

Building maintenance and operations November report 2023

During the month of November, we finished up working on the ice-skating rink, we replaced many plywood panels around the edges, and tops were all done with treated lumber and painted white. We spent about a week working on the project, last year we did all the straight sections this year we did the corners which were more time-consuming because each piece had to be cut individually. Everything has a fresh coat of white paint on it, and we put down some concrete along the edges to help retain water.

We have shuffled our equipment around from deer Valley to Cedar River to cemetery for burials then back in the woods to Sabael so we could finish up all of our dirt work projects just as Snowmobile season is starting.

We went with Christine to round Lake and picked up shrubbery and trees for the new kiosk, everything is done on our end at the kiosk location for this year, in the spring we will rake and grass seed the whole area.

We picked up a Christmas tree for the mini park set that up the weekend of country Christmas tour, everyone helped with tree decorations and cleanup of the park

We have had a lot of cleanup around town buildings with the storms we've had, one large limb fell on the Museum roof and we had to cut that off of the service line. The snowmobile trails took a beating with many tops and branches falling, especially up in deer Valley.

All of our winter equipment has been installed on all of our machinery, all of the trucks are prepped and ready for snow.

We helped the highway out two days this month plowing snow, we did parking lots and the school, plus our normal routine of welcome center, transfer station, Ski Hut, Byron park and ski hut Garage.

All walks are shoveled and salted daily as needed and blue Mountain garbage runs are done on Mondays and Fridays and we keep the facility plowed out up there as well.

Adirondack generator came and finished installing the switches we needed for the Health Center, Meal Site and Ambulance garage, the new generator and buildings are all good.

Thank you
Bill laPrairie
Dept had building maintenance and operations



Town of Indian Lake board report for November 2023

All required test were completed daily at all three plants.

DOH and DEC monthly samples were submitted to the lab.

Evan LaPrairie successfully completed his New York State 2A wastewater exam and is now a certified 2A wastewater operator. He is also a 2A,C and D certified water operator.

Control system integration switched our scada system from device net over to hardwired. This change will make it easier to perform service on the HMI and VFD's.

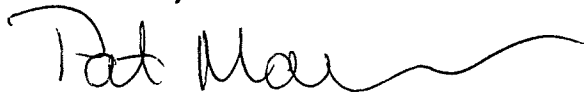
The right side train at the sewer plant was completely pumped out and cleaned.

The plants have been plowed and shoveled as needed.

The East plant was cleaned weekly.

We repaired a water leak on Bennett Rd.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, wavy underline.

Patrick Mahoney

Highway Report

Dec. 2023

The early weeks of November were spent getting equipment ready for snowplowing and sanding.

Truck #986 is repaired and back in the shop. It is finally working properly.

Our tractor returned and the new wiring harness was installed. It is working properly now. Took 3 months to get the ~~new~~ wiring harness!

Several snowstorms have now been plowed.

I would like to thank our building and grounds for plowing the parking lots during the last month. We were very short handed of help!

Our Grader transmission was installed into it. Unfortunately it was not working and pressures test bad. It came directly from the John Deere factory. We are still waiting for another!

Jamie Roblee
Highway Dept.

Nov 2023

Mechanics Monthly Report
Bill Wells

- 1) Broken Bolt on leaf blower driveshaft replaced on TC45
- 2) Tires on rear of trailers replaced
- 3) Trip to G.F. for #186
- 4) Changed rear tires on 182
- 5) Full Service on 186
- 6) Sander put in 188
- 7) Sander in 181
- 8) Dust Shields on 185
- 9) Fixed plow control for 188
- 10) made up chain for 194 Sander
- 11) Serviced 193 loader
- 12) Serviced 183 truck

