

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on October 15, 2024, at 7:03 p.m. The location was the Indian Lake Town Hall, Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

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

Roll Call:

Councilperson Mahoney	Here
Councilperson Eldridge	Here
Supervisor Wells	Here
Councilperson Rathbun	Here
Councilperson Howard	Here

Supervisor Wells introduced Deputy Mayor Cody Calkin, an Akita dog breed. The Indian Lake Theater had a Strut your Mutt program during the Moose Festival, to raise funds for the theater. Indian Lake Theater Director O'Connell spoke about the different categories that were voted on during the competition and one being the first ever election of a Deputy Mayor. A total of \$800.00 was raised.

Supervisor Wells, with great sadness, honored Justice Stanely Edward Brown, Jr. Justice Brown has had to resign his position. Supervisor Wells presented a certificate of recognition for Justice Brown to Justice Nancy Landmesser, his fellow Judge.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilperson Rathbun made a motion to accept the minutes from September. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge. Motion was approved.

Department Head Reports:

Supervisor Wells asked Highway Superintendent about Auction International and the grader. The bid did not come close to what was supposed to be the minimum bid of \$20,000.00. The bid of \$6,000.00, which was the only bid, would not even pay for the new tires that had recently been installed. Unfortunately, the transmission is broken so it will be hard to get the minimum bid. Councilperson Howard wondered if he could just sell the new tires, but that was not feasible at this time. A new transmission would be very expensive. They might be able to get more for it as a trade-in, as they do need a grader for the dirt roads. The replacement grader is being investigated.

Supervisor Wells thanked Bill LaPrairie and his crew for their help with the Joint Sidewalk project, which included NYS DOT, Hamilton County Highway and Indian Lake Parks and Recreation.

Supervisor Wells told the Board that the "All are Welcome" banners are missing. In order to do our due diligence, the NYS State Troopers were called, and they are doing interviews. It will be an open investigation.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Helen Glass, secretary of the Indian Lake Association, wanted to speak with the Board about DEC coming to the Association to tell them that they could not store their docks at Norman's Cove anymore. She had sent letters to both Supervisor Wells, Representative Smullen and Senator Wałczyk. Indian Lake Association wrote a letter to the Director of NYSDEC requesting that DEC reconsider their determination and work with the Indian Lake Association to find common ground for dock storage in Norman's Cove. She asked the Town Board for their support. The Association is looking to be able to store their docks in Norman's Cove from Columbus Day through Memorial Day in future years.

Supervisor Comments:

Town of Indian Lake Pit # 6 which is the reclaimed pit area that was referred to as 'Pig Hollow'. In our permit with DEC, we are not allowed to stockpile material down there. A meeting is going to be set up after the November 5th election, so the new Highway Superintendent can be part of the discussion.

The rafting totals are in and done. The totals are around 13,000 participants, which is where they have been in the last three years. We ran under last year's contract, Supervisor Wells will be checking with our attorney, there will be changes and it will all be going to the Board for them to look over.

A request from a local businessman asking for 20 slots that was not leased for rafting. The business will be in Indian Lake. Supervisor Wells believes the Town has 70 slots available. The businessman is working on getting his insurance. As soon as he gets more information together, he will be making an official request.

Barton Mines has been applying for an expansion permit the past 3 years, with support from the Town and County. It has been deemed that their permit application is complete and in November it will go to the complete APA Board in Ray Brook. Supervisor Wells wrote a letter of support to the APA and the DEC. The Five Town's will be looking to support Barton Mines also.

Supervisor Wells received a nice letter from Greg Schaefer, President of the North Creek Depot Museum, has a special interest in Verplanck Colvin, who was a great Adirondack Surveyor. He has offered his assistance with our Indian Lake Museum. He would like to meet with Supervisor Wells and Bill LaPrairie. He is willing to do whatever he can do to help. Supervisor Well sent him an email thanking him and telling him a meeting would get worked out.

A comparison for the generator for the Town Hall was reviewed. There were 3 bids for the generator. Adirondack Generators bids meet the specifications. Councilperson Howard made a motion to accept the bid from Adirondack Generators, seconded by Councilperson Rathbun. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Wells had a meeting with FEMA concerning the project on Water Plant Road in Blue Mtn Lake. FEMA is going to get Supervisor Wells copies of the P-4 form to see where we are at. Hopefully, we can get back on track.

We have contacted surveyors through LaBella for subdivision of the Common's property. The Common's is within the Town Center which is a ¼ acre Zoning for subdivision.

