

# October 14, 2025, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

#### Community/Economic Development/Lifeguards

BearWise We were invited to attend another BearWise special meeting on September 30 with our NYSDEC contacts we have been working with. A representative from Cornell University and additional NYSDEC region representatives were also in attendance. The goal of the meeting was determining what additional resources our communities need to tackle the bear problems. We reported our local bear problems have stemmed from dumpsters not being dumped on a regular basis. Some of our businesses have deterred bears by installing electric fences. We requested financial assistance to help others permanently obtain these fences which generally cost between \$500 to \$600. We also shared our BearWise display at Town Hall and the Welcome Center, along with our BearWise social media posts that have helped to spread the word re: deterring bears. Outcomes are TBD.

Emma Camp Meade Papers We have had two scholars visit for two days to scan the collection of her papers – Denise Watso and Dr. Christopher Roy – who have a direct connection to the Musee des Abenakis in Quebec for a possible future exhibit. They will be returning on November 8.

Town of Indian Lake and ILCS Multi-use Trail System The second set of signage has arrived, and

we will be scheduling time with parks & Rec to complete installation so we can publicly open the trails.

Warren/Hamilton County Senior Picnic was held on September 25 at the Warren County Fish Hatchery. Christine and Kylie drove our seniors to the event.

ROOST Meeting with 5 Towns On September 19, Christine and Kylie attended this meeting held in Newcomb. The discussion involved merging the Upper Hudson Recreational Hub (Indian Lake, Long Lake, Minerva, North Hudson and Newcomb (5 towns)) with the Adirondack Hub (Newcomb, North Hudson, Minerva, and Schroon Lake). In conclusion, Long Lake and Indian



Lake will be included as part of the Adirondack Hub and Upper Hudson Recreation Hub will be disband. The "5 Towns" was initially formed for legislative purposes and it will continue as so. New ROOST marketing will be launched soon, including Adirondacks, USA which will replace Adirondack Wayfinder which is a site to download planned itineraries.

Christine and Kylie attended the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board Forward Together Conference on October 1 in Schroon Lake. The theme of the conference was outdoor recreation, placemaking, and inclusiveness.

**New Northern Coalition** Kylie attended the first two meetings for a new coalition being started by 4 Rivers Alliance to reduce local youth substance use. The coalition is called SHIFT North Hamilton County, with SHIFT standing for Supporting Healthy & Informed Futures Together. The main goal is to decrease drug & alcohol use in minors in Hamilton County. The coalition is still taking shape and Kylie will share more as she knows.

Community Support for Jasper Since learning about Jasper, we have worked together with his uncle, Abe Gadway, to help support his fight with brain cancer. At our last summer concert, we raised \$310 cash which went directly to the family. We also donated 2 baskets to Abe for the benefit at his business, Adirondack Mountain Outfitters, happening 10/7/25.

#### **Events**

**Music in the Park** The last concert of the year is Rocky & The Moosemen on September 27 and the Gem Radio Witches was a great success. There were more than 300 people in attendance. We are currently booking talent for 2026.

Northern Forest Canoe Trail's 90 Miler was larger than ever. Next year we will need to provide a third porta potty.

Antiques and Rustic Shows The specialized signage we ordered to include Blue Mountain Lake as part of the Adirondack Antiques Show and Sale worked well. We received various compliments from vendors and organizers. The food trucks we invited did amazing business and they are very interested in coming back to other events in 2026.

**Independence Day 2026** As this year will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing the declaration of Independence, we are continuing to develop a larger event which will begin as the Fishing Derby ends and continues through the fireworks.

Next up: Trick or Treat and Pumpkin Decorating Contest (new this year) will take place on October 31 following the Halloween Parade and ILVFD Ladies Auxiliary Party from 4 to 6 PM. We will have a table set up at the Welcome Center with treats & tickets for the trick-or-treaters to vote for their favorite pumpkin. Winners of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest will be announced at the Indian Lake Theater prior to their free movie.

Country Christmas Tour will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on November 28-29. We will host a DYI holiday project, Gingerbread House Contest and Holiday Tree Lighting once again.



#### Marketing/General Admin

2026 Events Calendar planning is under way.

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

**Logo Copyright** Christine has submitted the application on 7/31 to copyright our logo, and we are waiting for approval on this. We want to do this to prevent others from using our logo, especially in inappropriate ways such as making and selling merchandise with our logo and/or using the logo as part of someone's Facebook profile. We are awaiting final notification.

