

May 1, 2021

**TIM'S COVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION
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, 2021

Late fees accrue as follows:

After June 1, pay \$215.00

After July 1, pay \$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 2021



The Newsletter of the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

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

Greetings,

I am writing this article in our Board President's place and at a very sad time. We have had the deaths of two longtime and loved residents/owners at Tim's Cove pass away over the last year. One very recent. Please see their obituaries on pages six and seven.

As usual the board will be focusing on keeping the roads passable and as good a shape as we can afford.

Of particular concern is the culvert/bridge over Bennett Brook. The recent problems go beyond the very narrow nature of the bridge that is a safety issue for larger trucks. Holes have appeared in the bridge that go straight through to the brook. (They have been repaired.)

The Board has anticipated the problems The Board has anticipated the problems and looked at several alternative solutions and constructions. Several contractors with bridge building experience have been consulted. We are concentrating on: (1) a long-term solution, (2) the safety of the camp owners using the bridge including the time before repairs can be made, during any construction and after repairs), and (3) costs associated with the project. Due to rules and regulations from the State of Maine we are limited as to when work over the stream can take place due to the migrating fish. We will keep everyone posted during the season, via the Tim's Cove website and the associated broadcast email service.

This past fall we were informed that our limited funding from the town of Willimantic was reduced by 16.67%. To \$2,500. According to what we have been told this is entirely due to the destruction of Willimantic town property. The signs regarding "No Camping" & "Kindle No Fires" in the town's Bear Point Park (a.k.a. Gibraltar) were stolen. The town feels that this was due to the actions of certain camp owners at Tim's Cove. At this point the Board does not know if this will necessitate the raising of dues.

Once again, we ask our camp owners to PLEASE not try to access their camps via the roads until the roads have had a chance to dry out. We understand why folks are anxious to be at their camps, but

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About that lake level.....

The Sebec Lake Association* is actively working 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 new owners of the Dam owners 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/Sebec%20Lake%20Association)

The responsibility of Camp Owners

As you might expect, given the limited funds, the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association cannot do it all. Even if it only came to road maintenance. That is why all of us depend on the volunteer work of individual camp owners to help maintain the roads and the ditches along side the roads.

Written in our bylaws is the statement (Section 1, Paragraph 6) that owners' responsibilities are to see that: ***"Ditches should be maintained to keep debris and grass from interrupting the flow of water between contracted ditching by machine."*** And ***"Trimming of roadside brush and tree limbs on both sides of owner's road frontage should be done each year to increase visibility."*** In other words the association will have contractors maintain the ditches every 4-5 years. But between those times, it is critical for the property owners to pitch in and do their part to maintain the ditches and openings to the culverts. Failure on the part of the camp owner to do so could result in water erosion, to the road and the camp owner's property or their neighbor's property.

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damage to the roads costs us all money to repair and maintain. We will notify camp owners via the TCPOA website's broadcast email service when we hear the roads are safe.

Finally, as of this writing, the Geological Department at the State of Maine is predicting that there will be more rain this summer than last year, though the drought of 2020 was not the worst by any means on record.

See you this summer.

Drew Daubenspeck

In Memory of Robert Simpson

Lee, NH - Robert Edmund Simpson of Lee, NH, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2021, with his devoted wife Donna by his side. Bob and Donna would have celebrated 49 years of marriage on June 17. He suffered a stroke on March 14, 2021, and despite receiving exemplary medical care at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, was unable to recover from his serious condition.

Bob was born on October 25, 1933, in Buffalo, NY, to Edmund Simpson and Stella Harper Simpson. He grew up in Kenmore, NY, and won national recognition in high school as one of the winners of the Westinghouse National Talent Search, receiving his award from President Truman at the White House. He had built a cyclotron as his project. He then received a B.S. in Physics from the University of Rochester, followed by an M.A. and Ph.D. in Physics from Harvard University.



He began his academic career teaching Physics at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. He delighted in flying into remote trout streams in a colleague's floatplane and developed a lifelong love of flyfishing. After two years he moved to Maryland to work for the National Bureau of Standards in the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 1963 he was hired as Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of New Hampshire, where he had a wonderful career of 40 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus of Physics. Bob taught both engineering and biological sciences physics courses, as well as electronics. He also developed a pioneering "Studio Physics" course. He wrote the well-

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In Memory of Don Page

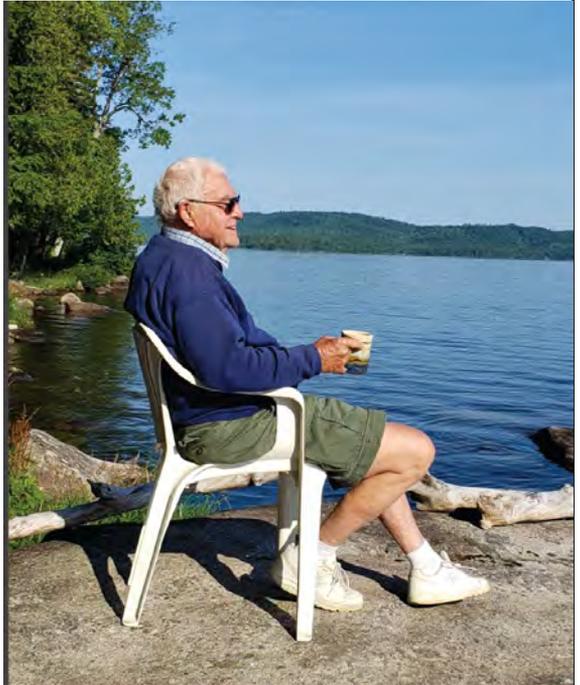
The passing of a Great Friend

It is with heartfelt regret that I have to tell you that we lost a Great Friend to Sebec lake. Don Page passed away in late December at the age of 92. My dad truly loved our lake and being at our camp. We were so fortunate to have a wonderful summer with him in 2020. He was able to enjoy all the activities that Maine has to offer. He loved being with friends and family no matter what the activity. Maybe chasing the best sunset location on the lake by boat. Spotting for the lastest waterskier. Sitting on the dock watching the loons waterdance, it didn't really matter, he wanted to participate and be part of it.

