

**Lincoln Pond Association Annual Membership Meeting**  
**July 11, 2015 Minutes**

President Gerry Zahavi called the meeting to order at 10:07 am, welcoming everyone to the meeting.

**Introductions** Officers, directors, and members introduced themselves.

**Minutes – Debbie Maxwell**

Last year's minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report and Budget** – Jeff Sienkiewicz

- Thanks to those who already paid dues.
- Expenses higher this year. Both CSLP and NYSFOLA went up \$10 each.
- Judy doing a great job with t-shirts, even or ahead on that.
- Current Balance- \$ 3420.56
- Property owner lists were updated and all were contacted. We have about 120 (some duplication). The same 33 or 34 camps participate every year. Talk to your neighbors and encourage them to join.

**Elections**

The terms for President, Gerry Zahavi, , Secretary, Debbie Maxwell, and 2 directors, April Spilling and Wayne Johnson , were up this year. All were unanimously re-elected.

**Kingdom Dam Reconstruction Project Update** – Wayne Johnson

- Close to being under contract.
- Hauling a storage building down yesterday, this is a good sign.
- Once Comptroller signs off, it should proceed quickly.
- Plan is to not lower the lake during work.
- New design, run of river. They must have a safety gate, but won't open and close it on a regular basis. Spillway will be at least twice as large as it is now. Level should be zero mark on causeway. If you get a dry spell, could drop lower. Without an open gate, it shouldn't drop as fast.
- William Welch at campsite said the latest study said the dam is in better shape than originally thought.
- Project should take from June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1st. But with a later start, who knows.

**Verizon Cell Towers – Debbie Maxwell**

- Tracey Road Tower now under construction. Road is in...
- Another tower going in on Lincoln Pond Road. Just past the s curve after the Northway.
- Both Verizon.

### **Broadband Access - Doug Spilling**

- Exceed is faster, but there is still a cap and then go back to dial-up speed. So really need unlimited cap and faster speed.
- Cuomo, New York state money to get broadband to every house. So white space system not attractive, we want broadband.
- We used survey data with county. Also did a count of all potential properties. Waiting now for Charter. We are keeping the pressure on.
- Charter/Time Warner acquisition possibly slowing process.
- Also working with Stefanik's office to possibly get federal grant to augment.
- Also pushing need for educational use at home.
- Can use ATT or Verizon for calls and email download.

### **Lake Quality and CSLAP/NYSFOLA Report** – Wayne Johnson

- Started sampling. Water not as clear as in the past. Probably the 14 inches of rain.
- Attended NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) meetings this year. Experts there say our lake is in good shape. Ninety % have darker lakes, algae blooms, ... We have it easier here.
- Maybe we should take a field trip to Auger Lake to find out more about Grass Carp keeping weeds down. One problem would be to control the carp from going over the spillway.
- Milfoil this year hard to gauge as water is high. Also seems curly pond weed less.

### **Road Conditions**

- Wayne Johnson continues to coordinate the work on Lower Pond Way. Sixty-five per cent contributing. Waiting for the road to dry out before do any work.
- Jeff reports Twin Brooks is collecting money. Waiting for Herb Clark to do work.
- Speeding getting worse and worse on the private roads. Maybe need to put speed limit signs.

### **Fish and Wildlife**

- Bear tracks, spottings
- Bald eagle, Osprey, Hawks
- River otters all winter
- Geese fewer, okay this year
- Loons – pair earlier on upper pond, 3 on lower pond, watched nest but no babies

**Picnic Announcement and Sign-up** Scheduled for Sat., August 22, Noon, probably at the campsite, pot luck.

**Road Clean-up** – About a dozen participated in the road clean-up. We may need to schedule another one. Thanks to Dennis for donating safety vests.

### **T-Shirts Etc.– Judy Schwarz**

- Sold out all the glasses last year so more ordered.
- New shirts. These are running larger.

### **New Business and Announcements**

- Send obituaries, memoriams to Gerry and he will post them on the website.
- Any interest in an annual newsletter? Contact Gerry if interested. Can put a box at the mailboxes and perhaps the campsite to distribute.
- Peter Zegarelli is hosting an event/fundraiser for Congresswoman Elise Stefanik August 15. 2pm – 4pm.
- Speeding issue on Lincoln Pond road. State Police are aware, will assign people to this zone when they can.
- Need fill for the top of Frances Meyers and Twin Brooks. Gerry will follow up with the county.
- Concern expressed about speeding through causeway tunnel, especially jet skis.
- New York Master Forest Owners Volunteer Program run by Cornell Cooperative Extension – locally Essex County Cooperative Extension. Association members Eric Lawson and Gary Goff are local volunteers, willing to help. It is for 50, 100 acres +. Feel free to contact them with questions.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:28pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Maxwell  
Secretary

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