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are continually 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

Our new Instagram account is **townof.indianlakeny**. Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** our new link. <u>townofindianlakeny(@townofindianlakeny) | TikTok</u>

Our Facebook page was launched on May 17, 2021, and started with only 18 followers. We currently have 9,400 followers, up 200 in just a month. Our goal was to reach 10,000 by the end of the year. Only 600 followers to go!

#### Technology/Miscellaneous

No updates to report currently.

#### Grants

<u>T-Mobile Community Grant</u> I submitted this grant for the fourth trail at the Ski Hut on October 6 asking for \$26,400. Awards will be announced in February 2026.

NYSDEC ADK Smart Growth Grant Round 8 A grant for \$300K was submitted on October 1 to support the Town Museum Rebuild. Awards are due to be announced in December 2025-January 2026.

2025 NYS Budget Appropriation Grant Award for 5 Towns Paperwork was sent in and we are awaiting a final contract. The funds will support the Town Museum Rebuild.

NYS SWIMS The final report was sent in on October 7. Awaiting \$9,950 to be disbursed.

Northern Forest Adirondack Housing Pre-Development Assistance Program RFP was approved. This RFP was seeking proposals from ADK municipalities wishing to receive pre-development technical support for potential housing projects. Support would include pre-development activities and preparing potential information packets for potential developers. The Town of Indian Lake was one of the eight projects chosen to receive desktop due diligence and feasibility assessments such as zoning review, review of easements, potential grant and tax credit funding, etc. Of the eight, five will be selected as the most suitable for development and will advance to a deeper pre-development phase. The Commons Project was approved. **Update: I have a call with them on Thursday, October 9.** 

DEC EV Charging Stations We are waiting to be powered up any day now.

<u>DEC Byron Park extension</u> has been approved through July 2026. Waiting for the final contract to come back through the Statewide Financial System. Update: Emailed DEC on 8/1/25.

DEC EV Car Rebate We are waiting for final disbursement.

<u>Landfill Pollinator Project</u> On October 7 members of the ADKAction team visited the site to measure the grade of the pathway which will be ADA Complaint so they can determine how much fill needs to be delivered. They will submit their recommendations to NYSDEC for approval.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan on 10/7/25.

## **Town of Indian Lake Highway Department**

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### Monthly Report - September 2025

### Road projects included:

- John Rust, Lake Abanakee and Sawmill roads were chip sealed on 9/10; post-seal cleanup and shoulder work completed
- · Crow Hill Rd: ditch work and culverts
- Jerry Savarie Rd: ditch work and culverts
- Parkerville and Corscadden: cut shoulders and ditch work
- Routine mowing, raking/grading and tree/debris clearing
- Assisted the towns of Wells, Hope and Long Lake with hauling stone and paving
- Inspected all streetlights and reported outages to Town Hail

Truck #183 has been repaired and is back in service, hauling blacktop for the County.

On Sept 23-26 I attended the 96th Annual Conference of the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways in Niagara Falls. Key seminars included "Buried Truth Uncovered" by Eric Giguere and the Soil and Water Conservation Superintendents Roundtable. It was also a great opportunity to meet and network with other Highway Superintendents from throughout the State.

Submitted by Eugene Barling, Jr.

Highway Superintendent

October 9, 2025

#### September 2025 Building Maintenance and Operations report

September is one of our busiest months with many projects needing to be completed before winter and events happening three weekends out of the month. The month starts off with the Rustic weekend and the 90 Miler, both events require us to set up cones, tents, garbage cans, signs and assist with parking and directing traffic. The 90 Miler usually ends around 6 PM and clean up immediately thereafter.

The Antique show starts in Indian Lake a week after the Rustic weekend, same situation cones, garbage cans, tents and whatever else is needed.

Moose fest is the last weekend in September same situation as the others, even though this is a chamber event the Town of Indian Lake still puts up the large tent for them on the school property, takes care of all the garbage, puts out tables, and cone off intersections and Health Center. Even though the Moose Fest is not a town event and is a chamber event we still assist them and it usually runs us about 10 to 12 hours of overtime.

After any event the Town has we clean up the following day and get things back in order. The recycling has dropped off a ton now that most of the second homeowners have gone back to their primary homes. A few times this year the recycling ran us over eight hours a day now an average day is running us between four and five hours. All recycling is done Mondays and Fridays. For the entire month of September the town has been without a garbage truck, and Justin Moore is making all attempts to get his fixed.

All Town properties have been mowed, hopefully for the final time this season.

Maintenance has been done in all the cemeteries, filling in sunken graves, picking up trash and debris, and trimming some of the trees at Cedar River.

Resurfacing of the rink has begun, we have applied 15 gallons of paint to the surface again this year, and it seems to be a expensive but good investment. Last year we kept the ice and we believe the white paint has made a huge difference in the reflection of the sun.

Parts runs have been made to TC MURPHY and Glens Falls.

All town buildings have had the smoke alarms tested, and fire extinguishers inspected and replaced as needed.

The beaches came out the first weekend in September and we have been restocking and cleaning the bathrooms in Blue Mountain since they're closure.

BMAL

Thank you
Bill LaPrairie

Dept head Building Maintenance





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# Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report September 2025

1.	Total # of Permits Issued:	Residential	Commercial 1
2.	Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$163,220</u>	<u>\$36,000</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:	\$80,000	
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		16	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

# Town of Indian Lake Water, Wastewater report September 2025

The plants were tested daily.

DOH, DEC samples were submitted to the lab.

Fire hydrants were wheedwacked.

Installed new water and sewer service for the Hedges property.

Disassembled pilot study, packed, loaded it onto trailer.

Collected lead and copper samples.

Fixed drain valve, filter valve in Blue Mountain water plant.

Fixed Chlorine pumps in Both water plants.

Mowed sewer plant, water tower, pressure reducer.

Started repairs to drying bed.

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Inline turbidimeter in Blue Mountain plant failed, requires emergency replacement, monitoring with hand sampling every 4 hours.

New finish pump for Blue Mountain Plants ship date was delayed until early November.

Respectfully,

Evan LaPrairie

#### Mechanics Report - September 2025

- 183 Sander- Brought into shop and removed sander tail and put on sander rack.
   Removed bent top grates and bent center beam. Put together a list of steel to fix grates and replace center beam.
- 183- Parts run to Viking Cives in Harrisville NY to retrieve new PTO pump shaft. Returned and installed on to truck and tested function on PTO pump.
- KX 121-3 Remove thumb cylinder and call Marcy Hydraulics to see if there was any
  fix to the welded supply pipe on side of cylinder they advised getting a new cylinder.
  Went to Abele tractor in Albany and retrieved new cylinder. Installed on machine
  with new hydraulic hoses and fittings. Replaced missing teeth and keepers on
  digging bucket.
- 183 & 185 Installed Chip bars on the rear of the trucks and weld tailgate latches on 183
- York Rake Fabricate new height adjustment latch and install.
- Water and Sewer John Deere 310 backhoe Hook scanner into diagnostics on machine and read CEL. Machine had fault code for faulty fan speed sensor. Ordered new fan clutch assembly and installed on machine. CEL was no longer active. Ran machine through parked regeneration machine now operates as it should.
- 183 Sander Fabricated new center beam, end mounting plates and center grate
  mounts and installed on Sander. Straighten bent grates and reinforced with heavier
  gauge steel. Inspected all bearings and rollers on Sander. Replaced front chain
  roller with new bearings and adjustment plates. Installed new chain and adjusted to
  Tarcos recommended spec. Installed sander tail and moved sander back to outside
  storage. Once outside I painted new center beam and grates with a heavy-duty
  coating.
- 185- Diagnose and repair blown marker light on passenger side of truck.
- 183 Diagnose coolant leak and replace blown line. Test drove truck to verify no more leaks.
- Parks and Rec #788 Replace rear brake rotor and pads. Test drive vehicle.
- 181 Retrieve vehicle from Krystals in Warrensburg then I went to Oconnors
   Automotive in Speculator and picked up the new tires for truck # 194. Came back to
   the shop and installed on truck.
- 194 Brought sander into shop and inspected chain and bearings. Loosened adjusters all the way and removed drive link out of chain and tensioned. Greased bearings and spun sander to check chain alignment.

- 181& 188 Brought plows into shop and inspected for cracks and damage. Found on 188's plow that the center pin was extremely worn and supports on side of plow were cracked. Machined center bores out and installed oversized pin to take play out of center pivot, welded all cracks. Installed both plows onto the trucks and tested function of each put plows back outside.
- 188 Fabricate and weld on new mudflap brackets and install new sideboard. While
  doing this I found the floor of the dump box severely rusted with holes along both
  sides of box. Dump box with need to be lined and reinforced before sander gets
  installed for the winter.

### National Grid EV Phase-In Rate (EV PIR) - At a Glance

#### What is it?

The EV Phase-In Rate (EV PIR) is a new commercial electric rate from National Grid designed to lower upfront electricity costs for businesses adding EV charging. It replaces steep demand charges with a mix of reduced demand charges and time-of-use (TOU) energy rates.

#### Why Enroll?

- Lower Costs Typical savings of 15–45% compared to standard demand rates.
- Easier Ramp-Up Provides cost relief while EV charger usage grows.
- Fair Pricing Encourages charging during off-peak hours when electricity is cheaper.

#### How It Works

- Standard demand charges are based on the site's highest 15-minute usage in a billing cycle, often creating high bills for new EV sites.
- EV PIR reduces these charges and adds TOU energy pricing instead:
- Off-Peak (nights, weekends, holidays): Lowest rates
- On-Peak (daytime): Moderate rates
- Super-Peak (weekday afternoons, summer only): Highest rates

#### Eligibility

- ✓ Commercial customer in New York
- ✓ On a demand-based rate (SC-2D, SC-3, or SC-3A)
- ✓ At least 50% of site load is EV charging

#### Tiered Transition

Tier	Load Factor	Bill Structure
Tier 1	≤10%	No demand charges, all TOU energy charges
Tier 2-4	10–25%	Gradual shift to standard demand charges
>25%	Above 25%	Returns to standard rates

#### What Stays the Same

Customer charge, supply charges, taxes, and surcharges are unchanged. Only the **demand charge portion** of the bill is impacted.

#### **Getting Started**

- · A new online application portal will be launched soon.
- Want to be notified? Email: EVNationalGridUNY@nationalgrid.com

In short: EV PIR is a smart, temporary rate option that helps businesses with new EV chargers avoid high demand charges and save money while usage builds.

#### **Brian E Wells**

From: Belinda Block <bgsblock@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 12:06 PM

To: Brian Wells

**Subject:** The Rustic and Antique weekends

Dear Brian and Members of the Town Board,

We would like to say a few words of thanks regarding the help we received from Christine Pouch and Kylie Canaan with the recent Rustic and Antique shows.

We know it takes a lot of faith for vendors to load up and head to Blue Mountain Lake each September. The vendors know the weather here can be iffy, and a sudden change in the forecast can really harm their sales. Most of the vendors spend the year preparing for these shows: hunting for antiques to bring, bottling syrup, or crafting rustic furniture they hope will sell.

Many of the vendors have met and deeply appreciate the hard work of Christine Pouch and Kylie Canaan on behalf of the Indian Lake Department of Economics, Marketing, and Events. Their hard work has greatly improved these cherished shows for vendors, visitors, and locals. They advertise in the right publications, produce essential signage, provide clean restrooms, and send road cones to keep the flow of traffic safe. Even back in early spring, Chris and Kylie were already working hard to help correct faulty information on websites that gave the public the wrong dates and locations for the shows.

When we built our BML house over a dozen years ago and "inherited" a part in these shows due to our corner location, we were told by Bing Faxon, a past owner of Potters, that we needed to help keep it going because the shows were a "season extender" for local businesses. This was backed up by Elizabeth Gorey, the former owner of Blue Mountain Designs, when she showed us how important the Rustic show receipts were to her bottom line. At the same time, we have always known that if things weren't done safely, we ourselves could suffer the consequences.

By yesterday (Monday) morning, you would not know the shows had taken place here at all. So once again, we have been greatly assisted by these two ladies and the Parks and Maintenance crew. We don't know how we could continue to help host these events without the town's help.

With great appreciation for the support,

Belinda and Pete Block

Supervisor Brian E. Wells

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Taylor Miner

Resolution Offered by:

Principal Accountant Kimberley Crandall



Town Board John Rathbun Jake Mahoney Kristina Eldridge Pamela Howard

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#### **RESOLUTION No. 14-2025**

Resolution Authorizing Naming a Private Road to Beaver Meadow Brook

Seconded by:	by:	
WHEREAS, Lynn Billings Town of Indian Lake Assessor had received a request for a private road at parcel id; 66.000-3-2.100 and 66.000-3-2.200 to be officially named for the purpose of 911 address AND,	<b>EAS,</b> Lynn Billings Town of Indian Lake Assessor had received a request for a private road at parcel 66.000-3-2.100 and 66.000-3-2.200 to be officially named for the purpose of 911 address <b>AND</b> ,	id;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake found no reason to deny the request, THEREFORE BE

IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake due hereby name the private road listed above to be

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake due hereby name the private road listed above to be changed to Beaver Meadow Brook

#### **Roll Call:**

Councilperson Mahoney: Councilperson Eldridge: Councilperson Rathbun: Councilperson Howard: Supervisor Wells: