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To anyone whom may be interested re:- Parker Pond Asso. History

We first met at Greentrees. Present were most of us who were then resident on the Pond. For the first few years those most consistently present were--

Helen and Norman Cushman  
Dorothy and Clayton Dolloff  
Belle and Walter Greene  
Ruth Grauert and Frances Reid  
and occasionally the Ricciuses, the Hugheses, one or two others

Since all are deceased but me I guess I had better get some of this down to the descendants.

We met in various living rooms until the group became too large. From 1956 until 1971 we met at Bearnstow's Big House which collapsed under snow load in the spring of '72.

Belle Greene was the secretary and kept good notes. Perhaps they are to be found in some recess of the Slavet home?

Clayton Dolloff was the treasurer. His records must be somewhere. Does Chigger know?

The stated purpose of the Asso. was the ecological preservation of the Pond. Clayton was the "dam keeper", every year pulling the dam boards so that the ice going out and the spring floods did not erode the shore line.

We purchased (or leased?) the dam and refaced it. I cannot tell you the purchase date, but the deed from Central Maine Power must be at hand. Until the purchase CMP was just grateful that some other entity was taking "responsibility".

After 1971 I was kept very busy camp concerns, trying to recoup our loss of our building. When I next attended a meeting (at the Masonic Hall) the membership had indeed swelled, (The Fellows Cove Development) the the concern for the pond seemed to have shifted from pond health to cottage owners' convenience. A new, much needed dam was voted in...but a permanent earth one with no spillway and a re-located outlet stream.

The next few years saw considerable erosion, boulders sliding into the lake, ice breaking ledge formations, and on the East shore, most open to the wind, a constant washing of earth and forest debris into the water

My voice was no longer heard above the clamor for "boating depth", "swimming depth" and other such things.

Today I believe that our populous is more prone to the sound ecological view. But I do have to point out that speed boats and