CALL TO ORDER: 4:36PM
Present: Laurie Bryant, Dick Warner, Tom Shevenell and Jack McWhorter
Others Present: None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: June 19, 2019 Accepted
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
PUBLIC INPUT: None
OLD BUSINESS:
   A. 2019 Research Projects
      1. VLAP Sampling: Dick Warner reported sampling done June, July and August and reports were normal
      2. Canada Geese: Dick reported there were no nesting pairs this summer
      3. Cyanobacteria Monitoring program: Tom reported no unusual levels but did note that there had been some calibration problems. The instrument was reset by the manufacturer and a comparison study using the frozen samples will be tested at EPA. Plans are being developed through the Harris Center to develop teaching modules for future sampling, testing and microscope work. Marie Lawrence will be giving a presentation at our 3rd Annual Symposium.
      4. Pond level Monitoring: Tom Shevenell reported no unusual changes. Tom Faber’s data logger will be removed in November for the winter season.
      5. GPR Surveying of terrain surrounding the pond at School, cemetery and horse sheds was performed and reveal evidence that sediments were deposited by meandering braided streams.
      6. Long Core Study: Tom reported that further studies are going to be done on the 4-meter core we have to date in Minnesota at no cost to us. Our plans to try and core significantly deeper has been put on hold for the time being waiting for results from the 4-meter core and because of the significant cost estimate for the work.
   B. Town Beach: While the addition of sand to the beach this summer was appreciated, we are seeing some erosion developing because of run off from the road and hill behind. Laurie Bryant and Tom will discuss with Tyler at DPW what can be done to divert this run off.
   C. 2020 Bioblast: UNH Extension Services have scheduled Norway Pond for a one-day Bioblast in July 2020. This will be coordinated with the Harris Center.

NEW BUSINESS:
   • Tom Shevenell will be presenting at the Monadnock Region Natural History Conference on November 16, 2019: Norway Pond Sediments: A Historical Resource in Understanding the Pond’s Evolving Ecosystem.
   • The 3rd Annual Norway Pond Symposium has been scheduled for Saturday February 29, 2020. The following will be posted in the Harris Center Newsletter:
“Join us for a day of talks highlighting recent research and plans for further research, on the ecology of Norway Pond in Hancock. Topics will include what we learned from our first season of Cyanobacteria monitoring, how the pond sediments can help us understand the pond’s evolving ecosystem and historic past, and what we are learning about the glacial formation of the pond and surrounding terrain 14500 years ago. We will also share our plans for a Norway Pond Bioblitz in the summer of 2020. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harris Center. Snow date: Saturday March 7. Please bring a bag lunch. For more information and to RSVP, contact Tom Shevenell (tcshevenell@gmail.com). Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and the Norway Pond Commission.”

Other Business:

- A discussion was had as to the need for additional members in view of the loss of Recreation committee representative.
- A discussion was had as to the need to raise new funds for ongoing research. While we have accomplished a remarkably large amount with the original seed donation, these funds will need to be augmented in the near future if we are to continue our work in the future. Except for a couple of additional donations, we have not generated much support from the public in spite of extensive interest in what we have done to date. The HIA has awarded $8,820 in grants from Norway Pond Study Fund which has a current balance of $3,994.20.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:29 pm
Next Meeting: TBD