

**A TOWN BOARD MEETING** was held on April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Town Hall, Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilman Mahoney	Here
	Councilwoman Eldridge	Here
	Councilman Curry	Absent
	Councilman Rathbun	Here
	Supervisor Wells	Here

#### Minutes

Councilman Rathbun made a motion to accept the minutes of 3/13/23 as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Eldridge.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Councilman Mahoney	Aye
	Councilwoman Eldridge	Aye
	Councilman Rathbun	Aye
	Supervisor Wells	Aye

#### Department Head Reports/ Additions

Councilman Mahoney asked Patrick Mahoney, Department Head of Sewer and Water about communications, and Patrick stated Blue Mt was having difficulties the last 4 days, but things are getting straightened out. There will be someone coming on Monday and Thursday to work on the computer system so everything will be okay (computer-wise). Supervisor Wells questioned Jamie Roblee, Highway Superintendent, about the meeting that he had with Pat and the Luck Brothers. Emergency Access on Water Plant Rd will be available for firetrucks or ambulances while the bridge undergoes construction/repair. There will be signs stating that it is not for public use, simply for emergency access and construction vehicles. The bridge will be closed for two weeks (May 3), it should be around a month for the completion of the project. Christine Pouch, Economic Development, Marketing and Events, and Supervisor Wells have been working on a way to track the number of hikers going into OK Slip Falls, have developed a wonderful patch that people will be able to earn upon completion of the hike. They can stop into the Welcome Center, provide contact information (which will allow to see the number of people who are going in) and pick up their well-earned patch. It has been difficult to gauge how many people are going into the falls and this was a nicer option than simply a decal, people must go into the welcome center in person to pick up the patch. Work is happening on a decal sticker that would be available to people who come up for rafting, which would allow for tracking the number of people who are participating in that activity. Christine also states that she appreciated Hamilton County Tourism (Kristy) representing Indian Lake at the Adirondack Expo the weekend of March 18 and March 19 in Saratoga. There were 10000 people at this event, so it was a wonderful opportunity for marketing exposure.

#### Public Comments and Concerns

Brenda Valentine, met with the two new owners of the Indian Lake Marina, they approached the CLCDC about doing a ribbon cutting opening, finger foods, VIPs, on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. They (CLCDC) have helped many businesses with grand openings and will revisit the marketing of the Steamboat Landing opening in the hopes of generating as much excitement as there was for that tremendously successful event. The Main Street America Program, thank you to Christine Pouch for her work in securing a \$7,500 grant from the Adirondack Foundation. Fifty percent of the grant will be used in technical assistance training (webinar training sessions, 4 committees/volunteer groups) – teaching volunteers in the community what the Main Street Program is, what it can do and what they can do as volunteers to make it work, the other half will be used for buying things like flowerpots, flowers, signs, etc. We are so thankful to the Adirondack Foundation and to Christine for securing this grant. Jack Valentine questioned the March 14<sup>th</sup> Hudson River Black River Regulatory District meeting - it was cancelled due to the large amount of snow we received and has not yet been rescheduled. Supervisor Wells asked Jamie Roblee, Highway Superintendent if Chain Lakes Road is still closed? Jamie stated they never closed the gate, the road however, is still snowed in, Supervisor Wells told a gentleman to call Jamie about getting back in there.



### Thank You Letters

The ILCS Travel Club sent a thank you for tricky tray donations (Indian Lake local wear) and support.

Gem Radio Theatre sent a thank you to the town for sponsoring the showing of the Chalice of Malice murder mystery show at the Indian Lake Theater during Snocade.

### Chamber of Commerce

Bob Marriot questioned the Board as to whether the Chamber could use the town logo on some of their promotional material. They have revamped the website but have not progressed on a new logo for the chamber. In the interim, they would like to use the town logo on some promotional material to get people's attention. Supervisor Wells stated that during comprehensive plan discussions, it was shown that there should be separate identities between Town Government and Town Business's and Organizations. Supervisor Wells stated that while the Town supports the Chamber and the Chamber supports the Town, there should be a clear delineation between the two with strict branding guidelines. Supervisor Wells is not opposed to using the logo for a Town supported event with a clear distinction between Town Government and Town Organizations. It is important that the town supports ALL the businesses and organizations in the town, while the Chamber promotes their members. Joanna Pine thought it was in the interest of continuity, but if this was not acceptable, they could come up with their own. Supervisor Wells stated the collaboration is terrific between the Town and the Chamber, the shared building is a plus, no problem supporting, but need to look at things on a case-by-case basis. Councilman Mahoney stated that the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce is proudly located in Indian Lake and when you see the logo, you associate the two – he was okay with the idea. Councilman Mahoney asked how the Chamber would be using the Logo, she stated that it would be used for promotional purposes only. Supervisor Wells again stated that he would have no problem with the use on a case-by-case basis and only with Board approval.

### Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells reported he had a meeting with the Professional River Rafting Guides Association, to discuss 2023 contract. He told all the Season started April 1st.

Supervisor Wells reported that the Blue Mt Lake Entrance signs are moving forward. He told all we have the permit in hand, we have the corrected locations, and work will be forthcoming.

Supervisor Wells reported that the Solar powered speed limit sign application needs to be redone as the wrong forms were used. He stated that Ralph Coon has done all the legwork on this already so hopefully this can be finished and submitted quickly.

Supervisor Wells reported to all he had a Zoom meeting with AATV Representatives, local government Review board Representatives, NYS Housing and Community Renewal discussing the current housing issues.

Supervisor Wells stated that he would be sending a letter to the APA concerning the road mileage cap. He stated that we need to push DEC to clean up the state land master plan Article 14 (1972). This master plan limited the amount of road mileage that would be allowed in wild forest within the park. He stated that the park has doubled in size since 1972 (3 million to six million acres), and the DEC would like to keep the mileage at the 1972 limits. Local Gov Review, AATV and the local governments would like to pursue a 15 % increase from the 1972 amount in the roads. He stated that the state should not count CP3 mileage because it would further restrict us as there are less than 1000 permit holders in NYS for CP3 (handicapped accessibility- a permit that allows you to run on certain roads). He reported to all that this mileage is affected by the number of snowmobile trails in an area as well. He told all that when we add a snowmobile trail, another area loses mileage. If the CP3 mileage is included in the cap, that will put us over the allowed amount. He told all that they had until April 17<sup>th</sup> for public comment time. He told all to go online to the APA or DEC websites comment before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Wells reported that he had an AATV and Local Government Review Board meetings in Warrensburg to discuss the Conservation Design Bill. This bill would again tell homeowners how much land they can or cannot use. Supervisor Wells offered Resolution # 7 – Opposing the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill Assembly 04608. He stated that the APA has enough tools in place to control the subdividing of properties, this is an additional way that they are trying to limit what you can do on your own property.

### Resolution # 7 – 2023

Supervisor Wells offered **Resolution #7 in the year 2023** Opposing the passing of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill Assembly 04609, Councilman Mahoney seconded. Resolution attached herein.



March 2023, monthly building and maintenance department report

During the month of March we were out grooming the trails every day, the early snowfall that we had during the month provided us enough snow to have all of our groomers out running. Midway through the month we lost the four-wheel-drive unit in our newest 6060 tractor, the tractor was taken to Champlain Valley equipment and repairs were made while the tractor was over there. The guys worked around the clock with one machine grooming moose river planes trail and blue Mountain Trail, day and night to keep up with snowmobilers. We have heard more good than bad about our trail system this year, and we keep trying to make improvements where we can whether it be with bridges, or taking a machine in to do some of the work.

Plowing, salting and shoveling kept us very busy as well, we even managed to help the highway plow all their roads during the major snowstorm that we got. Ken, Gean, Jeremiah, Steven, and myself all helped Jamie's crew keep the roads open, parking lots open and anything else that was asked of us from the highway.

We have been busy with mechanical at the shop, making repairs to our second groomer as needed welding and rebuilding on the old drags, full hydraulic and oil service on the 6060 number two. Made repairs to our snowblower, serviced two trucks this month,

Christmas decorations and signs were taken down from snocade, and we cleaned up the road after the snow warriors Irish Road bowling event.

When we had time in between projects, we kept working on the highway shed. Installed a new window on the highway lunch room after the ice took out the old one.

We wired in a new transfer switch at our garage to hook to our generator so we can still use our shop during the long power outages.

Garbage runs are still done every Monday and Friday in Blue Mountain and Indian Lake

The generator at the health center has been giving us fits, during the last outage we had a hard time making the unit run, the battery charger on the unit has gone bad, and so did the block heater, we have replaced the charging unit, but I'm not able to get parts for the block heater.

Thank you  
Bill LaPrairie  
Department head building maintenance and operations



## Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for March 2023

Testing was completed daily at the plants.

DEC and DOH monthly samples were submitted to the lab.

The antennas were replaced at the water tank and water plant.

The Hydrants in both districts were plowed and shoveled a couple times.

Our driveways and yard were plowed several times.

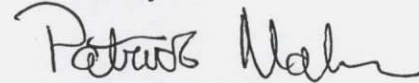
Evan finally received his water license from the Dept. of Health

A hydrant was broken off in Indian Lake. We will be repairing it when the parts arrive.

We had to replace the filter control valve on one of the filters in Blue Mt.

The chlorine feed pump was also replaced at the Blue Mt. plant.

Thank-you



Patrick Mahoney

## Highway Report April 2023

Well the snowy month of March kept us busy clearing Roads. With a total of around 50 inches with 36" of that in one storm.

We now have two of our Tandem axle trucks stripped of Plow Gear with hopes that it will warm up and dry out so we can start our spring projects.

We still have been riddled with breakdowns #186 has a Turbo bad which is being worked on as we get time

#187 our grader is having transmission issues #182 had a wire broken in the wiring harness that controlled the #2 Fuel injector, and a bad coolant level sensor which would cause it to shutdown.

#188 had to get new brakes.

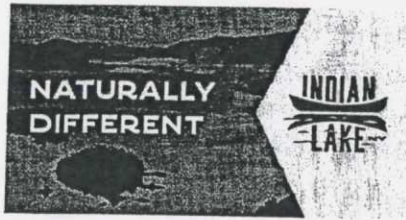
Hopefully all will be fixed by the time the road posted signs are pulled.

Jamie Roblee  
Highway Supt.

## Mechanics Report March 2023

- ① Worked on Sander lights for #195
- ② made up hyd hose for 5085 tractor
- ③ Fixed hyd hose for 180 plow
- ④ made hyd hose for #192 tractor
- ⑤ Leak on coolant line on #191 fuel truck
- ⑥ made up new wing cable for 183.
- ⑦ Put chains on 187 grader
- ⑧ made up new chains for 188
- ⑨ Put new front brake pads on 188 1 ton
- ⑩ Fixed plow light on 188
- ⑪ Replaced blown brake light on 185
- ⑫ Getting shop ready for comp inspection





**April 10, 2023, Town of Indian Lake  
Board Meeting  
Economic Development, Marketing & Events  
Report**

**Community/Economic Development**

Main Street America (MSA) Committee – The group is planning an in-person workshop on Thursday, April 27 at 6PM. The focus of this meeting will be to breakout in to the four working groups to discuss projects, as well as vote on an official name for the project. All are welcome to attend.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Update – National Grid has begun the process to submit the documents I provided them in regards to the LED energy upgrades performed over the last two years. A rebate will follow.

