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Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

SPRING, 2005

PRESIDENT'S ROAD REPORT.....Charlie Waterman

The two biggest accomplishments for our Association last fall were the replacement of the Garcock bridge with two culverts and the tree clearing on the section of Sebec Shores Road between the road to Big Bennett down to the "Y".

The demise of the Garcock bridge is somewhat of a landmark for the Association in that it was the last of the old wooden bridges in our road system to get replaced with culverts. Over the years we seem to have tried all kinds of approaches to bridge building, but the bottom line has always been that wooden bridges don't last very long. Added to that, it was always a major project to assemble enough bodies at the same time to rebuild them. We had considered a bridge with steel grating in lieu of wooden decking before going the culvert route, which probably would have provided a life span equivalent to the culverts, but we were unable to come up with a reasonable source of supply for grating. Mac Drummond did a great job of installing the culverts in less than one day, which minimized problems for the few folks still in camp who were downstream from the project. He also got rid of the steel from the old bridge which supported the old wooden decking.

As for the tree clearing. You probably all know the problems with that section of Sebec Shores Road between the road to Big Bennett and the "Y". The sun never got to it, and as a result it never dried out. No matter what we did to the road, the potholes quickly came back, became bigger and totally unavoidable. We, as property owners, have an easement through this area for the maintenance of the road (16.5 feet either side of centerline). Last fall we contracted with Arrow Tree Service to clear to the limits of our easement to, as they put it, "to the sky". They also chipped and removed all slash. I'm sure you'll all see a big difference when you come in this year. Obviously this isn't the end of the work in this area as we will have to see what we can do to improve drainage, etc. There is a lot of ledge in this particular area which complicates things - but at least we have started. As you recall, the clearing and ditching on the big hill took several years to get it to where it is now.

In other Board activity, John Lowe is going to get the water from the spring tested first thing this year. I guess there are quite a few people who are using the spring; thus the decision to test it.

There are several issues regarding the State's budget currently under review in the legislature which might impact us, but best we leave these until our July meeting when perhaps things may be a bit more definitive.

Tim's Cove Property Owners Association
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2004 Thru December 31, 2004

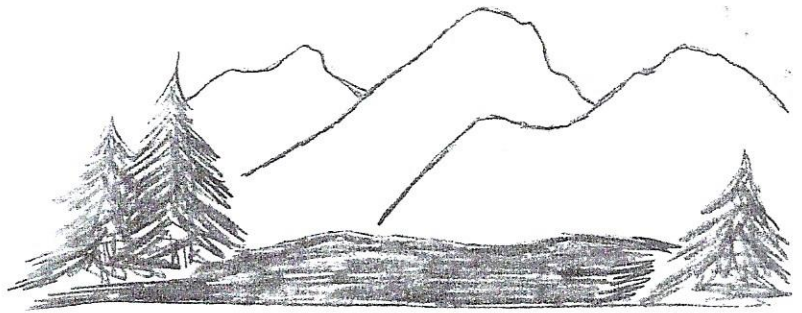
Balance as of December 31, 2003(Checking Account)			\$13,401.92
Income:			
Dues	\$8,750.00		
Interest	\$313.11		
Town of Williamantic	\$4,000.00		
Total Revenue			\$13,063.11
Disbursements:			
Drummond Construction(Main Road)		-\$6,275.00	
Drummond Construction(South Cove Road)		-\$3,500.00	
Drummond Construction(Gravel)		-\$300.00	
Drummond Construction(culvert/replace Tim's Cove Rd.)		-\$5,425.71	
Pot Hole Maint. (Gas,Oil, Etc.)		-\$140.41	
Arrow Tree Service -Tree Removal		-\$3,250.00	
Penquis Surge - Gravel		-\$475.00	
Treasurer State of Maine Testing Expense		-\$55.00	
Secretary of State Annual Filing Fee		-\$120.00	
Postage, Printing, Etc.		-\$167.99	
Total Disbursements			-\$19,709.11
Balance Checking Account as of December 31, 2004			\$6,755.92
Total Investments			\$33,881.51
Total Cash and Investments @ 2004			\$40,637.43

Annual Road Dues for 2005 are \$100.

