

Town of Indian Lake Water and Wastewater

Report for February 2022

Testing was completed at all plants daily.

Samples required by DEC and DOH were submitted to the lab.

Snow was cleared away from the hydrants in both water districts as needed.

In Blue Mt. Lake we have a leak near the top of Blue Mt. hill that we are having a very difficult time finding. We have had leak detection services from NYS Rural water here several times but have yet to find it. In early February there was water surfacing near where we dug looking for it last year. We dug there and again did not find our leak but a lot of groundwater. We are keeping up, but as we have other issues pop up, we are sometimes struggling to meet the demand.

At the Indian Lake Water Plant, we had new chlorine pumps that we were having a hard time wiring correctly. Arvid from Control System Integration came up and got them wired and working correctly, and also helped us with some other small issues under our service contract.

In Blue Mt. Lake there was a water main break by Greg Thompson's house that we dug up and fixed.

We went to Cohoes to pick up a new sewer pump for the East Plant.

In Blue Mt. Lake there was a water main break near Steamboat Landing that we had to dig up and fix.

In Indian Lake there were several plugged/frozen sewer lines that we cleared at different residences.

Thank-You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Mahoney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Pat Mahoney/Water and Sewer superintendent

Building maintenance and operation report for February 2022

During the month we were able to groom all of our trails for only the first half of the month , the weather this winter has not really cooperated with us and has made grooming a challenge with it being mostly ice. We had a 12 inch snowstorm on the fourth that brought the trails back to life but by the 12th we were back in a rain cycle, hills became too icy for our machines to climb, and washouts and water hazards appeared everywhere. We have spent a lot of time doing trail maintenance opening up ditches and culverts . When it's not snowing or raining It seems as though the wind is blowing and we have been on the trails cutting trees just about every day this month. The last round of rain we had flooded most of our trails in Deer Valley and took out the Williams brook bridge, we moved the excavator and cleaned off the bridge and pulled it back into place, Plough brook bridge was also covered in ice and when we were done with Williams we moved the machine and dug the ice off that bridge.

The skating rink has been pretty similar to the way grooming season has gone, we make good ice, then it warms up rains and we lose our ice, we have put in a lot of hours trying to get it ready for snocade. A lot of the events for snocade were canceled due to weather and bad ice. One of the biggest hits for snocade is the kitty cat races, Amber and her family did an amazing job again this year, we packed a track for them and removed the large snowbanks that blocked getting on the Field, after that they did the rest providing food and a fire. Amber's husband Mike shoveled and banked all the corners by hand so the kids who had difficulty steering would be able to stay inside the course.

With the rain we have had time to do a lot of in-house maintenance, we have brought in both of our drags that go on the woods trails and welded and fixed all broken spots that we could find, we fixed a seat issue where the machine was shutting off going down hills because the safety switch is grounding out, we adjusted the track tension on both Kubota's , installed new LED work lights to improve our vision at night and make us more noticeable to the snowmobilers.

Jeremiah and I spent two days at the health center with the water and sewer dept's snake cleaning out the cast-iron 3 inch sewer mains, the bathrooms downstairs has not been used in quite some time and Hudson headwaters came in and installed power flush toilets, these toilets overwhelmed the system and created a clog between the main in the building. Once we got everything flowing we took apart every clean out throughout the building and ran the snake down it to descaled the line. Took apart the upstairs sinks as well and cleaned all the traps.

As usual garbage runs are made to Blue Mountain Lake Mondays and Fridays, we check the dam and open or close as needed.

Helped water and sewer get the boiler back online at the water plant.

We chopped the ice off the ambulance corps roof and the meal site before the water backed up and start coming in like it has in previous years.

BTI has been ordered, should be here middle of the month.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie



Dept head building maintenance and operations



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

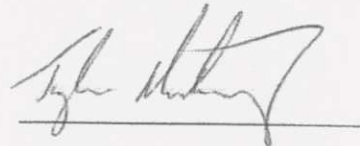
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Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

 **COPY**

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report February 2022

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	2	0
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$0</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>1</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$900,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>1</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>0</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	<u>3</u>	

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tyler Monthony



March 10, 2022, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

I am in contact with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) and North Country Economic Development Fund to see if we can help two Hamilton County businesses receive funding: \$300,000 mortgage for a business in Blue Mountain Lake and \$10,000 for renovations in Arietta. Three additional business owners have also inquired about funding opportunities. I plan to approach the ILCDC and partner with them to host a funding workshop in the very near future.

A local group has been formed to brainstorm issue related to lack of seasonal housing for workers, lack of applicants for jobs available, and transportation. We had a ZOOM call on February 16 and determined I would create a Facebook page and post jobs available through social media. We will also create a Job Board in the Welcome Center for hard copies of postings for those who do not use social media. The next meeting is being scheduled soon. If you'd like to receive meeting announcements and minutes, please let me know.

Connie Sahler has agreed to host a spring class focusing on social media for businesses. Date to be determined.

Events - 2022

SNOCADE was a success, at least for the activities that did not get cancelled. We had 21 cardboard sled racers competing in four divisions (5 and Under, 6-10, 11-17, and 18 and Older). 5 and Under winners were James Schlee, Noah Brothers, Lillian Benton and Natalie D. all tied for 1st place. 6-10 Julie and Joe Falgiano tied for 1st place; 11-17 Brendan Husson (1st), Braidan Schrager (2nd), and Michael Lampher (2nd). 18 and Older Jen Pollman and Katie Van Dusen were brave enough to ride their kayaks down the hill – neither finished but they said they had a blast!

The Grand Finale event had approximately 200 in attendance with great music and lots of skating, cocoa and smores roasting by the bonfire. The fireworks were spectacular.

The Horse Drawn Wagon Rides attracted 73 riders. The Cold-Water Rescue had approximately 20 onlookers. Many of the library events I visited were well attended and the kids were enjoying themselves.

The Kitty Kat races were by far the most popular activity with approximately 30 participants.

The Snowmobile Safety Course had 13 students: three no shows. Kickoff concert had 32 attendees.

Special thanks to all the volunteers on the SNOCADE Committee, Event Volunteers, and Building & Maintenance Department.

Irish Road Bowling, hosted by the Snowwarriors as a fundraiser, is Saturday, March 12, 2022. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. We are also the location, in conjunction with the Chamber, for collection of fees.

Marketing

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to follow the Town on social media sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake>

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

<https://www.instagram.com/townofindianlakenew/>

Indian Lake Logo Items:

SNOCAD E T-shirts and winter beanies were popular, selling close to \$1,000.

Patch Branded Logo Wear: I have been working with a vendor - Willington Print - on creating a catalog of branded merchandise that we can each order individually, one at a time, specific size and/or color. This allows you to custom order branded clothing for yourself personally or for your department. The prices are very reasonable.

The physical examples to look at are items I self-purchased and are at Town Hall. Additional items I researched are also listed in a folder with prices.

Other items available can be viewed using the catalog link below. Once you select an item, I can have the vendor check for availability. Once selected, an order can be placed, and our LOGO PATCH will be applied before it ships to us.

[Homepage | Company Casuals](#)

[The Collective System | Outerwear | Company Casuals](#)

Please use the form I provided to start the ordering process and return to me by March 15, 2022, for our first bulk order. **Please note, since these items are custom, they can NOT be returned or refunded.**

Branded merchandise is being gifted to the Town of Newcomb's Supervisor and marketing person as a thanks for their work on the Essex/Hamilton County Snowmobile sign. A plaque and logo items will be presented to Senator Tedisco for his dedication to helping Indian Lake when we were in his district.

Welcome Center:

We received a file cabinet donated by Bill Murphy. Visitors continue to stop in daily asking snowmobile trail conditions, seeking maps, and general information. During the phone and Internet outage, people flocked here to seek information.

Welcome to Indian Lake Packet

This project is complete, and copies will be distributed to locations in need during the month of March.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 3/1/2022



Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce
Representing Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake and Sabael

P.O. Box 724 Indian Lake, New York 12842

Phone and Fax (518) 648-5112 website: indian-lake.com

Email indianlakechamber@frontiernet.net

Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce
Office Report for February 28, 2022

Submitted by Darrin Harr

2022 Membership Report:

13 renewal notices sent

10 memberships renewed

February 2022 Membership Renewals sent to:

Adirondac Rafting Company

Community Bank, NA - PAID

Helmer's Fuel and Trucking - PAID

Indian Lake/Blue Mountain Fish and Game Association - PAID

Indian Lake Marina

Long Lake Camp

Prospect Point Cottages – PAID

New Members

Carpenter & Associates Insuring Agency

Memberships renewed in 2022:

Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake

Allen Van Hoff – Howard Hanna

Community Bank, NA

Helmer's Fuel and Trucking

Indian Lake/Blue Mountain Fish and Game Association

Indian Lake Snowwarriors

Memberships renewed in 2022 (continued):

North Country Workforce Partnership, Inc

Prospect Point Cottages

Route 30 One Stop

Sue Montgomery Corey

Website/Social Media:

Indian Lake, NY Chamber Facebook: Increased from 3697 followers in February 2021 to 4226 followers in February 2022.

Great Adirondack Moose Festival: Increased from 4170 followers in February 2021 to 5322 followers in February 2022.

Activity Log 2022 vs 2021:

2022	Email	Phone	Walk-in	DEC
January	18	25	52	1
February	29	36	92	5
Total	47	61	144	6

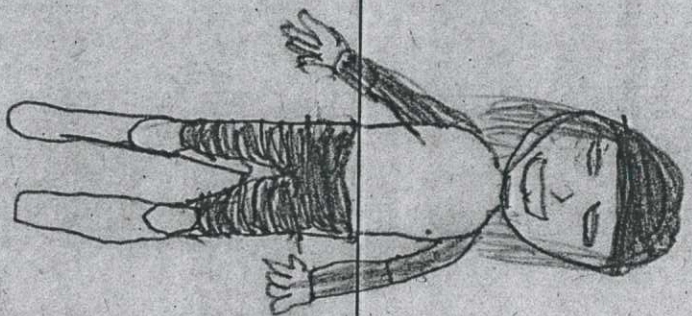
2021	Email	Phone	Walk-in	DEC
January	48	54	76	7
February	20	37	30	3
Total	68	91	106	10

Others:

- February 26 – Snocade Craft Snow at Adirondack Experience, the Museum on Blue Mountain Lake

Thank you for providing
us with skiing lessons.
We are very thankful
and happy to be able to
ski.

From Hayley + Ethan Cummings



Thank you to the town
of Indian Lake. I
have thoroughly
enjoyed the skiing
lessons and have learned
so much.

Thank you
Addison
Kinsey

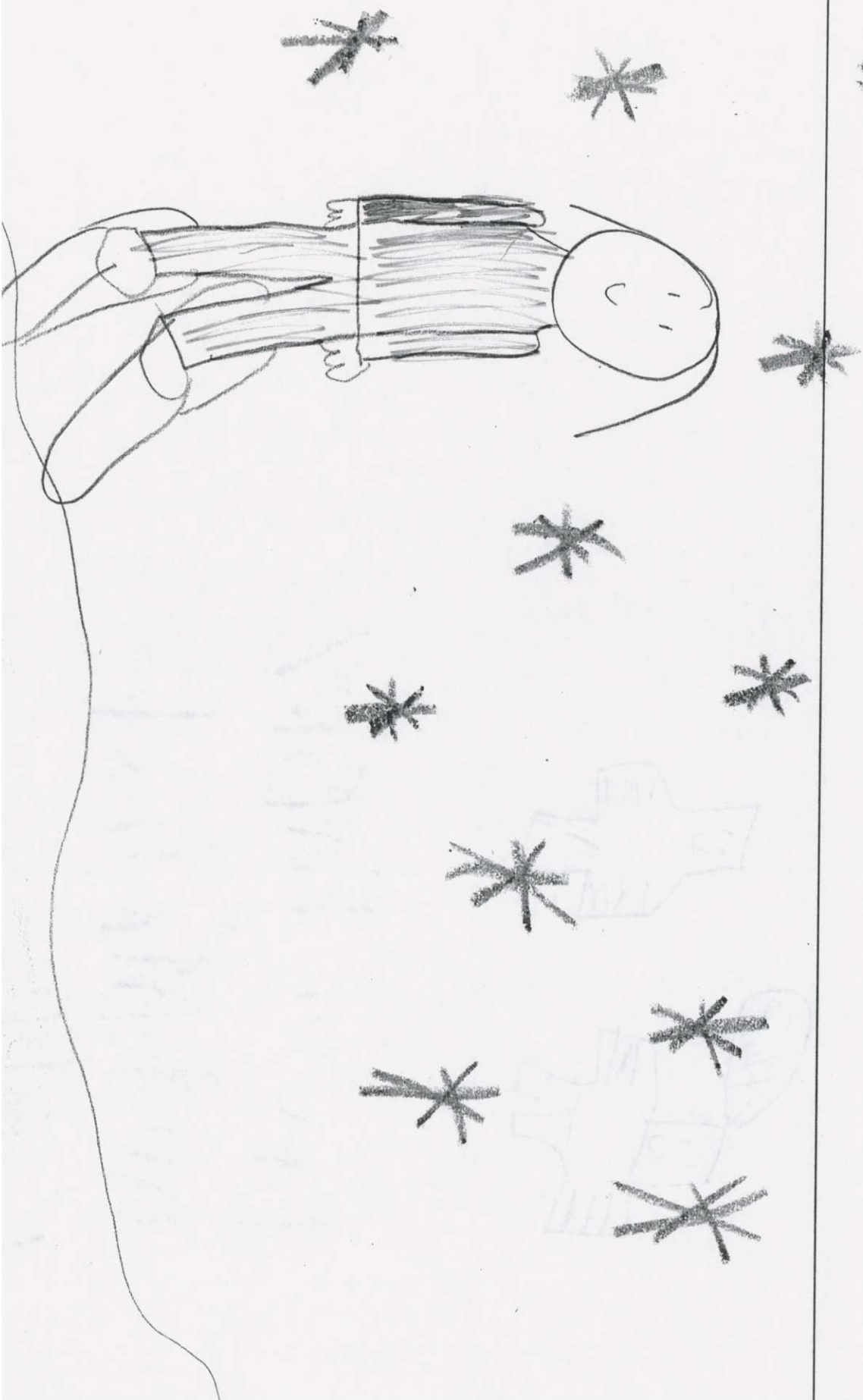
Thank You to town
of Indian Lake
for the ski lessons,
I had fun!



I
to ski!



Thank You for Paying for Skiing.

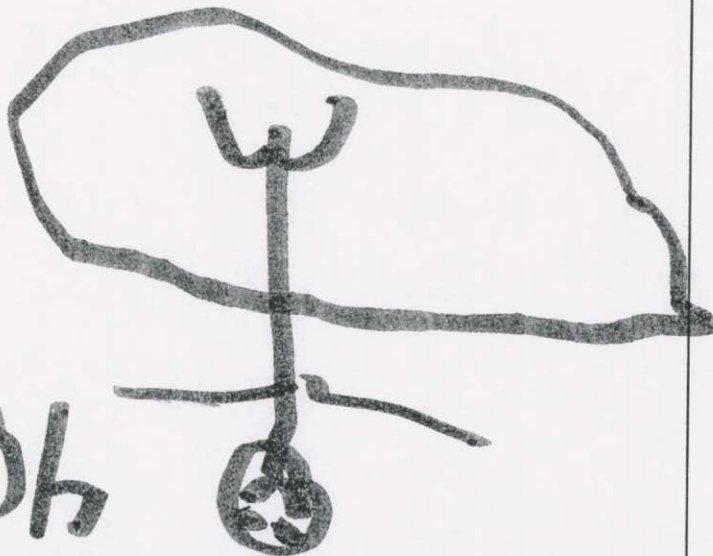


To: Indian Lake Town
Board,

Thank you for
ski lessons!

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Age: 5



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2/14/2022

Indian Lake Town Board,
Mountains of Thanks!

I appreciate the opportunity that you gave my sister and I to do ski lessons this winter! words can't express how thankful I am! I now have learned how to ski and absolutely LOVE it! The instructors were so great in teaching me. I truly looked forward to going to oak mountain every Sunday! If it weren't for you all I probably would not have had the opportunity.

2/13/22

**Your kindness
means so much.**

Thank you all so much for giving QH is kids the
opportunity to ski. or snowboard it was so
fun, Thanks again for letting us do this. If
it wasn't for you some kids would not
have been able to Thanks again you all,

Sincerely
Moberly





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Thank you for giving me
The chance to learn to Ski,
I am having a great time.

Your kindness means so much,
thank you!

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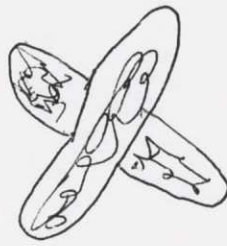
Dear, Town of Indian
Lake

Thank you
for sending my
Ski lessons this
winter I have
had so much fun
thank you.

- Reagan
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OK

Mountain



skis ↗

Dear Town of

Indian Lake,

I'm very grateful
for you ~~finding~~ ^{finding} ski

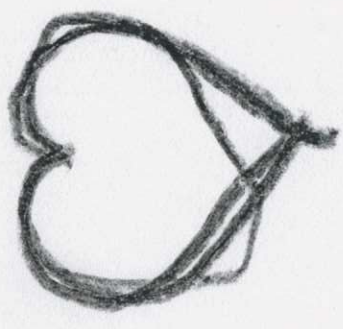
lessons this year.

I have learnt so
much!

♡ Madi

Hutchins

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skipping



For
yours
+ skip
Lessons
q + oqk
mountain.
Love
Happy

Dear Mr. Wells & the town board -
Thank you for organizing
the skiing program at
Oak Mountain. I love learning
new tips and tricks in
ski lessons. I can even
go down the black diamonds
now! I love skiing with my
family and watching my
friends get better. Thank
you again.

Sincerely,

Olivia, age 9

Lake Adirondack Septic Tank Pump Out Pilot Program DRAFT

John Layton <since4784@gmail.com>

Mon 2/28/2022 11:02 AM

To: Julie Clawson <iltclerk@outlook.com>

As discussed, this is a draft letter regarding the septic pilot program for Adirondack Lake.

We have the following questions for the board:

- Does the town wish to pursue this pilot program?
- Is this letter acceptable to mail out or do you have changes?
- Should this program be limited to tax payers within the Adirondack Lake Weed Control tax district or should it be offered to residents with homes with run off that could potentially affect the lake?
- If approved, what are the logistics for doing a mailing; postage, envelopes?

Sent from my iPhone

Lake Adirondack Septic Tank Pump Out Pilot Program.

Draft- New format V2

The Adirondack Lake Weed Advisory Board for the Town of Indian Lake wishes to propose a pilot program to financially supplement septic tank pump outs for up to 20 residents of Lake Adirondack. The purpose of the program is to improve performance to current septic systems within the watershed. It will also enhance awareness about septic systems, to inspire homeowners to perform preventive maintenance and to take timely action to prevent leakage or system breakdown. The usual cost of a septic pump out is \$250-\$275. This program will pay up to 50% of that cost, not to exceed \$137.50

To be eligible for the program homeowners must be within the Adirondack Lake Weed Control Tax District and not had their septic pumped out in the last five years. Work must be completed within 2022 and is on a first come first serve basis. To participate homeowners should contact the Adirondack Lake Weed Control Advisory Board to verify your eligibility. Advisory Board member John Layton can be reached at 518-948-5592 or e-mail since4784@gmail.com regarding this program. Once verified, schedule a pump out with a septic tank pump out company. Upon completion of the pump out, you should pay the driver your portion and the other half, or up to \$137.50, will be paid through the Adirondack Lake Weed Control tax fund.

The septic tank pumping contractor will provide only minimal digging to access the septic tank's cleanout cover. Guidance to the homeowner can be provided by the driver to help locate the general location of the cleanout. If you choose to have the driver do the digging or if you have other work performed, this would be at the homeowner's expense. All inspection findings are confidential between the homeowner and the contractor.

We hope this program is successful and we thank you for all the care and effort that you do on a regular basis to keep Lake Adirondack the beautiful place that we all love and enjoy.

Re: Terms of Office

John Layton <since4784@gmail.com>

Tue 3/1/2022 1:03 PM

To: Julie Clawson <iltclerk@outlook.com>

This has been of significant discussion of the committee lately since some are expiring, but I believe this is correct:

Ed Ford -expired 1/22, stepped down

Ernie Pollman - exp 1/22 requesting continuance till 1/25

Lenore Reber - exp 1/23

Brad Fisher - exp 1/23

John Layton - exp 1/24

New member for consideration Jim Holler to exp 1/24

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2022, at 11:15 AM, Julie Clawson <iltclerk@outlook.com> wrote:

Hi John,

I also need to know, how long the appointed terms go for Board Members. Is it annual or every two (2) years? I have all the Board Members changing at the same time as you were all voted in at the same time. Could you let me know how this is being handled?

*Julie A. Clawson
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
PO Box 730
Indian Lake, NY 1284
(518)648-5211*

WEED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members run for a three (3) year term

ERNIE POLLMAN –518-648-0199	pollmen@frontiernet.net	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2025
BRAD FISHER-518-424-4598	elfinquerogringo@gmail.com	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
ED FORD – 914-557-2485	ford.em@verizon.net	1/1/2021 – 12/23/2022
JOHN LAYTON -518-948-5592	since4784@gmail.com	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024
LENOR REBER- 518-859-8555	myquats@gmail.com	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
JOHN RATHBUN (Town Board Liaison) – 518-648-5306	jrathbun@frontiernet.net	

Jim Holler is under consideration to take Ed Fords vacancy his term would expire 1/2024

RESOLUTION # 2 IN THE YEAR OF 2022

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION AND AUDIT OF THE JUSTICE COURT
WAS CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 2019-a OF THE UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT**

INTRODUCED BY _____ WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY _____

WHEREAS, every town and village justice is required to present his/her records and docket at least once a year to the town or village to be examined by the auditing board or official, or by a certified public accountant or public accountant. **AND**,

WHEREAS, any town or village justice who shall willfully fail to present his/her records and docket to the auditing board as required in §2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act "shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, in addition to the punishment provided by law for a misdemeanor, forfeit his [or her] office." **AND**,

WHEREAS, Town Justice S. Edward Brown, Jr. has submitted his records for review. **AND**,

WHEREAS, Town Justice Nancy Landmesser, has submitted her records for review. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake has acknowledged and performed an audit of Town of Indian Lake Justice S. Edward Brown, Jr and Justice Nancy Landmesser court records and financials. **AND**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake hereby authorizes Suzanne Walrath, Principal Accountant, to provide a copy of such audit and a certified copy of this resolution to: Chief Internal Auditor, NYS Unified Court System, 2500 Pond View, Suite LL01, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033.

Duly adopted this day of March 10, 2022, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Supervisor Wells	_____
Councilperson Mahoney	_____
Councilwoman Eldridge	_____
Councilman Curry	_____
Councilperson Rathbun	_____

RESOLUTION NO. 3

**REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

DATED:

BY

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the Town Board to post weight limits on Town Roads when the Board deems necessary to protect roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 40, Section 1650 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS, the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and

WHEREAS, the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring breakup, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of _____ hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of _____ when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2022.

Seconded by

Whitewater Derby - Water Releases

Richard Carlson <diccarlson@frontiernet.net>

Mon 2/28/2022 10:10 AM

To: ilsuper@hotmail.com <ilsuper@hotmail.com>; eldridgek16@gmail.com <eldridgek16@gmail.com>; dseancurry@aol.com <dseancurry@aol.com>; jrathbun@frontiernet.net <jrathbun@frontiernet.net>; jpm757@gmail.com <jpm757@gmail.com>
Cc: haylstein@gmail.com <haylstein@gmail.com>; Katie Nightingale, <nightingale@frontiernet.net>; Anna Bowers <vinogirl79@gmail.com>; joshkelly26@gmail.com <joshkelly26@gmail.com>; Peter Morehouse <morehousepf@gmail.com>

Greetings Supervisor Wells and Town Board Members -

As you may be aware the Hudson River Whitewater Derby has been a main stay of Spring Events for 60+ years. Due to Covid concerns there has not been a Whitewater Derby in 2020 and 2021. The Derby has suffered for many years with anemic participation numbers for races in the recent past.

The thought of moving the Derby to a warmer month has been discussed for the 2022 Edition - specifically to Saturday, June 18th (Other dates are also a possibility). Warmer weather and warmer water are the draw to moving the event and hopefully increasing participation.

The thought is that the Derby would become a "River Festival" of sorts with additional fun races (tube race, crazy craft derby, etc). There is also a possibility to involve American Whitewater, which currently sponsors other River Festivals ([link here](#)). The idea of a regional river festival could also include an event on the Indian with a Slalom Race (The Open Canoe Nationals were held on the Indian in the 1980s) and/or a boater cross (like snowboard cross except for kayaks) on the Indian River.

We are well aware of the water release schedule from the Abanaki Dam for rafting and recreation boating. Both of us were raft guides for many years. The current release schedule sees water levels increases in North River at approximately 2:30PM. If there was an additional release for an hour or two prior to the rafting release, we could hold our events earlier and not interfere with the rafting traffic. Much the same for events on the Indian, but perhaps with additional releases after the rafting release - much the same as was provided for the Governor's Challenge Raft Race for some years.

What our committee would like to know are any of these cooperative water releases possible, at least conceptually.

I see that there is a Town Board meeting on March 14. We are more than willing to come and discuss this with the Board.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Dick Carlson, Katie Nightingale
Hudson River Whitewater Derby

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Richard Carlson
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North River, NY 12856
518-251-0829