

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL
April 17, 2025

A Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on April 17, 2025. President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Present were:

Janet Andersen, President
Nan Dale, Treasurer
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay Association, Membership chair
Peter Hall, Waccabuc Country Club
Susan Harris, Lake Waccabuc Association
Kevin Karl, At-large, Long Pond Preserve Trail Steward
Jean Lewis, At-large
Paul Lewis, Two Lake Club
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New board member and roles. Jan Andersen welcomed Susan Harris as the new Waccabuc Lake Association representative. Susan has been a long-time area resident and has been on the WLA board for about 8 years. Jan also expressed appreciation for Doug Housman's contributions as a board member and membership chair, and thanked Ellen Bailey for taking over the role of membership chair.

Filing the 990 and Char 500. Jan Andersen asked if anyone had questions on the 990 that had been distributed. Hearing none, she said that the form would be submitted before the due date of May 15.

Nomination of at-large directors for vote at annual members meeting. Jan Andersen expressed appreciation that Kevin Karl and Jean Lewis had agreed to stand for another 2-year term as at-large directors. The board agreed by consensus to nominate them for the vote at the members meeting.

Annual meeting update. Ron Tetelman and Robby Rothfeld have obtained agreement from the South Salem Fire Department to hold our annual meeting at their location on July 19, 2025. They toured the location. Jan Andersen moved and Jean Lewis seconded that the Three Lakes Council should donate \$500 to the SSFD in appreciation after the event, and the motion carried.

Membership report. Ellen Bailey said that while the council sends out information to about 450 homes in the watershed, we have about 205 members. About 2/3 give more than the membership fee of \$55, some substantially more. She will send out the membership appeal the first week of May, and it will contain the date of the Annual Meeting. Ellen will work with Doug on the process. She also proposed reaching more Waccabuc Country Club members to see if they would be interested in joining by adding information to the Waccabuc Weekly and will follow up with Peter Hall to make that happen.

Newsletter. Jan Andersen said that she was aiming to mail the newsletter out in early June and asked if anyone had topics for the newsletter. Ellen Bailey suggested asking for volunteers to help with various Three Lakes Council projects.

Oscaleta culvert update: Jan Andersen reported on the Town's grant to replace the Oscaleta culvert and reiterated that the project has moved more slowly than she had hoped. Next Thursday the likely project manager will be interviewed. They have indicated that public outreach will be part of the process.

Sewer proposal update: Jan Andersen reminded the board that the total sewer project is sized at about \$40M. The town has gotten agreement for about \$34M of grants, and is looking at ways to find more funds. The sewer survey results indicated that community concerns seemed to be more about logistics than about the expense, but both will need to be addressed. Jan emphasized that even if all of the funding was obtained, the project would not move forward without a vote by the residents to approve.

Work on the sewer district project will not halt ongoing septic pump-out actions. Nan Dale and Renee Goldstein have indicated they intend to call a meeting soon to discuss next steps. Nan reminded the group of the septic valentine postcard distributed to the watershed.

Long Pond Preserve update: The Town attorney has asked EOHWC for a letter describing what is needed to backstop their stormwater retrofit project on the preserve.

Financial report: Nan Dale reported that 3LC is in good shape and referred to the distributed budget statement which contained 2024 and year to date 2025 financials.

Ongoing items:

- Geese patrol will continue to be done in April.
- Trout stocking will likely be done in April.
- CSLAP water testing will continue as normal with supplemental shoulder season testing. Carlos and Carlos Fonseca will do CSLAP testing on Rippowam.
- An aquatic plant assessment will be done on Oscaleta and Rippowam in July or August.
- Stewardship and septic postcards will be mailed.

Association update: Peter Hall reported for Waccabuc Country Club. A member of the community filed an Article 78 about the process by which the ZBA decided on the Beach Facility renovation. Both the Town and the WCC filed responses by April 11. Construction is on track to be completed before Memorial Day. The club is fully staffed for the summer, hiring area high school and college students. Camp will run from June 30 to August 9. The liquor license was granted. No other associations had updates.

Next meeting: The next scheduled meeting is the annual membership meeting on July 19, 2025.

Jan thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment: Ellen Bailey moved, and Peter Hall seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:15, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, President