

A TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The location was the Town Hall, Pelon Road, Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, State of New York.

Supervisor Wells opened the meeting. He thanked all for coming, he stated due to the uptick in COVID cases he was asking, not mandating, that everyone wear a mask. He also stated that he realized this Public Hearing is an emotional topic and once it was opened everyone would have three (3) minutes to speak. He asked all to be courteous and respectful of everyone's opinion. All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wells called for the Roll with the following Board Members answering;

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| Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney | Here |
| Councilwoman Stanton | Here |
| Councilman Rathbun | Here |
| Supervisor Wells | Here |

Minutes

Councilman Rathbun made a motion to accept the minutes of 08/09/2021 as presented. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton.

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| Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney | Aye |
| Councilwoman Stanton | Aye |
| Councilman Rathbun | Aye |
| Supervisor Wells | Aye |

Department Head Reports/Additions

Due to the number of residents and lack of room in the assembly room, Supervisor Wells asked the Department Heads to leave to make allow more residents. He stated if anyone had questions for any of the Dept. Heads to let him know and he would get the answers.

Public Comments and Concerns

Andy Coney, President of the Blue Mt. Lake Association, thanked the Board for keeping the docks out longer even though the Beaches were closed. He also questioned the crosswalk signs. He asked why they were not being used. It was explained to him that some had been stolen, some were ruined and since the roads were redone, they had painted crosswalk symbols on the road itself, so they were unneeded. Andy asked about the old garage in Blue. Supervisor Wells explained this would be coming down but due to COVID and the shut down we were still trying to catch up. He stated it would be torn down next year.

Christine Pouch, E.D.M. and Events Manager, asked all to participate in the Hometown Hero's Civic Volunteer Award program being sponsored by CIVICPLUS. Information is attached herein. Supervisor Wells thanked Christine for putting up the 911 Memorial Information.

Brenda Valentine, Moose Festival Chairwoman, told all that the Moose Festival would be happening on September 25th and 26th.

Public Hearing – Short Term Rentals

Supervisor Wells opened the Public Hearing for discussion concerning Short Term Rentals at 7:09 p.m. Supervisor Wells reiterated that everyone could speak for three (3) minutes and asked for everyone to be respectful of everyone's opinion. He stated that he has received phone calls and emails of complaints and support concerning this topic. He told all it was even both for and against. He reiterated to all this was just a formal discussion and fact-finding meeting and that no action would be taken regarding this. The Board was just looking for input. He told all that there were numerous regulations as to how Communities have dealt with this. He stated some of the regulations were complicated and some were quite simple. This will be something the Board will have to go over and consider and they were looking for input.

Paul Kietzman, Jon Vorhees John Layden, Alice Radish, Joan Golden, Autumn Blanchard, Marsha Anderson, John Antczak, Andy Coney and Marty Trometter all approached the Board explaining the problems some of them had had living next to a Short-Term Rental Home. Paul Kietzman, Jon Vorhees, Alice Radish and Marsha Anderson explained the problems they have been dealing with such as excessive noise, numerous vehicles, rowdy patrons, number of renters in one house, owner of the rental not being around to watch over their patrons, owners of the rentals not living here and rude patrons. Questions were raised concerning septic systems and the Lake. Some residents spoke of owning or wanting to start a Short - Term Rental.

Joan Golden approached the Board as a Short – Term Renter. She stated that she vets her renters and that she is normally here every weekend, so she is accessible to them. She stated that this is an income for her. Andy Coney stated his main concern is it is driving up the Real Estate prices, once again, making it to expensive for residence to purchase homes.

Autumn Blanchard stated she had lived next to cottage colonies all her life. Not one problem was ever had. She stated however this year, the people are out of control. She told all, call the police! Marty Trometter stated why are they not operating as a business, do they have insurance to cover being a rental, do they have fire extinguishers a working telephone and what is the maximum occupancy? These are things that any other business needs to have, shouldn't Short – Term Rentals have to follow the same Laws. Marty also told the Board that the Birch Hill Association have been researching this for two (2) years. He stated he would bring a copy of their research to the Town Hall.

John Antczak questioned the Zoning Law. Since these are a business and people are making money on it, is it legal to be in a residential zone verses a commercial zone. Discussion was held on different ways this could be handled. The residence stated at the very least the owner of the property should give his contact information, his rules for the patrons and how many guests are legally allowed to stay there to all neighbors surrounding the property. This way if there is a problem someone has the information and can call the owner. They also stated that the owner of the property should be held accountable. Supervisor Wells stated he realizes this is an emotional topic. He stated again he has had an equal amount of complaints/support on this topic. Supervisor Wells told all he would like a committee put together to discuss the best way of dealing with this. He stated he would like both those for and those against to be on the committee to come up with a feasible regulation. He stated there needs to be a balance. He told anyone who is interested in being on the committee to call.

