

Town of Indian Lake Water and Wastewater report for September 2013

Testing was done daily at all plants.

Samples were taken to the Glens Falls lab.

Hydrants were flushed in both water districts.

The brakes on the 09 Ford were bad, so we replaced the brake pads and rotors.

There was leak that was fixed near Gadway Realty.

Located and cleaned out a valve for Wells Rd. in Blue Mt.

Took (Tag) around plants for energy audit.

There was a leak that was fixed on the intake pipe at the Blue Mt. water plant.

Weed eat around all hydrants in both water districts.

There were two main line breaks in Blue Mt. that were fixed.

The sewer line at the movie theatre was plugged and needed to be snaked out.

Thank you Kevin King/Water and wastewater superintendent



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 2013

The Cedar River Road was ditched on the chip seal, with new culverts put in. The dirt end has all the visible rocks pulled, runoffs cleaned and approximately 1400 yards of Barton's dust added to the base.

Cleveland Road is being ditched and all low hanging limbs have been cut.

Leaves are starting to be removed from roadbeds and ditches.

Wells Road in Blue Mt. Lake was ditched and under drains were installed in a large water problem area.

Jerry Savarie, Pelon and Benton Road have been graded.

New roof drains have been installed at ILCS.

We have assisted Long Lake, Inlet and Johnsburgh with trucking on their paving projects.

Hopefully our paving project on Pelon, Benton Road will be done in the near future.

We assisted the water department with 2 water breaks in Blue Mt.

Thank you

Jamie Roblee

Town Highway Superintendent

**PARKS AND REC. MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 5TH – OCTOBER 9TH 2013**

BLUE MT. REST ROOMS: Cleaned and resupplied every Mon. – Fri., added water to tanks , covered canoe classic and rustic draft fair weekends.

BLUE MT. DAM: Checked after rain storms and opened and closed when needed.

BLUE MT. BEACH: Raked and cleaned up after water and sewer put water lines in. Put mulch and grass seed down on lawn.

BLUE MT. REC. LOT: Raked and leveled wood chips after heavy usage.

CHAIN LAKES BEACH: Took swing set and volleyball nets down for season. Cleaned up garbage somebody left at beach. Shut off water and winterized.

ALL CEMETERYS: Blue Mt. Catholic, Cedar River and Benton – mowed and weedeated, raked out washouts at blue Mt. and Catholic Cemetery's. Shut off water and winterized.

INDIAN LAKE MOWING: Little League field, town hall, legion, library, health center, chamber, mini park, shooting range, old water plant, old sewer plant, Byron park, five town signs, ski hut, mowed one last time.

BYRON PARK: Checked furnace, put new filters in. Took moose out of lake and bouy line by the dam.

TOWN HALL: Put up projector screen in meeting room. Moved furniture and chairs.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Took excavator to Evens Equipment for repairs. Serviced chain saws after every use.

CHAMBER: Took load of old brouchers to transfer station. Put roof over map at Bryon Park. Took air conditioner out for season. Shut off water for season.

MOOSE FESTIVAL: Put banner up and three signs up by Town signs. Made sure power in Mini Park was working. Moved 14 picnic tables out of Byron Park pavilion so they could set up Moose games. Changed 3 lights in back pavilion. Picked up everything and put away after the event.

ANTIQUUE SHOW: Put up cones around school, Crow Hill Rd. and Boya's to try and control parking. Set up garbage cans on school lawn, Thursday and Friday. Put up 3-prepare to stop signs at entrances to Town. Left 3 picnic tables and 4 barricades at Mini Park. Took 3 picnic tables to St. Mary's Church for bake sale. Picked up everything Monday morning. Picked up Antique Show signs by Town signs. Took down banner.

CANOE CLASSIC: Set up 15 garbage cans and resupplied Blue Mt. restroom and cleaned up garbage on Friday night and picked up everything.

LIBRARY: Changed 21 light bulbs and ballistor. Changed filters on furnace.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL: Cut bolwdown on headquarters trail CO8. Cut trail 584 – 587 – 586. Cleaned out culvert on River Trail. Cleaned log jam off and under Sprague Brook Bridge. Got TRP from State to start cutting marked trees on Blue Mt. Lake trail.

TRANS. STATION: Helped Josh clean out under scales and put new part in. Built hook to clean out scales. Took material down so he could finish new legion box. Sent man to cover on day off. Cleaned up garbage in front of gate on two occasions.

SKIHUT BUILDING: Changed bulbs and ballistors. Changed filters in furnace.

MUSEUM: Shut off water and winterized.

NEW YORK FIRE AND SIGNAL: Went with them to Town Buildings to check fire extinguishers and smoke alarms.

T.A.G.: Went with them to check some Town Buildings for energy audit.

HIGHWAY GARAGE: Unloaded tractor tailor on a Friday and cut tree out of road at Chan Lakes on a Friday.

SKI LIFT: Helped Dale Walters put cable back on. Spent 3 days fixing broken safety wire on top of Towers and boxes on bottom to get lift running again.

