

Lake Todd Times

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Lake Todd Social

Lake Todd Association

Village District Annual Meeting

A warrant article to approve funding for required repairs to the Lake Todd dam is the top priority for the June 25th annual meeting of the Lake Todd Village District. If the article is approved by voters, a repair contract will be signed. The New Hampshire Municipal Association will then accept the District as a member and will issue liability insurance coverage.

Voters will also be asked to establish a dam repair project committee of lake residents and landowners to advise the Commissioners once work begins in the fall.

The District Commissioners received written repair proposals from three contractors after six months of seeking contractors with experience in dam repair and construction. There were minor differences of opinion regarding the extent of repairs needed, but all three were similar in estimated costs when asked to provide best case vs. worst case pricing.

Therefore, the Commissioners, following opportunity for public comment at the budget hearing in late April, have decided that Daniels Engineering of Ascutney, VT, the most experienced and qualified of the three, should be selected. They have many years of corporate experience with dams, bridges, culverts and related waterway concrete structures for government units in Vermont and New Hampshire. (continued on page 3)

Flares and Fireworks

Get ready to light your flares on Friday, July 1st! As most of you know, we light flares all around the lake at 9:00 p.m. the night before the Bradford 4th of July celebration. Joyce Sinagra has graciously taken over "flare duty" from Allene Hamilton and will sell them at the annual meeting on Saturday, June 25. We wish to extend a sincere thank you to Allene for her years of selling flares. They are still \$3.00 each, or 3 for \$7.00.

Bradford fireworks will take place on Saturday, July 2 at 9:45 p.m. The midway opens in Brown Shattuck Field at 5:00.

Sub Division Project Northeast of Lake Todd

Preliminary “major subdivision” site review hearings before the Newbury Planning Board have begun for a 166-acre site on a hillside to the northeast side of Gillingham Drive. The latest hearing took place on Tuesday, June 21st, a continuation of the first hearing held May 17.

Eckman Engineering, representing Pickman Development, presented an entirely new subdivision plan to the Newbury Planning Board at the June 21st preliminary hearing. Seeking to avoid disturbing wetlands, they now propose a single road crossing the hill from Gillingham Drive to Old Sutton Road. This would replace the longer loop road that had two entrances from Old Sutton Road, but no access on Gillingham. The effect is to more than double the amount of undeveloped land within the subdivision.

The Planning Board urged the developers to consider cluster design as a way of opening more space for wildlife corridors and further reducing wetlands impacts. Sutton Planning Board members present at the Newbury meeting stated they would welcome a cluster proposal for the site.

On Newbury tax maps, the site can be found on Map 52, Lot 607-064, and on Sutton tax map 2, Lot 912,222.

Newbury Master Plan Update Workshops

The Master Plan for the town of Newbury will soon be revised. A workshop will be held the afternoon of Saturday, June 25, to provide information about the revision process and to gather resident views about the Master Plan.

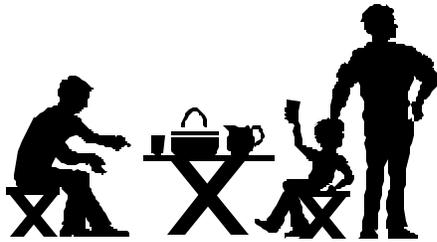
The workshop will take place in the Newbury Town Offices on Rte 103, next to the Library, from 1:00 to 5:00. A final workshop will be held on Saturday, August 13, from 8:30 to noon.

Gerry Gold



Reports Attached

The Lake Todd Association Water Quality Report, as well as the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report, are attached for your review, so we may waive their reading at the annual meeting.



Annual Lake Todd Social

Bill and Margie Weiler have graciously offered to host the Annual Lake Todd Social this year. Two dates will be considered — August 7 or August 14, to be decided at the annual meeting on June 25.



New Slate of Officers

The following new slate of officers for the Lake Todd Association will be presented at the annual meeting:

- Gerry Gold—President
- Bill Weeks—Vice President
- Jim Bruss—Secretary
- Alex Azodi—Treasurer

Carol Tonkin’s term as a Director is up. A special thank you to Carol for all her hard work and dedication over the years.

Village District Annual Meeting (continued from page 1)

Daniel Engineering’s proposal was reviewed by the New Hampshire Dam Bureau, which stated that completion of the project as proposed would remove the deficiencies noted in the Bureau’s 2003 inspection.

