

Lake Anasagunticook Association

MINUTES

September 3, 2005

Officers in Attendance: Joe Cloonan, President

John Convey, Vice President

Beth Convey, Secretary

Judy Hamilton, Treasurer

Directors in Attendance: Biff Atwater, Daryl Boness, Buzz Croston, Carolyn Gray, Terry Hinkley, Terry Smith and Terri Swanick

We all introduced each other to the two new Directors Terry Hinkley and Terry Smith.

The Minutes of the July 2, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

John Convey visited with Heidi Linscott and Peter Marcinuk at Oxford County Soil & Water, on something having to do with Hartford's Comprehensive Planning Board, Peter and John discussed Church Street and Thompson Rd. Peter mentioned that he was going to get together with Bim McNeil. Bim had called him, and mentioned that there was a bad erosion spot on Goding Rd. - which is going into - Sparrow Brook. Peter will call John when he makes an appointment with Bim, so the three of them can visit Goding Rd. John asked if we could transfer the \$500 approved for Church St. to Goding Rd. - as that seems to be the more serious problem. We would probably need to have Board approval. Joe Cloonan thinks it would be great if they would work on both sites and use the \$500 (previously approved for Church Street) for both sites. Buzz Croston said it was severely washed out during the early winter flood the year before last. It was temporarily filled - but it is a potential problem. Five years ago they were going to put culverts on either side of the road but the property on the bottom side of the road changed hands. So nothing was done.

Joe Cloonan mentioned that a recent article in the Sun Journal indicated a concern that Selectman Lee Holman had about the roads in the Town of Hartford not being crowned. The renting of the Frontrunner twice a year would help in the crowning of the roads which in turn would prevent erosion - runoff to the lake. Judy Hamilton stated that the original BMP Watershed Project was looking at erosion by one of the cemeteries in Hartford that needed work. (By Green Acres, turn left at Goding and after you pass the cemetery - its right between the road).

Joe Cloonan reviewed the committee sign-up sheets from the Annual Meeting.

Judy Hamilton sent out an e-mail with the results of the sign-up sheets for various lake association projects.

LAA is planning to distribute the Lake Anasagunticook maps to different variety stores in Canton and Hartford, real estate offices and other town offices for sale. Maps were given to John Convey and Carolyn Gray to distribute.

Judy Hamilton mentioned that on September 14 the Canton Selectmen are having a meeting with John O'Donnell - the tax assessor - at 7:00 PM at the Canton Community Building. A number of issues will be raised regarding the tax rates.

Hartford is still awaiting John O'Donnell's reply pertaining to apparent inconsistencies used to arrive at their tax rate.

The letters to Dan Buckley, Biology Professor at UMaine Farmington, and Ray Fortier, Canton Dam Owner, forwarding \$50.00 and \$100.00, respectively were signed by all members. Dan had provided the lake depth data for the map and Ray had repaired the dam resulting in a significant reduction in dam leakage this summer.

Judy Hamilton will include in the next Newsletter the latest copy of the Treasurer's Report.

Judy Hamilton and Daryl Boness attended a meeting in Hartford pertaining to the Lake Task Force Committee. Daryl commented on the members of the Task Force for Bear Pond regarding their concern on the runoff created by new construction within their watershed. Even though they had building permits no follow-up was being done to legally enforce the awful implementation of the construction sites. Daryl stressed that more enforcement is needed to prevent nonpoint pollution and to protect our lakes. Terry Smith suggested that the residents of Hartford should be made aware of shoreland ordinances and that we should keep watch of what our neighbours are doing and try to enforce such regulations. Also, shoreland ordinances are usually up-dated yearly. We all agreed that the Task Force should work jointly between Canton & Hartford and Hartford & Turner so that we may have a link between all three towns for the preservation of our lakes. Our plans should include not only shoreland ordinances (including noise) but also watershed regulations. Joe Cloonan indicated that this information is available from the state and the towns and at some point it would be helpful to place a database of such information on our website.

Judy Hamilton would like to encourage our seasonal tax payers to attend town meetings. Even though they will not have a vote - they should voice their opinions. Non-residents play a major part in shoreland zoning. Tax payers who pay 55% of the taxes should be able to speak at the Town Meetings - Pine Shores pays 8% of Hartford taxes.

Joe Cloonan stated that work has continued at the Canton Beach - Rt. 140 and the relining of the culvert seems to be underway. It does not appear that the Beaver Culvert product will be tested at this site.

Gravel roads are the #1 threat to our lakes. Joe Cloonan wants to begin identifying roads, within the lake area, that need crowning in order to prevent runoff to the lake. Joe contacted a company that tested a product called "Dirt Glue". This is an environmentally friendly product applied to the surface of the soil. **DirtGlue Polymer Emulsions** form a protective, flexible film that eliminates dust, prevents mud and controls erosion thereby providing a solution to today's challenging dust and erosion control requirements. It would be great to have a sub-committee to focus on road erosion spots, and if we could get a grant for funding, we could schedule crowning and "dirt gluing" certain roads - for a couple of years - and see if this prevents any runoff.

Biff Atwater brought up-dated copies of the By-Laws requesting that they be reviewed and changed, by Article, if necessary. Biff also requested photographs of the picnic for inclusion in the Newsletter. Judy Hamilton would like to see the Web-Site included in the Newsletter showing the amount of hits or any interesting articles.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Memorial Day 2006, at 7:00 PM. Location to be decided.

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 AM and concluded at 10:15 AM. It was held at Michael and Terri Swanick's Pine Shore home. Most members delayed leaving due to the scrumptious goodies.

Submitted by: Beth Convey, Secretary