BTI renewal has been completed.

We got the estimate for the DANC Project at the Welcome Center completed. Supervisor Wells thanked Bill LaPrairie, for his help with the changes.

Supervisor Wells had sent a letter of support for "The Village of Speculator: 100 years of Incorporation". They want to do a mural on the side of the Emporium.

Our application for the 2024 (CFA) for Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) was denied again. This is the second time it has been denied. Christine Pouch has asked for a debriefing. The WQIP is for Adirondack Dam repair.

Early voting will start here on October 26th through November 3rd with Election Day being November 5th.

Next Budget Workshop is October 17, 2024.

On October 8th, Supreme Court Justice Gerald J Neri ruled "Even Year Election Law" to be unconstitutional and therefore void. NYSAC has a good report on this.

Aidan Atwell was interning with Congresswoman Stefanik and his proud grandfather was in the back row.

Councilperson Eldridge had a question for Christine Pouch on whether the Rustic Furniture Show was early this year. Christine Pouch answered that Labor Day was very early this year which then moved the different events in September up. Next year the same thing will happen because September 1st will be Labor Day.

We received an award from 'Go with the Flow Kayaking' group for their favorite paddle and this year Adirondack Lake won. Last year they gave the award to Blue Mountain Lake.

Councilperson Rathbun said that Jim Holler's seat on the Weed District Board is up and that he would be interested in taking the seat again. Supervisor Wells said that if there was someone else who was interested that person would get the seat, but if no one was interesting then Jim Holler would be able to stay on. We have applications available for the Weed District.

Councilperson Howard had a few things she wanted to bring up. She was wondering if the Dog Control Officer had given a report, which the Board had agreed to ask for. Supervisor Wells said he had received 2 verbal reports. She then asked if the Town Historian and the Dog Control Officer name and telephone number or email address could be put on the website, so people could call them directly. She was also interested in what was being done with the Indian Lake Museum collection. If the Adirondack Experience had been contacted to look over the collection. Christine Pouch has been in contact with the Adirondack Experience and a schedule is being worked on for them to come down and look at it. Also, Councilperson Howard wanted to know about the New York Clean Act saying that you need signage for No Smoking, Vaping and marijuana use. Could signs be bought and put up in all Town buildings and vehicles?

Councilperson Howard was wondering about who would be running for the 2 open positions in the Town and whether there was any way to let people know who they might be since it will have to be a write-in vote, without the Town looking like the Town was endorsing them. It is up to the candidates to let people know.

With the recent Justice opening, with Justice Brown's resignation the Town will be looking for applicants An Ad will be put into the paper for an appointment of a Justice soon. Justice Landmesser said there is going to be a class for Justice on December 9th, for a week, so time is of the essence to appoint someone.

Resolution # 5 of 2024 in recognition of Justice Stanley Edward Brown. Supervisor Wells offered this Resolution, Seconded by the entire Board. Motion passed.

Bonnie Eldridge asked to speak for the American Legion. There used to be an Honor Wall between Seacord Hardware and the old Town Clerk's building. She has a picture, which is attached. She was wondering if anyone knew anything about what might have happened to it or where it might be or if it can be recreated. The Legion would like to get it recreated and put it by the American Legion building.

Bills and Abstracts

General, Highway, Water1 & 2, Sewer, Library and Landfill

40153 to 40153	\$32,505.00
40170 to 40222	\$13,495.72
40230 to 40405	\$230,473.10

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilperson Howard.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Wells made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Eldridge.

Councilperson Mahoney made motion to exit Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Howard. Motion was approved. No action was taken.

Councilperson Mahoney Made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Wells. Motion was approved.

TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: 10/15/24

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
1. <i>B. R.</i>	MHR	IL
2. <i>Pat Mahoney</i>		IL.
3. <i>C. Pouch</i>		
4. <i>Mary Alice O'Connor</i>	IL Theater ED	IL
5. <i>Mary Pruski</i>		IL
6. <i>Helen Glass</i>		IL
7. <i>Paul Paddock</i>		
8. <i>Andy Coney</i>		
9. <i>Sally Coney Wheeler</i>	Blue for ALCA	BML
10. <i>Bonnie Eldridge</i>		IL
11. <i>Judy Cummings</i>		BML
12. <i>Sally Stanton</i>		IL.
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Kimberly Crandall

AGENDA

October 15, 2024

Agenda for this month's meeting at the time of posting. This agenda is subject to change. Meeting begins at 7:00p.m. at the Indian Lake Town Hall – 117 Pelon Road.

- *WELCOME
- *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- *ROLL CALL
- *APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/9/2024
- *DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
- *PUBLIC COMMENTS
- *RESOLUTION # 5 – In Recognition of Stanley Edward Brown, Jr
- *SUPERVISOR COMMENTS –
- *OTHER TOWN BUSINESS
- *EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.
TOWN WEB SITE: indianlakewi.com



Town of Indian Lake Water and Wastewater report for September 2024

Testing was completed daily at all three plants

DEC and DOH monthly samples were submitted to the lab

Ten lead and copper samples were also submitted from Water District #2. The results were very good.

We cleaned the left train at the sewer plant. It was completely pumped out and a few air leaks were repaired.

Lead service line inventory has been completed for both water districts and sent to the Dept. of Health.

The leach field at Indian Lake water plant was cleared of trees and brush.

Nate completed his three day chain saw school.

Thank you



Patrick Mahoney



Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce

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Indian Lake, NY Town.

In the past month, the Town of Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce has undergone significant changes, including the official vote on Davanna Marks to the board and the complete exit of the previous director from the systems and operations of the Chamber. The board has transitioned to a working board model, with members volunteering their time to manage weekend office hours and the phone hotline, while also focusing on understanding & optimizing Chamber systems, updating the website and social media, and planning the upcoming Moose Festival.

Key Highlights:

- **Website Upgrade:** The Chamber is collaborating with Michelle Clement from Boost to redesign and enhance the website to better serve the community.
- **Communication Efforts:** A total of 52 emails have been sent and responded to, facilitating improved communication with stakeholders.
- **Moose Festival Planning:** Sponsorship for the Moose Festival has increased, with 33 vendors secured. Press releases have been finalized, and promotional fliers have been distributed to generate interest in the event.
- **Visitor Engagement:** The Chamber welcomed 53 walk-in visitors over the past month during weekends and received 42 phone calls, all of which were addressed. The new hotline provides 24/7 access for community inquiries.
- **Public Inquiries:** The most common questions from the public included inquiries about local accommodations, the Ok-Sip Falls hike challenges, hiking maps, the reopening of the museum, the status of the ski hill and ice rink, and information regarding the Moose Festival and the antique show.
- **Build and Improve relationships** with the town and other local groups to work more collaboratively vs. competitively. Christine & Bill have been great with supporting Brenda and I with logistical preparation for the Great Adirondack Moose Festival.
- Two new members joined and 5 additional have expressed interest in joining. 2 others have expressed an interest in joining the board.
- Planning the **annual meeting in October** to refresh/restart the chamber focus based on community business needs.

To enhance business support, the Chamber board has committed to having staff available in the office on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM through Labor Day. Following Labor Day, the board is exploring options for part-time staff to cover weekends when the welcome center is not manned by the town. However, this initiative will require funding that is currently unavailable as our priority is to fund Moose Festival planning.

The Chamber remains dedicated to serving the businesses and looks forward to the successful execution of the Moose Festival and other initiatives in the coming months.

Thank You.

Chamber Board Members: Todd Friebe, Mary Frazier, Davanna Marks, Joanna Pine, John Steckman



October 15, 2024, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

LLDC's SIB (Sabael, Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake Re-Vibe) Committee – With Jack and Brenda Valentine leaving the area soon, the LLDC is seeking new members and volunteers interested in serving on the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please call Brenda at 518-648-5636.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge – Hamilton County Soil and Water District approved my request for \$1,672 for reimbursement of funds related to this project which supported conservation issues.

Networking Fall Boat Cruises – On Monday, September 30, Indian Lake Marina owner RJ Gallup along with Connie and Pete Sahler and myself, took the owner of Life in the ADK Michelle Bartlett and her husband on a pontoon boat ride on Indian Lake. The ride was to show her the beauty of the lake itself and have her promote both the lake, learn more about our town and marina, so she could accurately report/share information through her social media outlets. She is considered the ADK social media Guru and her Facebook page has 100,000+ followers. She created four video posts which are now tagged at the top on our Facebook page. She has also created a special app for all towns in the Adirondacks which can be downloaded for free. Additional advertising options are available, which we will be researching to evaluate if this service could expand our reach.

The Welcome Center Generator installation is close to completion.

