

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL
June 30, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held via Zoom on June 30, 2022. Present were:

Janet Andersen, President
Peter Gross, Vice President
Katie McGinn, Treasurer
Jean Lewis, Secretary

Lake Oscaleta Association: T Rajwer, Kevin Karl
Lake Waccabuc Association: John Lemke
Perch Bay Association: Ellen Bailey
South Shore Association: Jonathan Peter
Two Lake Club: Paul Lewis
Waccabuc Country Club: Peter Hall
Wacabuc Landowners Council: Errol Antzis, Linda Broudy

President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted that a quorum was in attendance. Prior to the meeting she emailed to the Board the Agenda and the Budget approved by the Executive Committee.

Jan reported that Katie McGinn has retired as Treasurer due to demands of parenthood and serving as chair of the Town Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Jan thanked Katie for all she has done and expressed gratitude that Ellen Bailey has agreed to serve as Treasurer.

Election of Officers - Officers of the Three Lakes Council are elected by the Board of Directors. The following slate was proposed:

President: Janet Andersen
Vice President: Peter Gross
Secretary: Jean Lewis
Treasurer: Ellen Bailey

Upon a motion by Errol Antzis seconded by Jonathan Peter, the proposed slate of officers was unanimously approved.

Ellen Bailey suggested that since officers can attend Board meetings, they should become the association alternates to allow more participation from association members. The Board list that follows represents that change.

At-Large Directors -The Board approved nominating two At-large Directors for membership approval at the Annual Meeting on August 6th. The nominees are Kevin Karl and Jean Lewis.

Board of Directors:

Lake Oscaleta Association: T Rajwer, rep.; Kevin Karl, alt.
Lake Waccabuc Association: Doug Housman, rep.; John Lemke, alt.
Lakeside Association: Ron Tetelman, rep.; Patrick McNamara, alt.
Perch Bay Association: Bonnie Robins, rep.; Ellen Bailey, alt.
South Shore Association: Jonathan Peter, rep.; Tim Kennedy, alt.
Two Lake Club: Paul Lewis, rep.; Peter Gross, alt.
Waccabuc Country Club: Peter Hall, rep.; Darrell Alfieri, alt.
Waccabuc Landowners Council: Errol Antzis, rep.; Linda Broudy, alt.
At-large: Jean Lewis, Kevin Karl

Executive Committee:

President - Janet Andersen
Vice President - Peter Gross
Treasurer - Ellen Bailey
Secretary - Jean Lewis

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting/Potluck will be held at the Waccabuc Country Club Lakefront facility on August 6th. An announcement and reservation form will be included in the Newsletter. Robby Rothfeld will be available to organize the cooking crew and Jan will contact Ron Tetelman regarding his availability. Peter Gross will provide sound equipment. Jean Lewis and Ellen Bailey will oversee the check-in table. Jan will contact Kelley Housman and Kathy Rothfeld regarding setup arrangements.

Septic Study – Phosphorus influx contributes to algae blooms and excessive aquatic plant growth in our lakes. To reduce the amount coming from old and/or leaky septic systems, a community septic system is being considered for the Waccabuc’s South Shore community. The South Shore Association will take the lead on this. Last year’s Waccabuc Septic Study showed that the need is lake wide. A committee is needed to plan the next steps. So far, Jonathan Peter, Wendy Stein and Tara Owen have volunteered to serve. Some grants can only be obtained through the Town, so Jan suggested that Jonathan or other representatives of the South Shore should meet with our new Town Supervisor, Tony Gonçalves, to brief him on the proposed project and seek his cooperation. She added that the Westchester Septic Replacement Grant is available, but income limited.

TARRY-A-BIT ROAD UPDATE – A significant amount of sediment and phosphorus enters Waccabuc via runoff from the streams crossing Tarry-a-bit Road (TAB). A stormwater project to reduce that runoff was part of our lake management plan.

Background information: In May 2022 Jan sent a detailed email to Board members regarding Stormwater Management on Long Pond Preserve.

Here is some background information:

- In 2019 Jan Andersen and Paul Lewis met with Kevin Fitzpatrick, an engineer with the East of Hudson Corporation (EOH) which has a mandate to reduce phosphorus runoff in NYC’s Croton Watershed and is a possible source of funding.

- Jan and Paul explained Three Lakes Council's plan to reduce phosphorus and silt entering Lake Waccabuc via Waccabuc Creek and smaller streams that flow across our Long Pond Preserve. EOH assessed our plan as being effective and cost-efficient and agreed to fund construction a stormwater mitigation project.
- Because TAB is a private road, Kevin Fitzpatrick met with several landowners along the road last December asking permission to use the road for access during construction.
- Jan was contacted by a lawyer for TAB residents saying that in return for granting EOH access to TAB they wanted us to grant them access to Lake Waccabuc via paths across Long Pond Preserve, as well as the right to construct boat racks.
- Our Preserve property Deed is encumbered by restrictions that do not permit us to do this.
- Our Deed also states that we have "the right of ingress and egress to and from said Premises over, and upon and across Tarry-a-Bit Drive..."
- The 3LC Executive Committee voted in favor of having our lawyer contact the TAB lawyer re this matter. Jan agreed to send Board members letters between the two lawyers.
- TAB residents have apparently since dropped their demands. Also, EOH is slowly moving ahead in a more limited fashion and no longer needs access over TAB but will do more if they can obtain agreement from TAB residents.

Options for reducing algae and nuisance aquatic vegetation

T Rajwer asked Jan about possible recommendations we could offer homeowners regarding methods of controlling algae and weeds in swimming areas. He proposed several ideas he wanted the Board to consider.

Jan is watching new approaches, but there is no silver bullet that will address these long-standing problems. Some possible remedies haven't yet received DEC approval (Alum, Phoslock and Eutrosorb). Others are being studied in labs but haven't been tested on lakes. Jan is following with interest pilot programs being developed at Clarkson University and SUNY EFS which might hold promise for controlling algae in lakes like ours. She emphasized that wherever there are sufficient sunlight and nutrients, algae and weeds will grow, so controlling phosphorus loading is key to reducing aquatic vegetation and algae. Nutrient inactivation to reduce phosphorus was a key recommendation of our 2019 management plan.

CSLAP Testing - In 2006 the Three Lakes Council became participants in the DEC CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment) program that tracks lake health trends in NYS lakes. Every 2 weeks during the summer Jan Andersen and Lou Feeney sample our three lakes at designated locations, send samples to the DEC for analysis, and post results to the community on the Three Lakes Council google group (3lakes@googlegroups.com). She will send the Board more detailed information regarding trends in algae blooms.

Long Pond Preserve

- For several years we have released Mile-a minute weevils to control the spread of this highly invasive weed on the Preserve. Jan reported that she recently released 1,000 of the weevils.

- John Lemke reported that there hasn't been much illegal use of the Preserve for swimming or boating so far this year. If that changes, he will contact the police and request that they resume patrolling.
- Kevin Karl reported that he had done trail maintenance and continues to battle phragmites on the preserve.

Aquatic Vegetation Survey – This summer an aquatic vegetation survey will be done by our Lake Manager on Lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam.

Newsletter - The Newsletter has been printed and Jan will mail them out very soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary