



THE LOON

Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

SPRING, 2004

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....Gene Snyder

Once again we have had a poor snow year at the lake which, coupled with severe cold spells, forced the frost deep into the ground. People in during the winter observed several culverts completely full of ice. This could be disastrous if we have heavy rains before they thaw out. This weather pattern was similar to last year when we were concerned over a long mud season and runoff damage. Last year the road came through in good shape. One thing that has been helping Sebec Shores Road survive is the ditching we have been doing to control runoff on the big hill. Again, to minimize damage, we should try to stay off the road until it can be traveled over without severe rutting. We will start the spring road work as soon as it is safe to have the heavy equipment on the roads.

Last year we spent \$10,000 on South Cove and Tim's Cove Roads and \$3,700 on Sebec Shores Road. In addition to ditching and culverts, we were able to finally fix the problem of road washouts at the large culvert at the start of Tim's Cove Road. We held off putting gravel on our roads last fall, opting instead to put it on this spring. This additional gravel plus that which we usually put on with the spring grading should get the roads in good shape for the summer.

The bridge on Tim's Cove Road is badly deteriorated and needs to be replaced. We would very much like to provide a permanent solution here as we did when we replaced the wood bridge on South Cove Road with a single large culvert. We are comparing the problems and costs associated with replacing the bridge with (A.) one or more large culverts, (B.) a different type of bridge which features a steel grating travel surface set (welded) on steel "I" beams. The alternative to these schemes is to go back to a wood bridge using pressure treated wood. This would require a lot of manpower to construct and would need to be replaced periodically. People working on the project are George Fischer, Don Weston, Hoyt Fairbrother and Joe Guyotte. If any of you camp owners have any additional ideas, please contact one of these individuals.

The stretch of Sebec Shores Road between Bennett Pond Road and the "Y" at the bottom of the hill is a particularly troublesome section of the road. After the spring grading and application of gravel, the road surface quickly deteriorates into a collection of many large potholes, usually filled with water and ruts caused by water trying to work its way off the road. We have tried to fix it by the application of more gravel and filling potholes but that too quickly turns to more potholes. To fix this problem, we plan to cut back the trees along this section - within the right of way - to eliminate the heavy green canopy which blocks out the sun and keeps the road from drying out. After widening, the sides of the road need to be ditched to divert the water coming off the road into the woods. This will prevent potholes from forming and reduce the erosion. There is a section of Sebec Shores Road at the top of the hill in need of the same treatments. We are looking into ways of getting this work done and the associated cost.

Let's hope mother nature is kind to us as the frost comes out of the ground this spring so that we spend less money on repairs and can put more into improvements.

Tim's Cove Property Owners Association - Report of the Treasurer
January 1, 2003 thru December 31, 2003

Balance as of December 31, 2002 (Checking Account) **\$ 9,566.78**

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 9,850.00
Interest - Checking	\$ 270.92
Town of Willimantic	\$ 4,000.00

Total Revenues: **\$ 14,120.92**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Drummond Construction (Main Road)	\$ (2,400.00)
Drummond Construction (Tim's Cove Road)	\$ (1,220.00)
Drummond Construction (South Cove Road)	\$ (1,200.00)
Drummond Construction (Main Road - Fall)	\$ (4,302.70)
Drummond Construction (Tim's Cove Road - Fall)	\$ (707.50)
M.S.&D. (Gravel)	\$ (150.00)
Secretary of State (Annual Filing Fee)	\$ (120.00)
Jan Waterman (Postage, Printing)	\$ (185.58)

Total Disbursements **\$ (10,285.78)**

Balance as of December 31, 2003 (Checking Account) **\$ 13,401.92**

Total Investments (CD as of 12/31/03) **\$ 33,881.51**

Total Cash and Investments as of 12/31/03 **\$ 47,283.43**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Dues Collected</u>
2003	\$ 9,850.00
2002	\$ 8,400.00
2001	\$ 9,350.00 (Excludes culvert replacement donations)
2000	\$ 8,725.00
1999	\$ 7,225.00
1998	\$ 8,030.00
1997	\$ 7,200.00
1996	\$ 6,900.00
1995	\$ 5,850.00
1994	\$ 6,445.00

TO ALL WHO PAID THEIR DUES IN 2003 - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR ASSOCIATION

ROAD DUES

We wish to say **"thank you"** once again to those of you listed below who paid your road dues for the year 2003. We collected \$9,850.00 last year. **Special thanks go to those who caught up on past dues and to those who paid extra!**

Adams, Bobby & Isolda
Allen, Elizabeth
Anderson/Dickinson
Arsenault, Brian & Lynda
Aten, Edward & Dierdre
Barry Family
Belaska, Fran & Maura
Belmain, Paul & Carol
Blanchard, Mac & Dot
Bonsey, Ernest
Broadhead, Stephen
Casali, Al & Marie
Coll, Louis & Edna
Cookson, Steve
Cote, Ken & Jeanne
Crepeau, Tom & Sharon
Dale, Steven
DeCosta, Richard & Sharon
Dever, Ben & Janine
Dodson, Kenneth
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
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
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
McGraw, Malcolm & Terri Lee
Means, Paul & Rachel
Mills, Dean & Cheryl
Nicholas, Bob & Susan
Noble, Ralph & Maureen
Page, Don & Elaine

Pearson, Lewis & Patricia
Penikas, Richard & Paula
Plaia, Charlie & Kathleen
Preston, Alan
Rathbun, Larry & Jeanette
Rathbun, Bob & Claudia
Rice, William
Ring, Greg & Kathy
Rollins, Stephen
Rush, Don
Ruksznis, Claire
Ryan, Dave & Lyn
Sanderson Family
Schweizer, Hubert & Priscilla
Scott, Janet
Shaffner, Tom
Shields, James D., Jr.
Shields, James III & Donna
Simpson Family
Smith, Vinal & Carol
Snyder, Gene & Elizabeth
Stearns, Rollin
Therriault, Bill & Mary Ellen
University of Maine
Varnum, Robert & Ruth
Vicari, Ken & Jean
Waterman, Charlie & Jan
Weston, Don & Barbara
Wilkinson, Charlie & Ellen

Our road dues for the year 2004 are \$100 as was voted on at the 2003 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.

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

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

SPECIAL THANKS

To the crew that helped fill the ever-returning potholes on Tim's Cove Road. What would we do without their loyalty? Much appreciation to: Tom and Sharon Crepeau, Mark and Andrea Canfield (and their guests), Brian and Karen Young, Greg Kemp, Don Weston, Dave Ryan, Bob Gronberg, John Lowe, Don Hale, George Fischer and for the thoughtful ladies who supplied them with liquid refreshment (non-alcoholic of course) - Carol Kemp, Peggy Fischer and Barbara Gronberg. It was very generous of Tom and Sharon Crepeau to supply us with the use of their truck and also to fill potholes on their own with gravel that they supplied themselves! Gracias. Much appreciation to Charlie Waterman who took it upon himself to cut brush and spent many hours along the Sebec Shores Road in order to improve visibility. All are grateful. Sorry however, Charlie, to hear that the Tom Sawyer routine didn't work - you'll have to make it sound like more fun!George Fischer

Assistant Editor's Note: Without changing George's article, several others that I'm aware of joined in the fun of road maintenance - Ed Jacobson, Don Page, Ben Dever's Tractor, Mac Blanchard and Bob Adams. I'm sure there were others I didn't happen to see, so thanks to all of you - don't be bashful about joining in - there's enough for everybody. - Charlie

To the Noble and Page camps for hosting the yearly Pig Roast and Labor Day Lobster parties. Together these parties raised more than \$1000 for additional road work on South Cove Road.

To the camp owners who paid their dues in 2003. We hope ALL camp owners will support our roads in 2004.

To the Town of Willimantic for the \$4,000 they provided for our 2003 road maintenance.

To Andrea Canfield for the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association Directory.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many of you have no doubt encountered Dot Blanchard walking along the camp roads. These walks are just a small portion of her hiking regimen. Dot has recently realized her personal goal and climbed all of the 240 mountains in Maine which have trail access. Many of them she has climbed numerous times. She is now pursuing hiking all of the 4000-footers in New Hampshire. Congratulations and good luck, Dot!

ROAD SAFETY

As our roads improve, the tendency is to drive faster on them. The Association has posted 20 MPH speed limit signs on all of our roads. It is important that you drive these speeds for safety and to minimize damage to the roads. This is especially important at road intersections and tight curves where visibility is the poorest. At higher speeds, your vehicle does not maintain good contact with the road and can skid quite easily, making it difficult to avoid a collision with another vehicle, someone walking or an animal which you may suddenly encounter. On Tim's Cove Road and South Cove Road you should also be alert for children at play, walkers and joggers. There is also a concern for teenagers and younger children operating ATV's, motorcycles and go-carts on our roads in an unsafe manner. There have been some instances resulting in property damage when their vehicle which was not under control skidded off the road. As a camp owner it is your obligation to see that they know how to use these vehicles safely and wear the necessary protective head gear. Please mention these concerns to your guests also.Gene Snyder

Have a safe and happy summer!

FALL 2003 ROAD WORKPaul Belmain

SEBEC SHORES ROAD: Ditching was completed to the top of the big hill from the former end of the uncompleted ditch (above the big pine tree area, right side of road when going downhill). Culverts were added between ledge outcroppings in this new stretch that would not allow water flow down this new ditch, and water is now diverted across the road to drain downhill in those areas between these ledge areas. Gravel was added over these new culverts, as well as at several other new culverts that were installed to replace damaged culverts at the outer end of the road. Gravel was also added over some of the roughest sections for material needed for eventual smoothing/grading.

TIM'S COVE ROAD: Minimal work was done in order to save funds for bridge replacement. Some required ditching and a culvert was added in the stretch just beyond the spring (drinking water) area, as well as some minor ditching work near the end of the road. **SOUTH COVE ROAD:** No work done (delayed until this spring). Funds to be spent on gravel and grading.

ATV'S ARE NOT TOYS

From the Maine Dept. Of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Safety Division, comes the following information:

Any owner of an ATV, any person who gives or furnishes an ATV to any person, and any parent or guardian responsible for the care of a minor under 18 years of age shall be jointly and severally liable with the operator for any damages caused in the operation of the vehicle or by the minor in the operating of any ATV.

Everyone under the age of 16 years must be under adult supervision while operating an ATV in Maine (except when operating on land that is owned by the parent or guardian of the operator).

Remember.....know your machine, wear protective headgear, always tell someone where you're going, don't drink and drive, respect the environment, directly supervise younger riders, always be courteous, and obey the laws and rules. And enjoy the experience of sensible ATV riding!

MAINE TURNPIKE NEWS

WIDENING - The Maine Turnpike Widening project is in Year 5, the final phase. This year a 3rd travel lane will be constructed in both directions along a 5.8 mile stretch between Exit 3 in Kennebunk and Exit 4 in Biddeford.

HIGHWAY SIGNS CHANGING - Two things you should be aware of, particularly if you are providing out-of-state friends or relatives with directions to your camp:

1. The entire interstate route (including the Maine Turnpike) between Kittery and Houlton is now designated "I-95". The parallel route through Portland to Gardiner is now designated "I-295". The previous I-495 designation has been eliminated.
2. Exits on I-95 and I-295 have been renumbered to correspond with mileage, rather than being numbered sequentially. The old Exit 39 at Newport is now Exit 157.

DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be a Directors meeting over the Memorial Day weekend at the Snyder camp. The date and time have yet to be established.