

**Lincoln Pond Association Annual Membership Meeting**  
**July 12, 2014 Minutes**

President Gerry Zahavi called the meeting to order at 10:10 am, welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking the Sienkiewiczs for the use of their cabana.

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

**Minutes** from last years meeting were summarized and then approved.

**Treasurer's Report and Budget**

- Generally okay. Main reasons are Gerry getting the town paying ½ of CSLAP and two years ago we rotated out of the program.
- More people have paid dues. Jeff trys to get out both emails and mailings.
- Current balance is \$3202 .90 on hand.
- As of the end of the last fiscal year, Dec. 31, 2013, we had \$3357. 11

**Elections**

The terms for Treasurer, currently Jeff Seinkiewicz, and 2 Board Members, Judy Schwarz and Laura Garrison were up. No one else was nominated. Eric Lawson made a motion that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate. The motion was approved.

**Kingdom Dam Reconstruction Project Update** – Wayne Johnson made the report.

- Engineer has been hired to design the repairs.
- Work now slated to begin in the fall of 2015. Wayne is pretty sure they have the money, It is now a matter of putting out bids and hiring the contractors...
- Engineer currently working on a project up north. When he gets done with that dam, he's coming here.
- Causeway is not included in the design. If they did the causeway, dredged it, it would have to come out of a different fund. There would be a 6 month permit process. DEC person from Raybrook that oversees the Campsite said that if we sent a letter he would push trying to get them to do it. He also said however that they almost never do such projects. It would have to be almost totally blocked. Peter Zegarelli shared his observation that the upper pond was silting in as there is not proper flow out. His beach has risen. Both the short and long term consequences need to be addressed. Wayne shared that they redesigned the coffer dam for the dam repair so they wouldn't have to address the causeway. The secretary will send the letter on behalf of the Association to the Raybrook supervisor.

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

- Wayne with Doug's assistance has done sampling this year.
- Last year's report is available on the NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) website under CSLAP and then Lincoln Pond. Gerry will put a link on the website.
- So far this year the water is very dark. Not sure why.
- Milfoil appears to be lower this year, perhaps from freezing, perhaps from the moths. Many members noted the milfoil in front of their camps was hard to find.
- Is bladderwort killing the milfoil?
- Once the dam is repaired, there will no longer be the option of lowering the lake.

## Broadband Access - Doug Spilling

- Thanks to the 35 people who returned the survey. Results included:
  - 92% want broadband, 7.6% said no. ( one "hell no, that's the reason I come up here" 0
  - #1 Reason – for work, could stay up here longer
  - #2 Reason – pleasure, just want to see what's going on
  - #3 Reason – School and shopping
  - Currently 30 % connecting with satellite, problem is their cap; 7.6 % use their cell phones
- Doug and Gerry attended a Forever Wired Conference at Clarkson.
  - First Miler- backbone of Network; Mid- Miler- branch out; last-miler – bring it to your home.
  - Networked, advocated for areas like ours
- Maggie Bartlett while still Etown Supervisor got a committee together and got us in touch with the county people who actually write the grants. We meet regularly and are collecting info needed so when funds become available we are ready to go.
- Possibly run T1 line from Belfry tower, and then use microwave hops and white space to camps. Also continuing to pursue fiber.

## Verizon Cell Tower

APA has approved Verizon cell tower will be built on south west side of the lake towards the Northway, maybe ½ mile from lake. Last of the Northway Comes in from Tracy Rd. It will be a Frankenspine. Someone said maybe a T Mobile Tower on Simonds Hill Rd. We don't know the construction date.

Road Clean-up – Scheduled for Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Meet at the corner of Lincoln pond Rd. and Lower Pond Way.

## Radar Sentry

The sentry was supposed to go in earlier this month. Evidently the plans were revised. Instead monitoring. Should see more police presence.

## EMS Signs

Need to put up numbers on our properties. 911 Signs - \$12.50 for 3 numbers. Also need to use the new numbers. Debbie Brooks is the contact.

### **Road Conditions**

- \$1800 + collected for Twin Brooks. Herb Clarke coming in to do work. Road is great all the way to Ellsworth's.
- Last year 2800 +. Bought and spread gravel. Road in good shape.

### **T-Shirts and Glasses - Judy Schwarz**

- New assortment of shirts – dark green..
- Now have glasses - pub glasses and wine glasses.
- Contact Judy for info and prices.
- Peter Zigarelli has bumper stickers that say “The Other LP” and below is Lincoln Pond. He will take orders.
- Items and prices will be posted on the website with contact information. Also items will be available for purchase after the meeting.

### **Fish and Wildlife**

- Bear Sighting above 4172 Lincoln Pond Rd.
- Osprey. Eagles, mergansers, loons

### **New Business**

- Any discussion of running power lines along Kingdom Dam Rd. That would be an expense of Power Company and owners.
- Use of BTI against Black Flies –is there interest? Link about a program on the website. Get more information,
- Picnic scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> if there is interest. We will supply hot dogs, hamburgers... People could bring side dishes. Sign-up sheet passed around. We will hold it at the Campsite.
- Now have Twitter account.
- Assessor was on Lincoln Pond Rd. Did some other roads last year. Noel said State had complained about properties on Lincoln Pond were too high. Town made some adjustments.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Maxwell  
Secretary

For your information, our website is: [www.lincolnpound.org](http://www.lincolnpound.org). The minutes, treasurer's report, and a recording of the meeting will all be posted on the website.