

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

December 7, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on December 7, 2020. Due to Covid pandemic restrictions, the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Present were:

Janet Andersen, President  
Katie McGinn, Treasurer  
Jean Lewis, Secretary  
Doug Housman, Membership Chair  
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay Association representative  
Kevin Karl, Lake Osaleta Association and Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward  
Jonathan Peter, South Shore Association representative  
Tim Kennedy, South Shore Association alternate representative  
John Lemke, Lake Waccabuc Association representative and Long Pond Steward  
Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee Chair  
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative  
Darrell Alfeiri, Waccabuc Country Club representative  
Fred Cowles, At-large representative  
Dave Stewart, Lake Waccabuc Association President

**Changes due to the Covid pandemic:**

- The 2020 Annual Meeting was held via zoom instead of in conjunction with the annual potluck which was cancelled.
- Long Pond Preserve was closed for the summer months (as were other parks and preserves in Lewisboro). This was at the recommendation of the Town Police.

**Other activities were carried out as planned.**

- Water sampling continued after a delayed start because the lab was not open for spring sampling.
- The Newsletter was mailed to all within the watershed.
- Five stewardship postcards were mailed.
- The channel was cleared of beavers' winter cache that was impeding boats.
- At Long Pond Preserve, Kevin Karl built bog bridges in wet areas and cleared storm debris. Volunteers planted 16 trees as part of the DEC Trees for Tribs initiative.
- On behalf of the Council, Paul Lewis and Ron Tetelman reviewed and presented comments to the Planning Board regarding applications for construction on two lakefront properties: McArthur on Old Pond Road and Swartz on Twin Lakes Road.
- We conducted our annual membership and fundraising campaigns.

**New activities:**

- Jonathan Peter assumed leadership of a re-formed weed committee.
- Katie McGinn set up a PayPal link with charity status for the organization.
- A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book of old photos, postcards and historical information about the Three Lake area was published as a fundraiser. Thanks to all who contributed, including Jean Lewis, Janet Karl, Fred Cowles, Maureen Koehl, and Linda Broudy. The board encouraged the purchase of additional copies.

**East of Hudson Wastewater Grant** With a goal of reducing phosphorus in the NYC watershed, the East of Hudson division of the NYC DEP offered grants to assess the impact of septic system wastewater on lake waters and propose solutions. Lewisboro received grants for three lakes: Waccabuc, Truesdale and Kitchawan. The Town sent out RFPs for engineering studies for each lake, and each lake will contract with a different engineering firm. The contract For Waccabuc was awarded to Barton and Loguidice. Three Lakes Council Board member Ron Tetelman, who works for Barton and Loguidice, will serve as project manager. He said they plan to have a draft engineering report by July and a final report by December. The engineering report will enable the pursuit of the next grant which will be for building the recommended facilities.

**Waccabuc Country Club** Darrell Alfeiri reported that the Country Club approved updating its septic system in the year ahead. They offered to cooperate with the Three Lakes Council through communications, outreach, etc. regarding controlling phosphorus entering the lakes. He met with Kevin Fitzpatrick regarding methods of controlling Perch Bay runoff into Waccabuc.

**Zoom Account** Treasurer Katie McGinn acquired a Zoom account for the Three Lakes Council. This allows Board meetings and the Annual Meeting to have unrestricted time limits. Jan Andersen reported receiving much positive feedback regarding this year's Annual Membership Meeting held via Zoom. She is considering having a "year in review" Zoom meeting for residents sometime in January, and perhaps more meetings with speakers on lake issues.

**Financial Report** Treasurer Katie McGinn reported that there were lower donations than anticipated in the budget, perhaps because Covid prevented in-person events. However, there were also lower expenses. We didn't hire police coverage at Long Pond Preserve because it was closed for the summer months. She offered kudos to Jan Andersen for publishing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book which generated new revenue. Jan said that Solitude has not billed us for some reports, but we included that in the 2021 budget.

The outlook and proposed budget for 2021 were reviewed.

**Fish stocking** The board had a lengthy discussion of the environmental and financial pros and cons associated with trout stocking as part of the budget discussion.

Pros:

- Many residents (various estimates on how many) enjoy fishing.
- The lakes have been stocked with trout for many years with no definite negative effect on the lakes.

Cons:

- The trend toward warmer temperatures/lake waters deprives cold water fish such as trout of sufficient oxygen and food, causing death. Dead fish are a source of added phosphorus.
- There has been a trend toward stocking trout in streams rather than lakes.
- It is hard to justify spending Council money on fish stocking for only few fishermen, some of whom don't contribute to the Three Lakes Council.

Other comments: Oscaleta has a reputation as a world class lake for bass fishing, but very few fishermen were observed on the lake this summer.

Although the explanation of how the trend toward warming lake water affects cold water trout resonated with some, a vote was taken and the majority favored including fish stocking in the 2021 budget. The fish committee will determine which species of fish to stock and will inform the board before stocking.

