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Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

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SPRING, 2001

ON THE ROAD, AGAIN - Summary of 2000 Road Work. - Gene Snyder, President

The Fall road work of 1999 continued to improve the road runoff so that the roads came through the winter of 1999-2000 in good shape. Because the Sebec Shores Rd. was too soft to work on before Memorial Day of last year, we were not able to grade and add gravel until early June. In mid-summer we had the use of a dump truck and purchased two loads of gravel, which a work party spread by hand in the pot holes on Tim's Cove Rd., South Cove Rd. and part way up Sebec Shores Rd.

In the Spring of last year we noticed that the wear surface of the bridge on South Cove Rd. was deteriorating. We decided to replace the wear surface with pressure treated wood decking. A work party was organized; however, as work proceeded, it was discovered that the bridge was in worse condition than originally thought. The work party removed the wear surface and replaced it with pressure treated treads. This, however, is just a temporary fix until a permanent solution for the bridge can be put in place. As of now, the best solution appears to be a large culvert. The cost of the culvert and fill has been estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$6,000. A fund has been started to accumulate money for the installation of a new culvert.

This past Fall (2000), we spent \$3000 to ditch and add culverts to Sebec Shores Rd. and \$1500 for ditching and gravel on Tim's Cove Rd. The \$1500 which would normally have been spent on South Cove Rd. was held in a bridge replacement fund for the purchase of the above-mentioned culvert. These improvements will hopefully have helped our roads come through this past winter in as good shape as in the previous two winters. We spent \$9,321.52 on our roads in 2000.

This past winter, there was plowing of Sebec Shores Rd. and a part of South Cove Rd. This ended in mid winter with the heavy snows. Hopefully the deep snow on these roads the rest of the winter will help even things out and the roads will come through with little or no damage. From snowmobiler friends comes the news that there has been a large washout on the Tim's Cove Rd. between the "Y" and the large culvert on Bennett Brook. According to the information received, the road is impassable to vehicular traffic and will require repair as soon as possible in the Spring. Typically in the past, early arrival owners have filled in the washouts with logs until fill could be safely brought in for a final repair.

With the heavy snows this past winter and the late cold weather, early work on the roads may not be feasible. Conditions permitting, we will try to make repairs and grade the roads by Memorial Day. Also, if conditions during the summer permit, we will try to grade Sebec Shores Rd. twice this year.

THANK YOU TO ALL DUES PAYERS. 2000 WAS A RECORD YEAR!

Tim's Cove Property Owners' Association
Report of the Treasurer
Fiscal 2000 as of December 31, 2000

Balance as of December 31, 1999		\$ 3,721.94
INCOME:		
Dues	\$8,725.00	
Interest - Checking	\$ 37.01	
Town of Willimantic	\$2,500.00	
Interest - Certificate of Deposit	\$1,193.26	
Donations - Bridge Replacement Fund	\$ 800.00	
Total Revenues		\$13,255.27
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Secretary of State (Annual Filing Fee)	\$ 105.00	
Jan Waterman (Postage, Printing)	\$ 102.19	
Mac Drummond - Spring Road Work	\$3,771.32	
Mac Drummond - Summer Road Work - Gravel	\$ 400.00	
Mac Drummond - Fall Road Work	\$4,500.00	
Webber Hardware - Bridge Supplies	\$ 280.50	
Penquis Surge - Trucking, Gravel	\$ 370.00	
Total Disbursements		\$ 9,529.01
Balance as of December 31, 2000 (Checking Account)		\$ 7,448.20**
Total Investments (90-Day Certificate of Deposit)*		<u>\$33,762.51</u>
Total Cash and Investments		<u>\$41,210.71</u>

*Note 1: Represents net proceeds from the sale of the Association Lots on March 10, 2000.

**Note 2: The South Cove Rd. bridge replacement fund consists of \$800 (from their Labor Day raffle) and the \$1500 which wasn't spent last Fall on that road. From this amount is deducted the \$280.50 which was used for bridge repair in September, leaving a total of \$2,019.50 in the fund. When this amount is deducted from the checkbook balance of 2000, it leaves a total of \$5,428.70 as carry-over money for Spring repairs.

Note 3:	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Dues Collected</u>
	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 DUES IN 2000 - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR ASSOCIATION

TOWN MEETING

In May of 2000 the Secretary sent a letter to the Town of Willimantic requesting \$2,500 from the Town for maintenance of our roads that fall within the Town of Willimantic. The request was placed on the warrant and approved at the annual town meeting in August. This money was spent for road improvements in 2000.

MAINE TURNPIKE WIDENING UPDATE- Jan Waterman

This is year two of the turnpike widening project. This spring, the Maine Turnpike Authority began construction to extend the new north and southbound travel lanes in the six-mile section between Exit 5 in Saco and Exit 6 in Scarborough, the busiest section of the highway. Work will also begin on eight bridge reconstruction projects spread throughout the 30-mile Widening zone between York and Scarborough. Four of the bridge projects will take place between Exit 2 in Wells and Exit 3 in Kennebunk; two between Exit 4 in Biddeford and Exit 5 in Saco, and two more between Exit 5 in Saco and Exit 6 in Scarborough. There is quite a bit of construction equipment and activity in these areas. Expect slowdowns! For up-to-date information and conditions, call 1-877-MTA-WIDE, or check the web site at www.maineturnpike.com.

SEBEC LAKE WATER LEVEL AND WEATHER NOTES

There has been a season total snowfall (as of 4/18/01) of 122.6 inches. Unlike most years, there was not the usual January/February thaw. As a result, there is presently a snowpack of 19 inches. The first spring rain will probably be absorbed by the present snowpack. The second heavy rain, however, will no doubt cause the streams and brooks to run heavily. The lake right now is at about the level it is when the water is lowered in the fall. That puts things in a good position to accept the inevitable melt-off. The splash boards are off the dam, and the river can accept more water downstream. There is one gate open at the present time and there's a temporary equipment repair underway at the other gate to try to get us safely through the spring. The permanent repair to the dam will be done during drier weather this summer.

Are you interested in what the weather is doing at Sebec Lake while you're away? Bill Larrabee's Sebec Lake Weather Station web site at www.sebeclakeweather.org has loads of information, statistics and a current live picture of the lake taken from the south shore. Check it out!

BALD EAGLES - Jan Waterman

While standing on our dock one sunny afternoon last summer, we noticed a bald eagle circling above the water in front of our camp. We watched for several minutes, thrilled by the magnificence of his size and the graceful ease of his gliding flight. Suddenly he spotted his prey and swooped down, hitting the water with a great splash. Just as quickly he rose, a fish securely in the grasp of his huge talons, and flew away. Although still on the Federal and Maine endangered lists, the bald eagle has been rebounding since 1997. New records continue to be set as their population numbers increase and numbers of eaglets produced continue on the rise. It is a thrill to see them more and more often around the lake.

ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 4, 2001 - 10:00 a.m. - AT THE 'Y'

ROAD DUES

Road dues of \$8,725 were collected in 2000, which amount exceeded any year in the past. There are still a few camp owners not paying their fair share, some of whom have the requirement to pay road dues written in their deeds. They still, however, enjoy the benefits of our road improvements being paid for by their neighbors. This year we again publish a "THANK YOU" list, recognizing those of you who supported us in the year 2000.

Adams, Bob & Isolda
Allen, Elizabeth
Anderson/Dickinson
Arsenault, Brian & Lynda
Barry Family
Battles, Tom & Ingmar
Belmain, Paul & Carol
Blanchard, Mac & Dot
Bonsey, Ernest
Bonsey, Manley
Broadhead, Stephen
Canfield, Mark & Andrea
Casalli, Bob & Marie
Chandler, Robert
Cinquimani, Sal
Coll, Louis & Edna
Cookson, Steve
Cote, Ken & Jean
Dale, Steven
Dever, Ben & Janine
Ehrlich, Paul
Erbe, Kurt & Shirley
Fairbrother, Hoyt & Cheryle
Fischer, George & Peg
Fish Family
Flanders, Dale & Julia
Freeman, Arlan
Gibson, Bob & Merlene

Goodell, Barry & Jody
Goodwin, Jean (Hyvonen)
Gronberg, Chris & Kathy
Gronberg, Robert & Barbara
Guyotte, Joe & Bonnie
Harris, Carolyn
Hartley, Ronald
Hewitt, Vandy
Hilton, Scott
Hooper, Ben
Hyvonen, Jon
Inglehart, Dave & Donna
Jacobson, Ed & Dianne
Jellison, Charles & Phyllis
Kamys, Tim & Devora
Kelly, Helen T.
Kemp, Greg & Carol
Larrabee, Dr. Roland & Kathie
Levasseur, Lois & Steven
Levitz, Robert
Limberty, Brad & Edith
Lowe, John
Martell, Greg
Miller, Charles & Betty
Nicholas, Robert & Susan Pod
Noble, Ralph & Maureen
Orcutt, Amos (Univ. of ME)
Page, Don & Elaine
Pearson, Lewis & Patricia