Because more serious damage to the concrete capping may be hidden behind the very visible cracks in the front surface of the dam, the District is being asked to approve funding for a “worst case” scenario, even though two of the three contractors thought it unlikely that a “worst case” would be discovered. Therefore, while a bid of \$17,000 is the expected cost of repairs, the warrant article requests \$26,500. The warrant states that \$6,000 of the cost will be paid by the Lake Todd Association.

Work is scheduled to start late September/early October. Before that date, landowners will be sent a notice of the necessary lowering of the lake by several feet.

Gerry Gold

Lake Todd Association

Secretary's Report

June 19, 2004

The Lake Todd Association Annual Meeting was called to order by Bob Doherty, President, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting began with the presentation of reports:

Secretary's Report

Minutes from last year's annual meeting were not read since they were included in the May newsletter and reviewed before the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was voted on and unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

Gerry Gold handed out and reviewed the Treasurer's Report, noting that last year our balance was \$19,534.50 and currently the balance is \$16,965.04. He stated that all money from certificates of deposit was transferred to the checking account. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was voted on and unanimously passed.

Dam Report

Dave Payne handed out and reviewed the Dam Report. He stated that there are a number of projects that are state mandated and need to be completed this year. It is not certain whether there is an erosion problem on the west side of the dam; we will have the state look at it when the debris and brush is removed. If there is an erosion problem it will need to be addressed. Dave also discussed the tree removal on the foundation of the Harris' property below the dam. We will hire a contractor to remove these trees as it would be dangerous to do ourselves. Dave stated he is getting quotes on repairing cracks in the face of the dam. New signs warning of the dam will be installed this summer, new gate brackets will be installed this fall, and while Dave replaced the dam boards with pine, they may have to be replaced at some time with hardwood.

Bob Doherty made a motion that the board be given permission to spend money as needed on essential dam repairs. The motion was voted on and unanimously passed.

Water Quality Report

Skip Tonkin handed out and reviewed the Water Quality Report. The findings are from a water sampling done by Skip Tonkin, Norman Lehoullier and Andrea Lamoreaux from the Watershed Management Bureau of DES of July 23, 2003. Chlorophyll has remained relatively stable, as has overall transparency, and both are less than the state mean. Phosphorus is greater than the state median, but remain relatively stable with the exception of the Gillingham Drive inlet, where the phosphorus concentration is more than double other areas sampled. Residents should be aware that septic systems, animal waste, lawn fertilizer, road and construction erosion and certain household products can adversely impact the ecology of the lake. Conductivity has increased slightly and overall turbidity is fairly stable. Skip stated that Andrea Lamoreaux will conduct another water sampling on July 15; Bob Doherty asked that Norman and Skip and anyone else

interested be present and closely monitor what Andrea does so we can replicate it in August. Currently we have no milfoil in the lake, but residents should still be diligent in watching for it.

Wildlife Report

Allene Hamilton reported that the loons don't seem to be nesting, as both loons are often seen swimming instead of just one. The geese problem was discussed. Elinor Robie reminded people never to feed the geese. Allene asked that if anyone is aware of the loons nesting, please let her know.

Flares

Allene Hamilton sold flares again this year, but noted they are smaller and only stay lit for 15 minutes. Because they are smaller they sold for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Old Business

Weed Watchers Program. Gerry Gold stated that the program did not get established, probably due to the fact that we are confident there is no milfoil on Lake Todd. He stated that lakes that have summer host programs are those lakes that have ramps for power boats. It is essential that people continue to be aware of milfoil and check their motors before entering the lake. If anyone thinks they see milfoil in the lake, they should not try to harvest it; the state will take care of it.

Lake Todd Times: Norma Murphy discussed the newsletter, which is now in its fifth year of publication. She noted that the newsletter is a wonderful vehicle for keeping residents on the lake informed and creating a sense of community. There was a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in contributing to the newsletter, either with articles or assistance in copying, collating and mailing. Any suggestions or contributions are welcome, as everyone should feel ownership in our newsletter.

Village District: Bob Doherty and Gerry Gold gave an update on the formation of the Village District. They met with the Selectmen of both Newbury and Bradford and submitted the petition as well as the proposed boundaries done by Bill Weiler. Bob stated that the Selectmen were open and receptive to the proposal. We have 29 legal signatures which comprise about 50% of the residents and is well beyond the 10 signatures required. There are 98 lots within the proposed boundaries, which include lakefront plus related property. There will be a joint meeting of the Selectmen on July 12 in Newbury Town Hall to make the determination of the boundaries. On August 21 there will be a formation meeting run by one of the Selectmen. Only voters who live in the district will vote, but anyone may attend. It may be possible to combine the formation meeting and the first annual meeting, so officers may be elected.

