this our first year of taxation. And especially to Dennis Pavlicek, Newbury Town Administrator, as he listened to the continuous bleatings of your elected officials wandering aimlessly in the vast wasteland of municipal regulations, and guided us to the safety of compliance with the New Hampshire Department of Revenue.

Lastly may we quote from a letter by Bill Gall written November 14, 1982:

“However we cannot expect to sit back complacently for another 23 years without performing maintenance on the dam...Let us never again find ourselves in an emergency situation where the specter of not being able to meet contracted obligations can drive a project manager to near panic.”

It is both prudent and imperative that we as a Village District set aside significant funds into the non-capital reserve funds to meet the uncertainty of the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth-Ann Harris Commissioner

Robert Stewart Commissioner

John Warren Commissioner

## Lake Todd Village District

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### Annual Report

The past year has been a tumultuous one for the Village District beginning with the repairs on the dam, followed by record rains shortly thereafter, and this year nearly a repeat performance. In September of 2005 when we went to open the gate in the intake area in order to draw down the Lake for the work it was a rude shock to discover that the gate was broken at the handle. With the construction slated for the following Monday we put in a frantic call to Daniels Construction who responded immediately as indeed they would do time and again in the next few weeks.

The concrete work was more extensive than anticipated but the condition of the penstock was another factor altogether as we would need a new gate, frame, winching device, and attention to leaks at the trash rack and a plate on the lake side of the concrete. With a great deal of cooperation from Daniels Construction we completed most of the job and managed to stay within budget and remain solvent- just barely.

The first storm of October 2005 was the worst of the lot, and seeing the water rolling over the dam at its height was an awesome spectacle. Most long time residents had only seen it that high once in their memory, and it seems to be the general consensus from those with rain gauges that we had received 10" of rain in a relatively short period of time. Fortunately the concrete had cured and the dam held up admirably. There was some concern that the water was actually poised to go around the dam, and this was indeed a very close call. Our budget request for the upcoming year includes a berm or barrier to prevent just such an occurrence.

Which brings up a major point: Were it not for the foresight of Carol Tonkin and the dogged determination of Gerry Gold in pursuing the concept of a Village District to its fruition, in all likelihood our beautiful Lake Todd would now be a great big mud puddle, and we as property owners would be looking down the barrel of multiple lawsuits.

We owe thanks, as well, to Daniels Construction, Kevin, Kurt, Matt, and Mike, for the quality and timeliness of their work, all delivered with a smile, and particularly their willingness to work within our limited funds and offer varying solutions to the problems at hand.