

SEPTIC- Last year we initiated a Septic Tank Pump Out Pilot Program that offered a financial incentive for residents on the lake to get their septic tank pumped out. We had twelve inquiries about the program and ultimately nine residents that submitted for reimbursement. We have requested the Town Board to approve the program for 2023. We expect their reply soon. Since the mailing last year was expensive, we will just advertise it in our emails to all the residents. We now have a nearly complete email list for the Tax District. That said, if you are aware of anyone needing to be added to the email list, please have them respond with their contact information.

DAM-There aren't any new final decisions. There are VERY informative posters in the Town Hall Lobby about the dam proposal. This initiative is discussed at Town Board meetings. The southeast (usual) boat launch is expected to be open this spring. If construction does impede this site, a temporary launch may be used at the small pull off site on the opposite side of the dam.

LOONS-The ADK Center of Loon Conservation has many suggestions for what we, as a community, can do for loon and other wildlife preservation. They like to frame the idea as all living things are the community of the lake. The list includes putting up a used fishing line container and loon signs, both of which they will supply, publicizing lead tackle buy back at Pines, note problems around the lake and address them. Also, to become an official Loon conservation lake we should have two community or individual clean-ups a year in the public areas, encourage thoughtful behaviors to reduce our carbon footprint and environmental impact. They offer Zoom training on a variety of topics, educational brochures, and encourage keeping a log of our projects. All of this would take several years to complete.

BOAT WASH-This would take significant time and financial commitment. This year we will place a container at the launch site where boaters could put plant pieces they find on their boats or trailers before or after boating. A similar box is at the state boat launch on the south end of Indian Lake. Christine Pouch will design the signage and John Rathbun will construct the box.

LAKE HEALTH- We continue to reach out to HCSW and DEC and others for data, information, and advice about what actions, if any, should be taken to improve lake habitat. Our local Fish and Game group is interested in encouraging a better environment for our fish population, which has decreased considerably in the past decade or more. We have been in contact with the NYS DEC Aquatic Biologist for our region and he is not supportive of stocking, instead they promote a natural course of lake growth. This information has been forwarded to the Fish and Game Club. Ninety five people attended The Ice Fishing Derby on February 23rd, 3 pike up to 31" were caught. No carp and no perch over 10" were caught. Bass were not recorded since they were not in season.

BOGS-Please keep us informed of any bogs which have arrived near your property this spring. We will coordinate with the Town Parks and Recreation Department to move bogs causing safety concerns. We will also paddle the lake to make more bog observations.

FINANCE-Member Ernie Pollman has gathered the Tax District financial information so that we can recommend responsible and informed spending decisions.

New Member- Tim Farrell has been appointed by the Town Board as the newest member of our lake's Weed Advisory Board. Welcome Tim.

Next meeting-4/12/23 at 6:00 at Byron Park Submitted by Lenore Reber