Councilman Mahoney told those present he was sorry for what they have been going through, however, he lives next to one and has had no issues. He asked why the noise ordinance has not been enforced. Supervisor Wells stated that once the committee gets underway, they can find a partial listing of Short – Term Rentals in Indian Lake, Blue Mt. Lake and Sabael, under Air B & B's.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by, Councilman Rathbun.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney Aye
 Councilwoman Stanton Aye
 Councilman Rathbun Aye
 Supervisor Wells Aye

Resignation Letter

Supervisor Wells stated he had received a resignation letter from Ernie Pollman, resigning off the Library Board. Supervisor Wells thanked Ernie for his years of service! Attached herein.

Thank You Letter – Invasives

Supervisor Wells told all he had received a thank you letter from Ellen Collins, thanking the Board for their support for the Invasives project. Attached herein.

Thank You Letter – Transfer Station

Supervisor Wells stated he had received a Thank you letter concerning the Transfer Station Employees. It stated they are very helpful! Attached herein.

Budget Meeting Schedule

Supervisor Wells asked the Board if any changes needed to be made to the Budget Schedule. Two changes were made. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 14th. The October 28th workshop was moved to October 25th. All the rest of the workshops will begin at 7:00 p.m. Schedule attached herein.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Wells told all the Banner Application has been approved by National Grid and Niagara Mohawk. He stated these would be put up soon.
Supervisor Wells reported to all that the old farmhouse in the Outer Goolie Club had been torn down and removed. He stated how sad it was that a landmark that had been there so many years is gone.
Supervisor Wells asked for anyone who may be interested in being on the Town's Loan Program Committee to please let him know. He told all he had received a call from someone who is interested in

Monthly report building maintenance and operations August 2021

Mowing in between rainstorms has been the theme for this summer, all the extra water and humidity has made the grass grow so much faster than usual. We have mowed all town properties, cemeteries, the transfer site, shooting range, and now we can include The Town's new welcome center. At the shop we have mowed all three slopes with one of our 6060 Kabota tractors, with everything being so wet the track system worked amazing on the hill and we were able to go in places we were not before even in the wettest of seasons.

The elevator at the health center needed some service work after a main cable that controls the raise and lower functions broke off internally, a company out of Albany came and after two visits we were able to get it fixed enough to use, parts are on order and more extensive repairs will be coming in the future to update the unit.

At Town's new welcome center we have been busy painting and prepping the building, we are waiting on four interior doors, the new front door and the one exterior window for what used to be the service area. The chamber and Christine have gone through what was there and have a pretty good idea where everything will be going, we're also waiting for Frontier to switch the number from the events office to Stewart's.

Part runs were made for repairs on the excavator and on one of our zero steer mowers, a hydraulic pump needed to be replaced in the zero steer and a complete system flush was needed after a motor let go and contaminated the system.

We have been very busy with the Cedar River cemetery, since we have started helping out we have done about six cremations and two full burials. We know of three more to come within the next month that are all cremations.

Garbage runs and dam checks are done on Tuesdays and Fridays. From both beaches the mini park and Byron Park. The tanks in Blue Mountain have been pumped and are ready for the 90 miler.

In Deer Valley we made repairs to a culvert and washout that affected our snowmobile trail and the road that leads to our trail in Moose River.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie

Department head building maintenance and operations



Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for August 2021

Testing was completed daily at all three plants.

All monthly samples as well as a third round of PFOA test were submitted to the lab in Glens Falls.

We replaced a main line valve box next to Gaday Reality and helped the contractor tie into our line.

Our Ross valve had to have two electric actuator valves replaced.

Lead and Copper samples in water district #2 were collected and submitted to the lab.

We cleaned the chemical injection line and injectors at the Indian Lake plant.

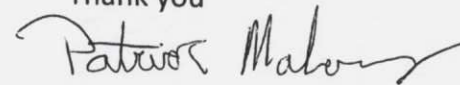
I talked with Cedarwood Engineering about a water source for Blue Mt. They are waiting on paperwork from DOH in Albany before they can continue.

The East plant was cleaned and we serviced one of the pumps. We will do the second one when we receive the parts.

The UV at the sewer plant was cleaned weekly.

The sewer plant was mowed and weedwacked as needed.

Thank you



Patrick Mahoney

Highway Report

September 2021

August 2021
Mechanics Report

During the Rainy month of August.