**Weed Committee** Jonathan Peter, committee chair, said that the goal of the re-formed Weed Committee is to address the health and utility of all three lakes. One idea is to summarize weed information onto one page on the website. In addition to weeds, they are concerned about the buildup of silt, particularly at each end of the Waccabuc-Oscaleta channel. He requested consideration of a bathymetric survey to determine the depth of silt in that area. Some Board members recalled that when the former Dicken's boathouse was renovated, pilings were needed to support additional weight. They went down about 60' without reaching bedrock.

The budget includes \$1,000 for a bathymetric study near the channel. Jan Andersen encouraged the committee to give consideration to what would be involved with dredging if that is the recommended solution. Permitting and dredging are expensive, and disposal of dredged material is difficult. She thanked Jonathon for his leadership and for expanding the committee's focus beyond weeds.

#### **Other significant budget items**

- For Long Pond Preserve: Funds to hire Town Police to patrol were included. Kevin Karl said he did not need money for additional bog bridge material. The board added funds for Kevin to purchase safety equipment for use on the preserve, and for mowing next fall.
- For invasive species monitoring: The board approved amounts for a 2021 plant survey on Waccabuc and for the 2020 report on the monitoring on Oscaleta and Rippowam.
- Research: Water sampling costs and equipment were included for 2021.
- Plan implementation: The budget has funds for continued phosphorous education and outreach, including continued stewardship postcards and the newsletter.
- Membership meetings: Funding was included for the annual meeting potluck with recognition that it might be virtual again in 2021.

The budget shows a loss for the year but not all will be expended and the bank balance can cover the shortfall.

Fred Cowles moved that the 2021 Budget be approved as amended (attached).

Doug Housman seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Lewis, Secretary

Attached: 2021 budget as approved

**3LC Annual Budget\_As of December 5 2020**

Approved 12/7/20

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	YTD	Outlook	Budget	Notes
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Membership &amp; Donations</b>	\$35,101	\$35,131	\$32,163	\$ 36,074	\$ 37,000	\$ 35,000	
<b>Investment income</b>	\$ 125	\$ 126	\$ 126	\$ 84	\$ 84	\$ 50	
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>Lake Studies</b>							
CSLAP	\$ 1,410	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	
NYS FOLA Dues	\$ 175	\$ 350	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	
Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop	\$ 1,200	\$ 420	\$ 1,326	\$ -	\$ 1,255	\$ 1,755	
Water Testing (Non-CSLAP)	\$ 1,061	\$ 2,971	\$ 3,049	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	
Watershed Plan	\$ -	\$ 12,583	\$ 2,517	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Implementation of Watershed Plan*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 5,000	Shoreline planting education, basin inserts
Equipment*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	For water testing
Software (Biobase Mapping)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Stewardship (3 Lakes Only)</b>							
Fish Stocking	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	Run survey on fishing - not included in budget
Goose & Beaver Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	Expert/trapping
Waccabuc Dam	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Tree work (Not on Long Pond)	\$ 1,300	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,500	Find new provider
Weed Committee/Silt Buildup	\$ 337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
Boat Stickers	\$ 2,517	\$ 20	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 300	
Aerator Consult/Maint*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	Safety equip for Long Pond
Petruccelli*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
<b>Stewardship (Long Pond Only)</b>							
Long Pond Preserve							
Stewardship	\$ 901	\$ 1,133	\$ 508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Mowing in fall
Long Pond Preserve Security	\$ 3,032	\$ 2,847	\$ 5,918	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
Long Pond Management Plan*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Invasive Species</b>							
Invasive Species Monitoring	\$ 2,941	\$ -	\$ 11,926	\$ 5,399	\$ 5,399	\$ 8,110	Wac monitoring, report from 2019
<b>Education &amp; Outreach</b>							
Annual Meeting Potluck	\$ 1,276	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	Placeholder, likely virtual
Newsletter / Stewardship							
Mailings	\$ 1,788	\$ 1,926	\$ 2,231	\$ 3,972	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,500	
Website	\$ 50	\$ 312	\$ 1,076	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 300	
Software (GIS)	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	
User Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	Placeholder, likely free, some mailing?
Professional Conf/Meetings*	\$ 259	\$ 259	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	
Educational Seminars*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	Pay speaker(s)
<b>Overhead/Administrative Expenses</b>							
Insurance	\$ 4,008	\$ 4,148	\$ 4,411	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,700	
Taxes/Fees	\$ 611	\$ 593	\$ 523	\$ 577	\$ 577	\$ 600	
Admin-Printing/Membership/							
Fundraising	\$ 3,676	\$ 1,916	\$ 2,384	\$ 838	\$ 900	\$ 1,500	
Software (Quickbooks/Zoom)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 140	Zoom membership
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 300	Includes PayPal
<b>Misc. Expenses</b>				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 28,649	\$ 36,422	\$ 41,701	\$ 18,292	\$ 22,089	\$ 64,030	
* Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers							
<b>Income - Total Expenses</b>	\$ 6,576	\$ (1,165)	\$ (9,413)	\$ 17,782	\$ 14,911	\$ (29,030)	