

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

April 4, 2024

A Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on April 4, 2024. President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and thanked all for attending, and confirmed a quorum of members.

Attendees were:

Janet Andersen, President
Ellen Bailey, out-going Treasurer; Perch Bay alt.
Jean Lewis, out-going Secretary; At-large rep.
Linda Broudy, Waccabuc Landowners Council alt.
Nan Dale, nominee as Treasurer
Judy Hausman, nominee as Secretary
Doug Housman, Lake Waccabuc Association rep.; Membership Chair
Kevin Karl, Lake Oscaleta Assoc. alt.; Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward
T Rajwer, Lake Oscaleta Association rep.
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Assoc. rep; nominee as VP

Election of New Officers

Jan reported that three current officers expressed the desire to no longer serve due to other time commitments. The Executive Committee proposed the following slate for consideration by the Board:

President:	Janet Andersen
Vice President:	Ron Tetelman
Treasurer:	Nan Dale
Secretary:	Judy Hausman

The slate was unanimously approved for a two year term. The board expressed sincere thanks to outgoing officers who have served so diligently: Peter Gross (VP since 2012), Ellen Bailey (Treasurer since 2022), and Jean Lewis (Secretary since 1970 with a few years off while she served on the School Board).

She then expressed her gratitude to Ron Tetleman, incoming VP; Nan Dale, incoming Treasurer; and Judy Hausman, incoming Secretary. All are longtime 3LC volunteers who will bring expertise from their professional backgrounds to their new roles as 3LC officers.

Throughout the meeting, Jan stressed the importance of teamwork in carrying out the mission of the Three Lakes Council, and she thanked all the volunteers serving on the 3LC team.

Regulatory Requirements

- Conflict of Interest Policy: The state requires that Board members annually certify that they have no conflict of interest. Jan Andersen thanked all who have

already sent in their signed, dated certifications. She urged those who haven't yet sent them to her to do so. She will resend the information.

- Prior to the meeting, Jan distributed the 3LC 990 Tax Return to all for review. Large anonymous donations were redacted for board review, and Jan explained our agreement with PayPal. No comments were received. It will be filed before May 15.

Update on Stormwater Retrofit on Long Pond Preserve

Jan Andersen reported on her continuing discussions with the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation (EOHWC), the organization with plans and funding to install stormwater retrofits. Their design for the Waccabuc project is an effective and relatively inexpensive method of reducing the amount of phosphorus entering the lake. Regarding implementation of the plan:

- EOHWC seeks indemnification from the Town for the cost of any lawsuits against the corporation. The Town has not yet taken this up.
- Additionally, EOHWC requested a memo from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), which holds an easement on Long Pond Preserve, saying that the retrofit is allowed under the terms of the easement. TNC has provided a letter, which is being reviewed by EOHWC.
- To retrofit all three streams crossing our Long Pond Preserve property, EOHWC needs access along Tarry-a-Bit Road. Since some TAB residents are not willing to grant easements, the EOHWC is currently focusing retrofitting only the stream closest to Mead Street, which can be done without using Tarry-a-Bit Road for access.
- For doing all three streams, EOHWC wants road easements from Tarry-a-Bit Road residents for access during installation, and from the Town of Lewisboro for maintenance. The board felt that these easements were unlikely to be obtained from all road residents.

The board expressed regret that this remediation may not take place and discussed possible options.

Update on Sewer Grants and the Septic Committee

- Jan reported that the Town applied for two grants in 2023, which they did not receive. The Town plans to reapply: one is due in June of 2024.
- The Town's Comprehensive Plan Committee heard from the public that it wants more attention paid to septic systems and septic cleaning enforcement. It will consider what can be done to strengthen compliance. Nan Dale and Renee Goldstein will continue their impactful work on septic cleanout with the goals of explaining the science, encouraging maximum two-to three- year intervals, and encouraging the Town to enforce the existing regulation on cleanouts.

Oscaleta Road Culvert: Jan reported that replacement of the culvert is moving forward. Next steps are for the Town to pass resolutions accepting the grant and allowing funding, which would be reimbursed by the NYS DOT. Then the design must be bid out to engineering firms.

Annual Meeting/Potluck: Peter Hall is securing a date for this year's Three Lakes Council Annual Meeting/Potluck with Waccabuc Country Club. For the dates originally being considered the WCC could not provide the Carriage House as the backup facility in case of inclement weather. As a result, Peter was asked if August 10 or August 17 would be available. Doug Housman indicated that once he had the date, he was ready to move forward with the annual membership appeal mailing.

Ongoing Plans for 2024: Jan reported that the usual lake stewardship activities will continue in 2024.

- Geese patrol work will resume in April. Peter Beardsley has already scouted the island and will return to oil eggs soon.
- The Membership appeal will be sent out in April.
- CSLAP lake water testing will proceed as normal, with less shoulder season testing.
- The Newsletter will be mailed in June. Suggestions for topics are welcome.
- Aquatic plant assessments and surveys for invasive plants will be done on Oscaleta and Rippowam in July.
- Boat stickers and Website maintenance will require minimal expenses.
- Beaver debris removal might need to be done more often. Extra money is budgeted in case it is needed.

T Rajwer reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service posted an Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity for eradication of terrestrial or aquatic species. He plans to send a proposal for equipment for milfoil removal on Oscaleta for board consideration.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Andersen said that at this point no real changes have occurred since year end, and the budget is unchanged. Nan Dale indicated that she will work to ensure that the CDs are renewed for reasonable interest rates.

Next Meetings: July 18, 2024 (if needed), and earlier if needed; and the Annual Meeting (date to be determined).

Adjournment: Ron Tetelman made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. It was seconded by Doug Housman, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hausman, Secretary