

## Building maintenance report July 2023

During the month of July, we have been very busy with mowing and working on the bogs on Adirondack lake. We moved all the bogs that were on the map that Ernie Pullman gave us, except for the big one in his bay which we are still trying to figure out what to do with. We also replaced buoys on the corral gate and made another repair to the cable.

With all the rain we've had this year the grass has been going crazy, we mowed all Town property, transfer site, shooting range, and cemeteries three times this month. Servicing of the mowers was done, and repairs were made as needed.

We hauled 12 loads of chips to the put in site after washouts put large trenches down the side of the pathways. We built a box for the Polaris ranger and were able to load the machine up and haul all the chips down to the waters edge and work our way back up the hill without causing any damage.

One month into beach season and no major problems, some people are upset with the hours the beaches are open and that they are closed on certain days. A new sewer line from the building to the tank was installed at Chain Lakes Beach. In Blue Mountain Lake I was able to get down in the tank and fix the leak that was filling up the woman side.

The generator the water department had on chain Lakes Road was moved to the health center and Adirondack generators did the install for us, we have to upgrade two of the switches for the automatic start program and everything will be automatic and online as soon as the power goes out. Brian, who did the install is getting me prices, he expects around \$5500.

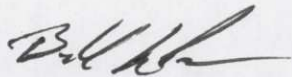
A lot of building maintenance was done this month, including finishing off the fascia and soffit on the library.

The new gateway project on the chain Lakes Road has started, we moved all the material out and are ready to start putting the new material in and building the parking lot and the sidewalks. Christine has ordered all the Benches, tables and bulletin boards, and as they come in, we will start doing the installs.

Materials have been ordered for the new roof on Byron Park pavilion, and replacement windows for the health center.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie



Dept head building maintenance and operations

# **Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for July 2023**

**Testing was completed at each plant daily.**

**Beach samples were taken the first week of July then again after the heavy rains and flooding. All samples had very favorable results.**

**We worked with the contractors at Hemlock Hall to rebury the watermain that runs in front of the main lodge. The main was exposed from the washouts and had a lot of rocks on it that had to be removed before it could be buried.**

**Both water districts had their annual inspections by the Dept. of Health.**

**ADT security had to reprogram the security system at the Indian Lake water plant.**

**A small watermain leak was repaired in front of the Cedar River Cemetery.**

**The force main at the East plant broke and had to be repaired.**

**The East plant was cleaned weekly.**

**Thank you**

**Patrick Mahoney**



# Highway Report

~~July~~ Aug 2023

Major Flooding is what we at the Highway Dept have been busy with

with the Floods in Blue Mt and Long Lake we have been busy hauling Materials and fixing Washouts.

Wells Rd and Maple Lodge Road have been reditched and culverts reset. As well as major washout filled in.

Materials were hauled from County and Town stockpiles to fill in on all washouts. Now we are replacing them for other projects.

We are now working on Major washouts on the O'Neil Flow Showmobile trail. I expect this will take close to a Month to do.

Jimie Foblee  
Highway Supt.

July 2025  
mechanics Report

- 1) Full Service to 194 pickup
- 2) Installed mirrors on 5085 tractor for mowing
- 3) Put new antennas on 182 truck
- 4) Fixed E-light on TC45 tractor
- 5) Put new hub covers on 185 front tire
- 6) New Tarp Switchs in 182
- 7) Finish work on 3320 broom
- 8) New blades on TC45 brush hog
- 9) Filled in holes on headquarters road from storm
- 10) New blade holders on 5085 tractor
- 11) Jump started batterys on 186 truck
- 12) Put Box Blade on TC45



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**Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report**  
**July 2023**

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	14	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$640,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</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>3</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$383,000</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
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	8	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony





## August 12, 2023, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

### Community/Economic Development/Events

Central Adirondack Flooding on July 11, 2023 – Through the support of the Adirondack Foundation, we were able to quickly pull together a marketing campaign and a donation/application portal to support flood victims in Blue Mountain Lake and Long Lake. We formed a special, confidential committee to review and allocate funds dispersed through the Foundation to Blue Mountain Lake applicants. **In this first round, we were able to support the needs of seven applicants by granting a total of \$54,000.** We received the applications to review on August 2 and sent our recommendations on August 8 to the Foundation. Emails, contracts, and checks to the applicants will go out on August 10. The quick turnaround time was specifically planned to be able to get funds into the hands of the victims as quickly as possible. I appreciate the swift work of our volunteer reviewers.