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Please make checks payable to: Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

Mail checks to: Ben Dever
109 Anderson Road
Dover-Foxcroft ME 04426



Take a Hike - Dot Blanchard

Are you looking for a new hike? ---- something not too far away nor too difficult, but with excellent views and a little challenge at the top? Eagle Rock, just north of Greenville is the perfect solution. I learned about this trail in Christopher Keene's North Woods Walks. He confesses that he didn't know it existed until his father discovered it while hunting. Eagle Rock is actually the northwest shoulder of Big Squaw mountain, and it rises up out of the forest as a great bald ledge with some outstanding North Country views. To get to the trailhead, however, you need to follow specific directions. From the railroad trestle in Greenville Jct. drive 7 miles toward Rockwood on Rt. 15. Turn left on Burnham Rd., a gravel road with its share of potholes (but OK for cars). Begin new mileage here. Drive 3.7 miles to an intersection, take a left, and at 4.9 miles the trail begins on the left side of the road. There is no sign, but the 2-mile trail is in the woods between two clearcut areas. Look carefully and you will see a well-worn path. There is limited parking off the road at the beginning of the second clearcut. The trail starts out on level ground, then joins an old road. At 0.2 mi. the trail leaves the road and bears right uphill. Although there are no blazes, the trail is occasionally marked with orange tape and the footpath is easy to follow. It rises through open woods via switchbacks to a couple of level places, then through spruces and cedars until it climbs steadily to the height of land. At this point look to your right where the smooth ledge rises steeply above the trees. Be careful, especially if the surface is wet. (I would suggest waiting for a dry, sunny day.) The views are panoramic, from Katahdin on the east to Bigelow on the west to Boundary Bald and Quebec on the north. The ledge itself is fascinating. Rock climbers and rescue groups have used the steep western face, as evidenced by the pitons and chains driven into the rock. It's a great place for a picnic and for taking photos. You will be surprised by the views and the rock formations. Take some time to explore this interesting 2367-ft. summit-----but keep track of the kids!

For Your Information

The Shoreland Zoning Act is a State law that regulates many activities within 250 feet of lakes, and wetlands and within 75 feet of streams. The Town of Willimantic also has a Building Code. It seems as though lately there have been quite a few instances where property owners have gotten cross-wise with one or both of these regulations, in at least one case with very severe consequences. The people to contact for further information are:

Brian Turner - Willimantic's Code Enforcement Officer - 997-3287

Valerie Whittier - State DEP in Bangor - 207-941-4570 / Toll free - 1-888-769-1137

By contacting these folks early-on in your planning process if you are considering any work on your property, it should go a long way to avoid future problems. Also, Maine DEP's website at www.MaineDEP.com is a great source for information on lake protection, erosion and sediment control and waterfront protection.

ROAD DUES

We wish to say **"thank you"** once again to those of you listed below who paid your road dues for the year 2004. We collected \$8,750 last year. **Special thanks** go to those who caught up on past dues and to those who paid extra!

Adams, Bobby & Isolda
Allen, Elizabeth
Arsenault, Brian & Lynda
Aten, Edward & Dierdre
Barry Family
Belaska, Fran & Maura
Belmain, Paul & Carol
Blanchard, Mac & Dot
Bonsey, Ernest
Bonsey, Marguerite
Broadhead, Stephen
Canfield, Mark & Andrea
Casali, Al & Marie
Coll, Louis & Edna
Cookson, Steve
Cote, Ken & Jeanne
Crepeau, Tom & Sharon
Dever, Ben & Janine
Dumas, Bob & Alicia
Ehrlich, Paul
Erbe, Kurt
Fairbrother, Hoyt & Cheryl
Fischer, George & Peggy
Fish Family
Flanders, Dale & Julia
Freeman, Arlan & Bonnie
Goodell, Barry & Jody
Goodwin, Jean
Greenlaw, John & Marlene

Gronberg, Chris & Kathy
Gronberg, Bob & Barbara
Guyotte, Joe & Bonnie
Hale, Don & Cathy
Harmon, Greg & Tammy
Harris, Carolyn
Hartley, Ron
Hewitt, Vandy
Hill, Jerry & Dottie
Hilton, Scott
Hooper, Ben
Hyvonen, Jon & Rebecca
Inglehart, Dave & Donna
Jackman, Steve & Karla
Jacobson, Ed & Dianne
Jellison, Charlie & Phyllis
Kamys, Devora
Kemp, Greg & Carol
Larrabee, Roland & Kathie
Levasseur, Lois & Stephen
Lowe, John & Nancy
MacKinney, Gordon & Judy
Martell, Greg
McClure, David & Yoriko
Means, Paul & Rachel
Mills, Dean & Cheryl
Nicholas, Bob & Susan
Noble, Ralph & Maureen

Page, Don & Elaine
Pearson, Lewis & Patricia
Penikas, Rick & Paula
Perkins, Bob & Helen
Plaia, Charlie & Kathleen
Preston, Alan
Rathbun, Larry & Jeanette
Rathbun, Bob & Claudia
Reynolds, William & Gretchen
Ring, Greg & Kathy
Rollins, Stephen
Rush, Don
Ruksznis, Claire
Sanderson, Dick & Dawn
Scott, Janet
Shaffner, Tom
Shields, James III & Donna
Simpson, Bob & Donna
Simpson, Jeff
Smith, Vinal & Carol
Snyder, Gene & Elizabeth
Stearns, Rollin
Therriault, Bill & Mary Ellen
University of Maine
Vicari, Ken & Jean
Waterman, Charlie & Jan
Weston, Don & Barbara

Our road dues for the year 2005 are \$100 as was voted on at the 2004 Annual Meeting. This amount is reviewed yearly by the Board of Directors and approved at the Annual Meeting. We would appreciate dues being paid as soon as possible as it gives us the funds to make improvements early in the year.

Four Men and a Tractor. You will all remember the extremely poor driving conditions on the big hill late last summer and early fall. It became impossible to avoid the growing number of potholes. There were 2 loads of gravel dropped at the top and bottom of the road. Our thanks to Ben Dever for the use of his tractor, Ed Jacobson (tractor driver), Don Page, Don Weston and Herman Hunt who spent 3 days filling every pothole and spreading gravel. The road remained in excellent condition throughout the fall.

Thanks also to Bobby Adams who put a lot of time trimming brush on the big hill. To those others of you who gave time to road work whose names we do not know.....thank you. **Also**, our special thanks to Tom Shaffner for his road dues contribution of well over \$100. We greatly appreciate your generosity, Tom.

To the Dever and Vicari camps, **thanks** for hosting the Pig Roast and Labor Day Lobster parties. Combined, they again raised over \$1000 for additional road work on the South Cove Rd.

Thanks to the Town of Willimantic for the \$4000 allotted for our 2004 road maintenance.

Turnpike Widening is finished.....Yea! However if your providing driving instructions to someone unfamiliar with the area, they did change all the exit numbers on I-95, based on mileage from Kittery. They also designated the full length of the Turnpike as I-95. It used to shift over to the easterly highway north of Portland on up to Augusta.

Tim's Cove Road Commissioner, Greg Kemp, is looking at ditching, fixing pothole areas, getting as much good gravel down as possible, and grading as goals for the Tim's Cove Rd. for 2005. Specific areas of attention will be an area of the road by the Hilton camp, fill at Salmon Stream , pulling old culverts and culvert replacement where needed. Work will be done as funds allow.

Annual Meeting - This year the 4th of July falls on a Monday. This probably means that quite a few of our members and/or their guests will be either preparing to head home or else they will be trying to finish their "to do" lists, which always takes longer to accomplish than the time originally anticipated (especially the fun things on the list). We are seriously considering breaking with tradition and moving the meeting date to the 3rd , rather than the 4th , to better accommodate this situation . Plenty of advanced notice of the final date selected will be posted, so keep your eye on the 'Y'. And speaking of the annual meeting, the 'Y' is a good spot for the meeting in many respects, but it does have the distinct disadvantage of the noise, dust and potential safety hazard that comes with the traffic through that area. Suggestions for an alternative site would be appreciated.

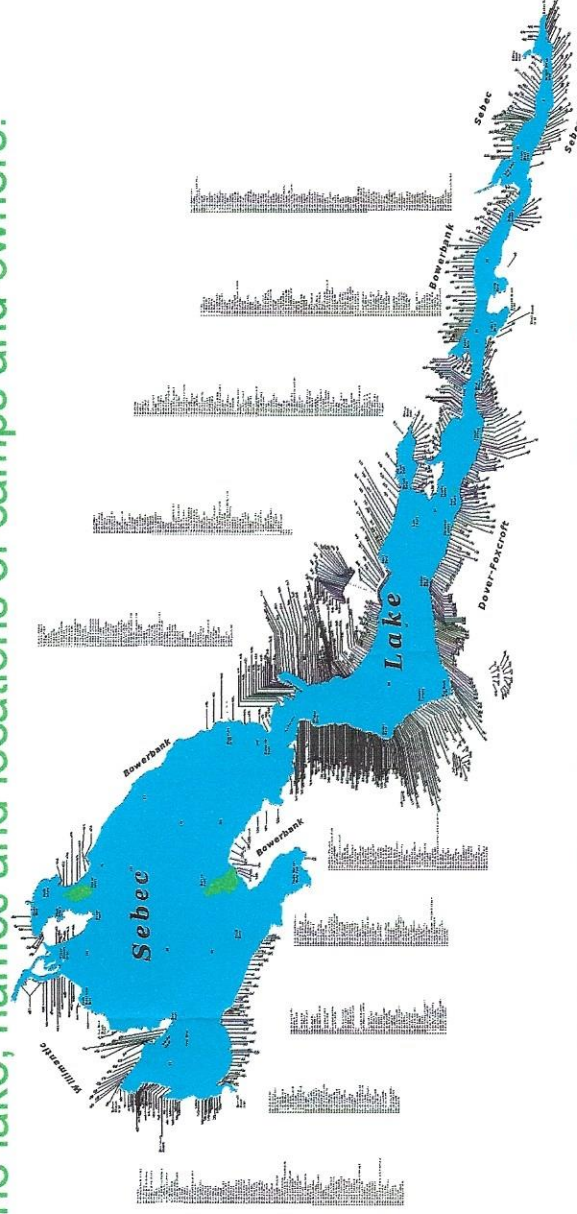
Sebec Lake Map - The C.A.D. students at Penquis Valley High School in Milo have taken on the project of updating and creating a new map of the lake, complete with names and locations of camps and owners. Tim Kamys was kind enough to send info to us and provide the attached insert. I'm sure that many of us will be interested in ordering a copy for our camp. See insert for ordering information. Thanks, Tim.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

One of the biggest PR projects being developed right here in C.A.D. - PVHS, Milo.
(Call (207) 943-7346 ext. 262-Bob Hayes, leave your name, phone number & address)

This Sebec Lake map is being reconstructed, updated, G.P.S labeled and ready for sale in May-June '05.

The map will come in 3 different sizes, is colored and will include lake depths, town locations around the lake, names and locations of camps and owners.



The sizes are:

36"x48"

36"x60"

36"x72"

4 mil. Matte Plastic

\$30.00

\$35.00

\$40.00

Plain Bond Paper

\$15.00

\$20.00

\$25.00

C.A.D. students Tylor Hunter, Michelle Mulherin and Maria Mills are consistently working hard to complete the map for sale in June 2005.