

**MINUTES**  
**THREE LAKES COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
March 8, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council met on March 8, 2021. Due to Covid bpanemic restrictions, the meeting was conducted via Zoom. President Jan Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were:

Janet Andersen, President  
Peter Gross, Vice President  
Jean Lewis, Secretary  
Doug Housman, Membership Chair  
Kevin Karl, Lake Oscaleta Association and Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward  
Jonathan Peter, South Shore Association representative  
Tim Kennedy, South Shore Association alternate representative  
Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee Chair  
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative  
Darrell Alfeiri, Waccabuc Country Club representative  
Fred Cowles, At-Large

**Conflict of Interest policy**

Non-profit board members are required by the State to certify annually that they have reviewed the Three Lake Council Conflict of Interest Policy. Jan Andersen distributed it prior to the meeting and asked board members to copy and paste the certification statement into an email, electronically sign and date it, and email it to her.

**Waccabuc Septic/Sewer Engineering Study**

The Town of Lewisboro received a State Grant to fund engineering studies to assess the impact of septic system wastewater on lake waters and to propose solutions. Three lakes in Lewisboro received grants: Waccabuc, Truesdale and Kitchawan. The contract for Waccabuc was awarded to Barton and Loguidice.

Three Lakes Council Board member Ron Tetelman, an engineer for Barton and Loguidice, will serve as project manager. He reported that two questionnaires will be sent out to residents in the Waccabuc watershed, and the first will be sent very soon. Although the Three Lakes Council is not involved in this project, Jan hopes that making residents aware of the questionnaire will facilitate a good response.

Several public meetings regarding the engineering study are planned:

- *April 2021* – Introduce the project to the public.
- *June 2021* – Discuss potential solutions to wastewater and stormwater management.
- *August 2021* –Summarize prospective solutions and related costs that will be submitted in the draft engineering report.
- *November 2021* – Summarize any changes to the project based on comments provided by the NYCDEP and/or NEIWPC on the draft engineering report.

Ron Tetelman said they plan to have a draft engineering report by July and a final report by December. The engineering report will enable the next grant which will be for

implementing recommendations. Jan said information about on this project will likely be included in the annual newsletter and posted on the Three Lakes Council website.

### **Annual Meeting – Zoom or in person?**

The Annual Meeting / Pot Luck is generally held the last weekend in July. It is difficult to know now what Covid pandemic conditions will be at that time. Initial thoughts were for a Zoom meeting, but the Board decided to reserve a date in late July with the Waccabuc Country Club with hopes an "in-person" Annual Meeting / Pot Luck is deemed to be safe. The Board will have a meeting in June to make final decisions about whether the event will be held "in person" or via Zoom. If rain moves the meeting from the beach facility to the Carriage House, Jonathan Peter offered to help make the Annual Meeting available via Zoom for those not comfortable with attending an indoor event.

### **Long Pond Preserve**

Long Pond Preserve was closed last spring because of violations of preserve and pandemic rules. We reopened the Preserve in the fall recognizing community interest in access. We discussed whether we should close the Preserve preemptively this Spring or leave it open and monitor activity. The availability of police for patrols, safety and liability concerns were considered, as well as whether closing early would help discourage misuse all year.

- John Lemke reported that the Town Police will not have staff available for us to hire to patrol the Preserve during the summer, but they will ticket illegally parked cars.
- Regarding liability, Jan Andersen explained that the State insures the Preserve against most liability issues EXCEPT for swimming and fishing activities.

The Board decided to leave the Preserve open unless or until safety or liability issues arise. Items deemed serious enough to close the preserve include:

- Serious violations of Posted Preserve Rules (No swimming, no boat launching, no fires or camping, no fishing, no pets, no motorized vehicles, open dawn to dusk.)
- Serious injury caused by irresponsible or dangerous behavior.
- Large groups gathering to party and drink.
- People swimming from the Preserve to Castle Rock.

Jonathan Peter and Tim Kennedy volunteered to watch for problematic behavior on Waccabuc and report to John Lemke.

### **Treasurer's Report** (attached)

Jan Andersen reported that in spite of the Covid pandemic, revenues were greater in 2020 than in 2019. We continued to receive generous donations. Additionally, Jan reported receiving much positive feedback regarding the Three Lakes Council's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book, "Reflections on the Three Lakes", and over 200 books have been sold, contributing about \$2800 of net income.

### **Angler Survey**

Jan reported that about 50 responses to the Angler Survey have been received so far. Although the response rate is somewhat low, perhaps because only those most passionate about fishing responded, she asked the board to consider if this format would be appropriate for future surveys on other topics in place of mailed surveys.

### **Weed Committee**

At a previous meeting, Jonathan Peter had asked for a budget of \$1000 for the Weed Committee for a bathymetric study of silt depths at the common areas at each end of the Oscaleta-Waccabuc channel, the channel itself, and Oscaleta end of the channel to Rippowam. They presented this as a first step to assess whether dredging or hydroraking could address weed growth that interferes with community boat passage in those areas.

RFPs were sent out to two firms for the project. The Committee recommended the cheaper proposal at \$4000 and the board approved increasing the budget to that amount. Jonathan will forward the contract to Jan Andersen so that it can be reviewed before the Three Lake Council signs and proceeds with the contract.

It was noted that beaver debris is adding to siltation, especially in the channel and the east end of Waccabuc, causing those areas to become shallower.

### **Membership Mailing**

Membership Committee Chair Doug Housman will mail the annual membership appeal in April and will include an order form for the "Reflections on the Three Lakes" book.

### **Trout Stocking**

Fish Committee Chair Ron Tetelman reported that he has arranged for trout stocking to be done in April. Participants will be limited because of Covid.

### **Newsletter**

The Newsletter will be mailed in June as usual. Jan requested that Jonathan Peter submit a Weed Committee report, and Ron Tetelman submit a Fish Committee Report, and asked for other suggestions for topics.

### **CSLAP – Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program**

CSLAP testing will be done again this year by Lou Feeny and Jan Andersen. CSLAP is a NYS DEC program using trained volunteers to collect lake data using certified equipment, sampling procedures, and laboratories. The data help detect changes in water quality over time and improve understanding of the overall water quality of NYS lakes and lake ecology. All three lakes have been monitored in this program since 2006.

### **Aquatic Plant Assessment**

An aquatic plant assessment will be done for Lake Waccabuc in July. This is part of ongoing efforts to address aquatic invasives and assess weed growth in the lakes.

Other continuing activities include **stewardship postcards** and issuing **boat stickers**.

### **Association Updates**

Residents of Waccabuc's South Shore community reported a bubbler at the "Dickens" boathouse keeps the water open and attracts waterfowl.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Lewis, secretary

### 3LC Annual Budget\_Updated March 8, 2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021	Notes
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Membership &amp; Donations</b>	\$35,131	\$32,163	\$ 42,102	\$ 35,000	2020 Includes ~4000 for books
<b>Investment income</b>	\$ 126	\$ 126	\$ 93	\$ 50	
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Lake Studies</b>					
CSLAP	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	
NYS FOLA Dues	\$ 350	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	
Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop	\$ 420	\$ 1,326	\$ -	\$ 1,755	
Water Testing (Non-CSLAP)	\$ 2,971	\$ 3,049	\$ 504	\$ 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150	Estimate 1150 per Ron
Goose & Beaver Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	Expert/trapping
Waccabuc Dam	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Tree work (Not on Long Pond)	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,500	Find new provider
Weed Committee/Silt Buildup	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
Boat Stickers	\$ 20	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 300	
Aerator Consult/Maint*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	Safety equip for Long Pond
Petruccelli*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
<b>Stewardship (Long Pond Only)</b>					
Long Pond Preserve					
Stewardship	\$ 1,133	\$ 508	\$ 51	\$ 5,000	Mowing in fall
Long Pond Preserve Security	\$ 2,847	\$ 5,918	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
Long Pond Management Plan*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Invasive Species</b>					
Invasive Species Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 11,926	\$ 5,399	\$ 8,110	Wac monitoring, report from 2019
<b>Education &amp; Outreach</b>					
Annual Meeting Potluck	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,187	\$ -	\$ 2,000	Placeholder, likely virtual
Newsletter / Stewardship					
Mailings	\$ 1,926	\$ 2,231	\$ 4,686	\$ 3,500	
Website	\$ 312	\$ 1,076	\$ 12	\$ 300	
Software (GIS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	
User Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	Placeholder, likely free, some mailing?
Professional Conf/Meetings*	\$ 259	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ 200	
Educational Seminars*	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -	\$ 1,000	Pay speaker(s)
<b>Overhead/Administrative Expenses</b>					
Insurance	\$ 4,148	\$ 4,411	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,700	
Taxes/Fees	\$ 593	\$ 523	\$ 577	\$ 600	
Admin-Printing/Membership/ Fundraising	\$ 1,916	\$ 2,384	\$ 892	\$ 1,500	
Software (Quickbooks/Zoom)	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 140	\$ 140	Zoom membership
Bank Fees	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 300	Includes PayPal
<b>Misc. Expenses</b>			\$ -	\$ 750	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 36,422	\$ 41,701	\$ 19,635	\$ 66,190	

\* Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers

**Income - Total Expenses**      \$ (1,165)    \$ (9,413)    \$ 22,560    \$ (31,190)