

Three Lakes Council Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

October. 17, 2024 at 7:30pm via Zoom

The Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council held a board meeting via Zoom on October 17, 2024. President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, thanked all for attending, and confirmed a quorum of directors were in attendance.

Present:

Janet Andersen, President
Ron Tetelman, VP, Lakeside Association
Judy Hausman, Secretary, Lake Waccabuc Association
Nan Dale, Treasurer, Lake Waccabuc Association
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay
Linda Broudy, Waccabuc Landowners Council, Perch Bay
Christopher Hucke, Waccabuc Landowners Council
Jean Lewis, At-large
Paul Lewis, Two Lake Club, Lake Preservation Committee
Kevin Karl, Lake Oscala Association, Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward
Jonathan Peter, South Shore Association
T Rajwer, Lake Oscala Association

Long Pond Preserve

According to John Lemke's report, Long Pond Preserve was quiet this summer. We did not hire a police patrol, and collected small amounts of garbage. John removed two boats for safekeeping. Kevin Karl continues to do trail maintenance and invasive management. He recommended professional removal of some leaning trees from the Preserve, which is underway. Kevin obtained permission from the Mead Chapel to install a water bar on their parking lot property to stem runoff. The Nature Conservancy will make its annual inspection of the Preserve later this fall.

Our stormwater retrofit project to reduce run-off from the three streams that cross Long Pond Preserve remains on the EOHWC postponed list. They asked the 3LC or the Town to financially protect them in the case of a lawsuit, even if they only work on the site accessed through Long Pond Preserve. Jan clarified that the EOHWC is a consortium managed by town supervisors in several counties and is funded by the DEP. After discussion the Board felt the Town was the best entity to provide a backstop for potential legal action and agreed to offer to contribute financially. The Council also requested that the EOHWC confirm that the lawyer remains retained by the Tarry-a-Bit residents. Jonathan Peter motioned to give the authority to the Executive Committee to offer to contribute to the Town \$15,000, with the authority to adjust this amount up to \$25,000. T Rajwer seconded, and the motion passed.

Channel Maintenance

\$10,000 was budgeted to clear debris from the channel. While the beaver have not been working there recently, accumulated debris on the floor of the channel makes passage difficult. Nan Dale motioned and Jean Lewis seconded to commission Cooney Tree for up to two days for this work at roughly \$3200 a day, and the motion carried. T Rajwer agreed to contact Cooney Tree and manage the project.

Waccabuc Country Club Beach Facility renovation

Council members discussed the renovation and the role of 3LC. While the Club plans were discussed at previous 3LC meetings and two former Planning Board members reviewed the now-approved plans, some felt that communications among Town Boards, the Club and the 3LC community was insufficient. Two members described divisiveness and conflict in the Waccabuc community because the Club sent a video to their members after the Town approval which described a scope of use greater than presented to the Planning Board. Some Council members pointed out that the Town has regulations and inspectors to enforce compliance with the approved plans. The renovation will reduce the environmental impact of the Club waterfront. A position letter from the Council was proposed, but not motioned.

Sewer Proposal Update

Information, FAQ's, and a video of the Town's 10/8/24 sewer information meeting are posted on the 3LC website. Homes included in the project were notified by email and door hangers. About 77 people attended the meeting, 30-35 from the Three Lakes and 40 from Truesdale. The Map, Plan, and Report will have more information. Voting on the proposal is anticipated for mid- 2025. The Council is alert to the need to ensure communication with the community on this important Town project.

Septic committee

Many septic systems were pumped after many years as a result of this campaign. In more good news, the Building Department will now require proof of pump out within 5 years in order to close a permit.

Oscaleta culvert replacement status

This project is moving slowly. The Town is waiting for a proposal from the Town engineer to prepare an RFP for vendors.

Treasury report

Nan Dale reported that we are in good financial condition. She said the two CDs had been rolled over, a new "sweep" account had been created for our checking account. These are projected to contribute \$6000-\$7000 of income per year.

Budget approval

Jan Andersen reviewed the proposed 2025 budget which had been distributed to the board. Most of the expense amounts are the same as prior year budget amounts. One increase is a payment for additional CSLAP water tests at the cost of \$2400, an increase of \$1000 from prior years. The budget also includes additional Ifunds for a three-year website renewal. Jan reviewed the remainder of the items. The board did not feel any changes needed to be made. Ron Tetelman made the motion to approve the budget as presented, Kevin Karl seconded, and the motion was approved.

Ongoing activities

Jan Andersen reported that the annual meeting was very successful. Current membership is about 190, slightly down from this time last year. No associations offered any reports on their activities.

Next meeting: January 16, 2025

Adjournment. Jean Lewis motioned and Jonathan Peter seconded to adjourn at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hausman, Secretary

3LC Annual Budget - Board meeting Oct 17, 2024

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2025 Budget	Notes
Income						
Membership & Donations	\$ 59,500	\$ 55,871	\$ 40,000	\$ 38,517	\$ 40,000	
Investment income	\$ 25	\$ 3,620	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,888	\$ 7,000	sweep account implemented, CDs
Expenses						
Lake Studies						
CSLAP	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 2,400		\$ 2,400	new CSLAP program / also 2024
NYSFOLA Membership Dues	\$ 175	\$ 250	\$ 250		\$ 250	membership dues increased
Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop	\$ 1,841		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,800	annual sampling
Water Testing (Non-CSLAP)	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,631	\$ 3,000	\$ 704	\$ 3,000	shoulder season sampling
Implementation of Watershed Plan*			\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	Shoreline planting, basin inserts?
Equipment & standards*			\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	testprobe / calibration standards
Stewardship (3 Lakes Only)						
Fish Stocking		\$ 1,450	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500	
Goose & Beaver Control			\$ 500		\$ 500	
Waccabuc Dam*			\$ 500		\$ 500	
Channel tree removal	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
Boat Stickers	\$ 1,272	\$ 13	\$ 15	\$ 41	\$ 30	stamps
Petrucelli*			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	In case land is offered for sale
Septic studies actions		\$ 523	\$ 4,000	\$ 105	\$ 4,000	Septic / sewer district outreach
Stewardship (Long Pond Only)						
Long Pond Preserve Stewardship	\$ 4,426	\$ 560	\$ 3,000		\$ 5,000	mowing / trees
Long Pond Preserve Security			\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500	police patrol placeholder
Long Pond EOH legal		\$ 3,350	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	discussion - backstop
Invasive Species						
Invasive Species Monitoring	\$ 7,253	\$ 6,808	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,658	\$ 10,000	plant survey
Education & Outreach						
Annual Meeting Potluck	\$ 2,205	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,878	\$ 2,500	
Newsletter / Stewardship Mailings	\$ 2,259	\$ 2,177	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,253	\$ 3,000	newsletter & postage increasing
Website	\$ 984	\$ 102	\$ 20	\$ 12	\$ 1,100	3 year cycle
Professional Conf/Meetings*						
Educational Seminars*			\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	Pay speaker(s)?
Overhead/Administrative Expenses						
Insurance	\$ 5,421	\$ 5,634	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,313	\$ 7,000	Increasing costs for liability
Taxes/Fees	\$ 708	\$ 723	\$ 800	\$ 573	\$ 800	Real estate, NYS Charities, PO Box
Admin-Printing/Membership/ Fundraising	\$ 1,688	\$ 2,464	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,548	\$ 2,500	May & November appeals
Software (Quickbooks/Zoom)	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 65	\$ 85	Zoom price increase
Bank Fees	\$ (151)	\$ 71	\$ 100	\$ 204	\$ 360	M&T sweep & Benevity Fees
Contingency			\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	Contingency
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 38,623	\$ 35,215	\$ 97,160	\$ 22,701	\$ 103,825	
Income - Total Expenses	\$ 20,902	\$ 24,276	\$ (53,560)	\$ 17,705	\$ (56,825)	
* Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers						