

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL
DATE: April 14, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on April 14, 2011 at the home of Jack and Betsy Sinnott.

Present were: Jack Sinnott, President; Jan Andersen, Vice president and Two Lake Club representative; John Lemke, Treasurer; Jean Lewis, Secretary; Joe Tansey, Lake Oscaleta Association; Paul Llanos, Lakeside Association; David Eggers, Perch Bay Association; Alayne Vlachos, South Shore Association; John Scott, Waccabuc Landowners; Peter Bysshe, Waccabuc Country Club; Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee chair; Regina Anderson, Membership Committee chair and Lake Waccabuc Association; and Betsy Sinnott.

President Jack Sinnott called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Lemke presented the End of Year 2010 Treasurer's Report and the 2011 Budget as prepared by the Executive Committee.

End of Year 2010 Treasurer's Report
January 24, 2011

General Fund Checking	\$19,483.47
General Fund Savings	40,142.89
TOTAL	\$59,625.36
EEl Fund Checking	\$ 7,355.22
EEl Fund Savings	30,006.12
TOTAL	\$37,361.34
Brokerage Account	\$ 1,656.93
TOTAL ASSETS	\$98,643.63

John then presented the proposed budget for 2011.

Firm or Contracted Expenses	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
Insurance	\$5000	\$4,352	\$4,500
Admin/Printing/Mailing	3,500	4,292	4,500
Taxes / Maintenance	450	360	400
Annual meeting / picnic	2,500	1,324	2,000
CSLAP	750	1,350	1,350
NYS FOLA Dues	150	150	150
Lake / Stream Consultant	2,400	2,400	5,000

Goose Control	0	0	0
Water Testing	2,400	655	2,000
Misc. expenses	600	60	600
Website	200	170	200
Brazilian Elodea efforts (BEEP)	15,000	3,577	7,500
Subtotal Firm Expenses	\$32,950	\$18,690	\$28,200
Soft items to be managed			
Brazilian Elodea efforts (BEEP)			\$30,000
Fish Stocking	\$2,000	\$1,700	2,000
Aerator consultant/maintenance	1,000	0	1,000
Professional conferences/meetings	1,500	55	1,500
Educational Seminars	1,500	1,250	1,500
Equipment	1,000	1,771	1,500
Subtotal soft items	\$7,000	\$4,776	\$37,500
Total Expenses	\$39,950	\$23,466	\$65,700

Upon a motion made by David Eggers and seconded by Joe Tansey, the budget was adopted as proposed.

The following reports were then presented:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Regina Anderson reported that John Lemke, Susan Annar, and Linda Clark have worked with her on the Membership Committee. They are currently working on the membership brochure to be sent out soon after Memorial Day.

Membership welcome packets have been assembled. Regina requested the names of the individual lake association presidents so that they can be given packets to distribute to new members.

Peter Bysse volunteered to explore ways of distributing our membership information and newsletters to Waccabuc Country Club members. He suggested that parents of children who attend the day camp should be very interested in supporting our efforts to preserve lake water quality since their children swim in Lake Waccabuc.

Regina said she will have membership static decals made to send to each person who becomes a member of the Three Lakes Council in 2011.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (TNC) PROPERTY

Jan Andersen reported that the Executive Committee has been talking to The Nature Conservancy regarding issues of concern at their preserve. TNC owns about 20% of the shoreline along Lake Waccabuc in the Long Pond Preserve. Last

summer, people parked on Mead Street and used TNC property to launch boats, swim, and have parties, even though lake access is prohibited by TNC. Last year, at the urging of the Three Lakes Council, TNC posted signs prohibiting boat launching, fishing and swimming, but they were not obeyed. TNC arranged that the Three Lakes Council can notify Lewisboro Police when illegal activities are taking place.

While discussing these matters, TNC asked if the Three Lakes Council would be interested in taking ownership of the Long Pond Preserve property. TNC has been transferring similar small parcels to other, more local organizations. Concerned that the property might transfer to an organization or person not interested in preserving and protecting the property and the lakes, the Executive Council has sought advice from pro-bono lawyers regarding exposures and costs that would be anticipated if the Three Lakes Council were to take ownership of the property in order to see that it remained protected.

Jan asked the Board to comment on whether or not the Executive Committee should proceed with these discussions. Board members suggested getting quotes from our insurance agent and seeking legal advice regarding ways of preserving the land in perpetuity.

Jack Sinnott will contact the Three Lakes Council insurance agent regarding insurance costs. He asked the Board members to recommend a resident lawyer they know who has real estate expertise and would be willing to provide advice and guidance regarding the legal aspects of owning the preserve. Jack said that after gathering more information regarding risks and financial implications, he will call another Board meeting for further discussion and input.

PETRUCCELLI PROPERTY: Jean Lewis reported that in 1982 Rudolph Petruccelli purchased a lot on Oscaleta Road, opposite the entrance to Twin Lakes Road and adjacent to property owned by the Three Lakes Council. The land is under water most of the year and drains into Lake Waccabuc.

In about 2003 Mr. Petruccelli brought in equipment to dig test pits without permission from the Town to do so. The wetland inspector, accompanied by Lewisboro police, issued a stop work order, and ordered immediate removal of the equipment.

On May 25, 2010 Mr. Petruccelli appeared before the Lewisboro Planning Board seeking a Wetland Activity Permit in order to dig test pits and do percolation tests as a first step in developing the property. He was granted permission to do that, but was told by the Planning Board lawyer that because the property was never properly subdivided, he would not be granted a building permit.

In March, 2011 Mr. Petruccelli applied to the NY DEC for a wetlands permit. The Public Notice posted by the DEC described the location of the lot inaccurately, so Jan Andersen and Paul and Jean Lewis wrote a letter objecting to the inaccurate posting and hand delivered it at the DEC offices in New Paltz. At the same time, they reviewed DEC files on the Petruccelli application and plans. They learned that

Mr. Petruccelli planned to build a 4 bedroom house with garage and deck on this small parcel of wetland.

Because the plans posed a direct threat to the health of Lake Waccabuc, the Three Lakes Council wrote a letter to the DEC to communicate environmental concerns. The DEC has not notified us of its ruling as yet. In order to proceed, Petruccelli needs approvals from the Westchester County Health Department and the Lewisboro Planning Board. When it comes before the Planning Board again, 3LC Board members will be notified so that they can comment on the plans.

LAKE MANAGER PROPOSAL FOR 2011: Jan Andersen reported on discussions the Executive Committee had with Chris Doyle of Allied Biological, which is the Three Lakes Council's lake management consultant firm. She explained the contract proposed by Allied Biological, and items within the proposed contract that were supported by the Executive Committee. She explained that the Executive Committee balanced value vs. expense in recommending the proposed contract for 2011. The Board supported signing the contract as presented.

CSLAP - Pilot Proposals for 2011: Jan Andersen explained an expansion of tasks recommended by CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program). Recording ice in/ice out and lake levels is one task that she is already doing and should be continued. Another new task that can be easily accomplished is zebra mussel monitoring by suspending a brick under a dock above the lake bottom, and inspecting it monthly for the presence of zebra mussels. Betsy Sinnott volunteered to do this monitoring at her dock and others are asked to participate as well.

GEESE POPULATION STABILIZATION: Betsy Sinnott reported that over 56 goose eggs have been oiled so far, most of them on the island. Board members are urged to report any goose nests and any sentinel geese.

PICNIC/ANNUAL MEETING: Jack Sinnott reported that the Waccabuc Country Club beach is heavily booked in advance this year by members, so the Annual Meeting and Picnic will be later than usual this year. It will be held on August 6th, the first Saturday in August.

NEWSLETTER: Jack asked Board members to suggest topics or interviews they think would be of interest for the Newsletter. Topics now being considered are new legislation regarding the use of lawn fertilizers and mandated septic pumping and condition checks.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary