

# Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

## The Loon

### Mission Statement

### Objectives

- TO PROTECT** the quality of our environment, particularly the quality of our lakes.
- TO KEEP** the membership informed of new and changing community issues.
- TO COOPERATE** with and assist local government and civic organizations with programs of value to this area.
- TO REPRESENT** our membership in matters of common interest with the appropriate branches of government.
- TO SECURE** united action in the protection of the property of its members, where appropriate.
- TO BEAUTIFY** our area by encouraging beautification in common areas of the community.
- TO PROVIDE** social and recreational activities for our members.
- TO ENCOURAGE** tax deductible contributions to the Foundation to fund special projects.



From the desk of our Board's President

**Don Rush**

Spring 2017

Greetings All,

The winter of 2016-2017 has proven to be much harder than what we experienced last year. We've had much more ice and snow, which means it could be later in the spring before our roads are passible and camps opened back up. As always, we'll deal with conditions as they present themselves!

#### **ROAD WORK UPDATE:**

In the spring of 2016, a total of 55 loads of gravel were brought in and spread on our roads where needed. Prior to July 4th the roads were graded by Herrick Construction, who did a very thorough job. In years past we did a second grading later in the season as potholes developed. But, last summer we experienced drought-like conditions, so the second grading wasn't needed. The Town of Guilford did some work on the upper part of Sebec Shores Road (where the pavement ends) where there's been a lot of mud. Hopefully this spring we'll see an improvement in that area. Five culverts were replaced on the lower part of Sebec Shores Road in the fall. American Forest Products split the cost for this with TCPOA, so this much-needed work could be done. And finally, Engstrom and Tumosa completed the tree-trimming on South Cove Road late this fall. This project began in 2015 on Tim's Cove Road and is something that won't need to be done again for a long time.

#### **TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC:**

At their Annual Town Meeting, Willimantic again voted to allocate \$3,000.00 towards our 2017 road work. The town provided us with several "No Fires Permitted" and "No Camping" signs which will be placed on Deer Point this spring.

Also, some of our TCPOA Directors met with Willimantic Selectmen last fall to discuss ways for the town and camp owners to work better together.

Everyone likely noticed an increase in their 2016 Willimantic property tax bill. I was informed by Hamlin Associates (assessor for the town) that it was due to an increase in the Homestead Exemption which only

From the desk of our Editor

**Drew Daubenspeck**

#### **Inquiring minds may want to know:**

- That a baby Loon is called a Chick
- Inquiries as to who the "Tim" in "Tim's Cove" is.... have turned up no definitive answers
- The on-line version of the TCPOA Directory is now available for viewing and printing on timscove.com. Access is by password only by going to "About Us" from the home page and then clicking on "Member Directory" from the drop down.
- A group of Loons is called a Gaggle
- Some Tim's Cove Camp Owners have suggested the honorary title of "Tim" be given to Tim, the manager of the Willimantic Transfer Station.
- According to the 2010 Census the population of Willimantic was 150.
- According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 47.91 square miles (124.09 km<sup>2</sup>), of which, 43.18 square miles (90% of it is land and 4.73 square miles (10) is water.
- The population density was 3.5 inhabitants per square mile.
- We have yet to find a map of Sebec Lake before the dam went in. (I have been told the first dam was built in 1805. Not sure when the current one was constructed, but the old timers believe it was in the early 1900's.)
- The first listed number of cottages on the shores of Sebec Lake was 40 before the turn of the century. Now there are over 900 residences, both seasonal and year-round.



**Hours of Operation:**

**Dover-Foxcroft Library**



**Dover-Foxcroft  
U.S. Post Office**

**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**1:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Saturday**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Sunday**  
**Closed**

applies to a primary residence. End result was that the mill rate increased from \$7.65 to \$9.00/\$1000.

**SALE OF MERCHANDISE:**

An order of merchandise was made up again in 2016 at Berg Enterprises. Golf shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags for both Tim's Cove and South Cove were made available for sale at our July 4th meeting and throughout the season.

**TIM'S COVE WEBSITE:**

Many more people have signed on to our website (timscove.com). Therefore, we've been able to communicate more via e-mail. Julia Flanders has put in a lot of time working on our road dues billing, and now the majority can be done by e-mail. And Donna Simpson worked diligently to update our camp-owner Directory last summer, which is now on our website. The conversion to using e-mail addresses for billing and other communication means a big savings in postage costs for us.

<http://www.timscove.mylaketown.com>

**TCPOA ANNUAL MEETING:-**

Don Page and his family hosted our Annual Meeting again last year at their camp, and has agreed to do the same for 7/4/2017. The location is perfect, as well as their hospitality and refreshments! We'll keep our fingers crossed for a nice sunny day.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of our Board Members who have put in so much time and hard work to make things go smoothly for our lakeside community! We have a great group of very dedicated volunteers who are generous with their time and expertise. Everything you do is appreciated greatly.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again this summer.

Sincerely,

Don Rush  
President, TCPOA



**Willimantic  
Transfer/Recycle  
Station**

Willimantic  
Taxpayers Only

Saturdays  
8:00 AM to 4:00  
PM

Wednesdays  
8:00 AM to 4:00  
PM



## Donna Simpson

### New Items for Sale!

Back by popular demand: T-shirts and caps will be for sale again this year. There will be several color choices for both shirts and caps, with a new camo option for caps. Items will be for sale at the TCPOA Annual Meeting on July 4th or you may contact Donna Simpson at 207-997-3954 (starting in June) or at [donna.simpsonnh@gmail.com](mailto:donna.simpsonnh@gmail.com) to purchase or reserve for pick up at the meeting. There are also a number of golf shirts and sweatshirts available from last year's order.

### Road Maps for Sale

We will also be offering maps showing all the camp and lot owners for Sebec Shores Rd., Bennett Brook Rd., South Cove Rd., Lakeside Rd, and Tim's Cove Rd. There are four maps offered at \$4.00 each, or a complete set at \$15.00. These will also be available at the Annual Meeting, and you may wish to reserve your copies by contacting Donna Simpson as noted above.

### A Little Free Lending Library



Coming late this Spring to Tim's Cove will be a free Lending library. Don Rush (our invaluable President) has built a terrific place for us to exchange books, both hardback and paperback. Please look for it at the same intersection and near the community bulletin board.

And please consider donating a book or two to help get things started. We are open to mysteries, travelogue, fiction, non-fiction, children's, teen's, biography, auto-biography, science, science fiction, books about Maine, hiking, cookbooks, satire, drama, action & adventure, romance, horror, self help, anthology, Spirituality & New Age, health .....

Why we should all support:

## Sebec Lake Association

The Mission statement of The Sebec Lake Association is Preserve and Protect Sebec Lake.

What does this mean?

The focus is to work to on protecting Sebec Lake from a variety of threats from invasive plants\* such as Eurasian Milfoil and Hydrilla. These two species of invasive plant, which can effectively take over and kill the lake, and are now just a two hour drive away from Sebec.

Eurasian Milfoil and Hydrilla are present in the Belgrade lakes, and continue their migration northward and eastward from other infestations.

How does this happen? Fragments of these invaders arrive on boats, trailers, PWCs, canoes, kayaks, waders, skis, tubes and yes, even kids toys. Belgrade Lakes is believed to have been infested by Duck decoys. Fragments survive even the harsh extremes of winter, and can remain dormant for many months, both in the water and on land. It takes vigilance and a commitment from Camp owners to keep them at bay. It means a monitoring team needs to be formed, not just to patrol the areas of highest infestation risk, e.g. launches and marinas, but to respond to any Camp owner who suspects they may have one of these plants growing at their lakefront.

On the Association website you will find information about Sebec Lake as well as information for its members. Under 'Sebec Lake Association' you can find information about the organization, including the Mission, Bylaws, and Directors, as well as pay dues, purchase Sebec Lake decals, read annual meeting minutes, and peruse FAQs. Under 'Sebec Lake', there is information on the history of the area, geographic information, water quality testing results, water clarity and level data, as well as information on the Dam, its agreement with the State, Invasive plant and a map of the watershed area. The newsletters are available under What's New. We welcome new members. Dues are only \$15 per year.

Anyone who has an interest in Sebec Lake and supports the mission to Preserve and Protect the lake is welcome and encouraged to become a member of the Sebec Lake Association.

Website: [sebeclakeassoc.com](http://sebeclakeassoc.com)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=the%20sebec%20lake%20association>

\*(and invasive fish),

## Opening Camp

**Dale C. Flanders**

March 12, 2017

The first year after we built our camp on Bennett Brook Rd. on Tim's Cove in 1988 I couldn't wait to jump on spring. Living outside Boston I'd mowed my lawn and celebrated the forsythia blossoms by April 15. I was ready to head to the lake and open my shiny new camp and get the summer rolling. I figured the road would be a little muddy but nothing my four wheel drive truck couldn't handle.

