

THE ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION'S
SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JULY 14, 1985

The July 14, 1985 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order by President John Marmaras at 10:15 a.m. Present at the meeting held at Frank Brewster's cottage were: John Alliegro, Frank Drewster, George Fitzpatrick, Arthur Gilbert, Elvia Hetu, Larry Holt, and John Marmaras.

The Secretary's Report was read.

The Treasurer's Report stating a balance of \$2033.17 as of July 14, 1985 was also read. Upon a motion by John Alliegro, seconded by Larry Holt, both reports were accepted as read.

President Marmaras opened the meeting with the announcement of an election of officers to be held at the next meeting of the Association to be held on August 18, 1985.

Under old business it was reported that the water at the public spring had not been tested so far this year. Mr. Alliegro had obtained the proper testing equipment and presented it to John Marmaras who offered to take the sample to the authorities in Concord on Monday. When the report is received the Association will determine what action will be necessary.

Frank Brewster agreed to post the "No Swimming" sign at the public beach.

A discussion followed on the launching space next to Hernden's house on the edge of the cove. Mr. Marmaras reported that the cars and trucks used to tow non-residents' boats launched here were frequently left parked along the side of the road causing a driving hazard.

Mr. Brewster reported on a hearing held in Concord on May 15, 1985 concerning the Codes of Administration Rules of the Wetlands Board which protects us against the overdue use of our lakes. The new guidelines would give the Board control over the size and number of docks on properties of less than 100ft frontage. Mr. Alliegro reminded those present at our meeting that all docks must be registered with the County. Owners of unregistered docks would be liable should their docks be hit.

Mr. Marmaras cited the new Boating Rules which will take effect August 15, 1985. He presented copies to those present and it was agreed that a copy should be supplied to every member of the Association. The secretary agreed to type a copy of these new rules and our own Association Safety Rules for Frank Brewster to make 200 copies of and distribute.

These new Boating Rules state that operators of over 25 horsepower motors must be over 15 years of age and that children five years old and under must wear authorized floatation devices when in any boat.

Arthur Gilbert recommended that the copies of these rules sent to our Association members include the fact that the present Conservation Officer is extremely thorough and is fully enforcing the boating rules.

Larry Holt described the problem caused by the Fern Hill boat drivers who pull skiers one after another. When they drop off their skier they make a clockwise turn in Rustic Shores cove which is not only dangerous for the Rustic Shores skiers, but sets the moored boats bouncing and pounding. Following a motion by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mr. Alliegro, it was voted that copies of the boaters' safety rules be given to Mr. Richard Hedley, owner of Fern Hill, for him to post throughout his property, and that he be urged to see that his boat operators observe the safety rules. Mr. Brewster agreed to deliver the notices to Mr. Hedley and to speak to him about the problem.

Mr. Marmaras reported that there were more aircraft parked and taking off and landing in Locke's field than before, but that the only comment he had heard on the airport situation was why were we "harassing those old people" about their land. Mr. Alliegro reported he had contacted the town last fall and was told the case was still coming up but that no court date had been set. The situation remains the same this summer.

A discussion followed on the land for sale at the site of the old Girls' Camp and the 176 acres recently sold by Mr. O'Toole at the point, which was determined to be in the town of Alton.

Mr. Marmaras described the current reassessment of all property in Barnstead being conducted by an outside firm.

It was decided that the Association Newsletter should be distributed soon to all Association members so that all area representatives would come to the August 18 meeting prepared to vote in the election of officers and to make plans for lake activities which had been curtailed this year due to the lack of interest and participation. It was agreed that Mr. Marmaras and Mr. Alliegro would get together and review the areas of the Association to be certain that all areas have active area representatives and to redistrict the areas where necessary to be sure every family on the lake is represented.

It was determined that the Boat Parade would be held on Saturday, August 31, with a raindate of Sunday, September 1, and that boat drivers would pick up their flares at Frank Brewster's cottage next to the Boys' Camp.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary