

**Lincoln Pond Association**  
**July 20, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Association President Gerry Zahavi at 9:33 am. Thanks to the Sienkiewicz's for letting us use their cabana for our meeting.

**Introductions, Gerry Zahavi** – Those present introduced themselves, identifying their camps and sharing whatever else they wished to share. A sign-in sheet was passed around.

**Minutes, Debbie Maxwell** - The minutes from last year's meeting were sent out in advance and approved at the meeting.

**Picnic, Debbie Maxwell** – Date set - August 10, 11:30, at the DEC Campsite. Sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Treasurer's Report, Jeff Sienkiewicz** – Accepted

Our 12/31/2018 balance was \$ 4,044.05. Last year membership was up: 40 camps joined. This year's budget is similar to last year's, with an addition of \$13,800 in grant revenue and expenditures for the Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant projects.

**T-shirts -- Nancy Sienkiewicz**, standing in for Judy Schwarz who couldn't make the meeting, shared what was available for purchase after the meeting.

**Elections, Gerry**

Running for re-election were: Gerry Zahavi – President; Debbie Maxwell – Secretary; and three directors: April Spilling, Wayne Johnson, and Christi Lill.

The floor was opened for other nominations. Given none, the secretary was directed to cast one vote for the slate.

**Road Clean-Up, Gerry**

Fantastic turnout – about 2 dozen people came to help. Having so many made the work easier, and the job was done in about an hour.

**Milfoil Committee and the Lake Champlain Basin and New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission Grant, Debbie**

The LCBP grant has 2 main parts:

1. Having a professional aquatic survey and analysis done of Lincoln Pond. This will provide us with detailed data on the current status of the lake, a summary of concerns and potential future threats, and possible management actions for us to take. Having this information will allow us to apply for future grants that will fund implementation of Eurasian milfoil control measures. The report will be posted on the Web site.
2. Education and Outreach – Literature and pamphlets have been printed to share with all homeowners on the lake, and pamphlet boxes and signs are being installed at all boat launch sites on the pond. Pamphlets will be distributed throughout the county, and a brief curriculum and field trip is being planned for the fall with the newly formed Bouquet Valley School District. Thanks to all the volunteers who are distributing the pamphlets.

The Association has also been invited to participate in the Adirondack AIS Management Tracker Program. Lake Association Volunteers will be trained on July 31<sup>st</sup> and then be out "tracking" later in August. The tracking of plant growth, watching to catch any new invasives early so eradication is possible, and monitoring the effectiveness of any milfoil control measures we take will occur every year. We would love to get more volunteers to join us. If interested, please email Debbie at [lincolnpondassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnpondassociation@gmail.com)

**Causeway Clean-out, Gerry**

Gerry summarized the many permits needed for us to clean out the sand deposits on the south side of the causeway. The DEC permit is for 5 years; the Army Corps of Engineers permit is open ended, and the Essex County DPW permit is an annual one, but easily renewed. We will email and post when a date, or dates, are set for the work (we have to wait for a lower water level).

### **Bridge/ Causeway, Gerry**

Gerry reported on a meeting he attended on January 9<sup>th</sup> with Essex County DPW managers (Chris Garrow, Superintendent of Public Works and other staff members) about the need to reconstruct the causeway culvert bridge – making it wider, higher, and deepening the channel below it. DPW engineers confirmed that the culvert opening was too narrow and that the DEC, if reviewing the project today, would insist on a 40 ft wide span (we have pictures showing the old causeway which was too low for boats to go through, but was 40 feet wide). The current causeway is only 10 feet wide, but much higher than the old causeway. Based on the current DPW work schedule, the reconstruction would be taken up in 20 years. There are some possible grants we might get to have the work done sooner if we can justify the need (we will be asking the people doing our lake survey to assess the ecological effect on Lower Pond of the narrow culvert).

### **Dam Project, Gerry**

Last year the incorrect spillway height was corrected by adding curbs. Unfortunately they were not properly sealed, so water was leaking underneath them. As soon as the water level lowers, repairs will be completed and hopefully the project will then be completely done!

### **Broadband Report, Doug Spilling**

Doug gave a brief overview of what had already been done to get broadband service to the lake. Construction is slated to start in September. Slic Network Solutions is the company that will be bringing broadband to the pond. They will provide 300 feet of fiber optic line from the nearest pole to your house. Available speeds will range from 25/25Mbps to 100/100Mbps. If interested, they will also provide phone service. If you have any problems once they are here, contact Doug Spilling. Other members mentioned their satisfaction with Verizon and AT&T Internet access. Payne's Way folks asked if they would be included; Doug will be looking into that.

### **Lake Quality, Wayne Johnson**

The water quality this year is good. The reports are available on the CSLAP website. If you observe an algae bloom, let Wayne know. Jill asked about the green, gelatinous "stuff" she had observed. Wayne said it was "pond scum." He also commented that bladderwort hasn't been around in several years.

### **Road Conditions**

**Wayne** - Lower Pond Way – There has been good participation in the road fund, with 24 out of 35 households contributing. Had enough money to do repairs needed on the road. The road was a little rough after all the June rain.

**Jeff Wright** - Twin Brooks – Twin Brooks is selling Lincoln Pond Decals to get some money to use on repairs. The decals are \$3 each \$1 of which goes to the road work. Currently they have \$1850. The road is in excellent shape. A new resident has good equipment which is really helping. They will be replacing 3 culverts and doing some needed brush clearing.

### **Fish and Wildlife**

No loons in this morning's annual loon count, although several have been they have been seen on the lake at other times. Reported sightings included a ground hog, an American eagle, a bear on Lower Pond Way, muskrats, and a river otter. Fishing has been good, and a 20 inch bass was reported.

### **Old Business, New Business, and Announcements**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Maxwell, Secretary