

In attendance:

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INTRODUCTIONS-We welcomed Vin Reilly to our board. We now have two reps from ADK Lake Rd., Jim and Ernie, two from Bennett Rd., John L. and Lenore, and Vin from Pelon Rd., Lenore has been appointed on a temporary basis until her position is filled for a three year term by a new volunteer. Please let us know your concerns, ideas, and observations.

MEMBER FUNCTIONS-John Layton will be the chairman this year and will send out the emails, as Brad Fisher, whose term expired this year, did in previous years. Lenore will continue to write the minutes. Jim will continue to research information about improving the health of our lake, including topics such as invasive species and plant life. Ernie, the only full time IL resident, will keep us informed of local issues and has signed us up for use of the Byron park building the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 for our meetings. We meet once a month, as needed. Town Board member John Rathbun, also on ADK Lake Rd. answers many of our questions or takes them to Brian Wells, Town Supervisor, for answers. John Rathbun is also a boat safety Sheriff Deputy for Hamilton County, which aids in answering many questions. Vin came prepared with some history of the lake and will learn a lot more as we proceed.

ADVISORY BOARD FUNCTIONS-The Town Board has given us the responsibility of monitoring the need for moving bogs which may cause a safety or property access problem, and we inform Parks and Maintenance where these occur. We are also responsible for keeping track of plant life in the lake and advising the Town Board about concerns. Years ago the problem was too many plants which interfered with boating and even swimming. Now the problem is too few plants, which are needed for fish habitat and can reduce the threat of algae bloom. If we have other ideas we can approach the TB with them, such as the septic pilot program we began last year and the improved signage at the boat launch, but we are only an advisory board.

DISCUSSIONS-We discussed several other topics, which we may pursue this spring. We want a supportive habitat for the loons, Ernie has done the loon census for many years, and we wonder about pursuing contact with the ADK Center for Loon Conservation in Saranac Lake as an Advisory Board, not just as individuals. We will approach the TB about this. Other areas discussed, based on homeowner questions, were the possibility of a volunteer boat wash station, fish stocking, and the town's plans for the dam repair. (There are detailed diagrams of this in Town Hall.)

We hope Tax District residents share their ideas and consider joining us on the Advisory Board.

Next Meeting, 3/8/23, 6:00, Byron Park. Submitted by Lenore Reber