I sunk to the axels just past half way pine on the hill on the Sebec Shores road over looking an ice covered lake. I walked the rest of the way marveling at the volcanos of frost-heaved mud that erupted in the shady turns of the road. There was still a foot of ice on the lake. No swimming soon. I learned that the median date of ice out was April 28.

In those days the "Sage of Sebec Shores" was John Bygrave who'd been one of the first "Settlers" of Tim's cove having built his cedar camp in 1958. He spent his winters in Mount Dora Florida. I found John and his wife, Mary Anne, always opened their camp on May 15. Close to Mother's day. Julia and I adopted that traditional time to open our place that we had named, Tuseldomere (Speak it out loud and you will understand).

A trick of memory I suppose, but for me May 15th is always a sunny day. Leaves just beginning. Lake blue and filled to the shore licking at the granite boulders on the shore. I close the drains on the plumbing, throw the breaker on the well pump and listen for its stuttering start and the gurgle of water in the hot water heater. I've left the silcock outside open. While I wait for the water to fill inside and run clear I sweep the leaves and pine needles from the front and back decks and rake the leaves off the driveway. I listen to the birds. Smell the wet earth and pine needle scented air. And close the valve when cold clear water splashes from the silcock.

Work done I pull out the pack canoe, find a paddle and slip out into the lake and look back at camp. I rock a little in the seat loosening my back. Camp is open again.

From the desk of our Board's Treasurer:

**Julia Flanders**

## Happy Spring, Everyone!

This has been a very busy year of collecting dues and special assessments. . The good news is that most EVERYONE has paid dues and special assessments! A WHOLE HEARTED THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! In addition, a camp owner we have been working with for years has joined our community of temporary lakeside dwellers on Tim's Cove, paying up several years past, plus interest! What a wonderful thing! Another big thank you!

As of this writing, we are still waiting for \$100.00 special assessment payments from only 4 camp owners. When the snow melts and I am regularly back up in Piscataquis County, I'll do my best to try one more time to get them to pay up before applying liens to their property. We really don't want to place liens on property. We can do more working together, and paying our dues on time to keep this stony path through the woods in good shape.

I am looking forward to collecting 2017 dues in a timely manner this year. Appreciate your help on that front. Look for email invoices and/or mailman delivered notices around the first week of April. And just a quick reminder, dues are \$200.00 this year. Hopefully Mother Nature will be good to us this spring and early summer so we can get the dues money working on the road as soon as the frost is out and the road dries up.

See you on the road!



## Upcoming at the Owners meeting 07/04/2017

### Two proposed amendments

#### Notice

At the next Tim's Cove Property Owners Association (TCPOA) meeting (July 4, 2017) there will be two amendments being proposed for adoption by the membership.

The first amendment (Amendments to the Bylaws) is to clarify the process by which amendments themselves may be made to the TCPOA By-laws.

The second proposed Amendment (Proxy Voting) is to lay out the process by which a member can assign someone else to vote due to their inability to attend the annual meeting.

**Please read both proposed amendments carefully.** If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns please notify the TCPOA Board by contacting Don Rush, (rushva@aol.com) or myself Drew Daubenspeck (2sebec@gmail.com).

#### 1. Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by petition to the Board of at least twenty percent (20%) of the property owners. All proposed amendment(s) shall be included in the Agenda of the Meeting at which they are to be decided. The notice of any such meeting at which any such proposed amendment(s) shall be considered shall include a copy of the proposed amendment(s).

These bylaws may be changed only by a minimum three-quarter vote of those voting.

#### 2. Proxy Voting

TCPOA property owners who cannot attend a given meeting for reasons of incapacitation or travel may vote by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing, signed and specifically state how the proxy is to be voted. If the proxy is a limited proxy (limited to only one issue or vote) it should also include those specific issues that are to be voted by the proxyholder at the meeting and a place for the property owners to check "yes" or "no" or a place to vote for any candidates being considered for office.

Proxy are only valid for a single meeting and will need to be separately renewed for any following meeting(s).

Only TCPOA property owners can act as a proxy holder and no property owners can hold more than two proxies.

All signed proxies are to be shared with the TCPOA Board President and Secretary prior to the start of any meeting.

The proxy should include the name "Tim's Cove Property Owners Association", the word "PROXY" under it, the specific name of the proxyholder for the meeting, and then a place for the property owners to sign and date the proxy. (Sample Proxy is offered below.)

An owner may revoke his proxy at any time before the meeting.

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Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

PROXY

The undersigned hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy, with full powers of substitution, for all matters to come before the meeting of the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association to be held on

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(date, and place of meeting),  
and any adjournment thereof.

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Property Owner's Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_