TOWER HILL ROAD: put gate across road to water tanks.

CHAIN LAKE ROAD: Put new Town sign post in for Transfer Station, Beach and Boat Launch, Put in Site and New White Water Capital Sign.

Bruce Wells – October 9, 2013

Events/Activities Report
Indian Lake Town Board
October 15, 2013
Reported by Vonnie Liddle

- Sept. 5** Wrote town board report. Typed mechanics report. Worked on web calendars. Attended Halloween meeting.
- Sept. 6** Contacted Zumba instructor regarding classes in ILCS. Helped with 90 miler.
- Sept. 9** Completed 2014 budget. Filed highway use permit with NYS DOT regarding AMAS. Wrote and sent letters regarding AMAS to Ham. Co. Sheriff and NYS Police. Ordered porta potties for AMAS and GAMF. Attended board meeting.
- Sept. 12** Attended youth board meeting. Delivered AMAS cards to Adk. Museum.
- Sept. 16** Updated slides for Byron Park sign. Worked on Halloween. Worked on AMAS. Attended Snocade meeting.
- Sept. 17** Updated Byron Park sign. Worked on AMAS.
- Sept. 18** Printed fliers for AMAS. Worked on snowmobile ads. Passed out road letters for AMAS. Started work on holiday dinner.
- Sept. 19** Worked on Oct. Community Calendar. Passed out road letters for AMAS. Created and ad for Snocade.
- Sept. 20** AMAS-visited vendors, handed out road letters. Set-up and took down signs.
- Sept. 21** Checked on vendors in AMAS. Set-up and took down signs.
- Sept. 22** Set-up and took down signs for AMAS.
- Sept. 23** Updated AMAS vendor mailing list. Worked on AMAS notes. Worked on yearly calendar.
- Sept. 24** Worked on AMAS file. Worked on calendar.
- Sept. 25** Worked on securing teacher for Zumba classes. Filed building use forms with ILCS.
- Sept. 26** Taking notes regarding future events. Worked on yearly calendar.
- Sept. 27** Attended Hamlets 3.
- Sept. 30** Got Halloween supplies out of shed. Took pictures of fall foliage for facebook. Worked on Halloween.
- Oct. 1** Finished Oct. Community Calendar. Printed, folded and delivered.
- Oct. 2** Worked on Halloween. Worked on second community calendar and sent to newspapers.
- Oct. 3** Researched new events.
- Oct. 7** Delivered Zumba posters. Sent information home in school backpacks. Worked on Halloween, printed posters. Attended Halloween meeting.
- Oct. 8** Printed Halloween letter for backpacks. Created event document for Nov. 2013 – Apr. 2014 and sent to Adk. Express Winter Guide.

Daily – Checked and responded to emails and phone messages.

UPCOMING EVENTS: OCT. 13 CABIN FEVER PLAYERS BENEFIT, AUCTION & SHOW. OCT. 31 HALLOWEEN PARADE & FESTIVAL. NOV. 29 & 30 COUNTRY CHRISTMAS TOUR.

Month of September 2013
Mechanic's Report
Reported by Bill Wells

Put broom on 3320 tractor

Fixed seat and tire on #190

Repaired tarp arm on #186

Replaced hydraulic tube on #189

Fixed and installed 2 main hydraulic hoses on #186

Put leaf blower on TC45

Serviced Parks & Rec excavator

Rebuilt saw #257

Fixed lights on #183 and inspected

Fixed radiator leak and changed fuel and air filters on #192

Fixed hydraulic hose on #189

RESOLUTION # 11 - 2013
Dated - October 15, 2013

Resolution in support of the New York State Public Health Law – Article 13 – E

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake support the New York State Public Health Law, Article 13 – E section 1399 – o and section 1399 – 0-1, AND

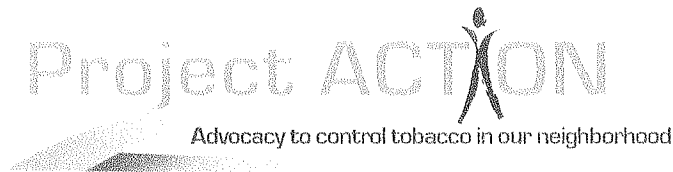
WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake agrees that smoking around children is detrimental to their health, AND

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake agrees that smoking should be prohibited in areas where children are at play, AND

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, due hereby declare that “no smoking” signs be placed at: the Byron Park Play Ground, the Chain Lakes Beach Playground and the Blue Mt. Lake Rec. Area, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLOVED: that smoking will be prohibited in these areas mentioned above, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLOVED: that this Resolution # 11 will take effect immediately and be put in the Official Minutes/Resolution Book of the Town Clerk in the Town of Indian Lake, and copies of said Resolution shall be sent to Sue Arminio, Project Coordinator for Project Action.



INTEREST FORM FAX BACK

Your Name: _____

Your Municipality: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check off all the projects that are of interest and we will contact you to provide background materials. In addition, Project ACTION staff can attend Municipal meetings and answer questions that might arise.

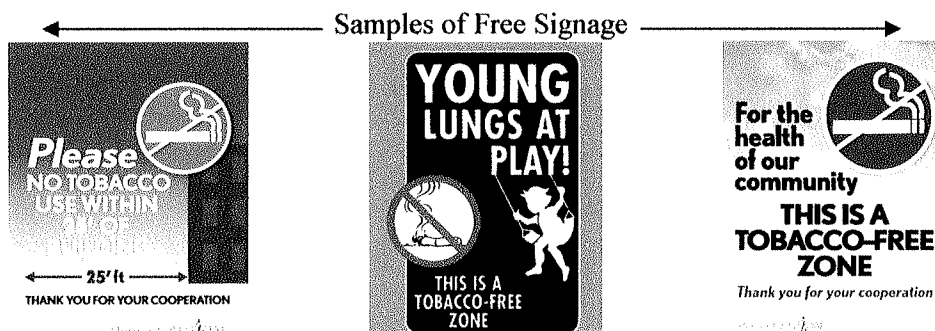
Possible projects include:

parks _____ playgrounds _____ beaches _____ trails _____ library _____

Municipal grounds _____ community centers _____ entryways _____ or other: _____

Please complete and fax to:

**Sue Arminio, Project Coordinator
Project ACTION Tobacco-Free Coalition
Hamilton, Fulton, and Montgomery Counties
(518) 841-3494-fax
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Clarkson University
Environmental Instrumentation Installation Proposal for Indian River

Submitted to:
Brian Wells
Town Supervisor
Indian Lake, NY

Submitted by:
Chris Fuller, James Bonner, Shahidul Islam
Clarkson University

Submitted on:
September 24, 2013

Introduction:

Clarkson University is currently funded by the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) to develop the River and Estuary Observatory Network (REON) within the Hudson River water shed. The established observatory network will include 40 station nodes strategically located on the Hudson River and its tributaries. Data collected from this network will be used to conduct fundamental environmental research and will be made available to the general public over the internet. Nominally, each node will measure water level and meteorological parameters. If deemed necessary, the sensor suite at nodes may be extended to include key water quality parameters (i.e. pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity, colored dissolved organic matter, and chlorophyll). To meet our project deliverables, Clarkson University requests your permission to install a base REON station (i.e. water level and meteorological instrumentation) on the Indian River near Lake Abanakee Dam adjacent to the decommissioned USGS station located approximately 100 yards north of the dam, on property owned by Mr. Patrick Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham has granted Clarkson University permission access to his property for the installation and operation of the proposed station. REON station components and proposed installation locations are described in subsequent sections. Approximate latitude and longitude for each component are provided in Table 1. Only the Solar Panel and conduit will be installed on village property.

Table 1 Approximate location of installed components

Component	Latitude	Longitude	Property Owner
Solar Panel	43.797749°N	74.229904°W	Village of Indian Lake
Base Station	43.798564°N	74.230150°W	Patrick Cunningham
Stage Height Sensor	43.798650°N	74.229400°W	Patrick Cunningham

Base data acquisition/communication module:

All environmental instrumentation and data acquisition/communication hardware operates at 12 VDC power and is packaged in a small (13" x 13" x 6.5") Cantex® PVC enclosure (Figure 1). Our base station is generally configured as a comprehensive unit that houses all components for the photovoltaic charging, communications, instrument control, and meteorological sensors (Figure 2). For installation at Indian Lake we propose to install a pole mounted solar panel adjacent to and north of the parking area at the dam (Figures 3 and 4).

