



Town of Northfield, NH
Board of Selectmen
21 Summer Street, Northfield NH 03276

SUBJECT: Sandogardy Pond Beavers

DATE ISSUED: 5/21/24

PURPOSE: Informational

OVERVIEW: As you are aware the beavers have constructed many dams around Sandogardy Pond, most of which we do not have the equipment to access and we all understand that this is an act of nature and the Town is not responsible. However, I want to keep you informed regarding the ongoing issue, and if there is an opportunity for us to assist we can.

See attached details.

OBJECTIVE: To hold a public hearing, and seek DES approval, and assistance from outside entities.

(Date)

Jason Durgin, Chair

Ross Cunningham

Scott McGuffin

Sandogardy Pond

Currently, we have two issues at Sandogardy Pond and they have to be handled separately, but do connect.

Beavers:

We have beavers constructing dams around the pond blocking access for the pond to drain causing properties to flood. The potential hazard is that there are septic systems still located on the pond side of some homes that could flood and cause contamination.

What we've been doing is trapping and removing dams that we can reach with what equipment we have.

What some residents have been doing is going out on boats or wading in the water to get to other dams and remove them.

Other options we could look further into include hiring out contractors that have dealt with beaver dam removals in the past and having them remove the dams. Once the dams are removed construct a log boom to keep the beavers from constructing a new dam at the outlet of the pond. I have more information coming soon on this, this was also recommended by our trapper who we contract with now.

Sunken Logs:

In 1938 a hurricane rolled through NH, after the storm the Federal Government stamped some logs and sunk them to the bottom of the pond where many still remain.

There are a couple of issues we are facing currently. One is that these logs tend to pop up and if someone is out boating, they could be a hazard. Second, is the Beavers have started to push the ones that pop up and utilize them as part of their dam.

I have reached out to numerous individuals regarding this issue and it all falls under RSA 482-A:22-a. To remove the logs, we'd have to send a notice to all abutters of the pond, hold a public hearing, and file for a wetlands permit which costs \$400. I understand that you're thinking this should be the Fed's problem, well in my research, they washed their hands of this problem many years ago, so the former program is no longer valid.

For both issues, I have been in contact with NH DES Wetlands Bureau, NH DES Dam Bureau, Jamie Irving of Meredith who has a lot of knowledge on both of these issues, and community members Mark and Donna St. Cyr who have been a great help supplying pictures and the newspaper article, and history. I've also been in contact with the NH Dept of Natural & Cultural Res whom the Town received the grant for Glines Park through many years ago to see if we'd be able to receive additional funding. Unfortunately, because we do not own the dams and they are not part of "Glines Park" and the Pond is not considered part of "Glines Park" in accordance with the application that was filed for property lines, we are not eligible for any additional funding through this resource.

That being said I'd like to continue to look for resources, request for quotes, and move forward with DES permitting. I have reached out to Marine Patrol to see if we need a permit to install a log boom.

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Dredging Up Old Memories

Logs Sunken After the Hurricane of '38 Are Being Recovered in Sandogardy Pond

By GORDON D. KING
Staff Writer

Memories of the Hurricane of 1938 which devastated forests throughout the state were recalled this week as Monday was the 60th anniversary of the deadly storm which tore through New England.

Lasting effects of the storm surfaced this week when two members of the Sandogardy Pond Association began the cleanup of the pond and Cross Brook, which goes from the pond to the Merrimack River.

Mark St. Cyr and Tom Parker have removed from the waters several discarded oil drums, three washing machines, trash bags full of bottles and cans, but the most interesting find were several logs from the brook.

The logs are some of those placed into the pond in the months following the hurricane. Parker and St. Cyr have seen photographs which show the pond full of logs.

"There were so many logs here you could walk across the pond," St. Cyr said.

Retired state forester Robert Woodward of Laconia said forest land was devastated by the Hurri-

cane of '38.

"There was no other way to dispose of the logs and to keep worms from destroying them. They were put into ponds and lakes to protect them," Woodward said.

The logs were kept in the ponds until sawmills could be moved to the area to saw them up. A lot of the lumber from this part of the state was sent to Cape Cod where it was used to help built barracks at Camp Otis.

It took two to three years to do this, according to Woodward.

Saw mill operator Bud Little of Northfield, as a young man, helped to bring logs to ponds in Concord, Woodward noted.

Woodward said obtaining the lumber was very timely, as World War II had started and building materials were needed.

The forester said he did not get involved in the logging process that way but did work on the clean up. He was in charge of a 25-man emergency crew which cleaned up the debris left behind.

"We had to open up the roads and also reduce the fire hazard. There was great concern then about forest fires," Woodward said.

This work lasted for almost three years. He had just gotten married and was making \$38 a week.

"That was big, big money in those days. The cleanup was paid by federal emergency funds.

Money was flowing into the state like crazy," he said.

Little said there was no other place to put the logs and still be able to save them so forest owners wouldn't experience a complete

loss.

"The government paid \$3 a thousand board feet for the logs delivered to the pond. A government inspector would stamp the logs on the ends when they arrived. They filled all the ponds up with logs. It was the only way the landowners and farmers had so they wouldn't lose their timber," Little said.

If the logs had not been protected, the worm would have gotten

into them and destroyed them, Little said.

Woodward said during the summer months if you stand near a log pile you can sometimes hear the worms working and see sawdust come out of the logs.

Little said his first job was to help place logs in Canobie Lake in Salem. Later he worked in Concord

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Clean up of Cross Brook which runs off from Sandogardy Pond includes the removal of several logs placed in the pond after the 1938 hurricane. Struggling to get a log out of the brook in photo at left, are Tom Parker, front, and Mark St. Cyr, members of the Sandogardy Pond Association. In above photo is a 1x4 board cut from a log from the 1938 hurricane.

(Citizen Photos/Gordon D. King and Al Hogue)

Bringing Old Logs to the Surface Is Nothing New to British Columbia Region

By Reg Barclay

A barge with a grapple-equipped crane floats quietly on the placid waters of the lake, which reflects the greens and blues of the surrounding hills. In the cab of the crane, the operator stares intently at a video screen. A sector-scanning sonar unit hanging below the barge produces an image of the bottom of the lake, showing a criss-cross pattern of long, cigar-like shapes.

The operator lowers the grapple, the barge tilts slightly, and the sought-after treasure

the "lost gold mine" sort of stories, where divers have reported piles of logs underwater 300 feet high, some of the logs of a size that we haven't seen logged for years.

It has been reported that one out of every 17 logs harvested on the Coast has ended up underwater. No one knows the source of that estimate, but if it's true, it is roughly six percent of the harvest

lost over the last 80 years. In addition to sinkers, nearly one million acres of

be "significant in volume, partially offsetting the declining timber supply, forecast for the next decade."

The surprise about salvaged logs is their condition. "They are as bright and sound as the day they sank, as long ago as 50 years," says Stewart Mossman of Marwood Industries, who, with partner Norm Ross, has

been operating on Cowichan Lake for four years. About 80 percent of the salvaged logs are sold as

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sound as the day they sank,

This included floating logs, as well as partially and fully submerged trees. A paper by John Dobie of the former Western Forest Products Lab in Vancouver confirmed that logs from Ootsa Lake developed satisfactory quality lumber, although, because of their saturation, special drying schedules may be required to dry the lumber to KD standards and to prevent a higher-than-normal degrade.

Ken McKeen, Director of Technical Services of COFI, says, "logs in deep, fresh water are not subject to rot or bacteria

green, and a small tug. With this equipment, Bill Maitland, operations manager of Goat Lake Wood Products working on Lois Lake near Powell River, says he can recover logs in depths up to 100 feet, but prefers shallower depths for better production. Oddly enough, operators are currently using a weak market for pulpwood and some curtailment has taken place, despite the looming harvest production. This is the result of panic buying of logs from outside the province, combined with an unexpected weakness in overseas pulp markets.

quality and species of logs on lake bottoms is unknown. The MOF has been content for independent operators to make their own arrangements and the MOF charges 25 cents per meter for recovered logs. However, Ian Haman, MOF Castlegar says, "this may change and timber sales are under consideration. Stumpage may be increased, but the operator, because it's a crown sale, would be free to sell to anyone, which is attractive to operators generally."