The Highway department finished undercutting the first half mile of Parkerville Rd. This project is almost complete except for adding some more gravel and some ditch work.

We dealt with some water problems on several roads after the 5" rainstorm.

Ditching has been done in several places on roads that have drainage issues.

Culverts were repaired on Jerry Savane Road where the contractor for the phone company plowed wire into our culverts.

Materials are continued to be hauled to replenish stockpiles.

Material was spread on Cedar River road to help stop pot holing and improve the crown of the road.

Road side mowing was finished

Some roads were graded that had become rough.

Jamie Robke

- ① New Key Switch in roller
- ② Mowed cemetery field
- ③ Bolts on TC 45 mower
- ④ Made up new termal ends on 190 loader
- ⑤ Welded cracks on mower deck
- ⑥ Insip trailer
- ⑦ Welded mower deck on 5085 tractor
- ⑧ Starter for 190 loader
- ⑨ Installed new roller on mini exc
- ⑩ Fixed hole in Jerry Savane Road
- ⑪ Trouble shoot wiring on 5085 tractor
- ⑫ Injector line on 194 loader



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New York 12842

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September 9, 2021 Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting
Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

**Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
September 2021**

| | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Commercial</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Total # of Permits Issued: | 21 | 2 |
| 2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1: | <u>\$449,654</u> | <u>\$147,500</u> |
| 3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps: | 1 | |
| 4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3: | <u>\$0</u> | |
| 5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A): | 1 | |
| 6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5: | <u>\$300,000</u> | |
| 7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes: | 0 | |
| 8. Number of Permit renewals: | <u>3</u> | |
| 9. Number of Firework Permits issued: | 0 | |
| 10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9: | <u>\$0</u> | |
| 11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date | 25 | |

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Seeking Nominees for the Town of Indian Lake Hometown Heroes

Hometown Heroes
SPOTLIGHTING PUBLIC SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

The Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award

The Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award is a national program that will honor 100 extraordinary local government volunteers in smaller cities, townships and counties under 25,000

**Nominations begin
July 15th @
www.civic-volunteer.com**

in population. The program, which will launch July 15 online at www.civic-volunteer.com and run through October 15, is being sponsored by CivicPlus®. STACVA is intended to help spotlight the growing challenge small cities face in retaining and recruiting people to fill on municipal

boards/councils and on local government committees that support planning, library, parks and recreation, vital public safety roles as e.g., firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and other important services.

**\$20,000, \$10,000 and
\$5,000 Cash Awards, and
100 Free Volunteer
Management Modules**

Municipalities and counties represented by the top 100 nominees will each qualify for a free volunteer management module that can be integrated with their website to help engage, recruit, track, and retain community volunteers. They will also receive 12 months of free support services for the module from CivicPlus.



The Barton Russell Group (www.BartonRussell.com) will administer the program and judging process.

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We have one entry so far and can submit up to two. Please consider nominating someone who fits the criteria.

Website - www.indianlakeadk.com

A social media posting policy has been submitted for Board review/changes/approval.

**Events
2021**

Great Adirondack Moose Festival Antique & Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 25 from 10 am to 2 pm - We have about 12 vehicles registered. I am seeking monetary donations for 4 trophies and door prizes for each registrant.

Trying to confirm whether there will be a Country Christmas Tour this year. I'd like to host a Christmas on Main Street Small Business Weekend November 26-27.

2022

Planning for next year has started. Some of the highlights/ideas I am considering:

- Snocade Feb. 19-26 (investigating an ice carving demo, dog sled rides and pickle ball / broom ball / hockey tourney);
- 10th Mountain Division Band is being sought for a July;
- Bad Chaperones concert in August (they were cancelled in 2019 due to COVID but received an \$800 deposit from the Town);
- John Kirk & Trish Miller aka Quickstep has been booked for Sept.;
- Corn Hole tournament(s) will return;
- Summer skating (?);
- Dark Sky Event (July); and
- Music/Craft Beer/Food Truck Festival at Ski Hut or Town Center.

Marketing

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to follow the Town on social media sites.

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

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

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

I continue post frequently on Facebook and Twitter when there is relevant and/or newsworthy Town related information to share. I have received many positive comments and thanks for the increased activity and awareness of the Town's happenings through the use of social media.

The Town of Indian Lake E-News has increased from 234 to 254 subscribers and boasts an average open rate of 75% with an additional average of 50 to 100 shares.

Indian Lake Logo Items:

We donated some Town branded logo items to the ILSC PTSO Golf Outing for a door prize.

New items will be ordered soon, which include polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, and items with the snowmobile sub brand.



Welcome Center:

Image of the new sign for the building is above. File was sent to Garnet Signs (48" x 90" x 3mm Aluminum Composite) for production and installation. I now have my office here. Plan is to have a soft opening in October. If the ILVFD Women's Aux. is not planning any Halloween activities for the kids, I could host a Trunk & Treat in the parking lot.

Music in the Byron Park Pavilion Park

The concert held on Saturday, August 21 was well attended, despite the rain, with 75 guests. Donations (\$75) were collected for the ILCS PTSO.

Next up: The Gregson Brothers Band is scheduled for Saturday, September 25 from 1 to 5 pm in Town Center Park. During the band's intermission Gem Radio Theatre will present Wolshager Hexenbrut (The Witches Dance) starring many local performers! This will be a must see event!!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjUV-byB8ls&t=71s>
Visit Link above for a hint of what's coming to Indian Lake.

Webinars/Calls/Zoom /Meetings/Activities

August 9 - Board Meeting in BML

August 10 - BMLA Water Watch Meeting re: invasives at 7 PM

August 18 - I gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan at the ILCDC Annual Meeting (attachment)

August 19 - ROOST Zoom meeting re: Hamilton County website

September 2 - Visit/meeting with Adele from the Town of Inlet

September 8 - Zoom Common Ground Alliance Conference

September 9 -10 - 90-Miler lands in Blue; helped coordinated parking and safety measures with Parks & Rec

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch
September 9, 2021

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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|----------|---|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| 6 | Help facilitate business-led, hamlet based improvements and activities | Town, ILCC, ILCDC, OILO | ONGOING/FUTURE | Currently all leadership parties work together to promote the downtown area by hosting events. New banners are coming to Welcome all to the community. The Garden Club continues their efforts to beautify our streets with their beautiful planters. The ILCDC was responsible for the memorial park on the corner of Main Street & Crow Hill Rd. Repairs were made to the Abanakee Dam and repairs for the Adirondack Dam are underway via grants. The redesign of the hamlet- Commons-Townsend property should begin in 2022. |
| 7 | Help develop and facilitate existing and new events, provide improved or additional staging areas and communications for events | Town, ILCC, ILCDC, OILO | ONGOING/FUTURE | New events to be planned will be large scale to attract more tourism and will focus on highlighting our natural environment as well. (ex: outdoor music fest at Ski Hill) In 2022, popular events such as Corn Hole Tourney, Bingo and hockey will hopefully return as well to enhance the quality of life for locals. |
| 8 | More fully engage existing marketing & branding and develop local content | Town, ILCC, ILCDC, OILO | ONGOING/FUTURE | New town website launched in Spring 2021; redesign of ROOST's Hamilton County website by 2022; new Indian Lake brand launched and items produced to be sold; new signage to come for WELCOME CENTER interior and exterior. |

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

| GOAL | RECOMMENDATION | LEADERSHIP | STATUS | SUPPORT ACTIVITIES/EXAMPLES/ SUGGESTIONS |
|-------------|--|-------------------|----------------|--|
| 1 | Ensure NYS Broadband Initiative is fully implemented by 2018 | Town | ONGOING/FUTURE | In 2015, the Governor launched a \$500M initiative pledging 99.9% of New Yorkers would be connected to broadband by 2018. Obviously, the North Country is still waiting. What we are hearing from internet companies is the cost of replacement poles to run new lines and DOT right of way fees are outrageous so there aren't enough funds to reach all homes. The deadline of "by 2018" is now mute and we are at the mercy of the providers. Our supervisor, as well as county and state officials, continue to lobby on behalf of our constituents efforts to get broadband in our communities. |
| 2 | Promote existing funding & loan support programs | Town, ILCDC, ILCC | ONGOING/FUTURE | ILCDC has been actively providing funding/loan information to the potential businesses when contacted. The existing Town of Indian Lake Loan program will be reviewed and updated in the near future. The County Microenterprise program funds have been exhausted. In 2022, they will apply for a new round of money. Both the Town and ILCDC steer business owners to the County IDA Loan program. |

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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| ILCDDC | IL Community Development |
| ILCC | IL Chamber of Commerce |
| OILO | Other IL organizations (Garden Club, ALCA, IL Theater, IL Museum, Adirondack |
| GC | GeneralCommunity |
| County | Hamilton County |

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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|----|--|---|---------------------|--|
| 13 | <p>Redevelop Townsend and former IL Market properties into IL Business startup or popup Centers</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICES</p> | Town & ILCDC | ONGOING/FUTURE | CFA submitted on 7/30/21 for infrastructure development of Commons property (\$660,000). If funded project to begin in 2022. |
| 14 | <p>Improve existing and support new community services and organizations</p> <p>LAND USE</p> | Town, ILVFD, ILCSD, ILCC, ILCDC, County | ONGOING/FUTURE | New WELCOME Center has walk in freezers which are being used by ILCSD, Community Action & Senior Meal Site for additional storage. Support efforts to find suitable location for a new fire dept. Continue to improve and support streetscape development. |
| 15 | <p>Continue to work with NYS on Essex Chain Lakes Complex Unit Management Plan (UMP)</p> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p> | Town | ONGOING/FUTURE | Continue to support and partner w/ 5 Towns, ADK Hub, APA, DEC. Developing biking and equestrian use; extending trails; community connector trails. |
| 16 | <p>Update Town's Zoning Codes</p> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p> | Town | COMPLETED 2/21/2020 | Zoning laws from 1977 have now been updated. Info may be found on indianlakeadk.com |
| 17 | <p>Address select infrastructure needs</p> <p>COMMUNITY & QUALITY OF</p> | Town | ONGOING/FUTURE | Abanakee dam; Adirondack dam, BML Water project and continued maintenance of water and sewage systems and repairs |
| 18 | <p>Pursue community pride & youth related Initiatives</p> <p>HOUSING NEEDS</p> | Town | ONGOING/FUTURE | Redesign of the Welcome Packet and formation of Welcome Committee to aid new residents in connecting with like-minded individuals. |

Activity Log 2021 vs 2020:

| 2021 | Email | Phone | Walk-in | DEC |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|-----|
| January | 48 | 54 | 76 | 7 |
| February | 20 | 37 | 30 | 3 |
| March | 31 | 38 | 65 | 8 |
| April | 34 | 49 | 93 | 22 |
| May | 37 | 107 | 303 | 45 |
| June | 63 | 125 | 326 | 63 |
| July | 115 | 151 | 564 | 78 |
| August | 82 | 135 | 408 | 58 |
| Total | 430 | 696 | 1865 | 284 |

| 2020 | Email | Phone | Walk-in | DEC |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|-----|
| January | 19 | 49 | 89 | 4 |
| February | 18 | 54 | 75 | 4 |
| March | 10 | 22 | 28 | 0 |
| April | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 23 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| June | 39 | 94 | 93 | 20 |
| July | 62 | 170 | 500 | 105 |
| August | 46 | 141 | 468 | 74 |
| Total | 234 | 552 | 1253 | 207 |

Others:

- August 10 – Welcome to Indian Lake Committee Meeting, Ski Hut
- August 12 – Chamber Board Meeting, Zoom
- August 16 – Great Adirondack Moose Festival Committee Meeting – Chamber Office
- August 19 – ROOST Hamilton County Website Meeting, Online
- August 26 – North Country Chamber of Commerce NYS COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grant Webinar
- August 31 – North Country Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Webinar

Ernest W. Pollman
225 Adirondack Lake Road
Indian Lake, NY 12842
August 16, 2021

Town Board
Library Board
PO Box 730
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Supervisor Wells & Director Rollings,

Effective September 30, 2021, I will be resigning my position as a Trustee of the Indian Lake Public Library. It has been an honor to have been a member of the Board for many years. I believe that the time has come to pass this honor to a new member with a fresh perspective. The Library is in good hands and will continue to be a wonderful community resource.

Sincerely,





INVASIVE SPECIES
MANAGEMENT
ADIRONDACKS

Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP)

(518) 576-2082 . PO Box 65 . Keene Valley, NY . 12943
www.adkinvasives.com

August 24, 2021

Dear Town of Indian Lake,

Thank you for your interest in invasive species and for your donation to The Nature Conservancy's Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP).

Thanks to financial contributions from municipalities, private individuals, associations, and the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, APIPP was able to increase its knotweed management efforts in 2020 and 2021. With these donated funds, APIPP contracted with a pesticide applicator to treat knotweed in over 90 locations last summer. The pesticide applicator is on track to treat up to 125 sites this summer.

This work would not be possible without the dedication of the volunteer knotweed coordinators, such as Ellen Collins, who evaluate sites for treatment and secure the required permissions from the landowners to treat the sites. This year's volunteers secured over 50 permissions from municipalities and private landowners.

The knotweed management project is only a small component of APIPP's efforts to protect the Adirondacks from the threat of invasives species. APIPP monitors 25 land-based invasive species, including forest pests such as hemlock woolly adelgid. We assist the NYS Department of Transportation with invasive species management along state highways in the Adirondack Park. We also offer workshops on invasive species spread-prevention for highway department personnel.

APIPP hosts educational seminars for the general public too. Most of our webinars are recorded and are available for free on our website. (You may be interested in our programs on managing knotweed and managing milfoil, as well as the recording of the presentation for highway department staff. All of the recordings are posted at <http://adkinvasives.com/Resources/Resource-Library/Video-Recordings>).

Thank you again for your support


Tammara Van Ryn
APIPP Manager

APIPP is one of eight Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management across New York State. APIPP is hosted by the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.
Our mission is to protect the Adirondack region from the negative impacts of invasive species.



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Brian Wells

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Jake Mahoney

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Legal Notice Budget Workshop's

The Indian Lake Town Board will be holding the 2021 Budget Workshops for the 2022 Budget on the following dates:

OCTOBER 7TH (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. **BUDGET BEGINS:**
Landfill, Weed District, Water 1 & 2, Sewer District, Library,
Ambulance, Fire Districts 1 & 2, Debt Services, Cash Reserves

OCTOBER 12TH - (Tuesday) **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

OCTOBER 14th (Thursday) ^{6:00 PM} ~~7:00 p.m.~~ **GENERAL BUDGET**
A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WEED AND SEWER DISTRICTS

OCTOBER 21st (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. **HIGHWAY BUDGET**

OCTOBER 28th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. **FINAL REVIEW**
^{25th} ^{Location TBD}

NOVEMBER 4TH - (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. **PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET**
PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW-override tax cap
1. Pass Local Law if needed
2. Adopt 2022 Budget

122 Indian Javvy
Indian Lake NY
Aug. 26, 2021

Dear Supervisor Wells,

Just a quick note

to compliment your

transfer station staff.

I have been recycling

for many years and

have never taken thing

to such a next, well

organized center and

been greeted and
helped by such helpful
individuals. It is a
pleasure to cooperate
with them.

Yours truly,
Anne Havelle

9-3-21

Dear Brian & Town Board,

Thank you so much for your generous tax-deductible donation to The Nature Conservancy's Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program. It will enable the program to continue with the battle against terrestrial invasive plants in our communities. We have made great progress in Blue Mountain Lake, thanks to this program and your support.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Again, thank you.

Ann Collins

August 02, 2021

Supervisor Brian Wells
Town of Indian Lake
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Dear Mr. Wells:

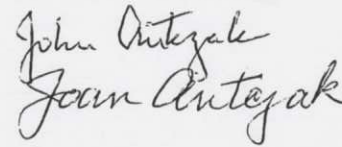
After reading in the "Hamilton County Express" your mentioning of AirBnbs, we wanted to express our concerns. We live at 107 Conifer Drive which we have owned since 2003. Your comments at the last board meeting prompted us to submit this letter. I have wanted to stop by to discuss this but due to medical reasons, I have had to be in Syracuse for various tests and probably by the time you read this, I will have undergone major surgery. Never-the-less, we want to submit these concerns:

- Why are the Creedons, who do not live at 109 Conifer Drive, allowed to run a business as an AirBnb in an area zoned as residential?
- The Town is losing taxable income because they are not paying motel related taxes, but again, they should not be running a business in a residential zoned area.
- They are paying the same water bill as their neighbors and yet with the significant amount of renters, their water usage and sewer loadings have to be much greater.
- Why must the neighbors be subjected to renters who feel that just because they are paying \$400/day that they can "overload" the number of renters to divide the cost. The Creedons say that they sleep eight, but when you see up to twice that amount in their yard, something does not add up!
- Last month the Creedons parked a trailer on their property for their use. Why would you do that if you have a house available, does the fact that you're renting it preclude them from using it?

We could continue to list our concerns, but we feel that the above mentioned warrants a closer look by the Town with respect to the rights of Indian Lake property owners. We've read about other communities that are concerned about non-occupant owners renting their properties just for financial gain. They should be subjected to zoning restrictions or if allowed to run the business, pay appropriate motel taxes.

Respectfully,

John and Joan Antczak

Handwritten signatures of John and Joan Antczak in cursive script.

Ron and Robin Semp
135 Birch Hills Dr
Indian Lake, NY 12842

September, 13 2021
Brian Wells – Town Supervisor
RE: Short Term Rentals

Dear Supervisor Wells,

We are unable to attend tonight's Town Board meeting in-person but would like to submit preliminary comments regarding Short Term Rentals. It would be appreciated if this letter could be read into the meeting minutes.

Robin and I have been Indian Lake homeowners and short-term rental hosts since 2018. We understand that there is growing resentment by the traditional cabin rental and motel owners towards the influx of short-term rental properties in and around Indian Lake. We would like to take this opportunity to oppose any legislative action that would restrict or ban the use of private homes to rent to guests for vacation or other rentals of less than 30 days.


As rental hosts we have found that having the ability to rent our home while we are not using it affords us the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of living in Indian Lake and become a member of the community. Making homes available to others that want to experience the Adirondacks that may not be able to otherwise stay in the area benefits the community for several reasons. Below are just a few:

- Attracts new visitors who will likely spend time and money at local businesses.
- Increases demand for real estate, increasing property value for all.
- Increases need for local services including housekeeping, repair/maintenance and home improvement.

We understand the knee-jerk reaction of the traditional lodging businesses to oppose short-term rentals because it is viewed as a threat to their livelihood. I would argue that "a rising tide lifts all boats". Short-term rentals clearly help attract new visitors to the area, which should enable all local businesses to be successful.

I look forward to being involved in continued discussions regarding this topic. I believe there may be some reasonable measures that can be taken to ease the concerns of traditional lodging owners while at the same time not restricting the rights of landowners to do as they please with their properties.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ron Semp
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town ordinance for short term rentals

maurmc@frontiernet.net <maurmc@frontiernet.net>

Mon 8/30/2021 1:38 PM

To: ilsuper@hotmail.com <ilsuper@hotmail.com>

We are unable to attend the meeting on 9-13 but as property owners we wanted to express our support of a town ordinance regarding short term rentals.

Respectfully,

Mickey & Maureen McHugh
St Rte 30
Indian Lake

short-term rental hearing

Elizabeth Folwell <betsyfolwell@gmail.com>

Sun 9/12/2021 8:56 PM

To: Brian Wells <ilsuper@hotmail.com>

Hello Brian,

We're glad that the town board is discussing short-term rentals like airbnb tomorrow. We have appointments in Glens Falls all day and won't make the meeting.

I spent several years in Lake Placid as I was working at Adirondack Life, and there were many landlords who abused short-term rentals, allowing far too many guests, crowding residents out of parking, contributing to noise and bad behavior. One owner had more than six properties that he did not supervise, leaving the village to figure out how to cope with visitors who abused the local welcome. I think Lake Placid and Lake George are developing strategies for dealing with potential problems, with some local ordinances on the books.

We live next to an airbnb property that is exemplary, with plenty of hands-on commitment from the owners. We have never had a complaint, and some repeat guests have become friends. This is the way airbnb should work.

But our real concerns about short-term rentals is how properties become off-limits to residents who need real, long-term rentals. Young families, new teachers, people who move here for new jobs have a difficult time finding affordable housing when a home enters the airbnb marketplace. These people are folks we want to contribute to our economy and join our fire departments, ambulance squads and community organizations. If there is no entry-level, affordable housing our towns lose this vitality.

When we moved to Blue Mountain Lake decades ago we could not afford to buy a house. We rented for several years. We were able to learn about the community and realized that we wanted to stay for the long haul. I suspect that there are young people who are in the same position, trying Indian Lake to see if it fits. The community may be right for them in so many ways, except for the ability to find a suitable place to live.

Sincerely,

Betsy Folwell and Tom Warrington

Summer News from HRBRRD!

Hudson River-Black River Regulating District <jcallaghan@hrbrrd.ny.gov>

Wed 8/25/2021 2:15 PM

To: ilsuper@hotmail.com <ilsuper@hotmail.com>

2021 Summer Newsletter



**Hudson River -
Black River
Regulating District**

**Kathy Hochul, Governor
Mark M. Finkle, Chairman
John C. Callaghan, Executive Director**

A Message From the Executive Director

As the end of summer nears, we're pleased to present you with a new edition of our newsletter. And what an interesting summer it has been. Believe it or not, there was actually a point earlier this summer, in late June, when I said to our Chief Engineer, Rob Foltan, "Boy I hope we get some rain soon, it's been pretty dry." As detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, the record rainfall was actually an opportunity for storage reservoirs with our jurisdiction to do what they do best. Whether that has led to high water or low water from time to time on HRBRRD reservoirs, we know it has kept a lot of people on their toes!



As we usher in a new season (meteorological fall begins in September), we also usher in a new era for New York State. Kathy Hochul was sworn in on Tuesday, August 24th as New York State's 57th Governor, and the first woman to hold the office. We at the Regulating District are excited about what the future holds for New York under Governor Hochul's leadership, just as we are excited about what's in store for the Regulating District and the people it serves over the next few years.

Perhaps most importantly, working with our local partners and our colleagues in state government, we will advance critically-important capital rehabilitation projects at Conklingville Dam, Indian Lake Dam, and Hawkinsville Dam over the current, three-year cycle. Major work at Conklingville, funded by New York State and detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, could begin as early as 2023, and will ensure that the 90-year-old dam can continue to protect downstream communities, and provide immeasurable recreational, economic and ecological benefits locally, for another 90 years.

In June, the HRBRRD Board adopted a new, balanced three-year budget, which seeks to fulfill those objectives and continue to deliver a high level of service with the greatest efficiency possible. From 2013 through 2019, HRBRRD expenses exceeded revenue in six out of seven years. Importantly, this spending plan continues the trend of our balance sheet being in the black over the last two years. This budget does not include any future increases to Great Sacandaga Lake access permit fees, limits growth in spending in accordance with all applicable agreements, and allows us to move forward with some of the important capital projects listed above.

Lastly, we were devastated by the loss of Trooper James J. Monda on Great Sacandaga Lake on August 22nd. The tragic death of Trooper Monda, an 18-year veteran of the New York State Police, serves as a reminder to always focus on safety when out on and around the water. Please always take extra time and extra precautions to stay safe when boating or engaging in other recreational activities on the water. Visit the GSL Safe Lake Initiative on [Facebook](#) and don't forget to download – and use – the Henry D. Ross III "Send It" app



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August 18, 2021



Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is to confirm that The Nature Conservancy received \$450.00 on August 16, 2021 at the request of Ellen C. Collins.

This donation will be put to work addressing some of the biggest challenges facing nature today. It will make a direct impact on the air we breathe, the water we drink and the beautiful places that inspire us all.

If you have any questions about this donation, or would like to request additional information, please call our Member Care Team toll-free at (800) 628-6860.

Sincerely,

Leonard Williams
Chief Financial Officer

P.S. The Nature Conservancy has provided no goods or services in exchange for your contribution under applicable IRS regulations. Please consult your tax adviser regarding the charitable deduction involved in this transaction and the manner of reporting and substantiating the gift.



TOWN BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE:

DATE OF MEETING: September 13 2021

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TITLE:

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1. Robin DEArms
2. Terry DEArms
3. Joan Laforest Golden
4. Pat Mahorney
5. Brenda Valentine
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8. Jane Kietman
9. PAUL KIETZMAN
10. Bill Kame
11. Laurie Bunn
12. Mike Bunn
13. WARDY TROMETER
14. NEH JOHNSON
15. DARIN W. HARN
16. Autumn Blanchard
17. John Antezak
18. MARSIA ANDERSON
19. GEORGE ANDERSON
20. BILUCE CATUN
21. SON VOORHEES
22. Alice Radost
23. James Woll
24. Inga Picford
25. Tony Chombari
26. Lita Chait
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applying for this loan. He told all that the previous Board have all left and the only one still on it was Councilman Rathbun. He told all we are looking for four (4) more members. Anyone interested should call the Town Hall.

Supervisor Wells reported that Hudson River Black River had received some funding and would be working on the Indian Lake Dam.

Supervisor Wells reported that the Wilderness Project will be under way beginning Columbus Day Weekend.

Supervisor Wells reminded everyone that this weekend is the Antique Show and next weekend will be the Moose Festival.

Other Town Business

Councilwoman Stanton asked for a COVID update. Supervisor Wells reported that it is rising and more kids are getting it.

Councilman Mahoney stated that business seemed to be pretty busy this summer and he hopes it continues.

BILLS AND ABSTRACTS

Supervisor Wells made a motion to pay the Bills and Abstracts as presented. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney Aye
Councilwoman Stanton Aye
Councilman Rathbun Aye
Supervisor Wells Aye

General:

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| 30752 – 30755 | \$590.64 |
| 30763 – 30769 | \$21,377.85 |
| 30772 - 30803 | \$1,908.93 |
| 30816 - 30837 | \$5,536.18 |
| 30838 - 30993 | \$129,944.39 |
| 30994 – 31028 | \$13,204.86 |

Executive Session

Supervisor Wells called for an Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personal. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Wells made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. Seconded by, Councilwoman Stanton. All in favor. Motion carried.

No action taken during Executive Session.

Councilwoman Stanton made a motion to accept the Interview Committee's recommendation and to offer the Water/Sewer Position to Evan Laprairie. Seconded by, Councilman Mahoney.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney Aye
Councilwoman Stanton Aye
Councilman Rathbun Abstain
Supervisor Wells Aye

Supervisor Wells made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Seconded by, councilwoman Stanton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully Submitted by: Julie A. Clawson/Town Clerk