

## GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT

July 11, 2008 board meeting

1. The drought continues to be the bane of our attempts to replace removed plants. More than likely we'll have to wait until the fall or Early winter (a better time to plant anyway) to implement our plant replacement plan.
2. If you look around at some of the large trees, particularly the maples, several if not all are under severe drought stress i.e. dead brown leaves around the foliage base and a general all over yellow cast in the upper branches. Additionally, some of the other trees look down right puny. Trimming and thinning of large trees will not begin until the fall.
3. The crew continues to work their way around Fleetwood, trimming, weeding, and removing dead shrubbery. My apologies to Cora Ann. I told her certain areas around her place would be trimmed by the 4<sup>th</sup>. I was wrong. The crew never got down that far on her side.
4. Some critters that were causing some erosion problems on the east side of the perimeter bank were successfully removed and the eroded areas have been rip raped.
5. We are aggressively attacking the recent increase in spider mite activity. Of particular concern is the wall of hemlocks behind the 1000 building where certain appear to be negatively affected by their onslaught.
6. Although some progress has been made against hemlock disease, Hemlock Helpers, the company that treated the hemlocks last year, will be back in the fall to retreat these same hemlocks for hemlock disease.
7. . Our war against the moles continues unabated. It seems our efforts have been marginally successful. These annoyances have the ability to move to other areas after our attacks. I think the problem will always be with us, hopefully, however, on a controlled basis.