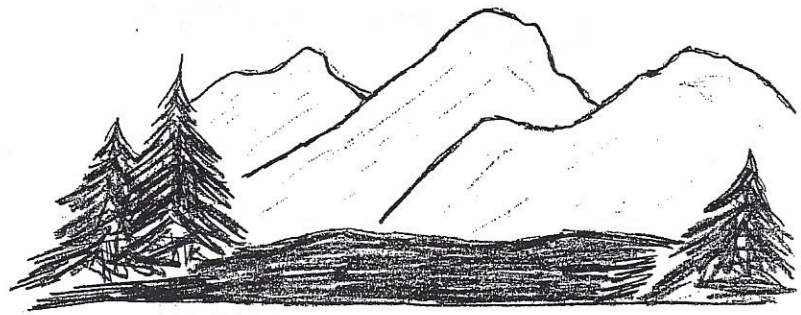
Penikas, Richard & Paula
Perkins, Robert & Barbara
Piper, Dale
Plaia, Charles & Kathleen
Preston, Alan
Rathbun, Larry & Jeanette
Rathbun, Robert
Rice, William & Brook
Ring, Greg & Kathy
Rollins, Steven
Rush, Don
Ryan, David & Linda
Sanderson, Dick & Audrey
Schweizer, Hubert & Priscilla
Shields, James D. Jr.
Sikkas, James
Simpson Family
Smith, Vinal & Carol
Smith, Wayne & Janet
Snyder, Gene & Elizabeth
Stearns, Rollin
Therriault, William & Mary Ellen
Varnum, Robert & Ruth
Vicari, Ken & Jean
Waterman, Charlie & Jan
Weston, Don & Barbara
Wilkinson, Charles & Winifred
Hughes, Tammy and Greg Harmon

Our road dues for the year 2001 are \$100 and were voted on at the 2000 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 early as possible as it gives us the funds to make improvements earlier in the year.

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

Mail checks to:

Ben Dever
31 Anderson Road
Dover-Foxcroft ME 04426



TAKE A HIKE! - Dot Blanchard

Got a campful of company? Kids looking for something different to do? Why not take a hike? Piscataquis County has some of the best hiking in the state, including the high peaks of Baxter Park in the north as well as closer-to-camp favorites such as Borestone, Mount Kineo, and Big and Little Squaw. In addition, there are a number of interesting gorges and waterfalls nearby which are suitable for hikers of all ages.

A good warmer-upper is a pleasant hike to Little Wilson Falls in Ellitsville, a 57-foot waterfall in the slate canyon gouged by Little Wilson Stream. To get there, drive through the village of Willimantic, cross the iron bridge and follow the main road to the intersection of the road to Monson (about 5 mi.). Turn left and cross over the Big Wilson bridge. Immediately turn right and drive 0.8 mi. over a dirt road to MFS Little Wilson Campsite and park. The trail, not blazed, but well worn, begins at the west end of the campsite and travels uphill for about a mile until it reaches the Appalachian Trail (white blazes). Turn left on the AT (south) until you get to the top of the falls where there is a great picnic spot and room to explore. Retracing your steps back to your car will give you about a 2 1/2 mile round-trip hike. To make a longer hike to also include Big Wilson Cliffs, continue downhill from the Falls on the AT past the trail you came in on. You will soon cross the stream and reach an old gravel road near a boggy area. Still heading north on the AT, scramble up over open ledges until you see views of the valley and a unique profile of Borestone. For the return to your car, retrace your steps to the gravel road, turn left (southeast) away from the AT and hike down the road a little over a mile until you come to the campsite. Remember, you will be on the opposite side of Little Wilson Stream, so watch carefully for the campsite. You will need to cross the stream, so don't plan to come back this way during times of high water. The mileage for the entire loop including the Falls and Cliffs will be a little over 4 miles.

For a more challenging hike, try the White Brook Trail up White Cap Mountain. To get there, drive 5.5 mi. north of Brownville Jct. to the Katahdin Iron Works road (sign). Turn left and continue 6.8 mi. on the gravel road to the gate where you must stop and register. (The Iron Works itself is worth a visit.) Bear right after going through the gate and crossing the West Branch of the Pleasant River. At about 3 mi. take the right fork and drive another 2.8 mi. to High Bridge over White Brook. At the next intersection stay right and continue on the main dirt road which follows the western side of White Brook. Keeping to the main road at each fork, drive as far as you can and park. The trail follows a grassy road for about a mile (very few blazes) until a blue-blazed trail leads left into the woods (sign). At about 0.4 mi. cross White Brook at the site of the former warden's cabin. From here the trail is quite steep and rocky until it reaches the junction with the Appalachian Trail, 1 mile from the grassy road. Continue ahead to the open summit at 2.1 mi. White Cap is the highest mountain between Katahdin and the Kennebec and the views are spectacular. Directly south is the Barren-Chairback Range with Sebec Lake beyond. You can also see Moosehead Lake, Big Squaw, and Baker Mts. The best view of all is Katahdin, but to see it, you must keep hiking north on the AT, around the open broad summit until you are on the north side. It will take your breath away! It's special, and well worth the strenuous climb. Happy hiking!