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Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

April, 1996

TCPOA 1995 Summary - Gene Snyder, President

In *APRIL*, repairs were made to Sebec Shores Road for damage caused by heavy equipment using the road in early Spring. During the months of *APRIL* and *MAY*, Wayne Smith did spring maintenance road grading to Sebec Shores Road. A Directors' meeting was held in *MAY* to plan road work needed for 1995. In *JUNE*, road work on Tim's Cove and South Cove Roads was completed. *JULY 4th* the Annual Meeting was held, as well as the associated Directors' Meeting. I attended the Willimantic Town Meeting held in *AUGUST* at which time Willimantic residents voted to give us \$2000 for road maintenance. In *OCTOBER* and *NOVEMBER*, work was completed on Sebec Shores, South Cove and Tim's Cove Roads (see related story, P. 3).

Lake Level - Gene Snyder

Sebec Lake's water level will continue to be maintained at the 322.8 foot summer level until October 15th, at which time the fall drawdown will begin. This will permit salmon to move upstream over the falls at Packard's to spawn in the fall and improve the fishing for wild salmon in the lake. This will also provide for a longer period for boating in the fall. A drawback to the later drawdown is that the high water may make dock removal more difficult. There is also the danger of flooding if heavy rains were to occur before the drawdown. Heavy rains and a higher water level did occur this past fall and we are still not sure what effect they may have had on our shorelines. I was concerned enough last fall to call the DEP and tell them how quickly the water came back up after the drawdown had started. Please let me hear your comments and/or experiences.

New Boating Laws

From the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife comes this reminder of two recent changes that affect boaters on Maine waters this year. **Children 10 years of age or younger must wear a life jacket at all times in any watercraft.** This change became effective last year. The traditional boat cushion in the boat is no longer legal. **There must be a wearable personal flotation device (life jacket) in the boat for each person in the boat.** Contrary to some public misconceptions, there is no law that requires adult boaters to wear life jackets - the choice to wear or not wear a life jacket rests with the adult boater. The wearing of a life jacket is mandatory for children only, if they are 10 years or younger.

Association Lots for Sale - Gene Snyder

We expect to maintain the price on the two Association lots this year at \$47,500 for the pair. Our real estate agent, K & C Wehrle, was again very active in showing the lots this past year and had inquiries from other agencies. With mortgage rates down and an improving economy, we would expect these lots to sell soon since there are very few lots still available.

PLEASE PAY YOUR 1996 DUES BY MAY 18th SO WE CAN BEGIN THE SUMMER ROAD WORK AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. DUES FOR 1996 ARE \$100.

Tim's Cove Property Owners' Association
Report of Treasurer
Fiscal 1995 As of December 31, 1995

Balance as of December 31, 1994 \$2,478.85

INCOME:

Dues	\$5,850.00
Interest	66.32
Town of Willimantic	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$7,916.32

DISBURSEMENTS:

Jiffy Print - Newsletters	\$ 63.91
PostMaster - Stamps	38.40
Town of Willimantic - Mailing List Fee	5.00
PostMaster - Stamps	16.00
Wayne Smith - Grading	390.00
Mac Drummond - June	2,600.00
Mac Drummond - October (Sebec Shores Rd)	3,000.00
Mac Drummond - October (South Cove Rd)	1,000.00*
Mac Drummond - October (Tim's Cove Rd)	1,000.00
Town of Willimantic - Property Taxes	550.00
Richard Seamans - Purchase Culvert	103.88
Gene Snyuer - Pump Hardware	<u>72.18</u>
Total Expenditures	\$8,839.37

Balance as of December 31, 1995 \$1,555.80

*Excludes \$700 of additional work to South Cove Road funded separately by South Cove residents.

1995 Dollars Spent On Our Roads:

\$2,600.00 - Tim's Cove and South Cove Roads - gravel and grading
390.00 - Wayne Smith - grading
3,000.00 - Sebec Shores Road - grading ditching and gravel
1,000.00 - Tim's Cove Road - culvert, ditching and gravel
1,000.00 - South Cove Road - culverts, ditching and gravel
\$7,990.00 - Total Association Money Spent
700.00 - South Cove Road Labor Day Picnic raffle funds
\$8,690.00 - TOTAL spent on our Roads

1996 Road Work Agenda:

- 1 - Fix winter/spring damage
- 2 - Spread gravel and grade roads for summer use
- 3 - Rebuild wooden bridge on Tim's Cove Road (*workers needed!*)
- 4 - Ditching, gravel and new culverts to improve all roads

COMMENTS? Talk with your Directors and Road Commissioner!

Fall Road Work, 1995. Road work last fall was completed just before three days of heavy rain arrived. The new ditches and weepers on the hill did an excellent job of diverting the water off into the woods, and the gravel we added was still in place after the runoff. The storm had so much water in it, the runoff brought the lake up six inches to a foot above the summer level. This happened after the October 15th drawdown had started and the lake had dropped several feet before the storm. South Cove Road held up well, especially the new re-shaped curve at Bennett Brook Road. A new culvert was installed there, thanks to permission from Brad Limbert allowing drainage across his property. Tim's Cove Road held up well where the torn culvert was replaced near Hoyt Fairbrother's camp. The new ditching worked well as far as it went over by Don Weston's camp. We ran out of money before we could complete the work. More ditching, gravel and culverts are needed from that area on to the end of the road.

Beaver Dam - Gene Snyder. Several times last summer and fall we have broken up a beaver's attempt to build a dam in the large culvert just down from the "Y" on Tim's Cove Road. I was concerned that heavy rains would wash over the road if the beaver got his dam too high. He had it one-third of the way up several times. As it turned out, the fall rains did us a favor. The force of the high water in Bennett Brook washed out his dam completely, as well as several he had built upstream. Incidentally, I spoke with several wardens and all said it was not against the law to clean a beaver dam out of a culvert.

NOTICES

ANNUAL TCPOA MEETING - JULY 4TH, 1996 - 10:00 A.M. - 164 SOUTH COVE ROAD
TCPOA DIRECTORS' MEETING - Monday, May 27, 1996, 10:00 a.m. at Snyder's camp

1996 DUES - \$100 - Make checks payable to "Tim's Cove Property Owners' Association"

Mail checks to: BEN DEVER, TREASURER
31 ANDERSON ROAD
DOVER-FOXCROFT ME 04426

TO ALL WHO PAID DUES IN 1995 - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ASSOCIATION!!

TCPOA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Gene Snyder, 116 Rainbow Trail, Vernon, CT 06066 (Term: 1995-1998)
Vice President: Don Rush, 53 Lawrence St., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 (Term: 1994-1997)
Secretary: Jan Waterman, 16 Kirsi Circle, Westford, MA 01886 (Term: 1994-1997)
Treasurer: Ben Dever, 31 Anderson Rd., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 (Term: 1994-1997)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:

Paul Belmain, 18 Murch Rd., Freeport, ME 04032 (1993-1996)
George Fischer, 198 Shawmut St., Springfield, MA 01108 (1993-1996)
Don Hale, 583 Neponset St., Norwood, MA 02062 (1993-1996)
Scott Hilton, P. O. Box 151, Gilmanton, NH 03237 (1995-1998)
Julia Flanders, 15 Preston Rd., Lexington, MA 02173 (1995-1998)

South Cove Road Commissioner - Paul Belmain.

Tim's Cove Road Commissioner - Hoyt Fairbrother. George Fischer and Don Weston assisting.

Nominating Committee Chairman - Hoyt Fairbrother. See Hoyt if you are interested in becoming a director.