

# Lake Todd Times

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## See You In The Spring!

This is our final Lake Todd Times of the year. Our next issue will be published in May. While many of you will be heading to a warmer climate in the south, the rest of us will enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of winter on the lake.



We continue to ask everyone in our Lake Todd community to contribute to the newsletter by sending us your observations, reflections, news or any items that may be of interest. The winter often holds unexpected wonders here on the lake, and we would love to share them, especially items about wildlife. Please forward to me anything you would like included in the newsletter, either by mail (11 Florence Road, Lowell, MA 01851) or e-mail ([normslake@yahoo.com](mailto:normslake@yahoo.com).) Have a wonderful and safe winter. See you in the spring!

Norma Murphy



## Village District Begins to Take Possession of the Dam

Voters at the first meeting of the Lake Todd Village District approved a series of key warrant articles at the first Annual Meeting on October 9. Taken together, these articles enable the new District to function for the purposes for which it was intended:

- to take ownership of the Lake Todd dam;
- to establish a secure base of funding for maintenance and repair of the dam;
- to qualify as a municipality for liability insurance.

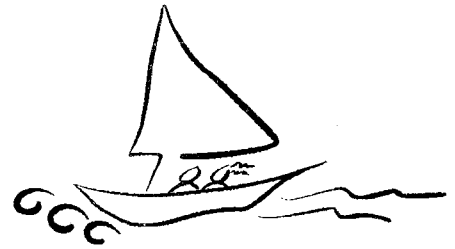
By the end of the meeting, transfer of ownership of the dam to the Village District had begun, with approximately 30 property owners signing quitclaim deeds.

Officers were elected as follows: Three commissioners, a clerk, a treasurer, and a moderator.

Commissioners are John Warren (3-year term), Ruth-Ann Harris (2-year term), and Gerry Gold (one-year term). The District Clerk is Susan Carl, Treasurer is Elaine Warren, and Moderator is Carol Tonkin.

A District budget for 2004 was adopted to cover repairs, insurance and maintenance. Adopting provisions of New Hampshire law, voters approved an article permitting the District to accept money and gifts other than money from "unanticipated sources." (continued on page 2)

# Neighbors on the Lake



We recently journeyed to Center Bradford, then to County Road, where we enjoyed the company of Howard and Marion Klein. They are native New Yorkers hailing from Port Washington on Long Island, so the natural question is, how on earth did they ever find their way to Bradford, NH?

Howard was an insurance salesman until he retired at age 70, specializing in advanced markets such as pensions and corporate buyouts, and he won his share of company contests, one of which brought him to the White Mountains. There he met some fellow agents from the Boston area, one of whom invited him to visit his place in Bradford, NH.

While there, he and Marion liked the surroundings to the point of buying the Canty Barn on Water Street in 1965. In 1970 they chanced upon an estate auction of the Weld property on County Road and after promptly falling in love with the house they made an offer. Following an inspection by Del Harris (small world, huh?) less than two days later they passed papers, much to the chagrin of two other potential buyers.

They rented it out for some ten years, and then in 1981, with Marion as the architect and Howard along for the ride, made the extensive renovations that one sees today. Their home is handsome,

both inside and out, has privacy, acreage, and extensive views of the surrounding hills and forests.

Incidentally, Marion's influence on the design of their home probably comes from her background as an artist, specializing in oil painting on paper. She will be featured at a cooperative gallery in New York in November, but much more importantly from our perspective, at the Brown Memorial during January and February of 2005.

Marion and Howard also have a boathouse on Gillingham Drive where they, along with their children and grandchildren, enjoy swimming, boating and fishing. For you history and nostalgia buffs, here is a delicate tidbit — Howard, along with John Robie and John Blitzer, is a charter member and founding father of the Lake Todd Windsurfing and Yacht Club. Although membership is quite exclusive, they are still available. See Howard!!

John Warren

## Village District . . . (continued from page 1)

All expenses this year will be paid by the Lake Todd Association, although District expenses will eventually be funded by taxation.

A non-capital reserve fund was also approved, as a way of gradually building an ability to finance future major repairs. At the next annual meeting in June 2005, voters will be asked to appropriate funds into this non-capital reserve fund.

Owners of Lake Todd littoral properties who were not present at the October 9th annual meeting of the Village District should have received copies of Quitclaim Deeds by mail. Those who return signed and notarized deeds to the Association by November 20 will have those quitclaims registered in Merrimack County by the Association's attorney at no cost. After that date, owners will be responsible for filing documents with Merrimack County, either personally or through an attorney of their choosing.

Gerry Gold