

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL

November 10, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on November 10, 2021 via Zoom. Present were:

Janet Andersen, President
Peter Gross, Vice President and Two Lake Club representative
Katie McGinn, Treasurer
Jean Lewis, Secretary
Doug Housman, Lake Waccabuc Association representative and Membership Chair
Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee Chair
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay Association representative
Kevin Karl, Lake Oscaleta Association and Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward
Tim Kennedy, South Shore Association representative
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative

President Jan Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

WACCABUC SEPTIC SURVEY

The NYC DEP awarded grants to hire engineering firms to study ways of reducing septic sourced phosphorus in the NYC watershed. Three lakes in Lewisboro received grants: Waccabuc, Truesdale and Kitchawan. So far, we have only seen a brief executive summary from the engineering firms. They will present more detailed reports to the Lewisboro Town Board at a meeting held by Zoom on Monday, November 15th. This will be the only thing on the agenda.

The Board discussed the role of the Three Lakes Council on this study and any implementation going forward. Tim Kennedy suggested that the first step should be to urge residents to connect to the Town Board meeting via Zoom to learn more details about what is being considered for Waccabuc. He added that South Shore Waccabuc has a fair number of new residents who are unfamiliar with the septic study. Jan will send an email via the Three Lakes Council Google Group encouraging lake residents to connect to the meeting. Board members can also encourage their organization members to attend.

Tim Kennedy, Ellen Bailey and Doug Housman reported a high degree of concern in their communities about the increase in algae blooms and aquatic plant growth in Waccabuc. It is possible that the trend toward worsening lake conditions might result in community support for finding solutions, but at this point residents don't know enough to have an opinion about the best way to remedy the situation.

Therefore, there was agreement that after the Town Board meeting, the Three Lakes Council should take steps to educate lake residents about all aspects of the engineering report. The Three Lakes Council Board will meet again soon to consider possible next steps, including educational initiatives, seeking grants to fund whatever septic replacement option is recommended, assessing community support for action, and investigating the process to establish taxing districts.

YEAR END FUNDRAISING Jan Andersen reported that she mailed the annual Year-end fundraising letter. Funds from this appeal help to support our current ongoing initiatives.

LONG POND PRESERVE

Mowing: We haven't mowed the Long Pond meadow in recent years, so money was put back in the budget to mow in 2022 if necessary. Paul Lewis commented that the key to meadow preservation is removing woody growth.

Invasive Mile-a-minute is spreading to new areas. The budget includes money to purchase more Mile-a-minute weevils to control the spread.

Police patrols: John Lemke reported that even though Lewisboro police were not available to patrol the Preserve in 2021, there were fewer parking issues, fewer swimmers, and less trash. This could be partly because the pandemic closure of the preserve for two months in 2020 discouraged swimmers from returning. John spoke with the police about availability in 2022 and reported they expected to be able to patrol. Therefore, money was put in the budget to cover the cost of police patrols in 2022.

Trail work: Since we acquired the Preserve, Kevin Karl has been maintaining the trails and cutting invasive phragmites and barberry. He reported that the three bog bridges he built in wet areas are working well, and he plans to build more. Jan thanked Kevin for doing such an impressive job.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Town of Lewisboro is developing a Comprehensive Plan (an updated Master Plan) designed to guide future actions of the Town. Katie McGinn is chair of a steering committee that was appointed to encourage community input throughout this multi-year process. The Town distributed a questionnaire to residents, designed to capture their visions for the Town. Jan will send an email via the 3LC Google Group encouraging lake residents to fill out the questionnaire. It would be an opportunity to urge the Town to include consideration for lake preservation in the Plan.

NUTRIENT INACTIVATION: Nutrient inactivation to reduce phosphorus was a key recommendation of the 2019 management plan. Jan reported that at this time neither alum nor Phoslock have been approved by the DEC for nutrient inactivation in NYS lakes. Since those products are not available, septic improvement and reducing storm water run-off are even more urgent. In the past we had discussed the sizable funding requirements for this action. The Board agreed that we won't institute a more aggressive fund raising appeal until an initiative like this requires funding.

ONGOING 2022 PLANS:

- The membership appeal will be sent out in April.
- Trout stocking will likely be done the 2nd week in April.
- CSLAP lake testing will continue.
- The Newsletter will likely be mailed in June.

- Kelly and Doug Housman will try to arrange a July date with the Waccabuc Country Club for our Annual Meeting/Potluck.
- An aquatic plant assessment will be done on Oscaleta and Rippowam in July.
- Stewardship postcards will be mailed.
- Jan will order more boat stickers as the supply is running low.
- Money was budgeted to continue the use of Zoom for meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Katie McGinn reported that the 2021 budget is on target in all categories and she presented a line-by-line review of the proposed 2022 budget. After discussion and some modifications, Paul Lewis moved that the final version of the Budget be approved. Ellen Bailey seconded the motion, and it received unanimous approval. The 2022 budget is attached. Board members thanked Katie for a job well done.

Jan thanked the Board members for their input, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, secretary

3LC Annual Budget_Board meeting Nov 10, 2021

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2021 | 2022 | Notes |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Budget | ytd | Budget | |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Membership & Donations | \$35,131 | \$32,163 | \$ 42,102 | \$ 35,000 | \$ 30,410 | \$ 32,000 | |
| Investment income | \$ 126 | \$ 126 | \$ 93 | \$ 50 | \$ 28 | \$ 50 | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Lake Studies | | | | | | | |
| CSLAP | \$ 2,820 | \$ 1,410 | \$ 1,410 | \$ 1,410 | \$ 1,410 | \$ 1,410 | |
| NYS FOLA Dues | \$ 350 | \$ 175 | \$ 175 | \$ 175 | \$ 175 | \$ 175 | |
| Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop | \$ 420 | \$ 1,326 | \$ - | \$ 1,755 | \$ 2,490 | \$ 1,755 | |
| Water Testing (Non-CSLAP) | \$ 2,971 | \$ 3,049 | \$ 504 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 513 | \$ 3,000 | lower in 2021 b/c of limited sampling |
| Watershed Plan | \$ 12,583 | \$ 2,517 | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Implementation of Watershed Plan* | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000 | | \$ 5,000 | Shoreline planting education, basin inserts, Waccabuc septic |
| Equipment* | \$ - | \$ 700 | \$ - | \$ 1,000 | | \$ 1,000 | For water testing |
| Software (Biobase Mapping)* | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Waccabuc septic | | | | | | | New, separate line |
| Stewardship (3 Lakes Only) | | | | | | | |
| Fish Stocking | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,200 | |
| Goose & Beaver Control | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 500 | | \$ 500 | Expert/trapping |
| Waccabuc Dam | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Tree work (Not on Long Pond) | \$ 700 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,500 | | \$ 1,500 | Find new provider |
| Weed Committee/Silt Buildup | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,000 | | \$ 4,000 | placeholder for recommendations |
| Boat Stickers | \$ 20 | \$ 11 | \$ 11 | \$ 300 | \$ 22 | \$ 300 | |
| Aerator Consult/Maint* | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Equipment* | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 200 | \$ 57 | | Safety equip for Long Pond |
| Petrucelli* | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,000 | | \$ 10,000 | In case land is offered for sale |
| Stewardship (Long Pond Only) | | | | | | | |
| Long Pond Preserve | | | | | | | |
| Stewardship | \$ 1,133 | \$ 508 | \$ 51 | \$ 5,000 | | \$ 5,000 | mile a minute weevils 1K, tree work? Mowing? |
| Long Pond Preserve Security | \$ 2,847 | \$ 5,918 | \$ - | \$ 7,500 | | \$ 7,500 | |
| Long Pond Management Plan* | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Invasive Species | | | | | | | |
| Invasive Species Monitoring | \$ - | \$ 11,926 | \$ 5,399 | \$ 8,110 | \$ 4,430 | \$ 9,000 | Wac 2021 report, Osc & Rip monitoring |
| Education & Outreach | | | | | | | |
| Annual Meeting Potluck | \$ 1,394 | \$ 1,187 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,839 | \$ 2,000 | |
| Newsletter / Stewardship | | | | | | | |
| Mailings | \$ 1,926 | \$ 2,231 | \$ 4,686 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 1,830 | \$ 3,500 | Few stewardship mailings in 2021 |
| Website | \$ 312 | \$ 1,076 | \$ 12 | \$ 300 | \$ 92 | \$ 1,000 | 2022 will see 3 year renewal for website hosting |
| Software (GIS) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 100 | | | |
| User Survey | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 500 | | \$ 500 | Placeholder, likely free, some mailing? |
| Professional Conf/Meetings* | \$ 259 | \$ 710 | \$ - | \$ 200 | | \$ 300 | likely to attend virtually or in person |
| Educational Seminars* | \$ - | \$ 91 | \$ - | \$ 1,000 | | \$ 1,000 | Pay speaker(s)? |
| Overhead/Administrative Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | \$ 4,148 | \$ 4,411 | \$ 4,570 | \$ 4,700 | \$ 4,629 | \$ 4,800 | |
| Taxes/Fees | \$ 593 | \$ 523 | \$ 577 | \$ 600 | \$ 409 | \$ 600 | |
| Admin-Printing/Membership/Fundraising | \$ 1,916 | \$ 2,384 | \$ 892 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,984 | \$ 2,000 | |
| Software (Quickbooks/Zoom) | \$ - | \$ 50 | \$ 140 | \$ 140 | | \$ 150 | Zoom membership - renew?? \$57 due 11/26 |
| Bank Fees | \$ 29 | \$ - | \$ 59 | \$ 300 | \$ 2 | \$ 60 | M&T Bank Fees to be reimbursed after KM calls in |
| Misc. Expenses | | | \$ - | \$ 750 | | \$ 750 | Contingency |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 36,422 | \$ 41,701 | \$ 19,635 | \$ 66,190 | \$ 21,032 | \$ 68,000 | |
| * Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers | | | | | | | |
| Income - Total Expenses | \$ (1,165) | \$ (9,413) | \$ 22,560 | \$ (31,190) | \$ 9,378 | \$ (36,000) | |