The Foundation reported new applications and funds are still coming in. We expect the second round of application review and fund distribution to begin on August 25. If you have additional questions about this program, please contact me directly.

Note: On July 31, I arranged for Adirondack Foundation Executive Cali Brooks and one of their board members to tour the devastation at Hemlock Hall and meet the Provost Family to hear their story firsthand.

Monarch & Milkweed Challenge – I was approached by Daisy Kelly and Susan Rollings to be a part of this project. I was able to convert the old cut out from the FISU Games and convert it to a Monarch Butterfly with the help of Peter Plumley. The Welcome Center is just one of the many activity stations around town. At my location there is a takeaway craft project as well as the butterfly cut out where you are encouraged to take and share a selfie for which we provide a Monarch butterfly pin. Both children and adults are taking part in this activity. Next year, we'll be planning a festival. To fund this project, for the library and other components, I wrote and received grant fund for \$1500 from the Hamilton County Soil & Water department.



### Main Street America (MSA) Committee –

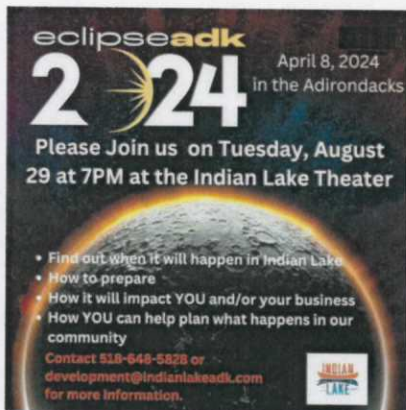
This group hosted its first fundraising event – a BBQ at Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner. \$1,032 was raised to support ongoing beautification and revitalization projects. One of the projects to be launched in 2024 are canoes featuring plantings located in all three

hamlets. A prototype was on display at the BBQ and is now located at The Welcome Center.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Update – All of our streetlamps in Indian Lake have been upgraded to LEDs. We received a rebate check for \$9,570. Our last rebate for the Senior meal Site for \$216 has also been received. **Total rebates total \$11,295.**

**Updating the streetlamps now qualifies us to receive a \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA Clean Communities Program.** While it took some time and energy to process these rebates, in the end it was worth it. I have thanked Nancy Bernstein, our ANCA Circuit Rider, for helping us through the process to become a Clean Energy

Community. You can track our progress here:  
<https://www.nyserra.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Tracking-Progress/Scorecard>



2024 Solar Eclipse Focus Group – A meeting to discuss possible activities has been schedule for Tuesday, August 29 at 7PM at the Indian Lake Theater.

Indian Lake Paint Out! - A three-day plein air painting workshop with Bob Stump, scheduled for August 18-20, has two remaining openings. A grant of \$1,750 was received and will be applied to cover the instructor fee of \$1,800.

Music in the Park Update – The first concert with Willie Playmore brought more than 200 attendees. Donations of \$92 were collected to support the Central Adirondack Flooding initiative. The second concert with Mitch Frasier was rescheduled due to the weather to the following day with 80+ attendees. Funds were collected of \$111 to support the American Legion's Veteran Tribute Flag project.

The next concert with Betty & The Baby Boomers is Saturday, August 12. We will be collecting donations for Charlotte Liddle's recovery.

Emma has been selling food items during the concert and this addition is well received – especially the ice cream for kids. The playground is also getting a workout!

WAILON – A Tribute to REAL Country Music – A concert has been added to the event schedule. This concert was not part of the budget plan, so it will be ticketed at \$15 cash/check and \$17 credit card. The concert will be held on Saturday, September 2 at the Indian Lake Theater at 7PM. 230 tickets will be sold. After expenses, the proceeds will benefit the ILCDC SIB Project. More information about the band is available at <https://wailonband.com/>. Tickets are now available at <https://town-of-indian-lake.square.site/>.

OK Slip Falls Hiking Challenge was launched at the end of June. To date we have had 22 people (up from six last month) stop at the Welcome Center to claim their patch. I'm



planning to get a map mounted and add pins to the map to represent the locations the visitors are from.

Food Truck/ Catering Solicitation – Emma from The Café & Shop at Mountain View Adventures LLC has been a vendor at the Music in the Park for the last two events. I am now working on lining up vendors for the Antiques Show.



90 Miler Canoe Classic will be landing in Blue Mountain Lake at the beach on Friday, September 8. The Town will be supporting this event by providing tents, cones, road closure barricades, porta potties and staff to help with garbage, crowd control and shuttle services.

Rustic Street Fair in Blue Mountain Lake will be held September 8 to 10. Potential vendors looking for booth space are being directed to homeowners in Blue.

Adirondack Antiques September 13-17 – I have been receiving calls (15) from new vendors looking for rental space. My goal is to fill all interested homeowners' space and invite food vendors to the school lawn, with their permission.

Chamber of Commerce – In July Garrett Church started as an intern working through August 10. This allowed the chamber to be open seven days per week with Sundays limited to 9am to Noon. Garrett is the grandson of Garrett Church, Sr., a local yoga instructor. Also, by mid-July, the chamber ran out of the ever-popular hiking map. At the time of this report, the map is still a work in progress.

## Marketing

There are continuous posts on all four of our social media sites. The e-newsletter is delivered to inboxes weekly when relevant content is available.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW** and **LIKE** the Town on social media sites. Did you know we have 6,700 (up from last month of 6,400) followers and 5,600 (up from 5,500 last month) likes on Facebook?

A video I posted on Facebook, taken by Jake Mahoney from the sky of OK Slip Falls, received 2,300 LIKES, 94 COMMENTS and 550 SHARES.

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

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

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

[www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny](https://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny)

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[Nextdoor](#)



Note: The marketing coverage from ROOST and various other publications have included Indian Lake and Blue Mountain Lake in several "Top 10" lists of places to visit, camp, and recreate in the Adirondacks.

### Special Projects

IT Tech Support for Town – Last fall we began conversations internally regarding the need to have professional technical support for computer related issues. I began researching and had planned to recommend My Tech, the company that was providing support for Hamilton County. Since then, My Tech has been merged with Vector One.

Attached please find comparisons with Vector One being the least expensive and able to handle all our current needs and more.

#### **I recommend the following for Board Approval:**

For 12 machines, the cost is \$24.11 per month per machine.  
Total for all machines=\$289.32 x 12=\$3,471.84

The big difference is My Tech had included unlimited tech support which Vector One does not provide as an option.

Tech support is a subscription monthly at \$109 per hour. This is discounted to us from the normal rate of \$159/hr. I have a bid for 4 hours (\$436) or 8 hours (\$872) which any computer can use. If we don't use the hours we subscribed to, they roll over to the next month.

### Grants

DEC High Hazard Rehabilitation Grants – We resubmitted our project of \$177,958.63 with a request for \$100,000. The grant portal closed on August 4. Award letters are expected very soon.

For us to be able to resubmit, I had to update our Emergency Action Plan for the Lake Adirondack Dam. These updates included updating the flowchart for emergency response procedures, mailing updated flowcharts to 14 different points of contact, and requesting a return certification of receipt to verify they replaced the old flowchart with the new one. In addition, I had to submit an updated DEC Annual Dam Certification.

Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grant was submitted on July 26 to support the repair of the Lake Adirondack Dam. The total project amount is \$6,556,316 with state funds requested of \$3,245,053. This includes a Town match of \$811,263 with the remaining project balance to be covered by a DASNY SAM grant for \$2.5M.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant was submitted on July 26 as well. The total project amount is \$1,751,791 with the state requested amount of \$1,312,700. This includes a Town match of \$439,091 in materials, supplies and in-kind labor.

DASNY/SAM Grants – no new progress to report.

DEC EV Charging Stations – We are still waiting for the contract to be able to get started.

Vouchers for Reimbursement for current for DEC Hamlets Gateway Project - \$16,024 and Byron Park/Branding - \$39,075 have been received totaling \$55,099.

**Board Approval for Outdoor Amenities to be purchased is now required** - The Hamlet Gateway project has broken ground on Chain Lakes Road. Attached is a proposal comparing three bids to purchase outdoor furniture and kiosk for this location. The lowest amounts are highlighted.

1. My recommendation is to go with Kirby Built for \$6,165.40 and Old Glory for \$353.91. All amenities have been discussed and approved by Supervisor Wells and Bill LaPrairie.
2. In addition, I'd like to order an extra picnic table for \$1,498.85 to install at The Welcome Center. I have \$1,500 currently allocated for said purchase in my budget.

#### Meetings

6/28/23 – LaBella phone grant meeting  
7/7/23 – LaBella phone grant meeting  
7/10/23 – Town Board Meeting  
7/21/23 – LaBella phone grant meeting  
7/24/23– LaBella phone grant meeting  
7/26/23– LaBella phone grant meeting

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch, 8/9/23.