While there appears to be room for more sinker recovery, the real volume potential lays in salvaging the drowned timber in hydro dam reservoirs. In his report, Dobell estimated a volume of 28 million meters. If harvested over a 10-year period, this could theoretically add 2.8 million logs, or four percent to the BC annual harvest.

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sign up. Make sure it's not too easy. A lot of people said of the triathlon Doug entered, "I could do it if it weren't for the mile-long swim in open water." They missed the point. If you know for certain that you can finish the race, it doesn't really offer much of a sense of accomplishment. The greater the challenge, the greater the rewards.

• Train With Your Kids. Let your kids help you prepare for your big event. That way, everyone can share in the pride of your success. Here's a great example: Pat Graham, the triathlon "winner" from a time standpoint (everyone who finished was a winner), had his 13-year-old son act as a spotter while he swam — kayaking at his side, guiding and encouraging him. At the end, Pat presented his medal to his son. They both won.

The Two Dads are *Dr. Russ Quaglia, Child Aspirations Expert, and Doug Hall, Creativity Guru. Send comments and questions to twodads@EurekaRanch.com.*

ants have been named to the varsity List for the spring semester, having achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

James J. Adrignola of 461 Elm Street, Lakeport, majored in civil engineering.

Shane E. Murphy of 1184 Old N. St., Laconia, majored in history.

ELFORD — **Leah Awrich**, daughter of Kristen Awrich of Gilford and Alan Awrich of Gilford, is one of 334 members of the class of 1998 to receive a diploma at the commencement exercises of

Phillips Exeter Academy. Awrich graduated with high honors. For superior academics, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in the community and school, she was one of 500 seniors nationally to be selected as a semi-finalist in the Presidential Scholar Program. As a result of her performance on the qualifying exam and for an outstanding academic record, she was named a finalist in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship program.

Awrich will attend Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in the Fall.