We Are All Welcome Here Banners: Banner Committee members asked for a number of these banners to be put back up as they were all mistakenly taken down to install the military tribute banners. I was able to identify four available telephone poles for possible installation. Committee member Ben Strader requested one banner to take to a special Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Event at the Adirondack Museum on 9/28. When I went to the Highway Garage to retrieve one, they were all missing. I inquired with several of the town employees and was not able to determine their new location. I am making a recommendation to the Town Board to replace these banners at the town's expense. Please note, these banners were purchased by community individuals and the members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, not the Town of Indian Lake. A copy of the purchase invoice is included with my report. The cost to replace will be at least \$4,587, the original purchase price.

Events

Adirondack Canoe Classic 90-Miler took place in Blue Mountain Lake at the beach and Curry's beach on Friday, September 6. This event is hosted by the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, who annually requests our help to provide shelter, tables, garbage cans, porta potties, directional signs and barricades, and support staff. Special thanks to Bill and Wes for helping me with the event.

On the same Friday as above, the Rustic & Artisan Street Fair kicked off in Blue Mountain Lake through Sunday, September 8th. The Town of Indian Lake provides marketing support for this event in terms of yard signs, banners, advertising, and assisting vendors find locations for booth space rentals. This street event complements ADK's juried Rustic Fair. The traffic cones and porta potties provide for the safety and comfort of our visitors.

Monthly report September 2024 building maintenance and operations

A lot of projects this month, starting with the Welcome Center we removed trees and stumps along the edge of the property line, dug out a trench to the rear of the building and installed 2 1/2 inch conduit and 1 inch conduit for generator and communications. Framed up and poured a pad for the new generator, install was done by Adirondack generators. Dug a trench line for propane for J&R Eldredge.

Our second big project of the month saw us tear out the sidewalks in front of rich Hoffman's and tear out the driveway apron, drill and pin the curb to take the place of the driveway that used to enter the old garage. We purchased all the concrete from TC MURPHY and poured four pallets by hand.

This month was also the 90 Miller canoe event in Blue Mountain Lake, we set up early Friday morning and stayed and assisted with parking cars, garbage cleanup, restrooms and anything else that was asked of us. First canoes came in at 1 o'clock and we stayed and worked until 8 PM that evening.

All town properties have been mowed one last time, all the picnic tables have been returned to Byron Park, and all the tents have been taken down and put away until next season.

In Indian Lake we set up for the antique show/rustic, putting up cones around the school, putting out garbage cans and making a parking area on Crow Hill Road. The third weekend we set up a large tent on the School property for moose fest and garbage cans to help the chamber of commerce. We also put cones back out and ribbon for parking.

A grave was dug at Cedar River Cemetery, New York Fire In Signal came and did their yearly smoke detector inspections, checked all the dialers, and serviced all the fire extinguishers in all town buildings.

Machinery was moved into the woods to start trail work.

A trip was made up to Canton to pick up the new Little League shed that was built by the Amish, Evan and Steven went up and picked up the shed when they returned we unloaded with the excavator and stained a dark brown.

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie
Dept head building maintenance and operations

Our new Instagram account is [townofindianlakeny](https://www.instagram.com/townofindianlakeny). Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** our new link.

Technology - No new updates.

Grants

DASNY/SAM Grants – Communication sent on 9/23 below. No response has been received to date. I will be reaching out to Speculator as I read they are dealing with similar DASNY SAM grant reimbursement issues
Dear Ashley,

I am writing to inquire about any efforts coming from the Senator's office re: pushing for payment for Project#6648 for \$300,000 for Acquisition and Demolition of a Building and Infrastructure which the Town completed. According to DASNY staffer Margaret Ambrose, the status of this grant is "UP FOR FINAL REVIEW". The staffer also indicates we need the support of the sponsor which is now Senator Walczyk.

If we do not receive these funds we may be pushed to sell the property. These funds are vital to our local economy and need to revitalize our community.

We are respectfully asking for your support to reach out to DASNY and help expediate their distribution of money which dates to September 17, 2015.

I am truly hoping you can give us a positive update prior to our next Town Board Budget meeting on October 2nd.

Sincerely,
Christine Pouch

DEC EV Charging Stations – We were just asked to approve the budget changes and preliminary grant contract last week. Now we wait for the agencies to sign and deliver a fully executed contract.
Adirondack Park Upper Hudson Rec Grant – We will be submitting for the final installment once WPM cashed their last check.

Reapplied for WQJP – A grant for \$2.5M for Lake Adirondack Dam was sent in on 7/24/24. Awards are typically announced around Thanksgiving.

