



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

P.O. Box 730 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report September 2026

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	18	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$131,213</u>	<u>\$1,350,000</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:	<u>\$50,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>7</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	21	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Building Maintenance and Operations

September Monthly Report

Overview

September was a busy month for the Building Maintenance and Operations Department, with crews continuing routine municipal services while also completing a wide range of seasonal projects, cemetery work, park improvements, trail maintenance, dock construction, and facility repairs.

Municipal Grounds, Roads and Parks

The department continued mowing and weed-eating Town properties throughout the month. Crews cleaned up at area beaches, maintained parking areas along Chain Lakes Road, moved soil and materials at Byron Park, built a pad for a gazebo, and completed general park cleanup. Work also included cutting brush at the shooting range, moving rocks and materials at the transfer site, cleaning the shop yard, and making parks-related parts runs.

Docks, Trails and Recreation Facilities

A significant amount of time was devoted to building and completing docks. The crew also worked on bike trails, installed new trail markers at Byron Park, completed mowing along the trails, and continued preparation for additional trail work. The department prepared for the 90 Miler by setting up cones, tents, chairs and tables, and later set up for the antique show and Moose Festival.

Cemetery Work

Cemetery work included maintenance at Cedar River Cemetery, painting and staining the vault doors, preparing equipment for a grave, marking the gravesite, and completing grave work. The crew also cleaned sidewalks, prepared an area for concrete work, cut trees, and followed up on the completed grave work.

Garbage and Transfer Station Operations

Regular garbage runs were completed throughout the month, including service to Blue Mountain, Indian Lake, local beaches, the school, and other Town locations. The department also provided continued service at the Blue Mountain transfer station and Indian Lake transfer operations, including cleanup and moving materials at the site.

Water, Sewer and Building Maintenance

The department continued work on the Town Hall sewer system, including flushing the sewer and working on the system at Town Hall. Crews also worked on a water and sewer tap on Bennett Road, repaired or worked on the garage door at the Highway Department, and continued general Town Hall and facility projects.

Special Projects and Equipment

The crew supported several special projects during the month, including the shooting range, where brush was cut and an excavator and brush hog were used. Equipment was moved to the cemetery and other locations as needed. The department also met regarding an excavator and handled numerous parts and supply runs to keep Town operations moving.

Closing

Overall, September involved a broad range of maintenance and operational responsibilities. The department continued essential daily services while advancing several construction, maintenance, cemetery, park, trail, recreation, sewer, and transfer-station projects. The crew's continued flexibility allowed routine Town services and special events to be supported while multiple projects progressed at the same time.

Thank you,
Bill Laprairie





Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce

Representing Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake and Sabael

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October 9, 2026

Indian Lake Town Board
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Dear Board Members:

Please find the September 2026 Chamber Office Activity on the table below:

Activity	#	Activity	#
Emails	246	Membership	1
Phone Calls	64	Hiking	30
Walk-ins	262	Events Inquiries	75
Directions	40	Pamphlets	85
Lodging	26	Visitor Information	50
Fishing Licenses	8	Hunting Licenses	6

The Chamber had a great turnout for the Great Adirondack Moose Festival this September with a large number of visitors in town. Many people participated in the Moose Calling Contest, experienced helicopter rides, took pictures with the taxidermy Moose, and listened to live music entertainment. Our Columbus Day Weekend Car Showing is planned for Saturday, October 10th in the old Grand Union parking lot with live music and refreshments.

Vendors are signing up to participate in the Country Christmas Tour to take place November 27-28, with a Crafts Fair in the school gymnasium and participation throughout the town. We will also be sponsoring the holiday lighting contest in December. The office will continue to be open for the same hours during the Fall season, and we will continue to issue DEC Hunting and Fishing Licenses to those who visit to request it.

Attached is our quarterly newsletter.

Sincerely,
Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce

Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – September 2026

Road maintenance projects included:

- Cleveland Rd: ditching
- Fred Gay Rd: patching [7tn cold patch (\$850.00)]
- Old Rte 28D (OK Slip): ditch work
- Parkerville Rd: patching [1.5cyd Item 4 (\$25.00)]

Assorted projects:

- We spent a few days working behind the garage – clearing dead trees and stumps, fixing a drainage ditch and leveling the yard
- Beaver control (breaking up dams interfering with road culverts at 3 locations)
- 4 days paving for Hamilton County

Equipment:

- #197 2025 Western Star build still in progress at Tenco; expecting delivery the week of Oct 12
- #182 2002 Freightliner sold at auction for \$14,700
- We had some expensive repairs this month:
 - #195 2021 Chevy 6500 rear differential replacement (\$7,852.64)
 - #193 2016 John Deere 544K radiator (\$3,283.82)

Personnel:

- Steve Cannan was out all month
- Bar Hall transferred to Building & Maintenance effective 9/23

Miscellaneous:

- Submitted the Inventory of Highway Machinery, Tools and Equipment report to the Town Board on 9/30



Submitted by Eugene Darling
Highway Superintendent
October 8, 2026



October 13, 2026, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Marketing & Events Report

Community/Business Updates

SHIFT The coalition for North Hamilton County - SHIFT - stands for Supporting Healthy & Informed Futures Together. The coalition applied for a grant a few months back, and we just found out this past week that we were not awarded it. In addition, 4 Rivers Alliance, which focused on all of Hamilton County, just finished their 10-year grant, and also did not receive funding to continue. 4 Rivers Alliance is finished, however, our coalition leader, Victoria Moore, is going to keep SHIFT going in hopes that we can apply for more funding again soon. We will still meet regularly, and try to fundraise on our own, as we see the message of this coalition to be very important.

American Legion Posts I have continued to post every Friday highlighting a different resource that the legion offers to the community. I have heard that they have had increased attendance at the last few meetings.

Events

Summer Concerts are a wrap for the 2026 season. The tents have been picked up and taken down for the year. We are already looking into bands for 2027 and looking at dates with bands who played this year and were well liked.

90Miler went well again this year. Like what we did with the Black Fly Challenge, we created a QR with a quick, two question survey to get information on what local businesses the racers are supporting while they are here. We hung flyers with this QR code by every bathroom, all over the food/ drink tent, food truck, etc. Out of a few hundred racers, only one completed our survey. Their answers showed that they did not stop at any businesses in Blue Mountain Lake or Indian Lake.

Antique/ Rustic: We had quite a few inquiries from new vendors looking for space to rent for both shows, however vendor numbers seemed down a little from previous years. With that being said, both weekends were still a success. We received a lot of positive comments from community members, shoppers & vendors. Local food trucks joined both weekends. Parking at the school was a bit of an issue on Friday afternoon of Antiques weekend, with shoppers parking in school parking lots during the school day. We helped the school put up signage and will get proper signage & barricades up earlier next year.

Halloween: Our pumpkin decorating contest is live. Participants can drop their pumpkin off anytime between now & Halloween for judging. ILCS PTSO plans to host their Trunk or Treat event right on Halloween on Saturday, October 31. In addition to the trunks, they are planning a mini festival with games and activities. We plan to attend with a Western themed trunk & goodies to hand out. Following Trunk or Treat will be the ILVFD Ladie's Aux festivities at the Fire Hall. Normal trick-or-treating will end the evening.

CCT: Plans are underway for this year's Country Christmas Tour. We plan to continue our Gingerbread House Contest, and craft at the Welcome Center. For this year's craft we are thinking about doing resin ornaments. People will be able to pick their shape, colors and add whatever charms they wish to make it custom.



Marketing/General Admin

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed. We are starting to look at our dates for all 2027 events.

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are continually refilled throughout the community as needed. As seasonal businesses begin to close, we will be going around picking up anything left over from this summer.

We are starting to send out **winter ads** for the 2026-2027 season.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW and LIKE** the Town on social media sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake> - Up to 12k followers as of 10.5.26. Thank you, Jake, for the airplane ride and for all the fall content!!

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

<https://www.instagram.com/townof.indianlakeny/>

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

<https://nextdoor.com/page/town-of-indian-lake-indian-lake-ny-2/>

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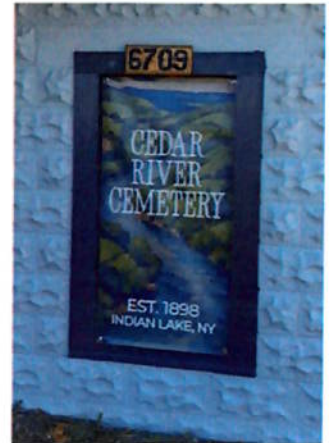
Town Website Server continues to send us reports about what is popular on our website, number of visitors, etc. From Sept 7 to Oct 4, our website had 1,750 visitors, with most visiting our "Events" page or "Attractions & Businesses" page. During all three weeks of data, the most visitors visited our website on Friday.

Miscellaneous

Notary Numbers: In September, I notarized eight documents, totaling up to 76 total documents since getting my approval last July.

Cedar River Cemetery Sign: The sign has been delivered and hung up, thanks to Parks & Rec.

ILCS Students hike OK Slip Falls. After seeing pictures on social media of ILCS kids hiking OK Slip Falls on their first day back, I got in contact with Melissa Mulvey and brought our patches over for each of the students.



Fall Cleaning: In preparation for winter, I have cleaned out our side storage shed to make room for salt and shovels the guys will need space for.

Meetings/ Events:

9/14: SHIFT Meeting @Ski Hut

9/17: ROOST Meeting on Zoom

9/24: Driver for Senior Picnic @North Creek Ski Bowl

9/30: Meeting w/ Northern Forrest Center & Studio A on Zoom (compared 4 different renderings for Commons property, preparation for 2nd public meeting)

10/1: Lake George/ Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board Forward Together Conference in Schroon Lake

Session 1/A: This first session was about turning what we already have in the Adirondacks into something more. We heard from Tim Bresett, Tourism for Town of Ausable, who used to work at Ausable Chasm previously. He talked about with the addition of I87 came the struggle to get people to get off and stop and see them. They decided to made Ausable Chasm a destination, not just a stop. Northern Border Regional Commission discussed the new/untraditional uses for mass lumber in the ADKs. Not only are they building libraries, welcome centers, etc., but it can also be used for bridges to replace materials like steel and concrete. The third presenter talked about their program where they are providing technical assistance to get critical community businesses back up and running. For example, they have taken small general stores and revamped them to fill a need within a community. Once they get the place up and running, they rent the space to people willing to run them. This has not only helped form connections within communities but alleviates the problem of young entrepreneurs not being able to afford purchasing retail space.

Session 2/A: This second session was all about connection throughout the North Country and the potential for growth within our communities. Colleen Bisceglia from ConnectAll discussed bridging the cell coverage gaps in the North Country. A representative from LaBella discussed the new housing zoning guide and discussed the housing crisis. She said in order to solve this housing crisis, 7,500+ units are needed across the North Country in the next 10 years. Leslie Karasin from Northern Forrest

Center sat nearby me during this session and was particularly interested in this presenter. The last presenter of the day was Cailyn Locci from Weston & Sampson, and she discussed how they are transforming Brownfields into something usable for communities.

After lunch we broke out into groups, and representatives came around introducing themselves, and handing out information about their organizations. It was a great speed networking opportunity. Many of these organizations provide funding for specific projects in their field.

Respectfully submitted by Kylie Cannan on 10/7/2026.



October 13, 2026, Town of Indian lake Board Meeting Economic Development Report

Grants

Northern Forest Center (NFC) Technical Assistance Grant & Housing Steering Committee

We had a Housing Taskforce meeting on 9/30/2026 at 10:30am to review the concepts Studio A presented based on our feedback from community members and the Taskforce team. Next steps are to schedule another round of Community Conversations. Public meetings will be scheduled with an opportunity for the community input from 11:30am to 12:30pm at The Welcome Center and 4pm to 5pm at the Ski Hut (Town Hall is being used for early voting). The sessions would be considered “drop in” with no formal presentation. Taskforce members will be on hand to answer questions regarding each concept and take notes. Dates being considered are 10/26 or 10/29.

AdkAction NYSDEC Grant & Pollinator Site Fall seed sowing has been scheduled for Saturday, November 7 at 10am. Thirty volunteers are needed. Seeding in November lets the seeds rest through winter, and the cold, damp conditions get them ready to sprout in spring.

To sign up please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/Y6iW8BmAL32tvDsy6>

DASNY SAM Grant At a Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) conference on 10/1/26, I was told to reach out to the Governor’s Regional Representative which I will be doing next after determining who this person is. Several people came up to me when I asked my question publicly (what’s the magic bullet to get DASNY and the sponsoring elected official’s office to work together to release this funding) and was informed we are not alone in this struggle.

NYSDEC ADK Smart Growth Grant Round 8 Final contract was executed for 4/1/2026 to 3/31/2029 (the original expiration date was 5/31/2026 which was an error). The next quarterly report is due on 10/30/2026 which is when I will submit the bills paid to date. We met with SDA on 9/17/2026 to review progress and concept layouts. Completed to date: survey, soil sampling, and Hazmat inspection. Next meeting is 10/15/2026.

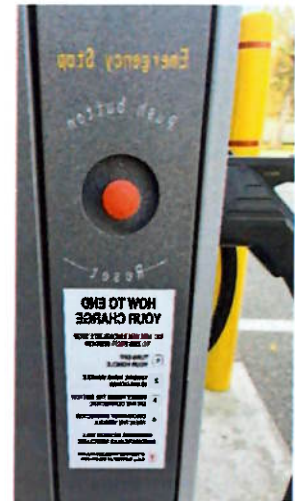
2025 NYS Budget Appropriation Grant Award for 5 Towns Final contract has been executed. On 9/4/2026 we submitted our Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) Utilization Plan which requires a goal of 6%. Contract dates have been updated to reflect 6/1/2025 to 5/31/2029.

