

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL

June 21, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on June 21st at 7:30 PM at the home of Jean and Paul Lewis.

Present were:

- Janet Andersen, President
- Peter Gross, Vice President and Two Lake Club representative
- John Lemke, Treasurer, and Lake Waccabuc Association representative
- Jean Lewis, Secretary
- Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative
- Kevin Karl, Lake Oscaleta Association and Long Pond Preserve Committee
- Jonathan Peter, South Shore Association representative and Weed Committee
- Randy Glading, Waccabuc Land Owners Council representative
- Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee

President Janet Andersen opened the meeting at 7:35 PM. She thanked all for attending and Paul and Jean Lewis for hosting.

CHANNEL MAINTENANCE Jan reported that beaver and storm debris was removed from the Waccabuc-Oscaleta Channel.

THE ANNUAL MEETING/POT LUCK will be held on Saturday, July 21st at the Waccabuc Country Club. Details will be in the newsletter which is now at the printer. Jan thanked Kelly Housman for again serving as the event organizer and Ron Tetelman for organizing the cooking crew.

LAKE AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN Jan explained that in 2005, the Three Lakes Council contracted with Michael Martin of Cedar Eden to develop a Lake and Watershed Management Plan, now posted on the Three Lake Council website. This year, Michael proposed preparing an updated management plan at a cost of \$15,000. Since significant data has been collected since 2005, Jan Andersen and Paul Lewis recommended that this information should be used to create an updated plan. The Board voted to approve hiring Michael Martin to develop a new Lake and Watershed Management Plan, but requested a detailed proposal which would enable negotiation of the details.

INLAND WATERWAY LISTING Our Three Lakes were JUST added to a New York State list of inland waterways. This listing gives us the opportunity to apply for grants to execute a waterfront plan. The Board asked if an updated management plan would qualify us for grants, and suggested asking Michael Martin about appropriate grant opportunities. Jan will contact Michael and ask these questions.

LONG POND PRESERVE Several issues regarding Long Pond Preserve were discussed.

- Jan reported that several **trees** have been planted at the Preserve as part of the ongoing stream stabilization activities. She also thanked Kevin Karl for clearing and maintaining Preserve **trails** and tackling invasive phragmites.
- Randy Glading reported that at a meeting of the Waccabuc Landowners Council, issues surrounding **Mead Street parking** were discussed, but not resolved. They considered asking the Town to add the amount of the fine for illegal parking to the no parking signs which might serve as a deterrent. They recognize any actions should reflect the need for parking for Mead Chapel events.
- In recent years, the Board has been made aware of problems associated with a **rope swing** from a tree located on Long Pond Preserve property. It was enjoyed by locals for several generations, long before Three Lakes Council owned the property. However, its presence is well known outside the community, and kids come from afar to use it. Every week volunteers have been removing many bags of trash left behind by the kids, including broken glass. We cut down the ropes several times, but the kids immediately replaced them. Since it has become an "attractive nuisance", leaving us vulnerable to liability if any injuries occurred, the tree was cut down this week.
- **Police patrol** arrangements for the Preserve had to be changed for 2018. John Lemke explained that last year we hired police through the Town Of Lewisboro, which paid the police and provided workers compensation insurance. This year the Town cannot offer that arrangement, so we must contract the officers as independent contractors and pay them directly. We can do so at a lower rate than the Town pays its employees, but we need to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for the officers at a cost of ~\$600. We must also file 1090 Tax Forms for any individuals that earn over \$600. The Board approved hiring the police as independent contractors, getting them workers comp, and issuing 1099's as required. John Lemke will track and manage the hours worked by each police officer and arrange for the preserve patrol hours.

FISH STOCKING. On June 2, 470 brown trout were stocked, as approved by the Board. Earlier this spring, an individual, although aware that the DEC forbids stocking of white perch, enabled the **unauthorized fish stocking** of 400 white perch in Oscaleta from another lake. To insure that stocked fish will not harm the environment and don't carry contaminants, the DEC issues permits and inspection certificates, and this stocking had neither. The DEC advised Jan that remediation is difficult, so she suggests that fishermen forego catch and release and either eat or dispose of any white perch caught. The board agreed that the perch stocking action was wrong and wanted to discourage such individual actions. Paul Lewis requested that the Board reiterate the policy requiring Board approval for actions affecting the lakes, and that the policy be reflected in the minutes.