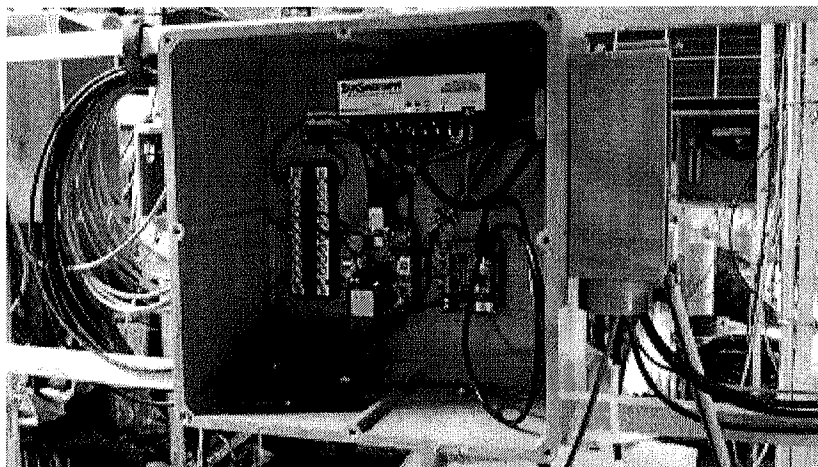


Figure 1 Electronics enclosure

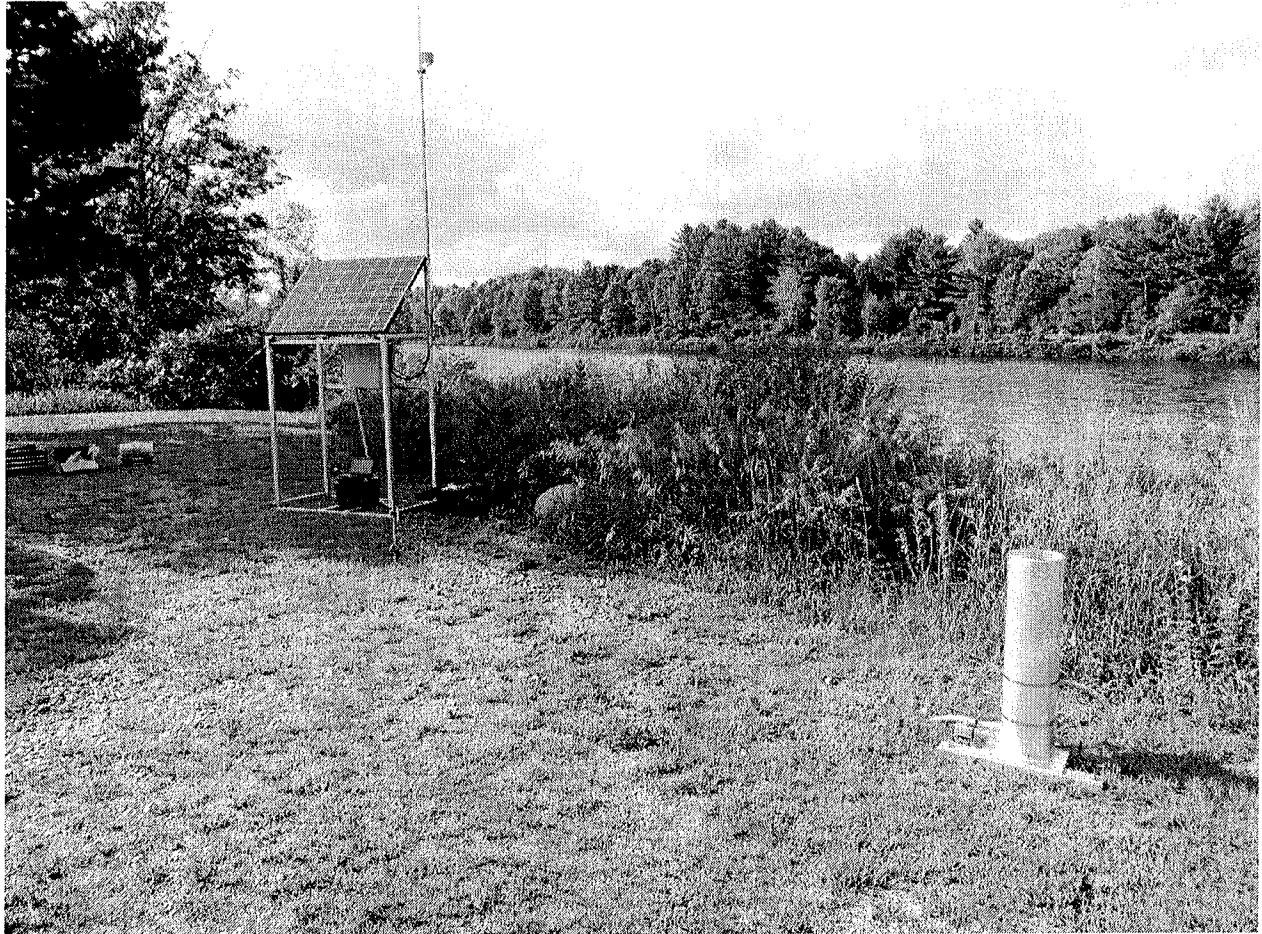


Figure 2 Solar powered base station with meteorological instrumentation installed at North Creek, NY. Aluminum cylinder in bottom right quadrant of photograph is an all-season precipitation gauge. Mast on solar rack supports meteorological instrumentation (wind speed direction, air temperature, barometric pressure, relative humidity)



Figure 3 Google earth image showing proposed installation locations for the Clarkson University-REON installation.



Figure 4 Photo of proposed location for pole mounted solar panel on north side of parking area for Lake Abanakee Dam.

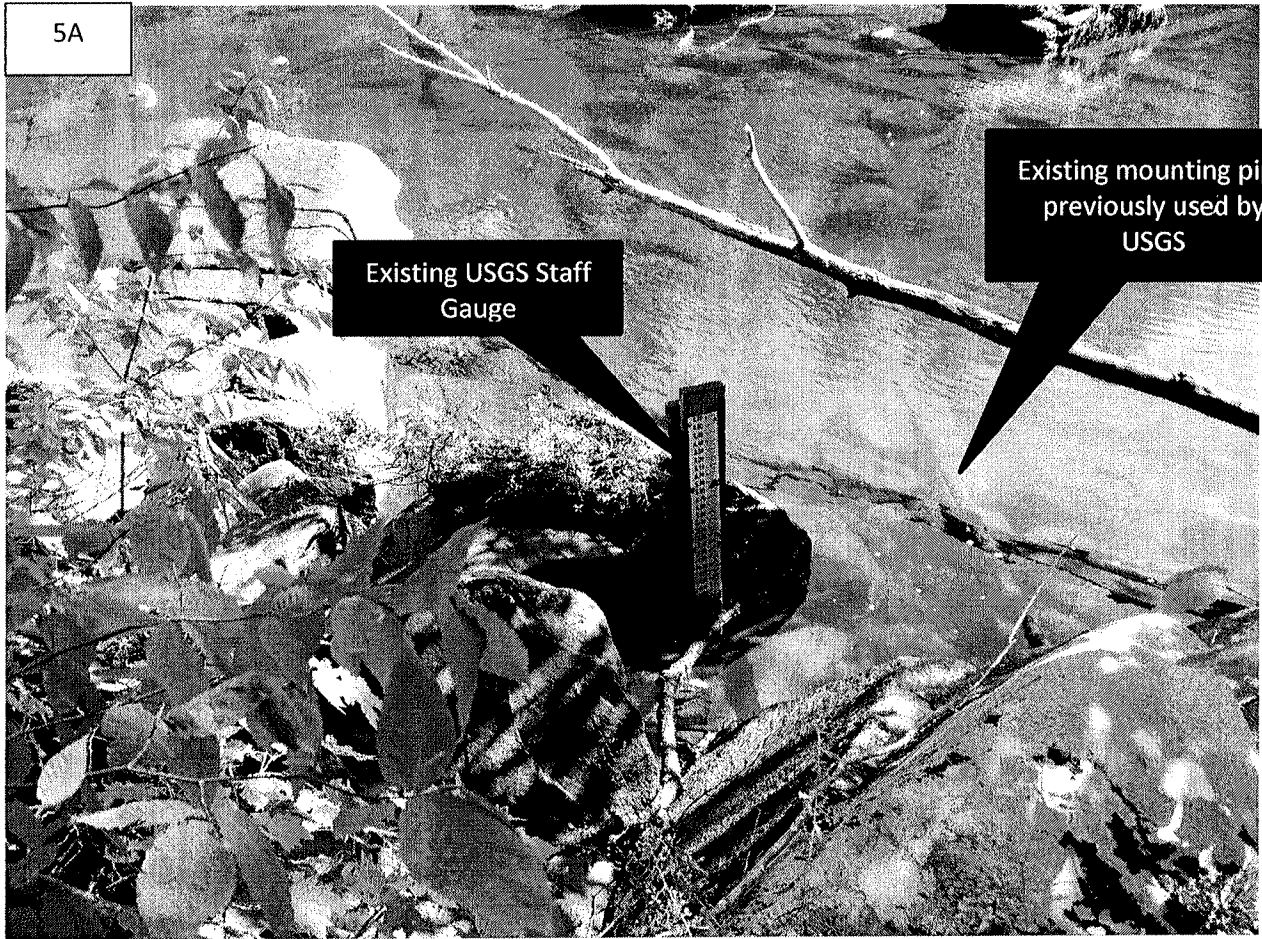
Meteorological Instrumentation

The meteorological instrumentation package includes wind speed/direction, air temperature, barometric pressure, relative humidity, and all season precipitation. The presence of overhead foliage the area is not suitable for installation of either wind or precipitation sensors. Therefore, meteorological sensors will be limited to air temperature, barometric pressure, and relative humidity which will be installed at the base station. Power from the pole mounted solar panel will be routed through conduit to the base station located on the Cunningham property. The conduit will be run parallel to the Chain Lakes Rd. through the woods, similar to existing cable runs used at the decommissioned USGS station.

Water Level Stage Gauge

River stage will be measured using a pressure transducer mounted at the end of a galvanized pipe similar to the method used by USGS at their decommission station Figure 5a-b. Similar to the USGS station, water levels measured by the REON station will be reported as elevation above sea level (NAVD88) following an elevation survey performed by an RPLS. A power/data cable will be run in flexible conduit between the base station and the water level transducer and routed through the woods similar to the existing USGS installation (decommissioned). The water level stage gauge will be installed on Mr. Cunningham's property.

5A



Existing USGS Staff
Gauge

Existing mounting pipe
previously used by
USGS

5B

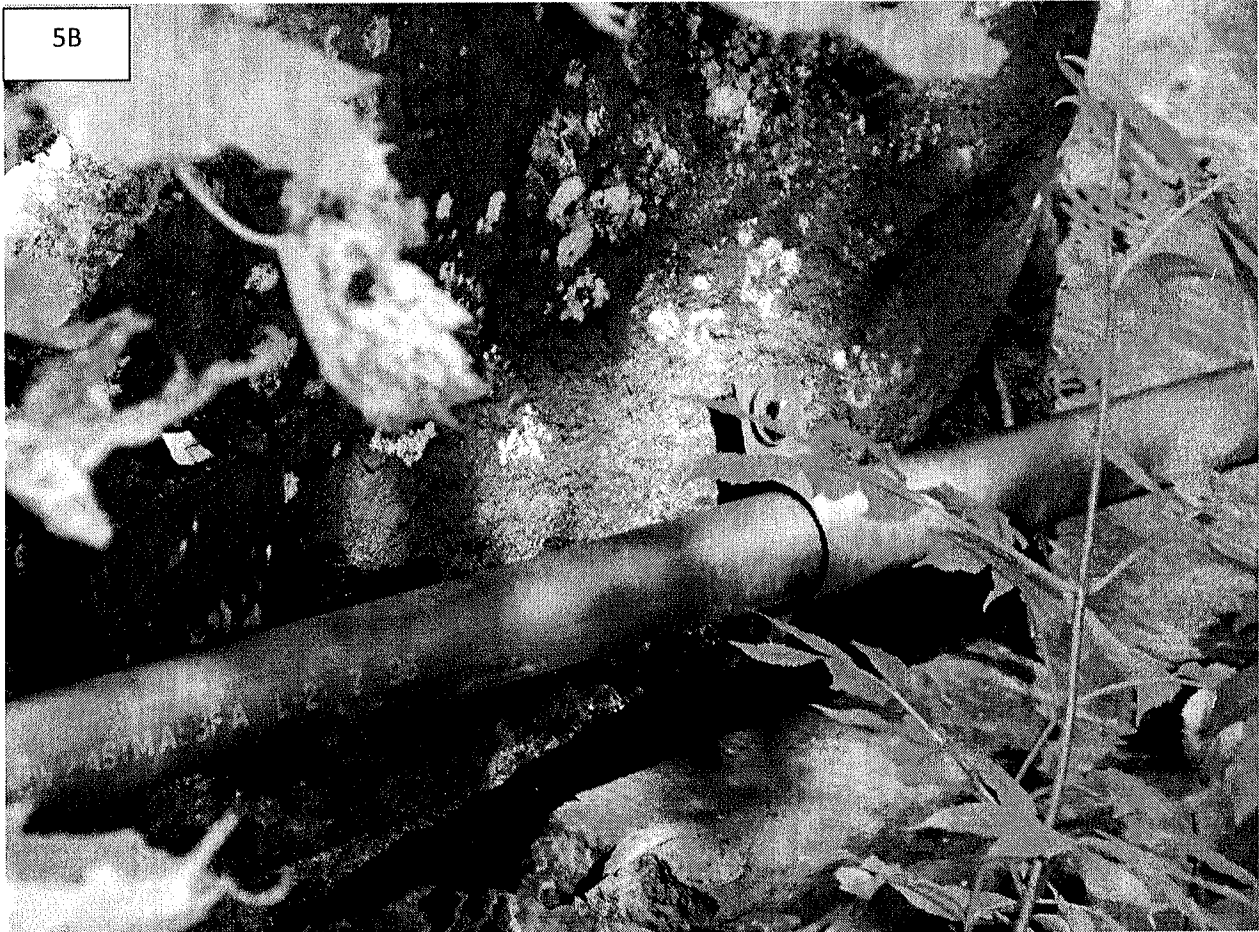


Figure 5: A) Photo showing existing USGS hydrologic instrumentation mounting pipe, B) mounting pipe for hydrologic instrumentation secured with anchor bolts to boulder in river.

Liability Insurance

Clarkson University can provide liability insurance documentation and coverage as required by the town of Indian Lake.

For more information please contact:

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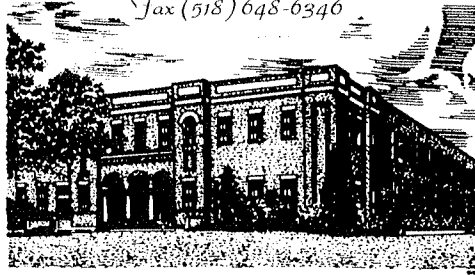
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September 4, 2013

Mr. Brian Wells, Town Supervisor
Pelon Road
Town of Indian Lake
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Dear Mr. Wells:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank you, the Town Board members, and the Town Highway Department for your assistance in replacing our school sidewalk from the street walkway to the main entrance. The old sidewalk had deteriorated to the point that it was becoming a safety hazard. Because of your assistance this project was completed in a timely manner and at a much lower cost to our taxpayers.

The level of cooperation demonstrated by you and all of the Town workers to assist with this important project is commendable and deserves special recognition.

Thanks again for all your help and we sincerely appreciate all you do for our school and community.

Very Truly Yours,



Mark T. Brand
Superintendent

Cc: Board of Education
Jamie Roblee, Highway Superintendent

Fall 2013

Dear Brian,

Thank you very much for your interest in helping to control Japanese Knotweed, an invasive terrestrial plant, in our community of Blue Mountain Lake and the Town of Indian Lake. Over forty landowners in Blue Mountain Lake have signed indemnity agreements granting permission for the plants to be treated and we have made great progress in our hamlet.

Town properties have been treated again this year. There is no cost to property owners for the pesticide application, however, in order for these efforts to continue, tax-deductible donations are needed to cover the cost of supplies and hiring certified applicators. A grant was received which funded some of this year's costs. However this year's costs far exceeded the grant. More donations are essential for the program to continue.

There is a new website, www.noknotweed.org, which describes the RIIPP (Regional Inlet Invasive Plant Program) including detailed information for property owners. Each year RIIPP has expanded to include more communities. RIIPP coordinates their program and treatments with APIPP (Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program and HCSWD (Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District) in this effort to control terrestrial invasive plants.

Thank you very much for the past donations to RIIPP. I hope that you will be able to make another donation to the tax-deductible fund to help defray the costs. Our best estimate of the costs incurred to the program for the treatments on all of the Town properties treated in Blue Mountain Lake and Indian Lake this year is about \$450. Donations of any amount are appreciated and I have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience. Please be sure that your check is made out to "Town of Inlet, Invasive Plant Control Fund" with a notation in the memo section stating "Blue Mountain Lake Fund". Donations can be sent to:

Attn: Blue Mountain Lake Fund
Town of Inlet
Invasive Plant Control Fund
P O Box 179
Inlet NY 13360

Again, thank you for your interest and please call me at 352-7717 or email me at jrc@frontiernet.net if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Ellen C. Collins

Copy: Terry DeArmas

Resolution # 13 - October 15, 2013

Support of Statewide Ballot Proposals #3, #4 & #5

Dated October 15, 2013

Offered by:
Seconded by:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, deems it important to lend our support and voice to efforts to assure the passage of the three Ballot Proposals slated for the November 2013 General Election, **AND**

WHEREAS, all Three Ballot Proposals involve issues that all Towns within Hamilton County have worked tirelessly to bring these issues to the voters of NYS, **AND**

WHEREAS, said Proposals are:

Proposal # 3 – Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage Facilities

Proposal # 4 – Settling Disputed Title in the Forest Preserve

Proposal # 5 – In relation to a land exchange in the State Forest Preserve with NYCO Minerals, Inc. **AND**

WHEREAS, Resolution of these issues is critical for all the residents of Hamilton County and New York State, **AND**

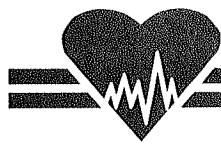
WHEREAS, all of these Proposals represent the best possible solutions to long standing or continuing issues, which have been worked on and toiled over, for many years, **AND**

WHEREAS, these Proposals warrant the support of this body and the voters of New York, **NOW**,
THEREFORE, BE IT

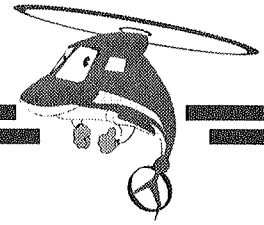
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake hereby records our support for the Ballot Proposals #3, #4 & #5, all of which are deemed critically important to this County, the Forest Preserve, the Environment and the People of the State of New York, **AND BE IT ALSO**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake calls upon our individual Towns, the AATV, other Adirondack Counties, Adirondack Inter-County, NYSAC, and all the municipalities throughout New York State, to all follow suit expressing both support for these Proposals, **AND BE IT ALSO**

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all Hamilton County Towns, AATV and NYSAC.



North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.



"The Flight of Your Life"

September 13, 2013

Brian Wells, Supervisor
Town of Indian Lake
PO Box 730
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Dear Brian,

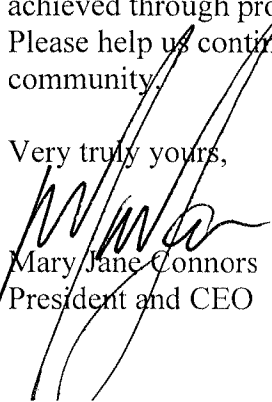
This past weekend and, actually, the weekend before, I spent my time at medical education programs, where the focus was on the future of medicine and the impact those planned monumental changes we keep hearing about will have on the way our healthcare system will care for patients. It appeared that every ambulance squad was represented in the first weekend and every hospital in the second, so it is no secret that the cost of every aspect of healthcare is going to be scrutinized. If it is overpriced or wasteful, it will not be part of the future of our local or national healthcare system. As I sat there, I listened and asked questions of people from all over the state and answer after answer made me feel good about the fact that North Country Life Flight was created on the very premise being discussed—offering a valuable service at an affordable price.

How community leaders created a plan a generation ago that would be the up and coming thing in healthcare today, I have no idea, but they did. When I think about it, I really can't imagine how representatives, like you, across the North Country came up with such a great plan—a service designed to provide critical care by air without ever financially impacting our ground or hospital systems. What a concept—support of our hospitals and EMS systems, while providing free air medical transport to our citizens in need. What they wanted to do is maintain a strong medical network in the North Country, while augmenting when necessary with access to care not readily available in our small hospitals. Today, that premise is far more important than it ever was a quarter of a century ago. That is why we are asking for your renewed help of this invaluable service.

Whether North Country Life Flight is flying in from hospital to hospital or directly from the scene of an accident on the road, at one of our farms, an industrial site, one of our many bodies of water, mountain peaks or dense forests, we have the resources to meet whatever challenge faces us. We have the medical team and expertise to do all our region demands. Medically, our team of specially trained nurses and paramedics has extensive medical experience and more hours and years of experience in air medical transport than any other team.

It truly is a great service and a much needed one; and that is why it is our hope that the Town of Indian Lake will renew its support of North Country Life Flight. Working collectively, we provide lifesaving care to those in need, without saddling patients with insurmountable financial burdens. It is quite an accomplishment—achieved through professional and financial support—that makes a difference day after day in our community. Please help us continue our twenty-five year old mission of providing affordable critical care by air to our community.

Very truly yours,


Mary Jane Connors
President and CEO

Town of Indian Lake

RESOLUTION NO: 14

DATED:

WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$_____ which represents the Town's share for 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$ _____ is hereby appropriated to Account No. _____ for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

CONTRACT

This Contract made and entered into this ____ day of _____, in the year of ____, by and between the **Town of Indian Lake**, a municipal corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party of the first part, and North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York, with principal offices in Saranac Lake, New York, hereinafter referred to as "LIFE FLIGHT", party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS: The Town Board of the **Town of Indian Lake** did provide in its 2014 budget an appropriation in the amount of \$_____ to be paid from Account No. _____ for LIFE FLIGHT, and

WHEREAS: The Town Board of the **Town of Indian Lake** did by Resolution No. _____ duly adopted on the ____ day of _____, in the year of ____ authorize the payment of said funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:

- 1) The Town Board of the **Town of Indian Lake** pursuant to Resolution No. _____ agrees to allocate the sum of \$ _____ to the Party of the Second Part which constitutes the Town's full obligation with regard to this Contract and all consequences arising therefrom. Said contract to run off the calendar year of 2014.
- 2) LIFE FLIGHT agrees to use the funds for medevac program services to include disposable medical supplies; community outreach, education and training; general and professional liability insurance, staff and volunteer continuing medical education; industry association dues; and general office expenses to include personnel, supplies, postage, rent and telephone.
- 3) The Party of the Second Part agrees to comply with Resolution No. _____ and use the said funds per their budget request for funds. Year-end report to be filed within 60 days of the close of the corporation's fiscal year if requested by the Town's Budget Officer.
- 4) The Town is premising approval of this Contract upon the specific budget presented by the Party of the Second Part. Deviations on various lines will occur from time to time.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year as written.

Town of Indian Lake

North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

BY _____
Brian Wells
Supervisor

BY _____
Mary Jane Connors
President and CEO

Indian Lake Central School

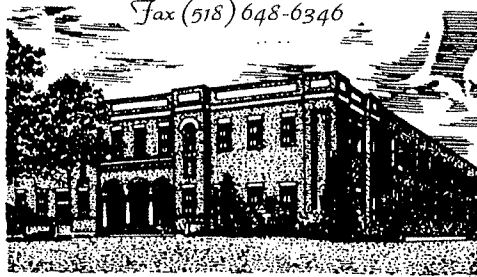
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September 30, 2013

Mr. Brian Wells
Town Supervisor
Town of Indian Lake, Pelon Road
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Dear Mr. Wells:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to invite you and the Town Board members to a regional advocacy event called "Stand Up for Upstate Schools – Advocate Now!" It will be held on Tuesday, October 22, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. in the Queensbury High School Auditorium, 409 Aviation Rd.

As you recall, we had to organize our community and other Hamilton County communities to advocate for restoration of our school aid last January. Without this grass roots support and subsequent aid restoration we would have been in a very difficult situation. Our choice would have been to raise property taxes above the cap and/or cut more staff and services for our students.

Children living in Indian Lake deserve the same educational opportunities as children living in more affluent communities. In public schools across the state, there is concern that recent high school graduates may have received the best education that districts will be able to offer for the foreseeable future. An entire generation of children is likely to have compromised educational opportunities unless there is swift and significant change in the way New York State supports public education.

The October 22 forum is different from past forums in Queensbury because school districts in five counties – Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Hamilton, and Essex – have been invited to participate. Stand Up for Upstate Schools is intended to highlight the looming educational finance crisis in our region and to kick off citizen advocacy to address it. Featured speaker Dr. Richard G. Timbs, executive director of the Statewide School Finance Consortium, will give an overview of the fiscal challenges facing our local public schools.

Dr. Timbs is a highly engaging speaker who makes a strong case for change. The evening will also include an opportunity to continue the conversation at a reception following the presentation, where you will be able to connect informally with friends and neighbors as well as people from other communities. State legislators representing this region will also be invited to attend.

Each participating district has been asked to assemble a group of community leaders who will attend this event to learn about the state aid inequities and, perhaps, serve as catalysts for carrying the advocacy message to colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 8, at (518) 824-5615 or at reply@queensburyschool.org if you will be able to join us in standing up for our local schools.

If you have any questions please contact me at your convenience.

Very Truly Yours,



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