

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL**

January 14, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on January 14th 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
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay Association representative
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative
Kevin Karl, Lake Oscaleta Association and Long Pond Preserve Trail maintenance
Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee
Fred Cowles, At-large representative

President Janet Andersen opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. She thanked all for attending and Paul and Jean Lewis for hosting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY Per regulatory requirement, Board members certified their agreement with the Three Lakes Council Conflict of Interest Policy.

MEMBERSHIP MAILING Doug Housman, membership chair, will send out the annual membership letter in April or May. Prior to the mailing, Doug will speak with the Waccabuc Country Club and confirm a date for our annual meeting/potluck which will be announced in the letter. The Board expressed a preference for a July 27th date. The mailing will also include a donor list and if appropriate, a stewardship brochure.

VOLUNTEERS Ellen Bailey suggested that the 2019 Newsletter include an appeal for volunteers willing to carry out some of the work of the Three Lakes Council.

LAKE & WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE In 2004, the Three Lakes Council contracted with Michael Martin of Cedar Eden to conduct lake studies and develop a Lake and Watershed Management Plan. Since there has been significant data collection done since 2005, and since much more is now known about our lakes, in 2018 the Board contracted with Michael to update that plan. Jan reported that she expects to have a report from Michael by February or March. Michael agreed to present the report to the community and the Board requested that it be done either April 5th or 6th, or April 12th or 13th. Michael also requested permission to present it at a NYSFOLA Conference. The Board conditionally approved the presentation pending receipt of the plan by March 15 to give the board the opportunity to review the report before either presentation.

LONG POND PRESERVE

DAMAGE DONE Jan Andersen reported that a resident (or residents) of Tarry-a-Bit Road tore down a stone wall and created a wide path over which a utility vehicle has been driven. Jan, John Lemke and Paul Lewis surveyed the damage. Paul Lewis located our survey stakes and Jan tied surveyors' tape to them, but Jan reported that they were not visible at her last visit. It was established that the stone wall is on our property as is 75% of the path which extends to the Waccabuc Country Club beach facility. Because this has

implications for the WCC, Jan discussed the issue with John Assuma, who was going to check with WCC counsel. This Preserve encroachment presents the Three Lakes Council with potential liability issues. It was the Board's opinion that we are responsible for whatever we let happen on our watch, and unauthorized changes are a cause for concern. Therefore, the Board wants the wall restored to what it was when we received the Preserve from The Nature Conservancy. To that end, John Lemke and Paul Lewis will speak to Peter Bysshe about the restoration. The details regarding the way in which the wall will be restored will be determined following that discussion.

PRESERVE PATROL For the summer of 2018, John Lemke arranged with local police to patrol the Preserve as independent contractors. The cost was lower than in previous years, and John said the arrangement was seemingly effective; last summer he didn't see anyone illegally trespassing over the Preserve to launch boats or swim. The Board supported budgeting for Preserve patrol and obtaining workers compensation in 2019. John will contact the police to work out patrolling arrangements.

MILE-A-MINUTE WEEVILS Jan Andersen reported that the weevils purchased in 2017 and 2018 seem to be slowing down the spread of the very invasive mile-a-minute plant. The Board approved purchasing more weevils and monitoring their effectiveness.

LONG POND WALK Lewisboro Land Trust has scheduled a walk on Long Pond Preserve on June 23rd. Jan Andersen and Paul Lewis will lead the walk, and we will advertise it to the 3LC community.

NEW TREE MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED Brian Bunker, who has done tree maintenance for us for the past several years, is moving. Some of the work requires that the person have a boat. Jan Andersen will talk to several local tree maintenance people. Funds were proposed for the budget to cover these expenses.

TREES FOR TRIBS For several years the Three Lakes Council has planted willow stakes or trees to stabilize the banks of the Waccabuc River where it enters Lake Waccabuc. The trees were provided by the Watershed Agricultural Council, but the contact person has moved on so Jan doesn't yet know what will be done in 2019.

TOWN STORMWATER BASIN Storm debris is filling the stormwater basin that the Town installed on Preserve property. Paul Lewis will contact the Town for maintenance.

MOWING The board approved having the Long Pond Preserve field mowed during the fall of 2019 to reduce the growth of bushy plants in the meadow.

EROSION CONTROL Kevin Karl reported that he corrected an erosion problem on a Preserve trail. Jan Andersen thanked him for maintaining the trails and successfully correcting the erosion problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY For the past several years, Chris Doyle from the Solitude Lake Management firm has done aquatic plant surveys for the Three Lakes Council. In 2016 and 2018 the surveys were done on all three lakes. The 2017 survey was done just on Lake Waccabuc. The Board agreed to continue alternating the survey lakes, so in 2019 Lake Waccabuc will be surveyed. The hope is that no further evidence of Brazilian Elodea will be found in the north cove.

WEBSITE The Board approved budgeting \$750 to renew the Council's three year contract for website hosting and our security certificate.

BY-LAW REVIEW Peter Gross will review the Council's By-laws to determine if they need to be updated and will report his recommendations to the Board.

BUDGET Ellen Bailey moved and Ron Tetelman seconded a motion to adopt the 2019 proposed budget as amended. All voted in favor. The budget is attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT After complimenting Jan on a well run meeting, Ellen Bailey moved and Fred Cowles seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM. All voted in favor. Jan thanked everyone for attending and expressed her appreciation for the valuable comments offered by those present.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary

Three Lakes Council Budget

Account balances as of	12/31/16	12/31/17	Prelim 12/31/18		
General Fund	160,800	168,640	164,248		
Land	189,659	189,659	189,659		
Total	350,458	358,298	353,907		
	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Prelim	Budget
Income	35,607	35,101	35,000	33,929	35,000
Special donations					
FIRM OR CONTRACTED EXPENSES:					
Insurance	4,008	4,008	4,200	4,148	4,200
Taxes/Fees	843	611	625	593	625
Annual Meeting Potluck	1,488	1,276	2,000	1,394	2,000
Admin-Printing/membership/fundraising	3,019	1,888	2,000	1,916	2,000
Newsletter / stewardship mailings		1,788	2,000	1,926	2,500
CSLAP	1,410	1,410	1,410	2,820	1,410
NYS FOLA Dues	175	175	175	350	175
Lake Consultant goop/zoop	1,700	1,200	2,245	420	1,250
Water Testing (non-CSLAP)	802	1,061	1,300	2,971	2,000
Misc. Expenses			500		750
Website	1,224	50	100	312	750
Invasive Species BEEP Monitoring	13,719	2,941	14,624		5,600
Fish Stocking	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Software	100	107	160		150
Goose & Beaver Control			1,000		1,000
Long Pond Preserve stewardship	4,952	901	5,000	1,133	5,000
Long Pond Preserve Security		3,032	10,000	2,847	7,500
Waccabuc Dam			1,000		
Tree work (not on Long Pond)		1,300	1,500	700	1,500
User Survey	499		0		
Disputed charges	(971)		0		
Weed Committee		337	1,000		
Boat Stickers		2,517	30	20	30
Watershed plan			15,000	12,583	2,517
Solitude unbilled (2017, 2018)					20,062
SUBTOTAL FIRM ITEMS	34,920	26,602	67,869	36,133	63,019
SOFT ITEMS MANAGED DEPENDING ON LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS					
Implementation of watershed plan					5,000
BEEP Contingency			2,000		
Long Pond Management Plan			5,000		5,000
Aerator Consult/Maint			1,000		
Professional Conf/Meetings		259	1,500	259	1,500
Educational Seminars			1,000		1,000
Equipment		398	500		500
Weed Committee			5,000		
Petrucelli			10,000		10,000
Biobase - plant and bathymetric			1,500		1,500
SUBTOTAL SOFT ITEMS	0	657	27,500	259	24,500
TOTAL ACTUAL / BUDGET EXPENSE	34,920	27,259	95,369	36,393	87,519
Income - Actual / Firm expense	687	7,841	(32,869)	(2,204)	(28,019)
Income - Firm + budget soft expense	687	7,841	(60,369)	(2,464)	(52,519)