

## ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALFMOON LAKE ASSOCIATION

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For the benefit of new families on the lake, the "Alton-Barnstead Halfmoon Lake Association" is the largest association on the lake and represents all the property owners on the lake. We are registered with the State of New Hampshire. The purpose of the Association is for the protection of the property owners of the lake, or as stated in the by-laws, "the betterment and improvement of Halfmoon Lake." There are other small associations for the purposes of road maintenance and social functions. Your protection is relative to the strength of the association. It needs your membership, your vote, and your active participation.

The lake is divided into areas with a representative and alternate representative for each area. You are invited to each meeting (second Sunday in July, last Sunday in August, 10 a.m.) usually held at the camp of an officer. If you can't make the meeting, let your representative speak for you. Special meetings may be called as the need arises.

The association was formed in the summer of 1967 because the majority of the people felt a threat to their privacy and safety. The issue at the time was the intent of Locke Lake Colony to connect Locke Lake with Halfmoon Lake at the culvert end of the lake. The people collected \$40.00 per family to raise \$4,000.00 of which \$3,000.00 was spent to build the dam at the culvert. \$1,000.00 remains in the treasury as a deterrent against any further problems.

### Items of Interest From Our Recent Meetings

#### 1. Paving the boat launch ramp at the culvert.

The issue was tabled at the last meeting because of differences that could not be resolved. The Rustic Shore group would like the ramp paved for easier boat launching and landing. The group in the launching ramp cove contend that paving would increase boat traffic, thus increase pollution and nuisance traffic. The cost would be approximately \$300.00 - \$400.00. The alternate of making a launching ramp at the Public Beach would encourage more outside boat traffic and involve a whole new group of problems. The status to date is that we are looking for a good launching ramp at another location. If you have any idea or want your representative to vote a certain way, let him know.

2. Water ski Traffic.

The direction of water skiing is the same as last year, counter clockwise around the lake. All the state rules apply, including the new one of 2 watchers for 2 skiers.

3. Pollution - a prime concern of the association.

Last year we sent a letter of protest to the Town of Alton on the lack of rest rooms at the public beach. Since we have had no response, we are sending a letter to the State Pollution Commission asking their assistance.

Property owner pollution from septic systems is of prime interest. We want to protect our lake. There are sewage ejectors on the market that can help resolve the problem. A steel tank with pump and float switch accepts all sewage from the camp. It cuts up and pumps the raw sewage to a septic tank and leach system on higher ground, away from the lake. There is at least one in operation on the lake now. A reasonable size tank and pump costs approximately \$400.00 (less whatever discount your friendly plumber can get you.) If sufficient numbers are wanted, the association may be able to get them at discount.

As previously noted, Treasury expenditures of more than \$50.00 will require the signature of the president and treasurer.

The by-laws were amended to read that each designated area has a voting right of one vote to be voted by the representative of that area.

The landing pier at the Spring was a welcome addition. Our thanks to Frank Brewster for having this put in and making the landing that much easier.

Sincerely,

Your Lake Association.