

May 1, 2020

ROAD DUES INVOICE

Please make out your check to TCPOA

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, 2020

June 2, 2020 to June 30, 2020, write your check for \$215.00

From July 1 – 31, 2020, 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.**

The Board of Directors thank you for your prompt payment!

Julia Flanders, Treasurer

The Loon

Spring 2020



The Newsletter of the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

From the desk of our Board's President

Donna Simpson

This will be a brief report as Bob and I are recovering from the COVID virus, which has left us still very tired and without much stamina. But we continue to improve day by day, and look forward to getting back to our normal activities soon. We appreciate all the warm thoughts and wishes sent to us by so many of you, and can't wait to give you all hugs in person (when that is allowed)!

The TCPOA Board of Directors was immensely gratified by the outpouring of support for the legal fund for the fight against the Fay project from so many camp owners. To date, there has been no sign of activity on the Fay lands, which is rather remarkable. Their deed states no logging between April 15 and October 15, so we dodged a bullet this fall. Sebec Shores Road is officially posted against heavy trucks till June 1, so we can breathe a sigh of relief (for the time being, at least). Many thanks to Scott Hilton who kept an eagle eye out for us this fall and winter.

I will be relying on road reports from Scott and others, and have already been in touch with Zac Herrick to be first on his list when the road restrictions are lifted and he feels it is safe to bring in his heavy equipment. He will be grading the gravel road from the end of the pavement to the cemetery for the Town of Guilford on Monday. This is always a quagmire and needs some immediate action.

We hope to be able to hold a normal Annual Meeting on July 4 at 9:00 a.m., but will get creative if the situation warrants. Information regarding the venue and election of Board members will be forthcoming. It has been a privilege to work with such a wonderful Board, and I encourage others to consider running when we send out the call for nominations.

With warm regards,

Donna

From the desk of Julia Flanders

TCPOA Treasurer

As I write this note sequestered in my Portland, Maine Condo, I can see daffodils budded out, and snowdrops blooming. Hope has a way of persisting.....through all adversity. Lord Byron once said, "Adversity is the first path to truth."

The TCPOA accounts have been transferred to Bangor Savings Bank, because the Key Bank in Guilford has permanently closed. We will transfer the CD monies to another CD, as soon as I can get up to Piscataquis County, usually around the beginning full week in May. I want to send heartfelt thanks to all of you who send your dues in time. It makes a big difference to have the largest share of road dues in the bank, allowing us to budget our spending expeditiously. The maintenance can be scheduled early, and begun as soon as the road dries out and the posted weight limits are lifted by the town of Guilford.

We are all looking forward to our visit to camp on Sebec Lake in 2020.



From the desk of Mark Canfield

TCPOA Board Member

Road conditions around Tim's Cove are critical to gain access for all Tim's Cove homeowners and their guests. Without passable roads, our property's utility is significantly reduced.

The observance of reasonable driving speeds (20 mph or less) and driver courtesy using our roads is expected. Driving the roads slowly can also help keep them in better condition.

Maintaining the roads is an ongoing challenge but one the association's board of directors takes seriously. Challenges include fund raising (e.g. annual association dues or assessments), securing and supervising contractors, maintaining surfaces, proper sight lines, dust/drainage control, bridge/culvert improvements/monitoring, signage, and enforcing private access rights.

Our roads are an amalgamation of privately owned property "right of ways" found in each homeowner's property deed allowing others with similar interests to travel over the privately owned property ROW in order to reach one's lakeside home or lot. There is no parking on the roads or beside the roads unless the owner of the property provides explicit permission.

Bridge and general road conditions may limit the size of vehicles acceptable. Currently the Bennett Brook bridge road surface needs repairing. Temporarily, travel on it must be limited to the lakeside (east) surface only and must never be crossed at one time by two opposing vehicles. Oncoming cars must yield to the outgoing. Tim's Cove owners expecting delivery of heavy materials requiring a larger truck should contact a board member before the delivery is to occur.

Even though the taxes paid by all Tim's Cove property owners represents a considerable portion of the town's budget, our private road status technically does not permit the town of Willimantic

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Willimantic Town Officials

First Name	Last Name	Position
Thomas	Adkins	Planning Board
Emily	Davis	Tax Collector
Keith	Doore	Code Enforcement Officer
Rene	Gorey	Selectman
Adam	Hunt	Selectman
Mark	Lewis	Planning Board
Amber	Moody	Planning Board
Jeff	Morin	School Committee
Rosalie	Morin	Planning Board
Ansel	Preble	Planning Board
Tina	Roberts	Town Clerk
Tina	Roberts	Registrar of Voters
Tina	Roberts	School Committee
Guy	Turner	Selectman
Fred	Turner	Road Commissioner
Fred	Turner	Fire Warden
Tim	Turner	Waste Management
Johanna	Turner	Fiscal Agent
Paul	Varnum	Town Treasurer
Holly	Varnum	School Committee

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

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/Sebec Lake Association](https://www.facebook.com/SebecLakeAssociation)

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 inside and in storage 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.

Boating Water Safety Zone Reminder

The *WATER SAFETY ZONE* is that area of water within 200 feet of any shoreline, whether the shoreline is of the mainland or of an island. The State does not normally place buoy hazards within this zone except when marking a channel or critical, high traffic areas. We have had numerous reports of operators of boats and jet skis zooming into or out of shore or cruising close to shore at full throttle. There are often people (including small children) in the water nearby. While we appreciate that speeding along can be fun, please remember to respect the rules AND your neighbors with your watercraft.

You can find Maine’s boating rules at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/maine-boating-laws.pdf>

to provide funds for our road maintenance. We can however look to the town to help improve other aspects of our lives such as annual Sebec Shores Road grading/maintenance in conjunction with the Town of Guilford, providing standardized and readily identifiable address signs to be placed in front of every home, 911 emergency enhancements, and more convenient access to a waste transfer station (we all know use of the existing location is a 50 mile round trip). If we become involved as homeowners in the town meeting process, nothing prevents us from attempting to get something in return for our tax dollars paid. We have the right to petition the town selectmen on issues such as these even if we are not registered voters. It is all our duties, not just a representative or a member of the board, to collectively appear at scheduled selectmen meetings to have our voices heard. Let us all get involved this coming season and demonstrate we do expect fair and equitable treatment from Willimantic town officials.

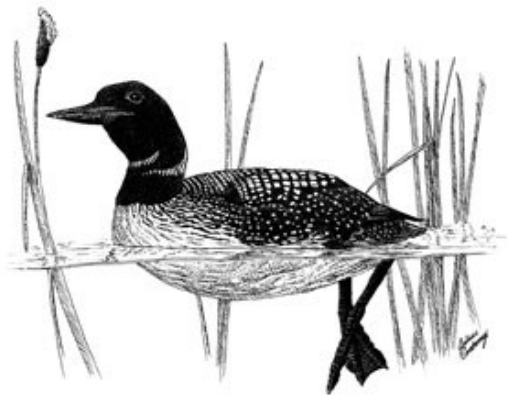
Willimantic Town Services:

Service	Contact	Title	Phone
		Code Enforcement	
Building Permits	Keith Doore	Officer	207-343-1669
Dog Tags	Tina Roberts	Town Clerk	207-717-9638
Fire Permits	Fred Turner	Fire Warden	207-997-3531
Norton's Corner Li- brary		Open Saturday Noon to 3 p.m.	
Plumbing Permit	Bret Marshall		207-564-3318
		3 Park St., Guilford	
Register Automobiles	Guilford Town Office	ME 04443	207-876-2202
Register Boat, ATV or Snowmobile	Tina Roberts	Town Clerk	207-717-9638
		Open Tuesday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	
Town Hall			207-997-3466
		Open Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Transfer Station	Tim Turner		

In Memory of
James R. Sikkes
1943 - 2019
115 Tim's Cove Road

James R. Sikkes, 76, of Blairstown, NJ, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2019, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Paterson NJ, grew up in Prospect Park, NJ, prior to moving to Blairstown, NJ. Jim retired from Black Millwork Company, Allendale, NJ, where he was employed for almost 50 years as a sales representative. Jim's second home was in Maine, where he loved spending time at camp with friends and family on Sebec Lake. After retirement, he enjoyed antiquing. Jim and his wife Pamela owned and operated Applewood Antiques at the Lafayette Mill Antique Center in Lafayette, NJ. Jim also traveled to Aruba every February, where he enjoyed time and friendships with people from not only the United States, but also from countries all around the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Pamela; his daughter, Dr. Bridget Sikkes, of Eatontown, NJ; his son Steven and his wife Shanna, and his five grandchildren; Abigail, Molly, Little Bridget, Colton and Travis of Blairstown, NJ.



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.

Board Of Directors

Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

Donna Simpson - President

Drew Daubenspeck - Vice President

Julia Flanders - Treasurer

Mary Ellen Therriault - Secretary

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