

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL
April 6, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on April 6, 2022 via Zoom. Present were:

Janet Andersen, President
Katie McGinn, Treasurer
Jean Lewis, Secretary
John Lemke, Lake Waccabuc Association representative
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay Association representative
Jonathan Peter, South Shore Association representative
Tim Kennedy, South Shore Associate representative
Tadeusz (T) Rajwer, Lake Oscaleta Association representative
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative
Kevin Karl, Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward
Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee Chair

President Jan Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members had received an information packet in advance of the meeting.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Because we are a 501(3)(c) organization, Board members are required to sign an annual Conflict of Interest Policy statement. Jan asked Board members to read the policy (included in the information packet). Then, either sign the statement, scan it and send it to her; or copy the text of the the statement into an email, sign it electronically and email it to her.

Lewisboro Lakes Coalition: Jan explained that this is an informally formed coalition, not a Town appointed committee. The information packet she distributed included the draft of a prioritized list of the most important topics for each of the seven lakes in Lewisboro. The committee's mission includes several purposes:

- Help identify grants which might be available to a coalition of private lakes
- Help solve problems common to all Lewisboro lakes by sharing information
- Serve as a guide to communicate with the Town which might be able to provide support or effect a change of practice in areas beneficial to us
- Develop an action plan for the coalition, recognizing that most problems are complicated and expensive and will require multifaceted solutions

Top priority for all lakes is **controlling pollution sources** to the lakes from septic waste, storm water runoff and tributary inflow.

Failing dams are a concern for Lakes Waccabuc, Katonah, Truesdale and Timber Lake. Failure of any of them would be catastrophic to the surrounding areas. Engineering reports would be needed to indicate needed maintenance, repair, or replacement. The group will look for a grant for this purpose.

Other topics being considered by the Coalition include stormwater and lake inflow management, harmful algae blooms (HAB), invasive species, dredging, reducing trespassing and vandalism on Long Pond Preserve, hypolimnetic withdrawal and shoreline planting.

Many of these grants must go through municipalities, so the Town would need to make applications on behalf of the lake organizations. Both Jan and Ron Tettleman noted that an impediment to receiving grants might be the high average income level of the overall Town residents: community incomes are not considered.

The Town has expressed concern with spending money on lake projects that are not town wide. We need to make a case that many lake community concerns, such as steep slopes and poor drainage, affect large and downstream watershed areas.

Waccabuc Septic/Sewer Engineering Study: In 2021 the NYS DEP awarded grants to study ways of reducing septic sourced phosphorus in the NYC watershed, including around Lake Waccabuc. The study is complete, and it is now up to us to determine what to do with it.

Tim Kennedy said the South Shore Association is motivated to move forward with a proposed community septic system on South Shore Drive to treat discharge water. Jan suggested that Tim might begin by meeting with newly elected Town Supervisor Tony Gonçalves to inform him about the proposed South Shore septic system project and ask for his help to identify and obtain grants.

Associations agreed to help communicate the Westchester grant replacement and upgrade grant, which is income limited.

Membership Appeal: Jan usually aims to send this out in April and include the date of the Annual Meeting, but this is still undecided. Board member Darrell Alfieri told Jan that Covid and other issues have impacted Waccabuc Country Club operations and they are just now setting up its summer calendar, so we don't know when they might be able to host our Annual Meeting. She will contact Membership Chair, Doug Housman.

Comprehensive Town Plan: Katie McGinn is the Steering Committee chair for development of Lewisboro's updated Comprehensive (Master) Plan. She reported that the Committee's mission is to:

- Engage the Lewisboro community in order to inform the future of our town and capture this vision in an updated Comprehensive plan.
- Ensure fair and equal opportunities for all members of the community to provide input through the multi-year process.

Jan asked Katie to advise on the best role for the Three Lakes Council in this multi-year process. Katie recommended serving as a grass-roots organizer to educate the Steering Committee about the importance of lakes to the Town. We can educate residents and, at the appropriate time, encourage them to speak up at community input meetings about the importance to the Town of lakes and wetlands. She advised that community input would have a stronger impact than if the council were to submit a position paper on behalf of lake residents.

Tarry-a-bit Stormwater: Jan explained that Tarry-a-bit Road is privately maintained and much sand and gravel wash from it into Lake Waccabuc during heavy storms. The East of Hudson Corporation agreed this is an area where action is needed and did an engineering study. Their 2021 survey indicated a need for an engineering redesign. We hope for a restart in 2022. We will need to help communicate with Tarry-a-bit residents.

Nutrient inactivation: There is still no way for us to move forward on dealing with internal loading, which our watershed plan identified as an issue. Alum and Phoslock, which keep phosphorus in the sediment from entering the water column, remain unapproved by the NYSDEC. Therefore, our emphasis must be on reducing the amount of phosphorus entering the lakes from septic and other sources.

A new product, Eutrosorb, has the potential for removing phosphorus from small intermittent streams entering the lakes. Jan asked the board to budget \$2,000 to design a test program for some input streams. She will investigate to make sure no hazardous substance could be leached into the lakes. Jan and Kevin Karl will try to design a way to monitor its effectiveness.

Plant and Sediment Issues: The Two-Lake Club considered contracting with Solitude to remove excessive water lily growth at the eastern end of the Oscaleta-Waccabuc Channel using a hydro-rake. Jan investigated its use in the channel, and it's too wide. She asked about its use at the channel's entrance into Waccabuc. Their hydro-raking equipment is 10' wide and Waccabuc has no launch site large enough.

Suction weed harvesting equipment is smaller than hydrorakes. However, though it successfully removed invasive Brazilian Elodea during our BEEP project, native vegetation in the cove quickly regrew. It struggles to remove strongly rooted water lilies, and it is not a viable solution for removal of beaver debris in the channel.

Sediment accumulation is making passage through the channel more difficult, but dredging has both permitting and technical limitations. It requires DEC/DEP permits, and there doesn't appear to be anywhere to dump the dredged sediment, which would be a requirement of any permit. Also, the channel is too narrow for dredging equipment.

Student research project: A student at SUNY Purchase will do a senior project on cyanobacteria in the three lakes vs ponds at Mountain Lakes Park.

Geese: The Geese Patrol team has begun looking for goose nesting sites. As in past years, eggs will be coated with vegetable oil to prevent them from developing. Please report sightings of solitary geese to Jan; they are out searching for nesting sites at this time of year.

Trout Stocking: Ron Tetelman reported that trout stocking will not be done this year. The Fish Committee will take the year to assess the effects of not stocking and will perhaps resume stocking next year.

Mile-a-minute weed control: Mile-a-Minute Weevils will be purchased and released again at Long Pond Preserve. Last year this was not done, and Mile-a-minute spread wildly.

Annual Meeting: The date is still to be determined, awaiting a date when the Waccabuc Country Club is available. The board agreed to propose the members elect two at-large directors: Kevin Karl and Paul Lewis.

Long Pond Security: John Lemke reported that there were very few problems with trespassing last year. Perhaps this is because the Preserve was closed along with other Town Parks the prior year for Covid precautions and trespassers didn't return. Or perhaps last summer's heavy algae bloom on Waccabuc made swimming unappealing. Whatever the cause, he hopes the trend toward fewer trespassers will continue. We have budgeted funds to hire police patrols again this year.

Newsletter: Jan requested reports for the Newsletter from the following committees: Ron Tetelman, Fish Committee; Katie McGinn, Finance; T Rajwer, Weed Committee; Doug Housman, Membership Committee.

Aquatic Plant Assessment: Jan hopes to have this done Lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam this July but has not yet received a proposal from Solitude.

Financial Report: Katie McGinn reported that in 2021 there was an increase in membership and there were more donations than in previous years. Due to prudent spending, we were on or under budget in most areas.

Jan presented the proposed 2022 Budget (attached). She explained minor spending increases agreed upon during at the meeting. Jean Lewis moved that the Budget be adopted as updated. Katie McGinn seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of approval.

Next meeting: Jan expects to schedule another Board meeting in advance of the Annual Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully yours,
Jean Lewis, Secretary

3LC Annual Budget_Board meeting April 6, 2022

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Budget update	Notes
Income								
Membership & Donations	\$35,131	\$32,163	\$ 42,102	\$ 35,000	\$ 43,561	\$ 32,000	\$ 35,000	
Investment income	\$ 126	\$ 126	\$ 93	\$ 50	\$ 28	\$ 50	\$ 50	
Expenses								
Lake Studies								
CSLAP	\$ 2,820	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	
NYS FOLA Dues	\$ 350	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	
Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop	\$ 420	\$ 1,326	\$ -	\$ 1,755	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,755	\$ 2,255	2021 report paid in 2022
Water Testing (Non-CSLAP)	\$ 2,971	\$ 3,049	\$ 504	\$ 3,000	\$ 513	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	lower in 2021 b/c of limited sampling
Watershed Plan	\$ 12,583	\$ 2,517	\$ -	\$ -				
Implementation of Watershed Plan*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	Shoreline planting education, basin inserts, Eutrosorb
Equipment*	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 1,000		\$ 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		Per Ron, hold til 2023
Goose & Beaver Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$ 500	Expert/trapping
Waccabuc Dam	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Tree work (Not on Long Pond)	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	Find new provider
Weed Committee/Silt Buildup	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	placeholder for recommendations
Boat Stickers	\$ 20	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 300	\$ 11	\$ 300	\$ 300	
Aerator Consult/Maint*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Equipment*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200				Safety equip for Long Pond
Petrucelli*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000		\$ 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	\$ 57	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	mile a minute weevils 1K, tree work? Mowing?
Long Pond Preserve Security	\$ 2,847	\$ 5,918	\$ -	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
Long Pond Management Plan*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Invasive Species								
Invasive Species Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 11,926	\$ 5,399	\$ 8,110	\$ 6,230	\$ 9,000	\$ 11,000	Wac 2021 report, Osc & Rip monitoring
Education & Outreach								
Annual Meeting Potluck	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,187	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,839	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,200	
Newsletter / Stewardship Mailings	\$ 1,926	\$ 2,231	\$ 4,686	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,085	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	Few stewardship mailings in 2021
Website	\$ 312	\$ 1,076	\$ 12	\$ 300		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	3 year renewal of website hosting, php
Software (GIS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100				
User Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$ 500	Placeholder, likely free, some mailing?
Professional Conf/Meetings*	\$ 259	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ 200		\$ 300	\$ 300	likely to attend virtually or in person
Educational Seminars*	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ -	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Pay speaker(s)?
Overhead/Administrative Expenses								
Insurance	\$ 4,148	\$ 4,411	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,629	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000	
Taxes/Fees	\$ 593	\$ 523	\$ 577	\$ 600	\$ 536	\$ 600	\$ 600	Real estate + NYS Charities
Admin-Printing/Membership/Fundraising	\$ 1,916	\$ 2,384	\$ 892	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,774	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,200	2021 includes Anniversary book costs
Software (Quickbooks/Zoom)	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 75	\$ 150	\$ 150	Zoom membership - renew
Bank Fees	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 300	\$ 122	\$ 60	\$ 60	M&T Bank Fees to be reimbursed - KM
Misc. Expenses			\$ -	\$ 750		\$ 750	\$ 750	Contingency
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,422	\$ 41,701	\$ 19,635	\$ 66,190	\$ 24,096	\$ 68,000	\$ 73,100	
* Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers								
Income - Total Expenses	\$ (1,165)	\$ (9,413)	\$ 22,560	\$ (31,190)	\$ 19,493	\$ (35,950)	\$ (38,050)	