



BEAR POND CURRENTS

September 2006

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Committee Chairs

- ◆ Dam - Cal Burden & Dale Twitchell
- ◆ Dam Fundraiser - Goddards
- ◆ Loon Nest - The Pilsburys
- ◆ Membership - Tim Verrill
- ◆ Monitors - R. Bray, K. Holt, K. Mitchell

Other Important Numbers

Hartford Town Office 388-2674
Turner Office 225-3414
Game Warden - 657-2345

Dam Gates to Open 9/13

Although it means that people with boats and docks must take them out earlier this year, the gates of the dam will open on Wednesday, September 13. This is because on the weekend of September 30 - October 1 there will be major work done on the dam. Mr. Landry and Mr. Driscoll gave membership a lengthy report on the work to be undertaken by our volunteers. It will be the most extensive work the BPIA has ever undertaken. The work will include replacing the gates and more with steel, coated with Teflon paint that should have a life expectancy of 30 years plus. At least one area of the pond will have to be sandbagged to insure holding back the water. Volunteers are still needed to insure plenty of help is available and men will have rest time in between the work. The rain date is Oct. 7-8.

Kurt Youland has volunteered the clubhouse at Bear Pond Village for a place to rest, get warm, and have coffee and lunch on the 2 days of work. Several woman organized by Connie Bilodeau have volunteered to prepare the food for the workers. If you can volunteer to help with the food call Connie Bilodeau and if you can work on the dam, call Dick Bray or Pete Pilsbury.

This work will cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$9,000.00 or \$10,000. 00 dollars and hopefully will include extending the protective fence around the dam.

The Lee and Marjorie Restoration fund will be depleted leaving very little for a contingency fund. People can still

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Pot Luck Supper Enjoyed By All

Once again we had our annual Pot Luck Supper. This yearly event is a fund raiser for the Association and the dam. The supper was attended by 75 people. We enjoyed the food and the fun of the auction. The Pilsburys and their committee did a great set up and clean up job and Ken Holt was his usual hilarious self. We hope you will attend again next year and bring another family on the pond who is not a member and might want to learn more about the Association.

Dam Gates To Open Early For Repairs

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contribute to the dam fund and place names on the plaque which will not be ordered until the spring. The families who have not joined the BPIA or remembered to pay their \$25.00 dues are urged to do so since the dues barely cover the cost of the \$3000.00 yearly insurance to the dam.

Recently Allen Pond dam was declared about to burst at any time because it is in such disrepair. The dam is owned by their Association that has only 30 out of 200+ families as members. Their association does not have the resources to repair the dam. The state is not interested and the municipality will have to have a town vote to take over the dam. The homeowners may at any moment live on Allen Brook. Our dam as always received tender loving care but we need your help to keep it so. Please join, pay your dues, and contribute to the dam fund if you can. Thanks to all who have done so already.

Remember To Pay 2006 Dues

Please Send \$25.00 To: BPIA, P.O. Box 4, North Turner, ME 04266

Name:

Pond Address & Phone #:

If Applicable,

Permanent Address & Phone #:

President Honors Dick Bray As He Leaves Vice Presidency

"Steward" was the title Mary Wallace gave to out-going VP Dick Bray. A steward is one who gives special care to someone or something and that is how Dick has spent his years on Bear Pond. When Mary first met Dick and his wife Claire, they encouraged her to join BPIA because "we take care of the pond." As a native son of Turner, Dick brought his family to the pond. As watershed chair (a title he will keep) he orchestrated the repair of many erosion problems on the pond. His wife Claire provided homemade goods for all the meetings in the kitchen of their home. His boat and basement are used for water testing and his son Rich is water tester and newsletter editor. As member of the first Turner Beach committee, he lobbied to have rules set in place to insure the protection of the shoreline and pond. He has worked on repairs at the dam and, with Pete Pilsbury, he is orchestrating this year's repairs. As VP, he followed up on members' calls, asking the questions and seeking the answers to issues related to the wellbeing of the pond. His advice has been invaluable to the BPIA and the president. Of all his titles, Mary said, the one most appropriate is "Steward of Bear Pond."

Mary announced that she has reappointed the present directors: Ken Holt, Kent Mitchell, Pete Pilsbury, Jerry Samson, and Bruce Goddard to another 2 year term. She also appointed Dick as a director. A letter was read from Mike Gordon resigning as director for personal reasons. Mary asked the members to give Mike a round of applause for his many years of service.

Winners Of The Boat Parade

First place in the boat parade were the Goodwin boats, pirates, Peter Pan, Captain Hook, etc. Second place was the other pirate pontoon and third place was the pontoon with the dogs wearing the red shirts. Please tell us who you are so we can publish your names. Next year there will be 2 categories of winners: pontoons and small boats.

Officers Elected

The membership by 1 vote of the secretary elected the following for a 2 year term: Mary Wallace - president, Jim Adams - vice-president, Peggy Poskus - secretary, and Connie Bilodeau - treasurer. Thanks to the nominating committee of Pete Pilsbury and Bruce Goddard. The officers begin their new term of 2 years at the new business of the August meeting.

Highlights of July '06 Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$1085.11

Savings Account: \$254.57

Dam Fund: \$11,245.0

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

Dam Committee: Dale Twitchell and Cal Burdin. - dam is stable and water level is good. Anyone who wants to volunteer to work on the dam in October, call Mary Wallace, Dick Bray, Pete Pilsbury or sign up at the August meeting. Details to follow.

Fundraising Committee: Hats and short sleeve are available at meetings and the Potluck supper. Hats are \$15 and shirts are \$15 for kids and \$18 for adults. To purchase, contact Bruce and Gloria Goddard at 224-8034.

Membership Committee: If you know of any people who have recently taken over a camp, please call Mary Wallace so the membership chair can approach that person to join BPIA. Five new families joined at the July meeting.

Watershed Committee: Our grant ended in October and we are in the process of applying for a new grant from the DEP. No news yet.

Old Business: Officers elected.

New Business: None

Highlights of August '06 Meeting

28 members in attendance.

Treasurer's report:

Checking Account: \$4094.85

Savings Account: \$255.73

Dam Fund: \$11,274.37

Only 104 families have joined this year.

Membership: If you know of any people who have recently taken over a camp, please call Mary Wallace, so the membership chair can approach that person to join BPIA.

Refreshment Committee: The Pilsburys have resigned. Thanks for their service. Volunteers are needed.

Fundraiser: Bruce Goddard has T-shirts and baseball caps available.

Gate Keepers: The gates will open to lower the pond on SEPTEMBER 13.

Watershed: BPIA did not receive the grant from the state. Next spring, the Association will seek the help of the businesses in Turner and Hartford who are the recipients of the pond residents' patronage. Volunteers are needed for that committee.

Old Business: BPIA will sponsor a petition to the state to lower the speed limit on Rt. 219 to 35 mph. Bede Wellford will be preparing all the documents.

New Business: The officers began their next 2 year term. Jim Adams took his seat as new Vice President.

Lee and Marjorie Pettingill Restoration Project For The Guy Timberlake Dam Nears End

This drive, begun in 2004, is now nearing its close. There is still time to contribute. Contributors of \$100 or more will have their names on a plaque placed at the dam. This October, volunteers will be replacing parts of the dam. If you can volunteer to help with the food call Connie Bilodeau and if you can work on the dam, call Dick Bray or Pete Pilsbury.

The names to appear on the plaque at the dam are listed below. If anyone thinks his or her name has been left out of the newsletter, please contact Mary Wallace at 224-7198.

Roberta and Arnie Burgess

Janice Robinson Buckley and Mary Robinson Entrekin

Dick and Claire Bray

Bob and Vicki Calawa

Don Frechette

Larry and Cindy Giroux

Roland Jordon

Beverly and Paul Johnson

William and Barbara Lamb

George and Jeanne Lovett

Bob and Doreen Maxwell

Pilsbury Family

Bruce and Sheila Ray

Gerard and Yvette Samson, Sr.

Dale and Anna Twitchell

IN MEMORY OF:

Norm and Amy Bray

Sally Carver

Terri Lynn Curtis

Richard Dwyer

Bob and Marilyn Gordon

Jean Hutchins

Michael lee Jackson

William and Sadie Libby

Louise and Tom Monahan

Rene and Arie Therrien

Bertha Timberlake

Don and Ellie Wakefield

James Wallace

Camp Weekela

Beth Carver

Barbara and Jack Frost

Ken and Mona Gardner

Don A. Goddard

Bill and Kathy Kretzer

Moe and Doris LeClerc

Marstaller Family

Larry Merrill

Robert and Gloria Polson

Ron Scammon

Paul and Connie Shaw

Mary and Meg Wallace

Vernin Burdin

Leo and Cecile Cloutier

Edwin J. Dewling

Maurice Fournier

Harry E. Holt

Arthur and Evelyn Hutchinson

Kathryn Kretzer

Sam Mac Gregor

Lee Pettingill

Ronald and Dorothy Therrien

Willis, Katherine and Evelyn Tuttle

Reginald Walker

New Contributions

Platinum Circle (\$500.00)

Ron Scammon

Silver Circle (\$100.00):

Roberta and Arnie Burgess

Ken and Mona Gardner

Gloria and Bruce Goddard
for Don A. Goddard

MacGregor Family in mem-
ory of Sam MacGregor

Dale and Anna Twitchell

In memory of Reginald
Walker