



## Newsletter June 2012



*A scene from this year's cookout. On the left, Bob Timmerman is cooking the corn and Mike Herman is burning some hot dogs. In the center right, Rollie Johnson is explaining how he catches all those fish*

## June Cookout

The June meeting was on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a great cookout for members and their families. The burgers, hot dogs and sausages were well cooked by Richard Marashlian, Mike Herman, Paul McKechnie and Bob Lynch. Bob Timmerman handled

the corn on the cob, which was very good. Thanks to Rollie Johnson and Dave Matthes for buying the food. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. The kids caught lots of sunfish and shiners and at least four trout!

## Pond Committee

Richard Howell prepared the application to the Needham Conservation Commission for the aerator for the pond. This has been a lot of work and we owe him a debt of gratitude for doing it. He presented the documents to the commission and submitted to questioning about the project at a hearing on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The commission is requiring two more pieces of information from the club before considering approving the installation of the aerator: 1). An amendment to allow digging of a trench for the air hoses, and, 2). a plan to monitor the water quality after placement of the aerators with regular reports to the commission. There was also a technicality about proof of notification to abutters that needs to be satisfied.

Many members of the club who attended the hearing felt that all the commission members were not as receptive to the plan as we felt they should be. After all, the club is reacting to a report by the town's on investigation last year which documented significant water quality issues in the pond. Many of these issues are believed to be due to storm drains from town roads emptying into the pond. This opinion was politely expressed to the commission by Paul McKechnie in a closing statement.

The next hearing is on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope to receive permission to proceed with the aerator installation at that hearing.

## June Cookout, Part 2

On the evening of Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> some members got together at the clubhouse and finished off the leftovers from the cookout. The fish were jumping and a few were hooked. A good time was had by all.

## Summer Fishing Rules

The same rules as last year will be in force for summer fishing in the club pond:

1. Children 12 years old and under may fish by methods other than fly fishing.
2. The only bait allowed is worms or night crawlers. No live fish (shiners, etc...) or power bait allowed.
3. Fishing with anything other than flies (i.e., bait) is allowed only within 10 feet of the shore.
4. Children must be accompanied by a member. These rules are not a public invitation to fish in the pond. It is still members only.
5. Trout caught must be released immediately.
6. Sunfish caught must be released into the brook below the driveway bridge (bring a bucket).
7. These rules are in effect from June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Fishing Report

The fish are still hitting at the club pond. Some old favorites are still producing - black woolly buggers. Streamers are also working (there are a lot of shiners in the pond, so what

else are the trout going to eat?) Who knows how long the action can last? When you have a free evening, give it a try!

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