POLICY The Three Lakes Council was formed to coordinate environmental actions, and to base all lakewide actions upon scientific knowledge and advice of experts. The Board approved a policy requiring Board review and approval of any action, including fish stocking, that affects the lake ecology either long term or short term.

WEED CONTROL – Jan reported that the Weed Committee continues to explore possible methods of weed control.

- John Lemke reported that at a meeting of the Lake Waccabuc Association, some members felt that the Three Lakes Council should do something to remove the weeds

that have grown back in the North Cove since our suction harvesting efforts. Our 2017 aquatic vegetation sampling showed that weeds reached nuisance levels in more areas than past years. However, the board reaffirmed that managing weed growth is up to each lakefront property owner - just as is lawn maintenance.

- Jan also reported that the Two Lake Club tried cutting back vegetation at the beach and it immediately grew back. Their benthic barriers work to some extent but require maintenance, and the Weed Committee has articulated potential danger if fish hooks become stuck on the benthic barrier and are stepped on by swimmers.
- Many lakes and individuals continue to search for a successful and practical method of weed removal.
- Jonathan Peter reported that he has had success with an **Aqua Thruster**, a motor which creates a water current that moves muck, aerates the water, and makes it easier see and then hand pull weeds by their roots.

BUDGET An proposed update to the current 2018 budget (attached) was distributed. It added \$15,000 for development of a Lake and Watershed Management Plan. Ron Tetelman moved, Peter Gross seconded and the Board approved the revised budget. Spending on the management plan is pending Board negotiation of a formal proposal from Michael Martin.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Jan thanked everyone for attending and expressed her appreciation for the valuable comments offered by those present. She hoped to see everyone at the annual meeting on July 21.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary

Three Lakes Council Budget

Account balances as of	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17		
General Fund	145,246	160,800	168,640		
BEEP Fund	14,866				
Land	189,659	189,659	189,659		
Total	349,771	350,458	358,298		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Update
Income	30,711	35,607	35,101	35,000	35,000
Special donations	188,159				
FIRM OR CONTRACTED EXPENSES:					
Insurance	3,614	4,008	4,008	4,200	4,200
Taxes/Fees	454	843	611	625	625
Annual Meeting Potluck	1,931	1,488	1,276	2,000	2,000
Admin-Printing/Mailing/ Newsletter	3,788	3,019	3,676	4,000	4,000
CSLAP		1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410
NYS FOLA Dues		175	175	175	175
Lake Consultant goop/zoop		1,700	1,200	2,245	2,245
Water Testing (non-CSLAP)	621	802	1,061	1,300	1,300
Misc. Expenses	55			500	500
Website	86	1,224	50	100	100
Invasive Species BEEP Monitoring	7,095	13,719	2,941	14,624	14,624
Fish Stocking	1,975	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000
Software	100	100	107	160	160
Goose & Beaver Control				1,000	1,000
Petrucelli					
Long Pond Preserve stewardship	4,401	4,952	901	5,000	5,000
Long Pond Preserve Security			3,032	10,000	10,000
Waccabuc Dam				1,000	1,000
Tree work (not on Long Pond)			1,300	1,500	1,500
User Survey		499			0
Weed Committee			337	1,000	1,000
Boat Stickers			2,517	30	30
Watershed plan					15,000
SUBTOTAL FIRM ITEMS	25,091	34,920	26,602	52,869	67,869
SOFT ITEMS MANAGED DEPENDING ON LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS					
BEEP Contingency				2,000	2,000
Long Pond Management Plan				5,000	5,000
Aerator Consult/Maint				1,000	1,000
Professional Conf/Meetings			259	1,500	1,500
Educational Seminars				1,000	1,000
Equipment			398	500	500
Weed Committee				5,000	5,000
Petrucelli				10,000	10,000
Biobase - plant and bathymetric				1,500	1,500
SUBTOTAL SOFT ITEMS	0	0	657	27,500	27,500
TOTAL ACTUAL / BUDGET	25,091	34,920	27,259	80,369	95,369
Income - Actual / Firm expense		687	7,841	(17,869)	(32,869)
Income - Firm + budget soft expense		687	7,841	(45,369)	(60,369)