12/7

Maintenance Report

Finished Rounds on skating Rink

Built & Installed Door at Dump for ArMart

Planted Tree's new welcome spot

Built Cabinet for panels at Health Center

Trimed new Door at Library

Put up Christmas tree town park

shelving at library

plowing & shoveling

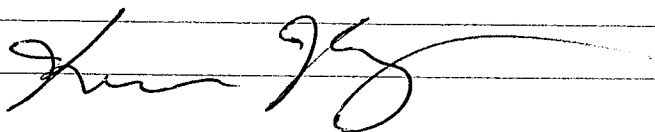
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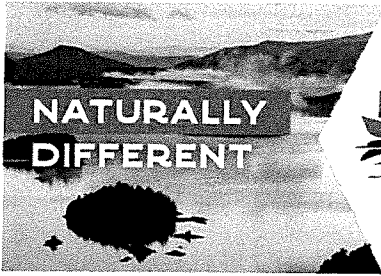
More shelving at library

Built & installed sliding door's for
chamber. (front counter)

Moving trucks for Trall crew when needed

Garbage Runs Mon & Friday





December 11, 2023, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

The Solar Eclipse Planning Meeting was today on Thursday, December 7 at 11am. Featured speaker is Seth McGowan from the Adirondack Sky Observatory in Tupper Lake. We had 20 people in attendance. Tupper Lake is the only place with the sky observatory in the Adirondacks. They are planning a huge event and will have NASA representatives on site as well as an 18-foot live stream by NASA from other locations. **The last time there was a solar eclipse in the Adirondacks was December 10, 1349. Yes 1349 was the year. The next solar eclipse in the Adirondacks will be August 8, 2399.** We will be pulling the planning committee together within the next two weeks to finalize our plans. I have contacted our insurance company to inquire if there is anything special to be aware of when planning an event of this scale.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge – Hamilton County Soil & Water reimbursed us for \$1,622.16, the full amount of the expenses incurred by the library, Welcome Center, and Daisy Kelly.



Main Street America (MSA) Committee – In 2024, this group will be rolling out a newsletter to keep all informed. The “marketing canoe” went from summer to fall and now to winter mode and has been well received. In 2024, there will be more marketing canoes strategically placed around the three hamlets. We also hope to install a mini history exhibit at The Welcome Center which will be a teaser to hopefully entice more visitors to the Indian Lake Museum. More to follow.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Update – We received a \$5,000 grant which will be allocated to the EV Charging Station project. There is a potential for more funding in the future.

NPT (Northville-Plaid Trail) turns 100 in 2024 – A celebration will be held at the Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake on June 6, 2024, at 5PM when we reveal the new NPT temporary exhibit. I'll be working with the museum to coordinate details for an event on the actual date of the 100-year anniversary which is June 1.

Events

Our events during the Country Christmas Tour were well attended. On Friday, we welcomed 12 gingerbread houses to be displayed and voted on by the public. We also made DIY snow globes which was a fun project. When we ran out of snow globes, we switched to making balsam bags. The gingerbread house contest had two categories: Gum Drop (ages 1-12) and Candy Cane (13 and up). Winners of the Gum Drop category were: 1st place - Dinosaur Christmas (Caleb and Carson Wells); 2nd place - The Minions (Cameron Neubereit) and 3rd place - Paw Patrol (Brian Duell). Candy Cane: 1st Place- The Log Cabin (Kelly Ameden), 2nd Place - The Light House (Trish, Kaylie and Brendan Husson), 3rd place – The candy Cane House (Berneice Cummins). This year we had a total of 12 entries which is double the prior year.

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 and LIKE** the Town on social media sites.

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

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

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

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Technology

Vector One continues to work on upgrades for us. New systems were installed for Brian and Kimberley. He is continuing efforts to install firewalls in the Town Hall but ran into a phone issue which we are sorting out. While working to understand all the different lines we pay for using Frontier, we may have found a solution to convert to a new phone system which will likely reduce our costs from \$1,500/month to \$300/month using a Voice Over Internet Phones. Both Brian and Kimberley received new computer set-ups as their machines were not able to be repaired.

Grants

Senator Schumer Request – When he visited the Welcome Center, we pitched an ask for a generator for the building due to the school, meal site and Community Action housing frozen foods in our freezer. An official request for \$45,000 was sent on 12/7/23.

DEC High Hazard Rehabilitation Grants – We were declined this grant to the rating the dam previously received – Unsound: More Analysis Needed. While discussions with the project manager indicated all we needed to do was to submit two important documents,

when our application moved to the next level for scoring, we could not compete. I was told they may be removing the scoring matrix regarding dam ratings in the next round.

DASNY/SAM Grants – I followed up with the Senator’s office on Monday, December 6 but have not heard back yet.

DEC EV Charging Stations – We are still waiting for the DEC contract to be able to get started.

Voucher for Reimbursement/Hamlets Gateway Grant – We received reimbursement for \$7,031.96 which was for park amenities purchased. Since then, a concrete pad and sidewalks have been finished. A blacktop was added. Five spruce trees have been purchased to create a natural barrier between the park and the adjacent homeowner. In addition, six low growing flowering evergreen plants were also purchased. In the spring I will plant a pollinator garden in front of the south facing split rail fence. In addition, DEC asked permission to highlight photos from our project on their social media pages and will feature a write up I provided in their next newsletter.

DEC Byron Park - An extension (completion for Summer/Fall 2025 or Spring 2026) was submitted to DEC and we are awaiting approval. This grant contract expires at the end of this year. Part of the work has been completed and we have been reimbursed (branding). However, additional components of the project are tied directly to the completion of the Lake Adirondack Dam repairs.

Lake Adirondack Dam – Bids will be opened on Friday, December 8 at Town Hall just after 2pm. By December 18, LaBella will recommend a contractor for the Town’s review. In addition, we are working with BSK on the bonding side of the project. Our next step will be to file an application with NYS Comptroller on November 13. Grant award for this project through CFA process is expected to be announced by Christmas.

Meetings

11/14 – Meeting with ADK Action re: pollinator project at the old landfill

11/16 – ROOST Zoom meeting for Hamilton County

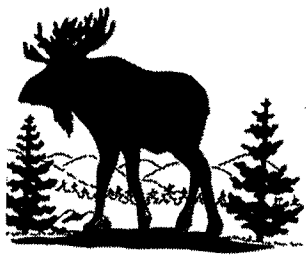
11/22 – Senator Schumer visit

11/28 – NPT 100 Years Planning Meeting

12/4 – AATV Meeting

12/7 – Solar Eclipse meeting

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 12/7/23.



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

Executive Director – Robert Marriott

Date: December 5, 2023

Monthly Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce Summary Report – November 2023

- Let there be lights holiday lighting and decorating contest just concluded. We announced the two homeowner winners and the two business winners. The homeowners winners were Linda Rusch (1st place prize) and Jennifer Svoboda with (2nd place prize). On the business side, the winners were, ADK Bunkhouse (1st place prize) and McSweeney's (2nd place prize).
- The Chamber continues to sell raffle tickets for the 75 inch smart TV. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at Chef Darrell's in Blue Mountain Lake. Proceeds of the sale of tickets goes directly to the Community Action. We thank Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner for donating this beautiful TV to some lucky person. Drawing of the lucky ticket will be February 3, 2024.
- The Chamber Facebook page has continued to post important information to the community and also current business happenings in the area. Promoting our local business partners on Facebook and help bring attention to people outside of the area how special our businesses are here. The growth of followers has increased greatly over the past few months. Our followers have increased from 4,716 in July to 5,248 now. The more followers, the better reach we have as a Chamber to people. This tool is important to help promote town events and helps area businesses market themselves as we pass on business posts.
- I must announce that I'm retiring from the Chamber and the working world effective 12/31/23 but I will still be around to help the Chamber find a new Director and train that person. I also plan helping out with various Chamber events. Retirement time will be about spending time with family and to finally do some travel. The experience with the Chamber has been great. I have met so many really great people and have help transfer the Chamber to an origination that truly cares about our members and business partners in and around the community. The mission of the

Chamber will continue to foster a great relationship with the business community and support new businesses that come into the community. As per President of the North County Chamber of Commerce always says, "It's onward and upward".



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE
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Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
November 2022

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	4	3
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$53,000</u>	<u>\$12,500</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>2</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$50,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>2</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	20	
12. Total dollar amount received in permit fee's		\$891.50

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

ADIRONDACK LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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art, music, theatre, dance, sculpture, exhibits, crafts, writing, painting, classes- the arts center... community.

November 17, 2023

Supervisor Brian Wells
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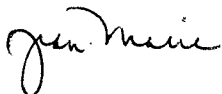
Dear Brian,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers, thank you to the Town of Indian Lake for their financial support of \$3,000 to the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts.

These funds help the Arts Center continue its mission as a presenter, producer and educator in the artistic disciplines, while promoting, developing, cultivating, and fostering quality programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. These programs inspire, enrich, educate and entertain people of all ages in Indian Lake, and throughout the Adirondacks.

Again, thank you for your consideration and generous support for the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts!

Yours in the Arts,



Jean-Marie Donohue
Development General Director

In accordance with IRS Regulations, we are providing you with our formal recognition that we gave you no goods or services in exchange for this gift. Federal tax law requires that you maintain this receipt to substantiate your charitable donation. The Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



“the arts center”

RESOLUTION # 21 - 2023

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT'S (ESD) DESIGNATION OF A CELLULAR-SPECIFIC POINT PERSON TO LEAD THE STATE'S EFFORTS ON ENHANCING CELLULAR COVERAGE, AND FURTHER ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO IMPLEMENT A UNIFIED STRATEGY TO ASSURE EVERY MAJOR ROAD CORRIDOR HAS RELIABLE CELL COVERAGE AS RECOMMENDED BY ESD'S UPSTATE CELLULAR COVERAGE TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT

Offered by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS, cellular service is vital to public safety and the economic wellbeing of communities throughout the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, county officials report that approximately 70 percent of 9-1-1 calls originate from cellular phones; and

WHEREAS, in a recent survey hosted on a State Senate website of almost 2,000 Adirondack Park residents, 99 percent of respondents reported owning a cellular phone and 67 percent reported that they rely exclusively on a cellular phone; and

WHEREAS, dependency on cellular service is significant and growing, which speaks to the absolute necessity of improved coverage and service; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York helped respond to this reality in the North Country by working aggressively to deploy COWS (Cells On Wheels) to provide adequate emergency response capacity to serve visitors to the World University Games; and

WHEREAS, state officials are proposing that Empire State Development (ESD) designate a point person to coordinate the state's efforts to enhance cellular coverage, similar to the manner in which ESD designated a point person to coordinate the state's efforts to expand broadband coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), which works to align all state agencies and state policy regarding renewable energy siting and implementation, serves as another successful example of the state coordinating its strategy on important infrastructure matters; and

WHEREAS, barriers to achieving the state's goals with respect to both broadband and cellular coverage enhancement continue to exist within some state agencies, including but not limited to NYSDOT right-of-way requirements, tax policy, and APA restrictions, and an approach similar to ORES would be beneficial in overcoming these barriers; and

WHEREAS, improving broadband and cellular coverage is a safety issue, a public imperative widely demanded by our constituents, and has become increasingly regarded as a basic necessity; and

WHEREAS, some state policies, especially the APA's "substantial invisibility" standard, are not keeping pace with these trends and instead becoming antiquated and counterproductive from the perspective of emergency services best-practices in place elsewhere in New York State, including co-location of multiple telecommunication systems on cell towers; and

WHEREAS, APA's longstanding claim that the telecommunications industry does not oppose the "substantial invisibility" standard is inaccurate, demonstrated most recently in comments entered by Nixon Peabody into review of the 2002 APA Tower Policy, which recommend "that the Agency modify its 2002 policy that requires telecommunications facilities over 40' tall be 'substantially invisible,'" and which characterize that requirement as an "arbitrary standard [that] is the main impediment to delivering much needed reliable wireless telecommunications service to a greater portion of the Park;" and

