

Lake Todd Times

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Report of the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of June 25th went smoothly and was attended by thirteen registered voters and four non-residents. All the incumbents were reelected. Your Commissioners are Bill Weiler, Steve Snyder and Federico Montanari. Also elected were the following: Moderator, Carol Tonkin; Clerk, Cindy Snyder; Treasurer, Margie Weiler, and Auditor, Peter Carl.

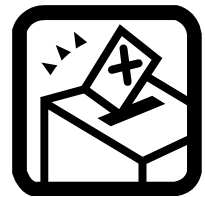
The big issue of the day was the need for dam improvements and how to pay for them. The proposal before the voters was to raise \$217,200 by taking out a loan for \$209,000 and raising \$8,200 from taxes. Because the matter involved a loan, a vote by paper ballot was required. The article passed unanimously. The actual cost of the project is \$275,200. The difference will come from \$58,000 appropriated in the last two years.

The last article to be acted on was the budget for general operation, which came to \$17,154. In addition to the usual expenses, there was \$12,174 for principal and interest for a half year on the loan.

Last year, we appropriated \$34,493, which resulted in a tax rate of \$1.65 per thousand. This year, with a total appropriation of \$25,354, we should see a tax rate of approximately \$1.21 per thousand. This is based on last year's assessed valuation, so it may be different. The true tax rate is set by the Department of Revenue Administration. Next year it will be somewhat more because we will have a loan payment double what it is this year.

The meeting lasted a bit longer than it usually does because balloting had to remain open for one hour, even though everyone had voted in the first minute. The time was used to finish the other business of the meeting and then to have some old fashioned socializing.

Bill Weiler



Don't Miss the Social!

Our annual Lake Todd Social will take place on Saturday, August 13th at noon, with a rain date of Sunday, the 14th. John and Elaine Warren will be hosting again this year. The address is 69 Rte. 103 in Newbury, and parking is available down below the house. John and Elaine will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls and condiments. Please call Elaine at 603-938-2960 and tell her what side dish or dessert you would like to bring. We hope to see you there!



The Islands

There are many reasons to love Lake Todd. One thing my family has always enjoyed here is going out to the islands. Have you ever gone out to one or more of the islands, just to explore, maybe pick a few blueberries? Some families even like to have picnics there. We all have the opportunity to enjoy the islands, and those of us who go there should also take the responsibility to help keep them free of trash. In the past, we have tried to organize an "Island Cleanup Day," but because of people's schedules, we never had more than four or five people show up. We have found all types of trash on the islands, including broken glass which could cause an injury to some unsuspecting child. I'm asking for your help in keeping the islands clean by simply bringing a plastic bag with you the next time you visit one of the islands and use it to collect and dispose of any trash you find. Take pride in the Lake Todd islands and set a good example for children. It will make the islands even more enjoyable for everyone.

Carol Tonkin



Neighbors on the Lake

This past spring, we lost one of our beloved “Neighbors on the Lake” with the passing of Mary Lehoullier. In Mary’s memory, this column is dedicated to her with a reflection written by Michele Harte.

I knew I was home and it was summer when I arrived to see Mary up on her porch reading, doing one of her word puzzles, or having a warm afternoon snooze. When climbing from my vehicle ever greeted with a smile, wave, and how are you? An excited toddler already heading her way asking, “Can I go see Mary, mommy?” What was a mom to do, knowing the joy and happiness it brought to both woman and child?

Mary was so patient with his every-demanding curiosity and desire to explore. She allowed him to show compassion when he asked, “Can I kiss your booboo?” And then he would ask, “Does it

feel better?” She would confirm with enthusiasm that would bring a great big smile to his face. “Oh, yes. It feels much better, Aidan.”

When Norm was home and gave Aidan a cookie as I was preparing dinner, she would give him a little to-do to remind him he was spoiling his dinner. It always made me chuckle and shake my head, but it was so warming to have such welcoming and loving neighbors in the Lehoulliers.

I feel I speak for many when I say Mary has left a stamp in countless hearts and lives through the years and she is missed greatly, but we all have gained a new loving angel to look out over us, who will be waiting to have us join her on her porch, to just sit and enjoy the beauty the day brings.



Water Quality

On June 28th, Bob Doherty, Norm Lehoullier and I tested for water quality, and the results are attached. Without some background, they will be difficult to read and absorb, so may I suggest that you get on the Village District website and open the 2010 data, which explains each test in detail and where Lake Todd stands.

In general, our results are consistent with the majority of New Hampshire lakes, with our numbers hovering around the median. Without being an expert in the field, I think it is apparent that we are fortunate with our sources of water coming mainly from Mount Sunapee, Bald Sunapee, and the surrounding hills, so that our water is generally clean, while what is in the lake is being washed out and replenished from these sources.

The tests for the epilimnion and hypolimnion (the epilimnion is the top-most layer in a thermally stratified lake, occurring above the deeper hypolimnion. It is warmer and typically has a higher pH, but lower dissolved oxygen concentration than the hypolimnion) are sampled just off the small island at the deepest spot on the lake, while we sampled for Andrew Brook at the Azodi property and Reservoir Brook at Bill and Margie Weiler’s. Gillingham is done just about at the entrance to the Weiler Farm, while the outlet is completed at the dam. The replacement of the bridge on Village Road is causing much siltation in Andrew Brook, but should be back to normal in a few months.

Lastly, there will be a need for new testers probably by next year, so we will be looking for volunteers to join the ranks.

John Warren

New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program

Laboratory Analysis Data Sheet

Lake **TODD LAKE** Town **NEWBURY**
 Date **6/28/2011** Volunteers **WARREN**

Station or Depth	pH	ANC mg/L CaCO ³	Total Phosphorus ug/L	Cond. uS/cm	Ecoli cts/ 100mL	Turbidity (NTU)	Sample ID
ANDREW BROOK	6.71		0.012	45.1		1.06	S2011-246
EPILIMNION	6.55	5	0.012	40.9		1.83	S2011-244
GILLINGHAM	6.75		0.013	39.6	1	1.14	S2011-247
HYPOLIMNION	6.65		0.014	40.3		1.13	S2011-245
OUTLET	6.67		0.012	40.9		0.91	S2011-249
RESERVOIR BROOK	6.69		0.017	26.89		1.55	S2011-248

Chlorophyll-a: COMP/TUBE 3.66 mg/m³ Secchi disk: 2 Secchi disk (scope): 2.5

Plankton: Species _____ % Dominance _____
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Sampler Comment: S2011-244-No rain past 24-72 hrs.

Lab Comment:

Thursday, June 30, 2011

