

May 1, 2019
ROAD DUES INVOICE

Please make out your check to TCPOA, and mail to:

Tim's Cove Property Owners Association (T.C.P.O.A.)
P. O. Box 353
Dover- Foxcroft, ME 04426

ANNUAL DUES INVOICE: \$200.00 DUE JUNE 1, 2019
June 2, 2019 to June 30, 2019, write your check for \$215.00
From July 1 – 31 write your check for \$230.00

The late fees are assessed according to the TCPOA By-Laws.
**Please inform the Board of Directors of any email addresses and
physical location address changes as soon as you can.**

Thank you for your prompt payment!
Julia Flanders, Treasurer

The Loon

Spring 2019



The Newsletter of the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

From the desk of our Board's President

Donna Simpson

Spring Greetings!

We're all looking forward to opening our camps for the summer season and to catch up with friends. Before you brave the camp roads early in the spring, it's always wise to check with locals about the road conditions. Coming in too early when frost is still in the ground can do real damage to the roads and may leave you stuck in the mud! We won't be able to start any road work until the Town of Guilford lifts any restrictions on heavy vehicles. I have already spoken with our contractor Zac Herrick who assures me we're at the top of his list for gravel and grading at the appropriate time.

Please remember that our roads are shared by multiple users, including but not limited to: walkers, joggers, bikers, ATVs, cars, trucks, campers, construction vehicles, etc. In order to keep us all safe, we need to observe the 20 mph speed limit. It can be quite scary to come around a corner to discover an ATV or children on bikes in the middle of road! Slower speeds help avoid accidents and also reduce the wear and tear on the road surfaces.

In addition, all residents and guests must keep their dogs under control at all times. The camp roads are a right of way for all. If a dog should attack or bite someone, please notify the Sheriff's Office at 207-564-3304 and Joe Guyotte, the Dog Control Officer at 207-564-2187 immediately. Not reporting an incident does no favors to anyone, as a timely report could save a small child or elderly person from suffering a serious injury.

There will be two seats open for the Board of Directors in July, one for South Cove and one for Tim's Cove Road. Please think about running for a seat. More information will be forthcoming about

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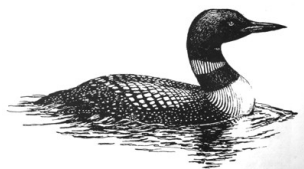
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the nominating process.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting, which will be held at the usual date of July 4 at 9:00 a.m. at a site to be determined. Information will be sent via email and at the sign that will be posted at the “Y.”

Looking forward to seeing you all in May!

Donna Simpson
President, TCPOA



A Little Free Lending Library

More books needed

The TCPOA Lending Library that stands at the “Y” junction has been a huge success. Thanks to everyone for adding books, borrowing books, and returning books.

The Library itself is away right now and inside for the winter. It will be back out and open for lending in early June.

But now is the time to be thinking about what books you can add to its collections. Non-fiction, Fiction, Children's, etc. All are welcome.

And “Thanks!” once again to Don Rush for the wonderful library itself.



From the desk of our Board's Vice President: Drew Daubenspeck

The TCPOA website is moving!

Here is the background... The company that owned the site from which we rented our space has shut down. The owner had not been maintaining it and decided that the time needed to actually bring it up-to-date was more than he was willing to put in. It also turns out it was more time and energy than any potential buyers were willing to put in.

So as of April 30 the site went dark.

The new website address will be or is: (depending on timing): **www.TimsCovePOA.org** When it is up and running you should receive an e-mail with an invitation to sign in. It is one of those situations where you have to reply to the invitation, and be accepted, in order to have full access to the site. The general public will not be able to have access to things like the TCPOA directory.

At last years annual meeting we discussed the reasons for not moving the site to Facebook and the general response from our members was in agreement. This position has not changed.

So please take a look at the new website and let us know your suggestions for making better and more useful..

Finally if you did not get an invitation to join it is because we do not have your e-mail address accurately in our data base. Please reach out to us with your latest contact information. My e-mail address is: 2sebec@gmail.com.



This is home.

By Lauren Flanders

I left the home I grew up in with my bindle of things to seek my fortune in 2008. If you ask my parents, that means they shoved me and my plethora of belongings into our Rav4 and chanted “good riddance” as they drove me up to UMaine. Since I left home, I have moved another nine times, between fleeing mouse-infested hovels and starting new jobs. I have struggled with having to constantly rip up my roots and rebuild a sense of home with every move; while I heartily believe that change is necessary, it is also exhausting. This is why I feel nothing but a well of gratitude for the lake as an oasis of home in the desert of change.

When my sister and I were young, we spent every summer vacation at camp. Always sensitive and easily overwhelmed, I hungered to replace the suburban cacophony of energy and sound with the sounds of the Maine woods: the sounds of the birdsongs I learned to identify, the shushing of water against familiar rocks, the squeaking of the dock, the barred owl asking, “Who cooks for you all?” Even in my adult life, where the idea of “summer vacation” is something out of a fairy tale, I look forward to spending my carefully hoarded vacation time on my slice of home in the radio-silent woods. The buzzing of bees replace the buzzing of my cell phone. The chorus of peepers and crickets replaces the roar of traffic from I-295. The evening song of a hermit thrush replaces the midnight blast of classical music through the thin walls of a neighboring apartment. The slap-silenced whine of a mosquito in my ear replaces my job’s frustrating demands. The woods breathe between sounds, and I, too, can breathe again.

This is home.



About that lake level.....

The Sebec Lake Association* actively works with the operators of the dam at the end of our lake in Sebec Village regarding the level of the lake throughout the year. There is a formal agreement in place between the Dam owners (Ampersand)/operators and FERC (Federal Environmental Regulatory Commission) with specific changes requested by SLA at the time of the agreement. It will be found on our website by clicking on Sebec Lake Information/Sebec Dam, once the new website is back up and running.

Joe Goyette, one of our own Tim's Cove residents, is the Sebec Lake Association liaison with the operators of the dam.

In the Spring the boards near the dam can only be installed as weather and safety permit. The goal is to keep the level of the lake between 322.8 and 322.3 feet above sea level from Memorial Day through October 15th.

Beginning on October 15th, the level of the lake is lowered by releasing water through the dam's sluices and by the taking down of the boards. The actual begin date for the lowering of the lake depends on the weather, the amount of rain received, and whether the salmon have finished getting up over Earley's Falls to spawn.

During the fall, the goal is to lower the lake down to 317.8 feet above sea level to help reduce spring flooding by March 31st.

***Sebec Lake Association**

On the Sebec Lake 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. They welcome new members. Dues are only \$15 per year. Help keep Sebec Lake pure, clean and invasive plant and fish free.

Website: www.sebeclakeassoc.com

Like us on Facebook: The Sebec Lake Association

Annual Fishing Derby

By: Don Page Jr

Over the years friends and neighbors have told me of their excellent adventures on the lake during the winter months. It always sounded like a lot of fun. The snowmobiling, the ice fishing, enjoying the winter beauty. I never took the time to try it out. You know all the excuses: too cold, too busy, too lazy. I always thought about warmth in the winter. Maybe a trip to Florida or the Caribbean. Laying on the beach slopping on the sunscreen with a margarita in hand. Roughing it, being a real creature of comfort! Going back up to the Lake in the great north woods after shoveling snow in New York all winter was just not my idea of “chilling out”.

The Fishing Derby is hosted by the Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department on the first weekend of March every year. You couldn't have asked for a nicer weather, it was great, blue skies, no wind, 30 degrees. Hunting and fishing legend Ben Dever had been inviting me to attend the event for the last few years, in fact the Dever camp won the derby last year with a few of the biggest fish including salmon and lake trout. I decided, this was the year. No more excuses.

We ended up with a pretty big crew between the two Dever camps and lucky for me, most of them knew what they were doing. Unlike yours truly. I managed to make a few of the typical rookie mistakes. For instance, getting off the packed trail and sinking up to my waist in powder trying to make headway. That wasn't happening. Getting the sled stuck and try to wrestle it out because I couldn't manage to stay on the trail. Nothing goes too easy in all that snow. Drilling holes through 3 feet of ice with an auger, setting the traps and lines for fishing. Bringing up water to the camp after scooping it up through one of the holes. It was an adventure at every turn. We had a couple of close calls as well. Rugged woodsman Steve Larrabee was approaching the front door of the camp as the 2 feet of snow on the roof slid off. He got half buried but luckily, no serious injury. We also managed to break a ski

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on one of the snowmobiles that Steve and Ben were able to rig so the sled was still drivable.

As far as the fishing goes, I'll just say we didn't win. Not that we didn't put in the effort. Up at dawn baiting the lines, pulling the lines after sunset. There was a lot of competition on that beautiful Saturday. It seemed like half the town was on the lake. It was packed, some with ice huts, lots of snowmobiles. I've never seen anything like it. Unfortunately we didn't get lucky. All our fish came on Sunday, and again unfortunately, after the tournament was over. But as everyone knows, that's how fishing goes.

One of the last amazing sights that I encountered was late Sunday afternoon before pulling our lines for the last time. The weather was deteriorating, the lake was thinning out, Zac Dever took me around checking the traps and we counted 14 bald eagles eating discarded fish and flying around deep in Tim's Cove.

For those who haven't had the winter experience on the lake I strongly suggest you give it a try. Plan it out, prepare for it. It's not easy, but well, well worth it. In fact I brought it up to my lovely wife Danuta. Her response was "I'll see you in the Caribbean".



Piscataquis County Soil & Water Conservation District

How we Help You Keep Sebec Lake Beautiful!

Greetings Tim's Cove & Sebec Lake residents from the Piscataquis County Soil & Water Conservation District (PCSWCD)! Our organization works in this county to protect and conserve our natural resources and as you all know, Sebec Lake is one of our most precious resources. We accomplish our mission through education—offering informative workshops, programs and technical services. Take some time to look over our website—www.piscataquisswcd.org—and follow us on Facebook—www.facebook.com/www.piscataquisswcd.org—to keep up with all of the wonderful things we offer in this area!

We want to introduce you to two of our great programs:

Teen Wilderness Expedition

This 3-day, 2-night all-inclusive program is offered Tuesday, July 23th through Thursday, July 25th and is designed for youth ages 12-16. This year, we get to play and stay at the awesome accommodations at the beautiful Little Lyford Lodge. They will bunk in cozy cabins along the shore of Little Lyford Pond ! We design this program to include something for everyone and provide opportunities for kids who are unfamiliar with outdoor recreation to learn new skills, try new things and have fun, all in a comfortable, supportive environment and alongside skilled professionals.

Included in the registration fee is transportation to and from the Lodge and the pick-up/drop-off locations, all meals, all equipment needed to participate in activities, lodging, 3 full days of programming, guided instruction, education and FUN!

If you have a child ages 12-16 who would like to join us for this awesome outdoor adventure, please contact the PCSWCD for registration information at 564-2321 ext. 3, info@piscataquisswcd.org or stop by our office at 42 Engdahl Drive, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

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Do Your Part to Protect Sebec Lake by Participating in LakeSmart!

The goal of the LakeSmart program is to reduce damaging runoff into Maine lakes and ponds. The program accomplishes this goal by evaluating the amount of soil erosion occurring on a property, and working with the property owners to address these concerns by putting low-cost, do it yourself fixes in place. A LakeSmart evaluator may give homeowners information on planting vegetative buffers, installing roof dripline trenches, quick fixes to help solve erosion occurring in the driveway or from the roadway, and much landscaping more. LakeSmart provides healthy alternatives that mimic nature's rich mosaic of plants, shrubs, winding paths, and shady trees – so it looks great, enhances privacy, and works hard to protect property values, wildlife habitat, water quality, recreational opportunities and the vitality of local economies.



**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Making conservation work for you since 1944!

LakeSmart is free to participate in and designed to provide education and suggestions to homeowners. There is no obligation, only options and information to help waterfront property owners do their part to protect their beloved lake or pond!

The PCSWCD offers LakeSmart evaluations to waterfront residents and camp owners in this County. We would like to extend an open invitation to waterfront property owners to contact us at info@piscataquisswcd.org or by calling 207-564-2321 ext. 3 to get more information on LakeSmart and schedule an evaluation. Sebec Lake will thank you!

Our Changing Lake, Our Changing State

Lesley Fernow, Sebec Lake resident

Mainers are acutely aware of our environment. We watch the sky, listen for loons, birdwatch and track animals. Whether we are “from away” or are native Mainers, live here year round or come just to enjoy one season, the climate in Maine is part of every day life.

In 2014 the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its 5th assessment report laying out details of what has already changed, what is likely to happen in the next 10-50 years and what we can do about it. Their startling and dire predictions included an increase in record breaking storms, progressive massive loss of ecology, droughts, massive fires, and profound economic costs running into the hundreds of billions of dollars a year worldwide as a consequence of climate warming.

Speaking as a physician, the IPCC Report is like getting a troubling diagnosis from your doctor. Every possible test has been done and the news is not good. The doctor, (the IPCC in this case), then explains possible treatment options to ensure our future health. The patient (us) then handles it by coping with the news by either actively “fighting” the disease, looking for a different diagnosis, or denial.

NOAA reports Maine has warmed about 3 degrees since 1900. On average spring is arriving earlier, and precipitation has increased 10% predominantly in winter and spring. Because of more spring rain, the winter runoff is completed earlier leading to summer drought conditions and drier streams. The number of severe precipitation events per year has doubled in the last 10 years, increasing flooding risks and potentially reducing surface water quality as runoff carries pollutants into freshwater resources.

Warming streams and coastal waters are resulting in changed fish habitats that are causing some species, especially lobsters and shellfish, to decline and others to migrate north to cooler water. Inland effects of warming streams, lakes and rivers include potential harm to brook trout, brown trout and bass populations.

Two-thirds of Maine’s plant and animal species are vulnerable to

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climate change including Maine icons like moose, which are vulnerable to heat stress and ticks that survive through mild winters. These also are causing increase in human Lyme disease. An increased deer population may lead to loss of forest underbrush that may make some smaller species more vulnerable to predators.

Climate related habitat disturbance creates opportunities for the expansion northward of potentially invasive pests, including the winter moth that affects a wide range of hardwood, the hemlock wooly adelgid and the emerald ash borer. These pests can deplete our lumber industry and damage primary wildlife habitat.

Finally, the loss of dependable winter snowpack has a major effect on winter tourism and recreation. Already we are seeing decline in season for ice fishing, reduced snowmobile trail dependability and occasional need to postpone or cancel winter events such as sled dog racing or ice fishing derbies.

The IPCC prescription was drastic, including recommending urgent adoption of efforts to cut fossil fuel use in half by 2028 and to try to eliminate their use entirely in 30 years. They also recommended increasing production of biofuels crops, expanding and protecting forests, reducing dependency on meat as a dietary source, and developing increased methods of carbon capture.

Although the prospects are scary, as a physician, I am recommending we take steps soon to slow the warming of the planet. There are many opportunities to start this difficult process: reduce personal fossil fuel use by switching to greener heating alternatives, drive less, and drive cleaner vehicles. But on a larger, national level, placing fees on carbon at the source as presented by the Climate Leadership Council led by conservative leaders in 2017 and now being discussed by the Citizens Climate Lobby, a non-partisan citizens action group, have the best chance of quickly producing the large reductions needed.

We are resilient and creative, but in order to act appropriately and to beat this “disease”, we have to start now. And we have to work together. I urge you to become informed and remain engaged. For more information contact Lesley Fernow at Imfernow@rcn.com.

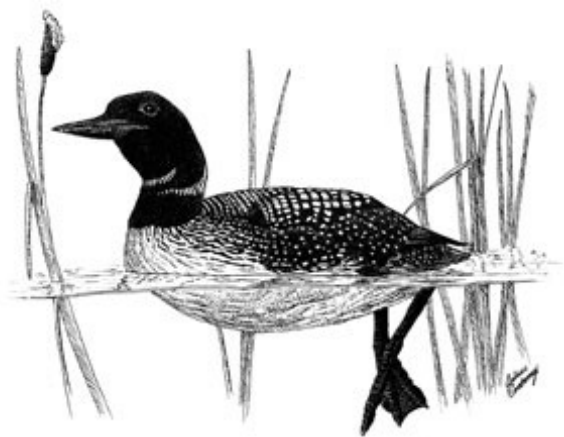
In Memory of Priscilla R. Gerry, Bonnie Guyotte 's Mother

Dover-Foxcroft - Priscilla R. Gerry, 92, wife of the late Ernest G. Gerry, passed away January 30, 2019, at Pleasant Meadows Estates. She was born March 27, 1926, in Dover-Foxcroft, the daughter of John and Marion (Greenier) Ronco. Priscilla's life revolved around her beloved family, and her pets, especially Katie. She especially enjoyed time spent at camp, outdoor activities, playing cribbage, and cooking.

Priscilla is survived by her son, Allen Gerry and his wife, Diane; and three daughters, Bonnie Guyotte and her husband, Joseph, Candice Stevens, and Janis Meyer and her husband, Mike. She leaves ten grandchildren and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren.

Priscilla's family extends a special thank you to Pleasant Meadows and the staff for the wonderful care they gave her during her stay.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Dover-Foxcroft. Spring burial will be in the family lot in the Dover Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bangor Humane Society, 693B Mt. Hope Ave, Bangor 04401.



Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

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.

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