

# Lake Todd Times

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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.

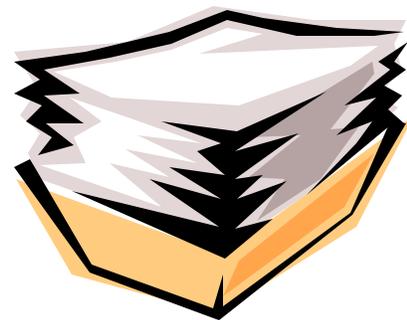
On Newbury tax maps, the site can be found on Map 52, Lot 607-064, and on Sutton tax map 2, Lot 912,222.

## 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.

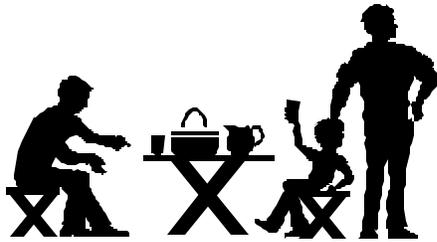
The workshop will take place in the Newbury Town Offices on Rte 103, next to the Library, from 1:00 to 5:00. A final workshop will be held on Saturday, August 13, from 8:30 to noon.

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.

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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

