

THE TOWN BOARD held an emergency meeting on January 17, 2024 to accept or reject the Adirondack Dam Bids as the 45 day holding period will be over January 22nd, and the Town has not yet been approved for the Bond Anticipation Note, and any other business that came before the Board.

Supervisor Wells opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for the Roll with the following Board Members answering:

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Here
Councilwoman Eldridge	Absent
Councilman Howard	Here
Councilman Rathbun	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here

Present as well was Christine Pouch, E.D.M. and Events Manager.

Bids

Supervisor Wells explained to the Board Members that we had just received notification from our Engineers, Labella, that they had sent a request to their recommended contractor, CD Perry, to extend their bid for another 45- day extension. Supervisor Wells explained that this is in the bidding form and is allowed. This would allow us to extend the bid until March 7th.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to accept the recommendation from "Labella" to award CD Perry the contract upon acceptance from CD Perry to hold the Bid for another 45 days. This extension will move the end of the bid extension period to March 7th. If CD Perry does not respond by January 22nd all Bids will be rejected. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney	Aye
Councilwoman Howard	Aye
Councilman Rathbun	Aye
Supervisor Wells	Aye

Supervisor Wells stated the Board had in their packets the Contract with the CDC in the amount of \$2,500.00. He stated this had been budgeted for. He stated with Board approval he would sign the contract. The Board unanimously told the Supervisor to sign the contract.

Supervisor Wells also reported to the Board that Barton's Mines has once again been notified of an incomplete application on their Grant request. He stated that the State is giving them the run around.

Resolution # 1 – 2024 Approving Grant Request by ADK Action

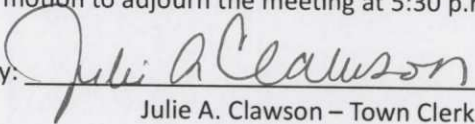
Christine Pouch approached the Board stating ADK Action is going for a Smart Growth Grant to begin developing a plan to turn the Landfill into a Pollinator Garden. She stated they just needed the Board to approve and endorse the application.

Supervisor Wells offered Resolution # 1 in the Year 2024. Seconded by, Councilwoman Howard.

Supervisor Wells stated this is exciting for Indian Lake as we will be the first in the Adirondack Park to do this. Resolution attached herein.

Christine Pouch also reported to the Board that the Solar Eclipse Committee has found 3 viewing potential spots. She stated they are the Little League Field, Chain Lakes Beach and the Town Hall Parking lot. She reported to all that the Committee will now begin advertising. She stated the Welcome Center will be the Eclipse Headquarters. Discussion held on security, parking and eclipse glasses.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Julie A. Clawson – Town Clerk

INDIAN LAKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE BOARD CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This agreement effective January 1, 2024, is between the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake and the Indian Lake Community Development Corp. (ILCDC) Board of Directors.

WHEREAS The Town of Indian lake wish to support the ILCDC as well as increase the Town's promotional efforts to a broader audience, **AND**

WHEREAS The Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake accepted the request of the ILCDC Board during the Budget process, **AND**

WHEREAS it was agreed upon to pay the ILCDC \$2,500 to be specifically used for Town of Indian Lake (including all three hamlets) for revitalization and promotional efforts, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED; the ILCDC agrees to the following:

1. The ILCDC will list the Town of Indian Lake as a sponsor for all events/activities promoted by the ILCDC.
2. The ILCDC will restrict the use of the funds to revitalization, rehabilitation, and/or new programs and projects which will directly benefit the community at large.

This agreement shall take effect on the date on which it is signed unless terminated by either party by notice in writing not less than thirty days prior to cancellation. This agreement will remain in effect for one year with an end date of 12/31/24.

Signature: Brian E. Wiley
Town Supervisor

Date: 1/18/24

Signature: _____
President of the ILCDC

Date: _____



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BOARD MEMBERS: PAMELA HOWARD, KRISTINA ELDRIDGE, JAKE MAHONEY
& JOHN RATHBUN

The Municipal Endorsement is required for non-municipal projects located on municipal property. This endorsement must accompany a completed application.

Resolution No: 1-2024

WHEREAS, ADK Action is applying to NYSDEC Adirondack Smart Growth for a Pollinator Meadow Capped Landfill Restoration Project to be located in the Town of Indian Lake on Pelon Road – Tax Parcel No. 56.014-1-2-3, a site located within the jurisdiction of the Town of Indian Lake Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of this program, said non-profit applicant must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Indian lake Board of Town of Indian Lake hereby does approve and endorse the application of ADK Action for a grant with NYSDEC Adirondack Smart Growth for a project known as Pollinator Meadow Capped Landfill Restoration Project.

Dated: 1-17-2024

Name of Town Clerk: Julie A. Clawson
Julie A. Clawson

State of New York
County of Hamilton
Town of Indian Lake

I, **Julie A. Clawson**, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that **Resolution # 1 in the year 2024**, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New York State at the Town Board meeting held in Indian Lake on January 17, 2024.

Resolution #1 will be on file in the Resolution Book as well as the Official Minutes in the Town Clerks office at the Town Hall, located on Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and State of New York.
The following Board Members of the Indian Lake Town Board had due notice of the meeting and was present at said meeting: **Supervisor Brian Wells, Councilman Jake Mahoney, Councilwoman Eldridge, Councilwoman Howard and Councilman John Rathbun.**

January 17 in the year 2024. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on this day of

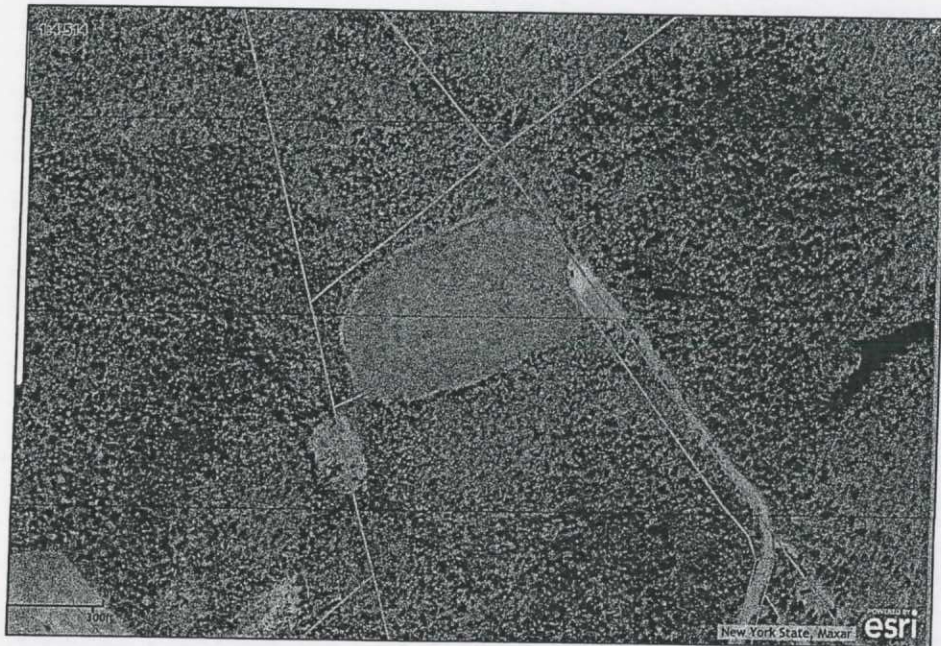
Seal

Julie A. Clawson
Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk

**Pollinator Meadow Capped Landfill Restoration
Draft Project Summary
January 2024**

Capped landfill sites have the potential for rich ecological revitalization, and many across the US and Canada have already been revegetated as native pollinator meadows. The Town of Indian Lake is working to become the first municipality in the Adirondack Park to do the same. There is a high potential for replication across the Park in other capped landfills.

The site itself is a 5.88 acre low-nutrient grassland atop a clay capped landfill plot. There are several pipe vents releasing methane and other byproducts of the decomposition process. The plot includes a gravel path gently curving and sloping to the highest point on the site.



Transforming this site with pollinator friendly plants and management without damaging the clay cap is both feasible and highly beneficial to local ecosystems and the local community. In a highly forested area within the Adirondack Park, open grasslands are both rare and valuable for pollinating insect species and migratory birds. A revegetated

site with public access along the access trail and mowed top zone can connect residents and visitors to pollinator education and viewing opportunities. In a town known for its love of monarch butterflies, this is a step worth taking.

The roots of native species will not compromise a properly designed cap. Roots, including taproots, grow laterally once they reach a cap, and research has found no impactful damage to a cap as a result. It will be essential to continue to build on existing support from DEC early and often.

Project Phases:

1. Learn from previous examples about best practices, lessons learned, long term management requirements, and potential funding, installation, and maintenance sources.
2. Working with an ecologist and environmental engineer (or similarly licensed expert) to develop a current and prospective future map for the site with essential information on size, topography, pathways, well vents, parking, current and future plant species, soil, and hydrology inventory.
3. Create a revegetation planting plan and ongoing management plan in alignment with the protection of the clay cap barrier and landfill vents.
4. Acquire necessary permits and licenses. Begin the acquisition process for materials and equipment.
5. Develop permanent signage and infrastructure for the site.
6. Install staged rounds of seed and plugs, begin ongoing management. Install signage and infrastructure.
7. Continue ongoing site stewardship and site publicity. Integrate beneficial citizen science monitoring programs and education opportunities as useful.