WHEREAS, the general public is increasingly supportive of common sense policy changes that promote a more appropriate balance between public safety and aesthetics while maintaining sensitivity to the environment, as reflected in the aforementioned public opinion survey, in which 90 percent of respondents supported changes to the APA's "substantial invisibility" standard; and

WHEREAS, the state has begun taking steps indicating that policymakers recognize these challenges, including the issuance of Empire State Development's Upstate Cellular Coverage Task Force Final Report and APA's advancement of a General Permit to assist with cellular coverage expansion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Indian Lake hereby supports the proposed designation by ESD of a point person to coordinate the state's efforts to enhance cellular coverage, and formally asks Governor Kathy Hochul to further enhance the state's efforts on broadband and cellular coverage expansion by employing a model similar to ORES that is respectful of the home rule process and designed to streamline policymaking across state agencies in pursuit of moving the state more expeditiously toward its goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Indian Lake hereby joins emergency service and telecommunication professionals, and other towns and villages across the Adirondacks, in urging the APA and the Governor to review the 2002 APA Tower Policy's antiquated "substantial invisibility" standard, which stands as the main impediment to delivering reliable telecommunication services necessary for public safety in large portions of the Adirondack Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Adirondack Park Agency Executive Director Barbara Rice, State Senator Dan Stec, State Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, AATV, and Adirondack Inter-County.

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 # 21 in the year 2023**, 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 December 11, 2023**.

Resolution # 21 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 Kristina Eldridge and Councilman John Rathbun, and Councilman D. Sean Curry was absent.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Indian Lake on **this day of December 12, 2023**.

Seal

Julie A. Clawson - Town Clerk



Supervisor
Brian E. Wells

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Julie A. Clawson

Principal Accountant
Suzanne Walrath

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Town Board
John Rathbun
Jake Mahoney
D. Sean Curry
Kristina Eldridge

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE END OF YEAR/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE
WILL BE HOLDING THEIR END OF THE YEAR MEETING TO PAY ABSTRACTS DUE
AS WELL AS
ANY BUSINESS THAT COMES BEFORE THE BOARD.
ON
DECEMBER 27th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

THE TOWN BOARD WILL ALSO HOLD THE ANNUAL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AS WELL AS ANYTHING THAT COMES BEFORE THE BOARD
ON
JANUARY 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Both meetings will be held at the Town Hall

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE
JULIE A CLAWSON/TOWN CLERK

Annual Audit of Account:

Water Bill Collector

I, Brian E Wells, Supervisor of the Town of Indian Lake, due hereby attest that I have checked and Audited the Water Bill Collector Account, Receipt Book and Transactions for the Tax Collector, on November, 26, 2023.

I attest to the fact that all documents, transactions, receipts and deposits are up to date, well maintained and accounted for.

Signature: Brian E Wells

Town of Indian Lake Supervisor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

November 21, 2023

Honorable Brian Wells
Supervisor
Town of Indian Lake
117 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Re: CFA #127627 - The Commons Redevelopment - Phase I

Dear Supervisor Wells:

Thank you for applying through the 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for funding made available by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

The Department of State has completed its review of your application and unfortunately your application was not selected for funding under this CFA solicitation. Total requests for assistance greatly exceeded the amount of funding available, and we regret we are unable to fund all worthwhile applications received. This does not pertain to potential funding awards from other agencies or programs and does not preclude you from applying for future CFA funding rounds.

While funding decisions are final, an opportunity to be debriefed is available to all unsuccessful applicants upon request. Requests must be made in writing within 15 business days of receipt of this letter. If you would like to schedule a debriefing on your application, please send an email message with the subject line "LWRP Debriefing Request for CFA #127627" to opd@dos.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Kisha Santiago
Deputy Secretary of State
Office of Planning, Development and
Community Infrastructure

cc: Christine Pouch, Economic Developer, Town of Indian Lake
Devin Bulger, Planner, La Bella Associates



Department
of State