The ILCS Career, Skills & Trade Readiness and Town of Indian Lake Job Fair– I helped solicit panel members and participated in a panel discussion at the school on Friday, March 24. The next day we sponsored a Job Fair with the following employers present: Town of Indian Lake, Barton Mines, NYS DEC, Great Camp Sagamore, Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, Kevin Elkin Tree Service, Hemlock Hall and Adventure Sports Rafting. In addition, Revolution Rail and Minnowbrook Conference Center sent information. Although only six potential employees attended, one business owner attracted two new hires and another a strong potential. One potential employee inquired about our lifeguard positions.

**Events – 2023**

NEW – Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with the library – To be held on Saturday, April 8 at 10:30am. Town is providing 144 stuffed eggs (filled with stickers and stampers), fresh fruit tray, fruit snack packets, and juice, along with plates, napkins, forks, etc.

Community Pride Day, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, will be happening in various Adirondack communities on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. To date, I have solicited 12 sponsors totaling \$860, plus food donations from Adirondack One Stop and ADK Homestead. Currently we have approximately 60 volunteers signed up to cover Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake. Free lunch for volunteers will be available that day at Byron Park and at the Blue Mountain Lake Fire Hall.

Black Fly Challenge planning continues monthly. Friday, June 9 will be set up at Byron Park and the race starts the next day at 10AM. Registration for the event is now open and discounted at: <https://www.bikereg.com/blackflychallenge>. The NYSDOT Perm 33a is being reviewed. Volunteer recruitment will begin shortly. More than 800 riders have registered to date.

Indian Lake Paint Out! The second annual plein air painting event is scheduled for August 18-20. We already have one participant signed up. A grant to cover the artist fee was submitted via ALCA to NYSCA State Community Regrant program on March 28.

Rustic & Artisan Street Fair – Save the dates - September 9 and 10.

Adirondack Antiques September 13-17 – I am planning to expand the street booths down Route 30 as Rich and Jen Hoffman would like to rent their lot behind their building to vendors. I'm hoping other homeowners along this route will also participate. I'm in the process of contacting certain homeowners were their opportunity to rent our their space/lawn.

**Marketing.**

There are continuous posts on all four of our social media sites. The e-newsletter is delivered to inboxes weekly when relevant content is available.

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/townofindianlakeneu/>  
[www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny](http://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny)  
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Nextdoor

**Grants**

- The Charging Station Grant awards will be announced in the 1st quarter of 2023. I sent an email to find out if there are any updates. 4/5/23 Still awaiting response; last I heard the award list was being reviewed for approval.
- Pending grant projects included the following:
  - DEC Hamlets Gateway grant timeline and budget modifications are being sent to DEC this week. 4/5/23 DEC is reviewing our modification request and we should hear back by April 18.
  - DEC Cunningham Land Acquisition is in the close-out process. 4/5/23 Distribution of funds (\$200,000) have been received.
  - We are still waiting for two DASNY Member Item grants to be processed. One for \$2.5M for Lake Adirondack Dam and the other for \$300,000 Townsend Garage purchase. DASNY is slow in providing any details re: when we can expect to receive these payments. 4/5/23 I spoke with our new senator's director of constituent services about these member items and they are now on their office's radar. We'll be invited to their ribbon cutting in May.
  - The grant for DEC Byron Park Improvements also needs modifications and is pending as it is tied directly to the Lake Adirondack Dam project. 4/5/23 A quarterly report was sent in for 3/31/23. Modification request is up next.
- Grants we applied for to date:
  - Northern Forest Recreation Fund – Applied for \$2,500 for bike trails. Awards announced May 1.
  - Adirondack Foundation – APPLIED. Funding requested for Ski Hut Community center to replace pool, foosball, and ping pong tables. Requested \$3,275. 4/5/23 Not funded. We will apply to other funder(s) for same project.
  - DEC High Hazard Rehabilitation Grants – submitted a total grant project of \$177,958.63 with a request for \$100,000. Awards announced in April 2023. 4/5/23 Still waiting.

**Meetings**

3/13 – Attended a Newcomb Tech talk re: their new app.

3/24 – Black Fly Challenge Meeting in Inlet.

4/3 – LaBella meeting with NYS LWRP person re: the prior grant application that was not funded.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 4/5/23.





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

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Date: April 4, 2023

Monthly Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce Summary Report – March 2023

- On March 18<sup>th</sup>, The Indian Lake Snowwarriors along with help from the Chamber hosted this year’s edition of Irish Road Bowling. The event was a success with over 60 teams participating.
- On March 21, The Chamber hosted a special event. Marketing in the Digital Age hosted by “Life in the ADK” owner Michelle Bartlett of Old Forge. The event drew 30 people and people came to this event from as far as Saranac Lake to see this presentation. The presentation focused on how businesses can improve their marketing using the various social medial platforms. The attraction of this event on social media helped bring attention to the Chamber Facebook page by gaining many more followers. This will help The Chamber with future marketing of events. The Chamber promoted this event and did a survey after the event of people who attended. Overall the reviews were great and people where wishing we will do this event again. Plans are to do this event sometime this fall. Business partners from the area picked up many valuable points that will help them market their business.
- It’s mud season and planning has started for The Chamber’s Poker Paddle event this summer. This year’s event is planned for July 15<sup>th</sup> at Byron Park and Adirondack Lake. This year’s event will be bigger and better than before with more people registering. This event last year drew 130 people and that will again draw people to the community and help increase economic activity in the town.
- Work is continuing on making improvements to The Chamber’s website.
- Weekly I visit various business partners in the community to communicate about various topics and listen to any concerns business partners have and anyway The Chamber can help their business.
- Continue to be a positive face of the community with providing information to visitors and helping cultivate economic boosts to local business.

**Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report**  
**March 2022**

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	7	2
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	\$39,060	\$215,000
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	\$0	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	2	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	\$0	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	3	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	0	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	\$0	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	4	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony



# Thank To You!

Dear Friends of the Indian Lake Central School Travel Club,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the Tricky Tray. Thanks to your generous contributions, over \$3600 was raised towards our Travel Club trip to NYC in April. The opportunity for Indian Lake Central School Student travel would not be possible without your support. Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,

The members of the ILCS Travel Club



Abigail Hall Jackson Strader  
Kayla Norton Wheeland Paraso  
Haylie Paterko Jaelynn Meher  
Gabe Stanton Charlotte Dibble  
Emma Darragher  
Hunter Thross

Dear Christine and  
Indian Lake;

3.22.23

Thank you for sponsoring  
our performance of *Chalice of Malice*  
at the Indian Lake Theater for  
Include 2023! We loved performing  
at the theater and were delighted  
at the number of folks in the  
audience despite the weather that  
night. Congratulations on a great  
Include - we were proud to be part  
of it!

Sincerely, Robin Jay



RESOLUTION # 7 IN THE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSING OF CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION  
DESIGN BILL A04608

Resolution Offered By: Supervisor Brian E Wells  
Seconded By: Councilman Lake Mahoney

**WHEREAS:** The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment that the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** the State of New York as of March 20, 2018, owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12, 2018, also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9 million acres Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetland, and high elevations are not suitable for development; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain land use classifications, which are already protected and regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency; **AND**

**WHEREAS:** the proposed bill places an additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake does not approve of the proposed Bill; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (A04608) be withdrawn; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** those copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblywoman Glick, Assemblywoman Kelles, Senator Harckham, Senator Stec, Senator Griffo, Senator Tedisco, Senator Walczak, Assemblyman Jones, Assemblyman Simpson, Assemblyman Smullen and Assemblywoman Woerner

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney - Aye Councilwoman Eldridge - Aye  
Councilman Ruthben - Aye Supervisor Wells - Aye