Don really loved to "supervise" any construction project going on and would be happy to offer his "suggestions" on how it should be done. Believe me

his suggestions would be spot on 99.9% of the time. You wanted to hear what he had to say. He had such a positive perspective no matter what the subject.

Don and Elaine bought their Sebec Shores lots alongside their lifelong friends Ray and Jean Hyvonen back in 1971. There were a lot less camps in Tim's Cove and South Cove to say the least. The big thing



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received textbook “Basic Electronics for Scientists and Engineers.” In addition he served as the first President of the new Academic Senate and later as President of the Retired Faculty Association. Bob was a beloved professor who always had time for his students and truly enjoyed helping them to master and appreciate physics and science.

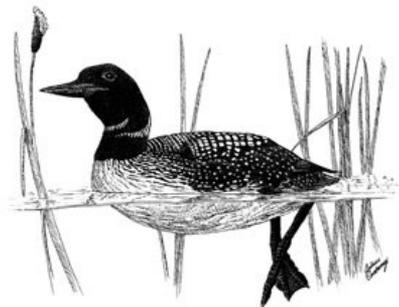
Bob was a lover of classical music, a voracious reader and an active member of Durham Community Church where he sang in the choir and served on the Justice and Witness Board.

Bob and Donna enjoyed sixteen years at their summer home “Moosebec” on Sebec Lake, Maine, where they hosted myriad family members and friends. For many summers they delighted in running “Camp Simpson” for grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews. Fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, games, and crafts created precious memories for all.

After retirement, Bob built an art studio at Sebec Lake, and began to produce amazing oil paintings, including portraits of grandchildren. He specialized in landscape paintings of beautiful Sebec Lake and the surrounding hills and mountains.

Bob is survived by his wife Donna, their son Tyler, his wife Nathalie and daughter Eloise . He is also survived by his daughter Sue (daughters Claire and Helen) and son Jeff (sons Grant and Max and daughter Eva) from a previous marriage.

A memorial service followed by interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden at the Durham, Community Church will be held in June.



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then was to see if you could even make it out to the lake. I know the road can be challenging now, especially in the spring, but you missed some real adventures then. No speed limit signs necessary. I don't even remember, were there road dues?

The two families didn't build on their land right away. Instead they bought a small cottage just west of Greeleys Landing. It was a real fixer upper that they renovated for a few summers. The cottage was affectionately called Stepping Stone. A step before they would end up building on South Cove.

Not only was Don a Great Friend to the lake serving on the Sebec Lake Association board for quite a number of years but also to our TCPOA. He supported all our efforts for road maintenance and improvements. He always loved to participate in all our fundraisers and pothole parties with all our wonderful friends and neighbors (too many to mention) and even enjoy having a cold beverage or two after the shovels were put down. He would like to stop and chat, say hello to anyone on the road. He would become an instant friend after a short conversation, a real people person that was easy to talk to.

Now as family is concerned I can't even begin to talk about what a Great Friend my dad was to my sister Leslie, myself and our families. My dad's largest priority was our families. All the life experiences, learning, advice, support and most of all, the suggestions. Just like the construction suggestions, the general suggestions about life were always right on. It can never be replaced. The Armbruster and Page families are so lucky to have had such wonderful role model and such a Great Friend. He is truly missed.

By Don Page Jr.



Heaven

Dale C. Flanders

There is a heaven on the earth. I first set foot in heaven while my mother sunned herself on the public beach at Greeley's Landing around 1954. The sand was white, the sky was blue, the woods were green, and the rocks were granite. Yes; granite on the south side of heaven, and black slate on the north.

Mother, in her one piece, was slick with baby oil. I was tow-head blonde. Only recently has my hair become white-blond again. Well; more white than blond now. We lived in Guilford on the very end of Ellis Ave. The beach was simply "Down to Sebec." We'd stopped at Butterfield's the new ice cream place half-way there. I'd gotten the first of hundreds of cones of black raspberry.

I dipped my toes in the very western end of Sebec, on the last day of school celebration, at Earley's camps the year I'd graduated from Kindergarten. Only five years old, and although I didn't have a single clue to its existence, I'd bracketed Tim's cove which lies about midway between Earley's and Greeley's.

In 1969 I left Guilford forever, I thought, bound for California never in all my youth having seen the "Big Lake" above the narrows. Thirty years after first dipping my toe in heaven I thought better of California and returned to rent a camp on the lower lake on Steadman's landing.

It was up to my wife, Julia, and three-year-old daughter, Alice, when I was gone back to Boston for work, to rent a boat with an out-board and venture, like Vasco Da Gama, through the narrows and into the wilds of the big lake. Julia looked, Alice trailed her hand in the water and slept to the humming of the Johnson. Julia called me that night and said she'd discovered a paradise.

The following weekend Neil Mallet, myself, and Julia, in Neil's land-boat Lincoln entered, "The Road" and I prayed that we'd return alive.

We lived. He took us to Simpson's Point where I stepped to the shore of the empty lot for sale. I walked gingerly to the shore, just as I'd done in 1954. I looked across the water, out Tim's Cove to the big lake, and turned to Neil.

"We'll take it. This place looks like heaven."

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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