Bob Doherty discussed the fact that the Village District can't collect any money for a year, and the Lake Todd Association wishes to assist the Village District through the first year. After a discussion about what the Village District would be responsible for (repair

and maintenance of the dam and water quality), Carol Tonkin made a motion to allow executive board to transfer funds to the Village District, and that the timing and amount of funds transferred will be at the discretion of the board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Gerry Gold explained about the quitclaims transferring ownership of the dam to the Village District. Each owner may have to complete an individual quitclaim, or we may be able to have one quitclaim and one signature page. Bill Weiler stated that Stanley Brown did the original deeds and that we should have separate deeds made up. We need to move quickly and have everything organized by the formation meeting. Carol Tonkin suggested we discuss with the real estate people who are landowners on the lake to get their input. Gerry stated that the tax will be \$20 to \$80 per year, depending on the property value. The first tax bill will be approximately one year from now.

New Business

Lake Todd Social. This year's social will take place at John and Elaine Warren's house on August 21st. As in the past, it will be a pot luck, coordinated again by Mary Lehoullier. Carol Tonkin was asked to provide a game again this year. Many thanks were extended to the Weilers who have so generously hosted the social for the past several years.

The Slate of Next Year's Officers and Directors was presented by Allene Hamilton as follows:

President:	Bob Doherty	Directors:	
Vice President:	John Warren	Carol Tonkin	Term ending 20
Secretary:	Jim Bruss	Elaine Warren	Term ending 20
Treasurer:	Gerry Gold	Alex Azodi	Term ending 20
		David Payne	Term ending 20

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Murphy, Secretary

LAKE TODD ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

31 MAY 2005

Period covered: 1 June 2004 – 31 May 2005

SUMMARY:

BALANCE: JUNE 1, 2004 \$16,965.04
BALANCE: MAY 31, 2005 \$ 8,359.83

INCOME:

Dues deposited to date 11/24/04 \$ 1,350.00
Bank interest Checking Int. \$ 25.19 (thru 5/31/05)
Bank interest: CDs: \$ n/a
Flare sales \$ 241.00

Total INCOME: \$ 1,616.19

EXPENSES: To date 9/7/04

Flare purchases (R.P. Johnson, Sunapee) \$ 216.00
Dam registration and repairs: \$ 325.00
- NH dam fee \$300 (Nov04)
- NH non-profit report \$25 (Mar05)
- Repairs: \$ -0-
Water Testing: DES fees 8/12 & 9/17/04 \$ 120.00
Dues (NH Lakes Assoc.) \$ 100.00
Donations: \$ 250.00
- Bradford Rescue \$100
- Newbury Fire Dept \$100
- Loon Preservation Cmte \$50
- Other: n/a
Meeting rental fees \$ 25.00
Sec'rtial/Clerical/Supplies \$ 456.87
Newsletter \$ see secretarial
P.O. Box \$ 24.00
Legal fees: L. Dufault&Merrimack Cty \$ 7,702.82
Transfers to Village District: \$ 1,000.00

Total EXPENSES : \$10,219.69

NET EXPENSES: \$ 8,603.50

BALANCE: JUNE 1, 2004 \$16,965.04
BALANCE: MAY 31, 2005 \$ 8,361.54

NOTES: 1) An additional transfer of \$500 to the Village District was made in June 2005. 2) LTA is committed to provide \$6,200 in funding to the Lake Todd Village District dam repair project during 2005-2006. **The LTA available balance is \$1,661.54**

LAKE TODD ASSOCIATION
WATER QUALITY REPORT
JUNE 25, 2005

Last summer Norman Lehoullier and I were able to get two water samples during the months of July and August. This was an improvement from the previous years when only one sampling was done. The 2004 Report from DES reports the following results.

The chlorophyll-a concentration remains relatively stable and is lower than the state average. Chlorophyll is an indication of algae (microscopic plants) that are found in the lake.

Overall transparency in the lake is less than the state mean, but has remained relatively stable. It was raining during our first testing, so that could have affected the transparency.

Our total Phosphorus sampling this year improved over last year and was below the state median. However the Gillingham Drive inlet phosphorus concentration continues to be more than doubled the other areas sampled.

Conductivity at the deep spot this season was approximately equal to the state mean.

Turbidity in the water is caused by suspended matter such as clay, silt, and algae. Water clarity is strongly influenced by turbidity. The turbidity in the Gillingham Inlet sample was elevated in the August sampling which suggests that the stream bottom may have been disturbed while sampling or that erosion is occurring in this part of the watershed.

While we were able to test twice last year, DES recommends testing in June, July and August on an annual basis.

Bob Doherty