Description	Price	Vendor
Kiosks- 3-in-line with literature rack	\$ 3,668.85	Kirby Built
Kiosks- 3 sided: <b>NO</b> literature rack	\$ 3,479.99	Digital Buyer.com
Kiosks- 3-in-line with literature rack	\$ 3,898.00	Barco Products

Description	Price	Vendor
Matching Trash Can	\$ 628.85	Kirby Built
Matching Trash Can	\$ 779.99	Digital Buyer.com
Matching Trash Can (recycled materials)	\$ 677.00	Parktastic

Description	Price	Vendor
Providence Square Pedestal Wheel Chair Accessible Picnic Table	\$ 1,498.85	Kirby Built
Metal ADA Picnic Table	\$ 1,775.00	Parktastic
Walkthru ADA Picnic Table	\$ 1,598.95	Barco Products

Description	Price	Vendor
Simple Recycled Bike rack for 5 bike capacity	\$ 418.85	Barco products
Recycled 6 bike capacity rack	\$ 619.00	Parktastic
Recycled Bike Rack - 5 Bike capacity	\$ 368.85	Kirby Built

Description	Price	Vendor
25ft Delta Telescoping Flagpole with Halyard Kit and solar light & 4' x 6' flag	\$ 353.91	Old Glory
25ft Delta Telescoping Flagpole with Halyard Kit and solar light & 4' x 6' flag	\$ 652.86	1 Service First
25ft Telescoping Flagpole with Halyard Kit	\$ 1,011.36	Flagpole Warehouse

Description of Services	Vector One IT Solutions (Albany, NY)	My Techs, Inc. (Clifton Park, NY) NOT AVAILABLE ANYMORE	StoredTech (Queensbury, NY)	Tech II Services (Saratoga Springs, NY)
<b>Managed Services (All inclusive):</b> patch management, auto system alerts and repair; ransomware protection, anti-virus protection; DNS protection; monthly activity reports; customer service portal and	24.11 per machine/month	\$55 per machine/month	\$82.50 per machine: includes anti-virtus, web security, Spam and encryption	\$1,270 per machine per month
<b>Network Monitoring</b>	(included at \$49.99 for all 12 machines)	(included)	\$27.50 per machine	n/a
<b>Total Fee</b>	\$24.11 per month/per machine 289.32	\$55 per month/per machine or \$660 per year per machine	\$110 per month per machine or \$1,320 per machine per year	\$1270 per machine per month or \$15,240 per year per machine





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*Representing Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake and Sabael*

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*Email [indianlakechamber@frontiernet.net](mailto:indianlakechamber@frontiernet.net)*

*Executive Director – Robert Marriott*

Date: August 4, 2023

Monthly Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce Summary Report – July 2023

- The foot traffic into the Welcome Center has continued remain steady with many people stopping looking for information or suggestions on things. .
- The Chamber's Poker Paddle event that happened on July 15<sup>th</sup> was a total success. We had a total of 144 people registering with 130 people registered in advance and 14 registered the day of the event. Helping attendance was the sunshine along with warm temperatures. We also had a total 13 dock owners participate which really made this event special. So far everyone had a super time between the paddlers and the dock owners. Next year the Chamber is looking to make Poker Paddle a whole weekend event as attendance for this event has increased every year.
- Work is still continuing on making improvements to the Chamber's website with listing new Chamber members on it. This work has been in conjunction with ROOST and our relationship with ROOST has been great.
- The Chamber is working with Al Pouch and DEC to create a new hiking map. The final hiking map should be ready for printing soon. This year's map will include some biking trails which is new along with up to date hiking trails within the area. This is a very popular item people look to use especially during the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons.
- The Chamber is working on plans for the upcoming Moose Festival which is scheduled for September 22,23 & 24 .
- The Chamber Facebook page has continued to post important information to the community and also current business happenings in the area. The growth of followers has increased greatly over the past couple months. Our followers have increased to 4,716. The more followers, the better reach we have as a Chamber to people.

- The Chamber has asked to help out with the recovery effort at Hemlock Hall and our volunteer effort will start this week in Blue Mountain Lake. The Chamber has reached to local TV media to help cover the progress at Hemlock Hall.
- The Chamber has an intern here for the summer is Gareth Church and his last day at the Chamber is August 10<sup>th</sup>. He is going back to Penn State for his senior year of college. We wish him well. He has been a great addition to our staff.
- The Chamber continues to be a positive face of the community with providing information to visitors and helping cultivate economic boosts to local business.





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July 7, 2023


Town of Indian Lake  
Town Board Members & Bill LaPrairie  
117 Pelon Road  
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Dear Town Board Members and Bill,

The Cedar River Cemetery Association is sending this letter as a thank you to the continued efforts of the mowing at the Cedar River Cemetery. The Association recognizes the time and wants to express their gratitude with a donation. Please accept the enclosed check of \$750.00. We know that this is only a small token of the costs. The cemetery looks so beautiful after it has been mowed! Thank you again for allowing Bill and his crew to continue this long term care!

Sincerely,

All the members of the Cedar River Cemetery  
Association

<b>CEDAR RIVER CEMETERY ASSOC.</b>		50-755/213	<b>1107</b>
PO BOX 74 INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842		DATE <u>6-26-23</u>	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	<u>Town of Indian Lake</u>	\$ <u>750</u> <sup>00</sup> / <sub>100</sub>	
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**TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE  
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**RESOLUTION # 15**

***TOWN of INDIAN LAKE, NEW YORK***

***RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S-00139B and  
ASSEMBLY BILL A-1358B***

*Offered by:*

*Seconded by:*

**WHEREAS**, New York Senate Bill number S-00139B has been passed which, if adopted by the NYS Assembly (A 1358-B) and signed by the Governor, would require all Judges presiding in the 100 largest Town and Village Courts to be licensed to practice law in the State and to have been admitted to the NYS Bar for at least five years; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town and Village Courts in Hamilton County are among the nearly 1,200 Justice Courts in the State of New York that collectively handle close to 1 million cases each year; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town and Village Courts are known as the "Courts Closest to the People" and have broad jurisdiction, presiding over civil and criminal matters, thereby performing a vital role in the New York State Unified Court System; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Court of Indian Lake is a vital service to our residents and the Hamilton County community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, The Justices in Hamilton County's Town and Village Courts have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, and render equal justice to all, while continually adhering to judicial rules of ethics and pronouncements of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, The Justices are required to be on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to review/sign arrest and search warrants, perform arraignments, and issue orders of protection; and

**WHEREAS**, The Justices of Town and Village Courts ensure that the rights afforded to defendants by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York are provided and protected; and

**WHEREAS**, The Justices of Town and Village Courts preside over trials involving misdemeanor and violation level offenses, thereby ensuring that the victims of those offenses can be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town and Village Courts provide a venue for Citizens to pursue a low-cost and efficient procedure for individuals to resolve civil disputes and landlord/tenant matters; and



**WHEREAS**, the Justices also preside nightly and on weekends and holidays, ensuring that arrested citizens are promptly afforded legal representation, the opportunity to plead to alleged charges, and to be considered for release, bail, or incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, The Justices continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in mandatory education programs, seminars, meetings of the Hamilton County Magistrates Association and the New York State Magistrates Association; and

**WHEREAS**, The New York State Office of Court Administration must certify all as having successfully completed mandatory training both following election and in each subsequent year; and

**WHEREAS**, The New York State's Commission on Judicial Conduct's most recent annual report (2023) identifies that only 13% of the complaints filed against the judiciary were against Town and Village judges while the remaining complaints were against either "State-paid" judges, (constituting approximately 40% of the judiciary) who accounted for approximately 67% of the complaints received, or against non-judicial entities (20%); and

**WHEREAS**, This Bill attempts to usurp the right of voters to elect those in their communities that they believe to be fair and impartial, and who would best serve that community, whether they be attorneys or non-attorneys; and

**WHEREAS**, This Bill implicitly suggests that members of a community are incapable of making informed decisions about who should sit in judgment of matters from the straightforward to the highly complex as may arise in their local courts; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislative body views the intention of this Bill is not to actually improve the courts, but a blatant and unconscionable attempt by the New York State Bar Association, an organization that represents approximately only fifteen percent (15%) of the State's attorneys, to generate increased opportunities for its members, and to dictate who voters may choose to serve in our local governments;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Governing board of the Town/Village of Indian Lake strongly, and in unequivocal terms, calls on both the leadership in the Senate and Assembly, and the Governor to reject this poorly conceived and hastily fashioned seizure of voters' rights to determine, for themselves, who they would choose to sit as their judges as has been the case for almost two hundred years.

Adopted by unanimous consent this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

Roll Call: Councilman Mahoney

Councilwoman Eldridge

Councilman Rathbun

Supervisor Wells

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_