DEC EV Charging Stations Modifications (4 so far) have been approved by the agency, and our reimbursements (\$192,849 and \$1,013.19) should begin to start flowing. Reimbursements are sent quarterly going forward which will be to reimburse the Town for the National Grid charges.

DEC Byron Park Extension Final expenditure reimbursement and quarterly reports were sent in on 9/30/2026 for \$137,130.26.

Community/Economic Development

EV Chargers The emergency stop button on one of the units was broken (likely by a person using the EV port who wanted to end the session before they received a full charge). This caused the unit to fault and charging was unavailable from 9/11/2026 through 9/18/2026. This must be a common problem as the following sticker was applied to each unit by the service technician.



Recreation Economy for Rural Communities A two-day conference was held on 10/5 through 10/6/2026⁹ in Inlet and Long Lake. On the first day state and federal partners participating in this program toured Long Lake, Indian Lake and Inlet. Our portion of the tour began in Blue Mountain Lake at Schoolhouse Grounds with a walk to ALCA for a tour; we got back on the bus and drove past the beach and tennis courts to Byron Park for a walking tour of the park; we stopped at Pine's Country Store and spoke with Tim; then entered and hiked the multiuse trail from Crow Hill Road and exited the trail at the Ski Hut where we ate lunch. The group then got back on the bus and went to Inlet. At 4pm there was a public meeting at Inlet Town Hall where each community presented a PowerPoint presentation of the recreational assets in each community. The second day was at Long Lake Town Hall with a full day of presentations and breakout sessions focused on current and new opportunities for recreational assets focusing on individual communities as well as county based. The state and federal partners provided an overview of their services, including technical assistance and funding opportunities. I will be preparing a full report and reaching out to these individuals to discuss our various Town project needs. I learned that being considered a RERC community will also provide additional points with some funding programs. I am thankful Hamilton County applied for and was awarded this opportunity. Additional Zoom calls are scheduled through January 2027.



Multiuse Trails@theSki Hut A ribbon cutting and inaugural ride was held on 9/26/2026 at 10AM during the Moose Festival. We had close to 25 in attendance with 10 riding the trails and six walking up to the trail where the new commemorative bench was placed. This was the first of many rides and events to take place using the trail system. It has been suggested perhaps next year, riding our trails could be a first day of school activity.

Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board's Annual Forward Together Conference

Held on October 1. Track B: Fueling Results from the Ground Up: Outthink Your Competition. Key take aways where community projects are like a road map (1) you get started and involve key players/ideas (who, what, where and how much money do you need); (2) refine your project and declare your direction (pitch); and (3) invite key collaborators to join you on your "ride." In addition, tracking your contacts/connections/conversations along the way provides proof of your efforts as you advance your project as some of your key contacts may change along the way. When assessing a grant which fits your project, also look for opportunities to "stack" various funders. Concrete data specific to your project will aid in making the best case for support; often times your own data is the best data. Northern Border Commission grants are more responsive to being the first funder while USDA prefers to be the final funder. Ex: A community wants \$3M for a new beach – OPRHP – NYSESD – NBRC is the order suggested for this project funding. Track B: Turning State Programs into Grant Dollars. Focused on the benefits of being a Clean Energy Community (we are this) through NYSEDA as compared to Climate Smart Community through NYSDEC to get extra points for the grant scoring criteria - goal to get to Bronze Level. I will be researching this next. Discovered additional funding options for different projects I will be digging deeper such as NYSDOT TAP funding for sidewalks and bikeways.

Events

Music in the Park The last concert with Rocky & The Moosemen was changed at the last minute due to a band member having Covid. The Bob Stump Band was called in at the last minute and the turnout was great. Concerts are now over for the year, and we are seeking bands for 2027. This concert was part of the Moose Festival.

Rustic & Antiques Show Attendance at both shows was great. The weather was cooperative on both Saturdays. There is now discussion amongst dealers of having both shows happen the same week – week of Rustic. I will be contacting the main dealers to learn more and collect responses re: new suggestion of timing for 2027's events.

Parks & Recreation/ Building & Maintenance Kylie and I try very hard to do as much event set up as we can on our own but inevitably, we do rely on the help from Bill's department. We just wanted them to know how much we appreciate their assistance throughout the year with our various activities and events.

Meetings

9/17 – SDA meeting

9/29 – Housing meeting with Leslie

10/1 – LCLGRP conference

10/5-6 – RERC conference

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch on 10/7/2026.