DEC ZEV Rebate for \$7,500 reimbursement for EV car purchase has been sent and is now under review. We may only receive \$5,500 if they deduct the \$2,000 rebate we received at the dealership at the time of purchase. As part of this rebate process, we were required to complete a NYS Fleet Inventory Form. If anyone wishes to review this multiple page spreadsheet, please let me know.

Meetings

- 9/19: Brenda Valentine re: Moose Fest and ILCDC
- 9/23: Belinda Block Rustic Vendor feedback
- 9/30: Michelle Bartlett with Life in the ADK
- 10/3: Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board Forward Together Conference
- 10/7: Brenda Valentine (same as earlier meeting) & Daisy Kelley re: Indian Lake Museum
- 10/11: Climate Resiliency meeting with Adirondack Climate Outreach & Resilience Network (ACORN)

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 10/9/24.

Wednesday, September 11 kicked off the Adirondack Antiques Show and Sale in Indian Lake which ran through Sunday, September 15. This year some of the vendors have asked me to survey the others to discuss reducing the show to Friday through Sunday next year. After many conversations and unofficial polling, it was determined in 2025 the show will be held Friday, September 12 through Sunday, September 14. It was also suggested by both the Rustic and Antique vendors to market each festival separately, which we will do in 2025. Here is the current ad copy.



Music in the NEW Park

The last concert of the year was held during the Great Adirondack Moose Festival on Saturday, September 28, with Rocky & The Moosemen from 4 to 6PM. During the band's break the Gem Radio Witches performed their special dance. The last two concerts were held during the day during festival times as a test to see if festival goers will stick around in town longer. I'm very happy to report the concert was a HUGE success with the largest number of people in attendance (except for Independence Day) this season. In addition, attendees have expressed how they prefer the music downtown vs. at Byron Park Pavilion. As always, the Gem Radio Theater Dancing Witches were amazing.

Halloween Trick or Treat at the Welcome Center on Thursday, October 31 – Kylie is unavailable to return from school to handle this event, I need a volunteer as I will be going in for a knee replacement surgery that day. If interested, please let me know. Thank you.

This year Pam Howard has organized a Halloween parade for the youth which will begin at St. Mary's Church and travel to the ILVFD where the Ladies Auxiliary provide a costume contest and snacks. The parade starts at 3:30PM.

The Country Christmas Tour volunteers announced they are gearing up for this year's activities. The Welcome Center will be open both Friday and Saturday, November 29-30 offering snow globe DIY workshops, which were a huge success last year, along with our annual Gingerbread House Contest and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Marketing

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed.

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are refilled throughout the community on a weekly basis and as needed.

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.facebook.com/TownsofIndianandbluemountainlakeny>
Nextdoor

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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
September 2024

	Residential	Commercial
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	19	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	\$274,000	\$32,505
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):	4	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	\$0	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	2	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	0	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	\$0	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	16	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Legal Notice
Budget Workshop's

The Indian Lake Town Board will be holding the 2024 Budget Workshops for the 2025 Budget as well as anything that comes before the Board on the following dates:

October 2nd (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – BUDGET BEGINS:
Library, Ambulance, Chamber, Theater, Justices, Art Center
Fire Districts 1 & 2, Water Districts 1 & 2, Debt Services,
Cash Reserves, Land Capital, and Planned Fund Balances

October 15th (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 17th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – GENERAL BUDGET

October 24th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – CONTINUATION of the GENERAL BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING for the WEED and SEWER DISTRICTS WEED and SEWER DISTRICT BUDGET

October 30th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. Byron Park – HIGHWAY BUDGET

November 7th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall – FINAL REVIEW
PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET

November 14th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Town Hall –
PUBLIC HEARING on LOCAL LAW – TAX CAP OVERRIDE LAW

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September 30, 2024

Dear Ms. Magee:

I am writing in support of Barton Mine's mine permit modification application. My understanding is that after numerous Notices of Incomplete Permit Applications (NIPA) the staff concluded the application is complete. The fact this has taken over 3 years to bring this to the Adirondack Park Agency Board and Designees indicates the staff has done their due diligence, and this application should be approved unanimously.

The Barton Family and the Barton Mines Corporation have for over 145 years been involved in the Adirondack Community. The economics of many of the surrounding communities through employment and the ancillary benefits can be traced back to their sound business practices. Their planning and foresight to extend the mining operation for 60 additional years and be responsible stewards of their property is an example of how to do business inside of the Blue Line.

I offer this letter of support as Town of Indian Lake Supervisor, Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Founding member of "The Five Towns" and proudly a former employee of the Barton Mines Corporation.

Brian E Wells

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