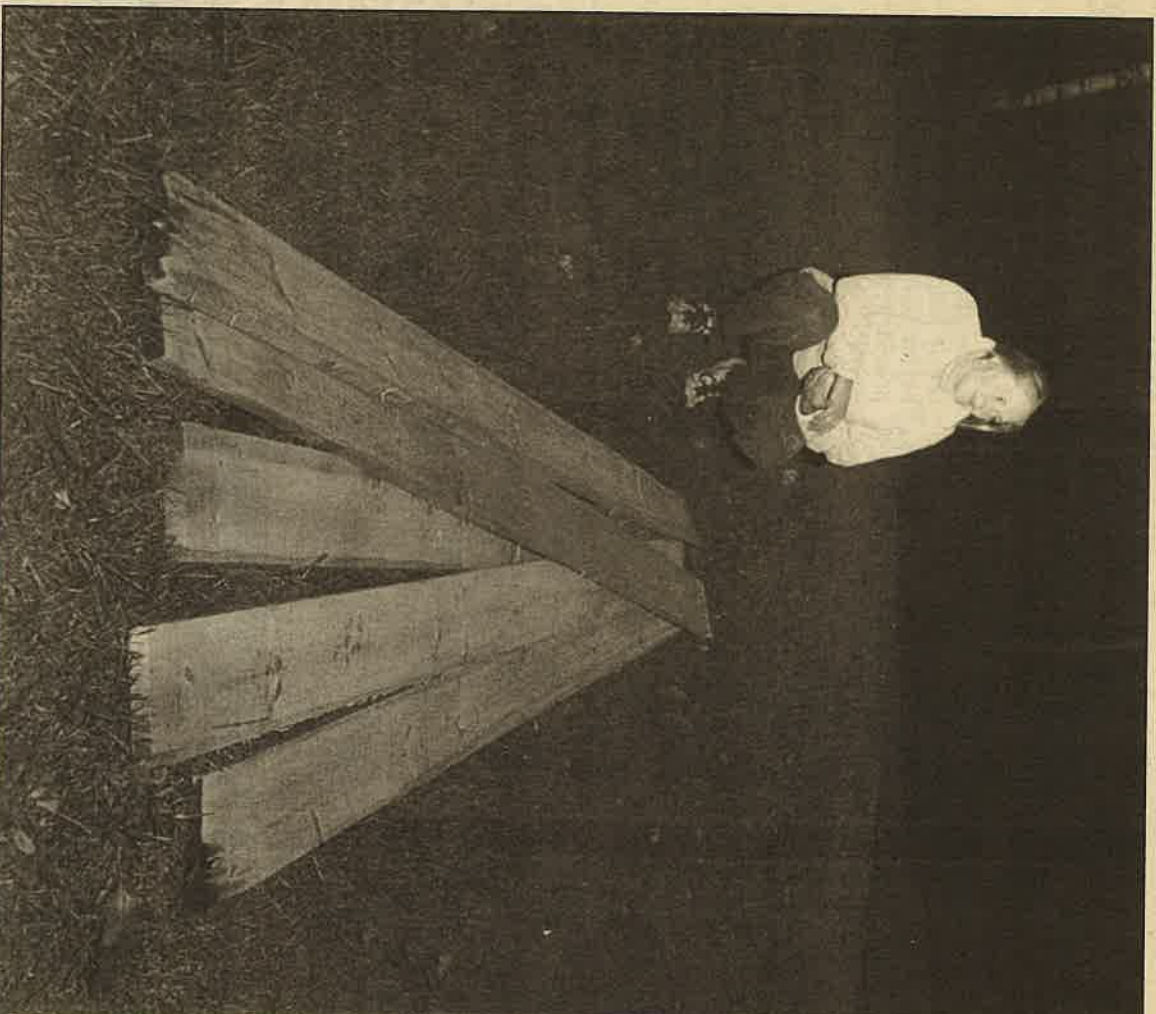
where two sawmills were set up. "One of them was run entirely by women," Little said.

The majority of the logs were harvested within two to three years after the storm. However, many of the logs which were up to 16 feet long sank. Periodically they float to the surface.

Parker and St. Cyr have recovered more than a dozen which have surfaced at Sondogardy Pond and floated into Cross Brook. There were so many logs in the brook that they formed a natural dam several hundred feet downstream from the pond.

The logs range in size from six to 14 inches in diameter and are 12 to 16 feet long.

The cleanup is being done with the permission of the Board of Selectmen and the state Department of Environmental Services. Parker said he has had several old timers tell him that the logs will



Maureen Parker, a Northfield resident who lives on Sandogardy Pond, kneels alongside a few 1x4-inch boards that had been cut from submerged logs in the pond. The logs sank after the devastating hurricane in 1938. They have been floating up, causing problems around the pond. Parker says the wood will be cut up into planks, and then sold for money to help improve the appearance and quality of the pond and beach.

surface after a thunder and lightning storm. It has something to do with the electrical discharge near the water, he has been told. He believes this because after a storm near the pond eight or nine logs have popped to the surface.

Logs which have surfaced here and in other ponds are estimated to be 100 years old.

The association is planning to sell the lumber from the logs and use the proceeds to continue the cleanup of the pond.

Parker and St. Cyr are taking the logs to Little's sawmill where Bud is cutting them into one-inch thick boards.

"They are as sound as a bullet. The edge boards have a grayish hue to them. Woodworkers love to get them. The heartwood looks new," Little said.

The only problem he has had cutting them is that one log had a bunch of nails in it. He says they had to be there when the log was dumped into the pond.

St. Cyr said he has no idea how many more logs remain in the pond. When the timber was being

harvested in the aftermath of the Hurricane of '38, the lumber was placed aboard railcars and shipped south, he has learned from those who remember the project.

Little said quality-wise you cannot tell this lumber from new lumber except for the gray hue.

Earlier this year, 45 logs were pulled from Canobie Lake. News reports at the time said the man who retrieved them sold them for \$5,000.

Woodward said the lumber association members are getting it valuable.

"The historical value because they are from the hurricane of 1938 quadruples their value," he said.

He praised the efforts of the association. "The task they have undertaken is also being praised by town officials."

"This is a wonderful thing which they are doing. It will make the pond a better place for people to use. I am pleased the association decided to clean up the area," said Glen Brown, chairman of the Board of Selectmen.



What's NEW FOR LUNCH?

Bridal Blowout
EVERYTHING IN STOCK
Sat. 10-5pm
ONE DAY ONLY

Laconia

School Nutrition Program
Evening/Week-Ends Menu

WEEK OF SEPT. 28-OCT. 2

MONDAY: Turkey & gravy over noodles; baby carrots; fresh or chilled fruit; choice of milk. Alt.: PB&J.
TUESDAY: Beef nachos w/cheese sauce; Spanish rice; pineapple chunks; choice of milk. Alt.: Turkey sandwich.
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti & meat sauce; bread stick; green beans; salad bar; choice of milk. Alt.: Tuna roll.
THURSDAY: Ham & cheese melt on a bun; corn, fresh or chilled fruit; choice of milk. Alt.: Bologna sandwich.
FRIDAY: Assorted pizza of WHS, Little Caesar's or PSS & Elm; Salad Bar; dessert; choice of milk. Alt.: PB&J.

Gilford

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF SEPT. 28-OCT. 2

MONDAY: Ham & cheese grinder, oven fries; cookie; choice of milk. ES Bkt.: Pancakes.
TUESDAY: Ravioli casserole, green beans, garlic bread, assorted fruits; choice of milk. ES Bkt.: Cereal & toast.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, green peas, fruited low fat muffin, peaches; choice of milk. ES Bkt.: Cinnamon toast.
THURSDAY: WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY. Juice, baked potato w/cheese sauce, broccoli, cinnamon roll; choice of milk. ES Bkts.: English muffin.
FRIDAY: CHARLIE BROWN'S BIRTHDAY! Pig Pen's cheddar burger, Peppermint Patty's putts, Lucy & Linus' veggie sticks, B-day cupcake for Charlie Brown, Snoopy's Snack; (milk). ES Bkt.: Cook's Choice. The cafeteria at Gilfordville milk is about the same as that in a cup of decaffeinated coffee.

Gilmanton

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF SEPT. 28-OCT. 2

MONDAY: BBQ rib sandw., oven fries, mixed vegetables; fruit, milk. Bkfst.: Bagel.
TUESDAY: Bagel melt; Bagel w/bacon & melted cheese, carrot sticks, choc. pudding, milk. Bkfst.: Muffins.
WEDNESDAY: Shepard's Pie, corn bread, oatmeal cookie, milk. Bkfst.: Muffins.
THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets w/sauce, oven fries, mixed vegetables, Jello w/topping, milk.
FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, coke, milk. Menu subject to change without notice.

Shaker Regional

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF SEPT. 28-OCT. 2

MONDAY: Cheese pizza, let. & tomato; salad, choc. pudding, milk; assort.
TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, whip potato, whole corn, bread & butter, apple crisp, milk, assort.
WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese sandw., pasta salad, veggie stick apple slices, milk, assort.
THURSDAY: Spaghetti w/meat or meatless sauce, garden salad, Jello, milk, assort.
FRIDAY: Toast w/syrup, sausage patty, oven fries, orange wedge, milk, assort.
SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
Breakfast Served Daily 7:35-7:50
Chilled milk served with all meals.
Gr. 7-12 Alternates: (sandw.), fruit & milk.

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