



These photos from the turn of the century show (top photo) Lindsay Cavanaugh's grandmother Florence Probst Mowry, her sister Edith Probst Johnson and Susie Coxe collecting the mail at Long Pond.

The Mowrys came from New Jersey to Long Pond for a month in the summer taking the boat to Fall River from NYC and then a carriage to Long Pond via Taunton.

The bottom photo shows the RFD#1 mail wagon which dropped the mail at what is now the end of Oar & Line Road.



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Makepeace

The Six Ponds Association continues to meet with A.D. Makepeace officials about their development plans for South Plymouth which will have a substantial traffic impact on the Six Ponds area.

This project has slowed recently for several reasons; new Natural Heritage regulations have just been promulgated and ADM awaits zoning changes in Carver and Wareham similar to Plymouth's Transfer of Development Rights by-law. ADM will file a MEPA submission by June 30 and will submit a waiver for a 60+ unit pilot project off of Wareham Road.

We continue to press for preservation of ADM's Halfway Pond property but there is a strong possibility that eight "Approval Not Required" house lots on Halfway Pond Road and two lots on West Long Pond Road will be offered for sale. We expect these potential lots to be opposed.

Sewer Line to Six Ponds?

The Town of Plymouth is studying the possibility of extending sewer service from the wastewater treatment plant in Camelot Park to the South High and Middle School complex on Long Pond Road.

This effort is being driven by two issues: a environmental consent decree from the state requiring that the existing wastewater treatment plant at the school complex be upgraded or replaced, and the possible addition of a third school building on the site to replace the old and ailing North Plymouth High School on Obery Street.

At the most recent Town Meeting, a \$350,000 feasibility study was funded to look at various wastewater treatment options, including the possible routing of pipes under Long Pond Road. The exact scope of the study has not been finalized.

One concern is that the introduction of sewer service along Long Pond Road will encourage new residential and commercial development. This will, in part, depend exactly where the sewer lines are placed - in the Long Pond Road alignment or in the Route 3 right-of-way. Another is where the plant outfall should go and the possibility of using some of the effluent to water public and/or private golf courses.

The study is being fast-tracked because both Plymouth North and Plymouth South High Schools risk loss of accreditation due to overcrowding and other conditions, adding both urgency and complexity to the wastewater issue.

Stay tuned...

ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER IN JULY!

The annual Six Ponds Association pot luck supper will be held again this year at Russell Hall, 81 Halfway Pond Road on Saturday, July 23 at 6 p.m.

Home cooked food is much preferred. If your last name begins with a letter from A to L bring a main dish. If between M and Z bring a salad or dessert. Bring enough for six or more.

After dinner there will be a business meeting, including a vote on the proposed new bylaws.

A speaker from the Nature Conservancy will present an update on Makepeace and how their plans may affect the Six Ponds area.

Plymouth Pond Regulations

(Article 10 of Plymouth Bylaws)

No engines of more than 50 horsepower on Long Pond and that includes Jet Skis which essentially means no Jet Skis.

No internal combustion engines on Round Pond anytime,

No internal combustion engines on Bloody Pond from Memorial Day to Labor Day

No Jet Skis on ponds less than 75 acres per state law (Round, Little Long, Gallows)

Headway Speed only between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. weekends and holidays.

Headway speed is described as 6 knots

The Harbormaster (508-830-4182) enforces the rules. The latest arrangement made with the Harbormaster is that they will, if they can, come out in cases of repeat offenders, flagrant abuses or for boaters that ignore warnings. For first offenders or in the case of busy weekends when the Harbormaster may be otherwise engaged you can provide them with the registration number of the boat and they will contact the owner and warn him directly.



ATVs and Dirt Bikes

At times, we have encountered dirt bikes and All Terrain Vehicles on our roads, conservation lands, and private property. When you notice these vehicles operating improperly or in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth, **please report it to both the Plymouth Police at 508-830-4218 and the Massachusetts Environmental Police at 1-800-632-8075.** The following summary of the regulations is provided for your information.

Massachusetts Recreation Vehicle Safety Laws

The following abstracts summarize some important Massachusetts recreation vehicle laws as of August 2001. For the complete law refer to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90B (Sections 20-35) and 323 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 3.00, available in booklet form.

Recreation Vehicle-Defined

Any motor vehicle designed or modified for use over unimproved terrain, if used for recreation or pleasure off a public way. Also, includes all legally registered motor vehicles when used off a public way. Any motor vehicle registered under Chapter 90 will not be subject to registration under Chapter 90B, but must display a current motor vehicle registration.

Age Restrictions

No person under 14 years of age shall operate a recreation vehicle, except as provided below:

A person who is 12 or 13 years of age may operate if directly supervised by a person 18 years of age or older.

A person, who is 10 or 11 years of age, may operate if directly supervised by a person 18 years old or older and the vehicle is operated on land upon which the operator lives.

A person under 14 years of age may operate in a sanctioned race, rally, or organized event, which has been approved by the appropriate local authority.

Under no circumstances, may a person operate who is less than 10 years of age.

No person under the age of 16 and 1/2 years of age shall operate a recreation vehicle across a public way.

Prohibited Operation:

The following are examples of prohibited operation

Operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Operating on public ways or upon the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway.

Failure to come to a complete stop when crossing a public

way (must yield to motor vehicle traffic). No person under 16 1/2 years of age shall operate across a public way.

Operating so as to endanger any person or property.

Operating at an unreasonable, improper, and unsafe speed for existing conditions.

Operating on land of another without permission of the owner. (Permission may be given to an individual or group).

Operating within 150 feet of an occupied residence without permission of the owner.

Operating on an ocean beach or sand dune in a manner so as to destroy, damage or break down any beach, dune or dune grass.

Operating in a manner so as to harass or chase wildlife or domestic animals.

Operating on a wetland such as a bog, marsh, or swamp so as to destroy or damage the wetland, if such area has been designated and posted as a protected wetland area.

Operating in Wildlife Management Areas.

Safety Equipment

Persons operating or riding on a recreation vehicle shall wear an approved helmet. Each recreation vehicle must also be equipped with an adequate braking system. An adequate muffler designed to reduce unusual or excessive noise and obnoxious fumes is required. Each recreation vehicle must be equipped with and display after sunset, one or more headlights, a red rear light and red rear reflector. Trailers attached to recreation vehicle must have a red rear reflector.

Trail Etiquette

Observing trail etiquette is important, particularly when trails are heavily used. Whenever possible all recreation vehicles shall keep to the right side of trails. Please stay within the trail corridor and respect adjacent private and public land. When passing hikers, horseback riders, and other such trail users, operators shall reduce speed, yield right-of-way, and not pass until it can be accomplished with complete safety. Operators shall not accelerate until beyond 50 feet of such trail users.

Registration, Decals and Trail Permits

Recreation vehicles operated on public or private property must be registered through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except if used solely on land owned by the operator. Out-of-state recreation vehicle registrations are not valid in Massachusetts.

The registration certificate shall be in possession for examination by a law enforcement officer or landowner.

The registration plate shall be displayed on the back of each recreation vehicle.

For further registration information call (617) 626-1610.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be "THE SIX PONDS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION". Membership shall be open to all individuals who own land in the vicinity of the following ponds in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, viz: Long, Little Long, Halfway, Gallows, Bloody and Round, and also to those individuals who may live and reside, from time to time, in the vicinity thereof. Corporations, Societies and Associations owning land in the vicinity may designate an individual member to represent them.

ARTICLE II

The Association shall concern itself with the following matters pertaining to the Six Pond area;

(a) Building Laws, Zoning Laws and Permits;

(b) Road Maintenance, road signs and traffic control;

(c) Health, Water, Safety and Sanitation;

(d) Fire Laws and Regulations;

(e) Matters and Activities affecting the comfort and quiet enjoyment of property and property rights;

(f) Collection and dissemination of information to all members concerning any matter affecting the Six Pond area;

(g) Such group or community measures as may from time to time be for the benefit of the Six Pond area; and

(h) Representation of all Association members before any agency, board, body, authority or commission of the Commonwealth, or any town or county, when matters affecting the area are under consideration, said representation in no way to limit any appearance or action by any individual for himself.

ARTICLE III

There shall be four (4) officers of the Association, i.e., a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected for a term of one year at the Annual Meeting of the Association, said meeting to be held in the Six Pond area on or about the fourth day of July of each year at a time and place selected each year by the President who shall have notice thereof sent to all members at least thirty days in advance, said notice to contain a digest of any matter which the President believes may be brought up at the meeting.

ARTICLE IV

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and three members at large, who shall also be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Executive Committee shall at all times act for and represent the Association in all matters under Article II above, and may meet at such places and times throughout the year as it shall see fit.

ARTICLE V

At the Annual Meeting each year Standing Committees of one to five persons may be established by the members present and their duties defined by the membership. All Standing

Committees shall remain in being until dissolved by vote of the membership and shall report on their activities periodically to the Executive Committee and to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

The President may appoint a Special Committee at any time, such Committee to dissolve upon completion of its purposes.

ARTICLE VII

At least thirty days in advance of the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three persons. No member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall present to the Annual Meeting a slate of officers and also its nominations for the three members at large of the Executive Committee, as well as its nominations for the various Standing Committees then in existence. After election each Standing Committee shall appoint its own Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII

In addition to the Annual Meeting, special meetings of the Association may be called by the President upon at least five days' written or oral notice. Special meetings must be called by the President upon written request received from five or more members.

ARTICLE IX

Dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) a year, payable to the Treasurer at or before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE X

Fifteen persons shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE XI

A two-thirds vote of those members present at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be required to amend these Articles of Association.

Dues Renewal

It's time to renew your support for our area by renewing or starting a membership in the Six Ponds Association.

Dues are \$10.00 per family per year. Please return the enclosed envelope with your dues and an extra contribution if you feel the organization has been doing a good job. Thank you!

Revised Bylaws

Over the winter, your Executive Committee has been meeting regularly. One of the major topics of these meetings has been our Bylaws, and how to bring them up to date.

Since the original "Articles of Association" were written in the early 1950's, there have been many changes in the world and in the Six Ponds area. Over the years, there have been changes to the way we function as an organization. These new Bylaws incorporate those changes, reflect how we function today, and define many things that needed clarification.

Our Purpose (defined in Article II) is unchanged, and the Executive Committee believes that this is appropriate. The new Draft Bylaws are shown below, and will be presented for your vote at our Annual Meeting. Also included, for your information, are our old Articles of Association.

DRAFT Bylaws

The Six Ponds Improvement Association Plymouth, Massachusetts

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "THE SIX PONDS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION" (hereinafter called the Association). The "Six Ponds", located in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, are: Long Pond, Little Long Pond, Halfway Pond, Gallows Pond, Bloody Pond, and Round Pond.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The Association shall concern itself with the following matters pertaining to the Six Ponds area;

- (A) Building Laws, Zoning Laws and Permits;
- (B) Road Maintenance, road signs and traffic control;
- (C) Health, Water, Safety and Sanitation;
- (D) Fire Laws and Regulations;
- (E) Matters and Activities affecting the comfort and quiet enjoyment of property and property rights;
- (F) Collection and dissemination of information to all members concerning any matter affecting the Six Ponds area;
- (G) Such group or community measures as may, from time to time, be for the benefit of the Six Ponds area; and
- (H) Representation of the Association before any agency, board, body, authority or commission of the Commonwealth, or any town or county, when matters affecting the area are under consideration, said representation in no way to limit any appearance or action by any individual or Member of the Association.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Household membership shall be open to all who support the Purpose of the Association and own land in the Six Ponds area, or may reside from time to time, or have interest in, the Six Ponds area. This

membership shall be in the form of Household Membership, and will be granted upon application to the Secretary.

Corporations, Societies and Associations owning land in the vicinity, or with an interest compatible with the Purpose of the Association, may have Organizational Membership in the Association and may designate an individual to represent them. Organizational Membership will be granted upon application to the Secretary, and approval by the Executive Committee (consisting of the elected Officers and Members-at-Large).

Members must contribute to the Association by paying annual dues or other fees as established by the Association.

Membership shall be terminated after a year of non-contribution, or upon vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

The Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

All Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall serve until the next Annual Meeting (a term of one (1) year).

The Duties of the Officers shall be:

- (A) President
 - 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and at all meetings of the Association.
 - 2. The President shall manage the general affairs of the Association subject to approval of the Executive Committee.
 - 3. The President may execute all necessary official documents on behalf of the Association, except when the execution is expressly delegated to another officer by the Executive Committee.
 - 4. The President shall appoint any committees necessary for the functioning of the Association and to accomplish the Purposes of the Association stated in Article II.
 - 5. The President shall have access to, and authority over, all financial accounts of the Association, in case the Treasurer is unable to fulfill his/her duties.
 - 6. The President shall appoint a three-member Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. No member of the Executive Committee shall be a member of this Committee.
- (B) Vice President
 - 1. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
 - 2. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- (C) Secretary
 - 1. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Association.
 - 2. The Secretary shall notify the Executive Committee of the time and place of all meetings of the Executive Committee, and similarly notify Members of Association meetings.
 - 3. The Secretary shall maintain a roll of members; and shall maintain the necessary documents of record for the organization.

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Long Pond, Little Long Pond, Round Pond, Gallows Pond, Halfway Pond, Bloody Pond

ARTICLE V - Members-at-Large

There shall be nine (9) Members-at-Large of the Association, whom together with the Officers constitute the Executive Committee.

Members-at-large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall serve until the next Annual Meeting (a term of one (1) year).

Members-at-Large, serving on the Executive Committee, shall represent the Association members.

ARTICLE VI - Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) consisting of the officers and the Members-at-Large.

- (A) The Committee shall at all times act for and represent the Association in all matters under Article II above.
- (B) The Committee shall (through the President) prepare and present a report to the Members at the Annual Meeting concerning the Committee's activities during the year.
- (C) In addition, the Committee shall prepare a Budget for presentation and approval of the Members at the Annual Meeting.
- (D) The Committee may, in good faith, modify the approved Budget, provided that such modification is in accordance with the Purpose of the Association as stated in Article II. Modification of the Budget shall require a 2/3 vote of the Committee
- (E) Should there be a vacancy on the Committee, the Committee shall select an individual to fill the vacancy and complete the term of the elected member.
- (F) The Committee shall meet at such times and places as shall be determined by the Committee. Meetings of the Committee can also be called by the President. All meetings shall be scheduled at least 7 days before they occur, unless the President determines that extraordinary circumstances make it necessary to waive this requirement. All Committee members shall be notified of these Meetings verbally, by email, or other similar means.
- (G) All meetings shall be conducted under the authority of Roberts Rules of Order, and shall be open to all Members of the Association.
- (H) The majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and an act of the majority of the members present at any Committee meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee.
- (I) The President shall chair meetings of the Committee, and may not vote except to break a tie vote among the members. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall act as chair.
- (J) Any action required or permitted to be taken at a Meeting of the Committee may be taken without a formal meeting if a written, email, or documented verbal consent is provided by 2/3 of the Committee members. Modification to the Budget requires a Meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings of the Association

- (A) General
All meetings shall be chaired by the President and shall be conducted under the authority of Roberts Rules of Order.
- (B) Quorum
Fifty (50) Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. (All adults in a member household are considered individual members for the purposes of deter-

mining a quorum and voting.)

- (C) Annual Meeting
 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association each year during the month of July or August.
 2. All Members of the Association shall be notified of the Annual Meeting in writing at least twenty one (21) days prior to the meeting. Included in this notification shall be any agenda items
 3. The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting.
 4. At this meeting, reports shall be presented by the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the President for the Executive Committee.
 5. A Budget shall be presented to the Meeting for approval.
 6. The Nominating committee shall present a slate of Officers and Executive Committee members for election by the Members.
 7. The Executive Committee may present Motions to the Annual Meeting for consideration of the Membership.
- (D) Special Meetings
 1. Special Meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Committee for business or other purposes.
 2. Special Meetings may also be called by petition of ten (10) Members in good standing, provided that the petition is presented to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to said meeting. The petition must contain the purpose of the meeting or motion to be presented so that it can be included in the Meeting notice.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in the meeting notice (at least twenty one (21) days prior to the meeting).

Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or presented to the Executive Committee in writing by petition of any ten (10) Members in good standing. Following approval of the Committee, amendments must be presented to the membership in writing at least one (1) week prior to the meeting when they are to be considered.

ARTICLE IX - Adoption

These Bylaws shall take effect immediately following acceptance by 2/3 of the Members voting at a meeting called for that purpose, provided that proper notice is given and a quorum is present.

Six Ponds Executive Committee

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