

INDIAN LAKE TOWN BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
April 14, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

- *WELCOME
- *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- *ROLL CALL
- *APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/10/2014
- *DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (additions)
- *PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS
- *APPOINT B.A.R. BOARD MEMBER (Martha Evanoff)
- *CATS UNLIMITED (information)
- *PENFLEX - (Ambulance)
- *MEADE AND TOM (Code Enforcement Officer training completion)
- *STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION (State added names, needed to be redone)
- *BUS GARAGE (being finished)
- *LIFEGUARDS (two not coming back, have three applications-set interviews sometime in May)
- *THANK YOU CARD (Ellen Collins)
- *RESOLUTION #2 – Authorizing Representation in Arbitration
- *RESOLUTION # 3 – Support of Ticonderoga Central School's Resolution
- *SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
- *OTHER TOWN BUSINESS
- *PAY BILLS
- *EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2014 AT 7:00 AT THE TOWN HALL.

PARKS AND REC. MONTHLY REPORT
MARCH 6, 2014 – April 9, 2014

BLUE MT. REST ROOMS: Cleaned and resupplied every Mon. – Fri. Garbage run Mini Park, and Byron Park. Shoveled and salted when needed.

TOWN SIDEWALKS: Checked every day. Shoveled and salted when needed, sometimes 2 or 3 times a day. Also all Town Buildings.

B.T.I.: Started checking brooks and water temperatures, did first treatments of year at Lake Snow Dam and Rock River.

TRANSFER STATION: covered for Josh on days off, plowed after every storm. Replaced broken hose on loader.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Repair broken suspension in Kubota #1, repaired chain saw pole saw. Greased and serviced snow machine parts. Ran to Glens Falls for oil for Piston Bully.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL: Groomed till March 28th with 3 big machines, groomed till April 1st with Yamaha and 4 ft mogel master. Brushed from O'neil flow road to Rock Lake. Finished plowing road from water tanks to cell tower.

TRANS. STATION: Covered on Josh's day off and plowed after every storm. Plowed back of Byron Park after storms.

SKIHUT BUILDING: Repaired pool table, vacuumed out and cleaned up after building flooded. Dug up and helped Schrade pump out septic tank. Ran skating rink from Dec. to April. After rink melted left building open on weekends for sliding.

BYRON PARK BUILDING: Plowed out back after every storm. Hooked up generator and took care of after power was out for two days. Cleaned toilets after water break.

SKI HUT GARAGE: plowed and shoveled after every storm. Replaced blower motor in furnace. Thawed out frozen drain line.

BLUE MT. GARAGE: helped Chris and Jay fix furnace. Checked every time we went up there to make sure it is still working.

SKATING RINK - HILL: Blew off and shoveled after every storm. Packed hill for sliding. Covered for Fred on days off.

HEALTH CENTER: Cleaned up after Basement flooded. Thawed out drain line.

TOWN HALL: Put new doorway in Meade's Office. Put glass window in at Town Clerk's Counter. Put new cork board in display case. Painted wall 3 coats. Fixed light in display case. Helped put new keyboard in DEC computer. Fixed sink drain by Judge's Office.

IRISH ROAD BOWLING: Took garbage cans to Little League field and Van.
Bruce Wells – March 5, 2014

Events/Activities Report
Indian Lake Town Board
April 9, 2014
Reported by Vonnie Liddle

- Mar. 6** Typed mechanics report. Wrote town board report. Added events to ROOST website. Delivered calendars, posters and fliers. Took supplies to shed.
- Mar. 7** Attended tourism destination meeting.
- Mar. 10** Worked on St. Patrick's Weekend. Worked on distractive driving scenario. Attended town board meeting.
- Mar. 11** Worked on bulk mailing.
- Mar. 12** Worked on St. Patrick's Weekend. Worked on bulk mailing. Painted road bowls.
- Mar. 13** Worked on bulk mailing. Retrieved supplies from shed.
- Mar. 14** Prepared for weekend events. Worked on bulk mailing. Attended parade and volleyball tournament.
- Mar. 15** Irish Road Bowling Day. 46 teams over \$1000. Raised for Helping Hands Care Givers.
- Mar. 16** Mutt Strut at the ski hut. 7 dogs.
- Mar. 17** Closed St. Patrick's Weekend file. Worked on bulk mailing.
- Mar. 18** Printed pictures. Worked on bulk mailing.
- Mar. 19** Created and sent ad for Citizen of the Year. Created and mailed letters for Citizen of the Year. Worked on bulk mailing.
- Mar. 20** Worked on bulk mailing.
- Mar. 25** Worked on bulk mailing. Attended AMAS meeting.
- Mar. 26** Worked on AMAS. Created and printed April community calendar.
- Mar. 27** Folded community calendars. Worked on bulk mailing.
- Mar. 31** Worked on bulk mailing. Created second April community calendar and submitted to the newspapers.
- Apr. 1** Finished bulk mailing.
- Apr. 2** Mailed bulk mailing. Delivered calendars.
- Apr. 3** Worked on highway reports.
- Apr. 4** Worked on highway reports.
- Apr. 7** Cleaned out files. Took supplies to shed.
- Apr. 8** Worked on organizing Zumba classes. Worked on Community Pride Day. Worked on Earth Club. Attended CTT meeting.

Daily – Checked and responded to emails and phone messages. Checked and posted on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS: MAY 3 GIRL SCOUT EASTER EGG HUNT. MAY 7 COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY. MAY 8 MOCK DISTRATIVE DRIVING SENARIO. MAY 23 – 25 GREAT ADK. YARD SALE. MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN INLET.

Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report

For March 2014

Samples were submitted to the lab in Glens Falls.

Test were performed at all plants daily.

Our 2 inch watermain froze down by Adk. Lk. Rd. After trying to thaw it with no success we had to replace a water service for a customer, this required digging through a lot of frost and then tapping the 8 inch main.

A leak was repaired on Sawmill Rd.

Due to a bad circulator pump at the waterplant we had to bleed the air from the heating system a few times to restore heat.

Hydrants were cleared of snow in both districts when needed.

A leak was repaired on the filter system in Blue Mt.

The blowers in the wastewater plant were serviced.(new belts, oil and air filters)

The float controls were cleaned at the east plant.(wastewater)

Kingsly's sewer line on Pelon Rd. was thawed twice.

Plowing and shoveling at the plants was done when needed.

The Abk. Dam was adjusted as needed.

Thank-you



Kevin King/water and wastewater superintendent

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

APRIL 2014

March was a very cold and snowy month. We have dug into our reserve sand pile. Much time was spent plowing and sanding. Also time was spent thawing culverts, which is something we're still getting caught up on.

6-ton weight limit signs have been posted on most town roads.

We have started hauling snow away from some of the parking lots.

Equipment for sweeping sand is being readied for use.

Truck #193 was repaired with the rebuilt hydraulic pump but was soon broken down again with wiring problems with the plow controls. This truck has been broken down for over 2 months this winter!

Hopefully we will be sweeping the roads within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

Thank you

Jamie Roblee

Town Highway Superintendent

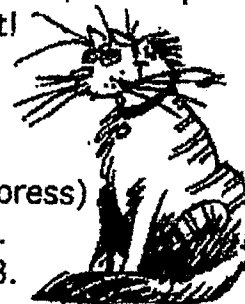


CATS LIMITED OF HAMILTON COUNTY, NY, INC. A 501(c)(3) NYS HUMANE CORP.
 648-5358, Nancy Hutchins, P.O.B. 62, Indian Lake, NY 12842
 Cats Limited web site www.limitcats.com February, 2014

Dear Hamilton County Animal Lovers,

In our 23rd year, Cats Limited continues with your help. It's hard to be a cat guardian these days, The cost of food, vet care, litter and even toys has increased. Cat guardians reduce costs where we can. I use shredded paper for cat litter. I bought a confetti shredder, and it shreds all my junk mail and newspapers and other waste paper. I buy no litter now, and my cats love the confetti shreds. And I never miss lugging heavy litter! Cats Limited saves you money on spay/neuter. Call us! Also, compare Vet's prices before making an appointment. The most expensive vet is not necessarily the best. Get prices up front. NOTE: Cats breed from February to Fall frost! Please stop it! Please help us to help you, by:

- responding to this letter/sending a donation.
- attending our annual meeting, (announced in Hamilton County Express)
- thinking up great new fund raising ideas, and implementing them.
- selling/buying 50/50 tickets for this year's drawing on August 23.
- learning how to trap/neuter/return, (or trap/neuter and place in good home).
- volunteering to help us prepare for our yearly Crafts Fair.
- telling others in our County about Cats Limited, and what we do.
- checking your local Post Office to make sure our poster is there to be seen.
- calling Nancy or Pat if it isn't.
- providing food/shelter for strays and/or arranging for TNR.
- enlightening cat guardians on the necessity of using our vouchers.



About the yearly 50/50 drawing, the lowest paid out was \$300 and the highest, paid out was \$791. You could sell tickets, buy one (or some) yourself, and be this year's winner! You never know! Call Pat, 548 8732 to get tickets. By Jan. 2013 we had helped spay/neuter 1436 cats, total. Not bad for a small humane organization whose efforts are confined to a County of barely 5,000 people!

ALERT: RABIES HAS BEEN FOUND IN NEWPORT AND IN HOFFMEISTER! WATCH FOR AN UPDATE ON THIS ON OUR WEBSITE, www.limitcats.com

Meanwhile, watch for rabies clinics listings for 2014 in Hamilton County Express.

Make sure your cats, dogs, ferrets, and horses are protected!

Thank you for your support of Cats Limited. Nancy Hutchins



Nancy L. Hutchins

3-19-14

Dear Town of Indian Lake,

Thank you so much for your generous tax-deductible donation to the Regional Inlet 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.

Ellen C. Collins

RESOLUTION No.: 2
INTRODUCED BY:
SECONDED BY:
DATE:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION IN ARBITRATION
PROCEEDING RELATED TO AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING
A TOWN TRUCK**

WHEREAS, a Town truck operated by a Town employee was involved in an accident which has resulted in litigation and claims being made against the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town's automobile insurance company has retained the law firm of FitzGerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, PC, for the purpose of defending the Town in the litigation and claims arising out of the accident, and

WHEREAS, some of the claims arising from the accident are being pursued against the Town's insurance company by means of an arbitration proceeding, and

WHEREAS, Arbitration Forums, Inc., the arbiter of some claims in this matter, has requested that the Town confirm that the law firm of FitzGerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, PC, is authorized to represent the Town in the arbitration proceedings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INDIAN LAKE TOWN BOARD THAT:

The Town Supervisor is authorized to provide a letter or any form of written or verbal confirmation to Arbitration Forums, Inc., as well as to any Court of law, confirming that the law firm of FitzGerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, PC, is authorized to participate in and represent the Town in any arbitration proceedings or litigation proceedings involving the motor vehicle accident that occurred on 11/15/2011 involving Town employees Steven Cannan and Tim Blanchard.

The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ROLL CALL

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

The Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board.

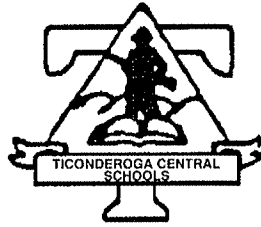
The undersigned certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date:

Julie A Clawson, Town Clerk

TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

5 CALKINS PLACE
TICONDEROGA, NEW YORK 12883



"SENTINELS FOR EXCELLENCE"

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February 28, 2014

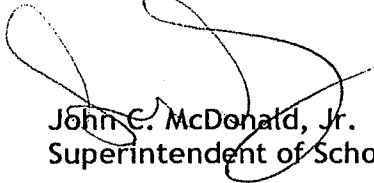
Dear Fellow Adirondacker:

On October 16, 2012, the Board of Education of Ticonderoga Central School District adopted the attached resolution which we feel will benefit all Park residents especially our children. Also attached is a brief rationale explaining the reasoning for the resolution and why it is critical for New York State to recognize unique circumstances that come with living in the Park. It is our hope that we can get all school districts and municipalities to support this effort and present a united front to the Governor and Legislature.

Please feel free to contact either myself or R. William Grinnell, Town of Ticonderoga Supervisor, at supervisor@townofticonderoga.org or 518-585-6265 Ext. 12 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


John C. McDonald, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

JCM:bg

pc: Ticonderoga Board of Education

In 1892, the Adirondack Park was created by the State of New York as a natural preserve and publicly protected area to benefit future generations. Since its original designation, the Park has expanded from 2.6 million acres to the current “blue line” boundary consisting of 6.1 million acres. It is the largest publicly protected area within the contiguous United States; and to provide some perspective, the Adirondack Park is larger than Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Glacier and Smokey Mountains combined.

The Park is divided between public and sparsely populated private lands. When it was first established the Forest Preserve within the Park consisted of 680,000 acres, but the state has continued to purchase additional land and it now holds about 2.6 million acres, 1 million of that is classified as wilderness. Approximately 3 million acres are privately owned for commercial use, year-round residents and second homeowners. In 1971, the Adirondack Park Agency was created to establish guidelines for both public and private land use in keeping with the mission of maintaining the Park as a natural resource.

There is no doubt that the Adirondack Park is unique, and in many ways serves as a model for conservation that all New Yorkers can be proud of; but that does not come without a price. The regulations aimed at protecting the Park become barriers for economic development for both municipalities and private enterprise. As the State has continued to expand the Park, more property has fallen within the “blue line” boundary, and is subject to an extensive permitting process before it can be developed. The type of use depends on the location of the property and its proximity to wilderness and wetlands. It goes without saying, that the ability to use property outside of the “blue line” is less restrictive and provides greater opportunity for economic development.

In addition, the State has continued to increase the amount of Forest Preserve within the Park itself, which not only impacts the amount of available property for private use, it impacts the adjacent private lands that are remaining. According to the Adirondack Park Agency’s 2002 report, the amount of Forest Preserve has more than doubled since the Park was established in 1892. Most of this new acquisition has occurred within the last 30 years. As stated previously, the Park is a unique resource

that New Yorkers should be proud of; but what has not been fully considered throughout its evolution and growth is the negative impact on the public educational institutions and the children they serve.

There has been tremendous debate regarding the funding of education in New York State and the inequities caused by the State Aid formulas and reliance on the property tax as a significant source of revenue for public schools. (The Tri-County Committee for Property Tax Relief has summarized these issues in their White Paper submitted in January 2011.) The issues surrounding the statewide discussion apply to schools located within the Park, but the regulatory conditions within the park exacerbate this problem even further. Property values within the Park continue to rise as second-home owners who can afford the rising property taxes continue to purchase homes. The rise in the value of the property impacts the Combined Wealth Ratio and does not adequately address the ability to pay for those who permanently reside within the Park. Couple this with the growing amount of State land and the strict regulations governing the remaining private land create a system that is not sustainable for schools.

Schools within the Park have become too reliant on the local property tax for revenue in part because the ability to grow an economic base that is significant and sustainable is cost prohibitive. The inability to attract new businesses because of the regulatory barriers has pushed the burden of school finance to property owners, many who can no longer afford the spiraling costs. The new Property Tax Cap adds to this dilemma as it now limits the only source of revenue schools can influence to meet the rising cost of mandates, pension, health insurance, and other elements related to operating a school system.

The final variables, which make the schools in the Park unique, are declining enrollments and sparsity. As school enrollments drop, school leaders and boards of education are able to cut costs associated with certain parts of the school program, however other costs remain consistent. For example, the cost associated with maintaining a facility does not fluctuate based on enrollment. Energy costs, insurance, debt service (if any), and daily maintenance, are just some of the expenses that do not change when enrollment drops. It is incumbent on school districts to

constantly assess their organizational structure in order to find opportunities to consolidate buildings and services, but that is not always an option given the vast distance between communities within the Park. In addition, there are a variety of barriers for school consolidation unrelated to cost that make this a challenging process.

The culmination of all these issues draw one conclusion with regards to education: the children living within the Adirondack Park are being underserved as a result of the inability to financially support their educational institutions beyond the local property tax. This problem will continue to grow unless communities within the Park can grow their tax base through economic development. However, that is not a likely scenario based on the regulations that exist to keep the Park as a natural preserve to benefit future generations.

Therefore, since the Adirondack Park was established, and is constantly touted as the “Playground” for the State to be experienced by tourists and future generations; and since that designation requires stringent regulations on land use within the Park which significantly reduces the ability to promote economic development; the New York State Executive and Legislative branches should establish a fund to support the public educational institutions within the Park and reduce their reliance on the local property tax. Although directed at schools, this fund would benefit all that reside within the Park as it will reduce everyone’s reliance on the property tax. In addition, it will confirm the State’s commitment to keep the Park as a natural preserve and further demonstrate that it is model for conservation for all New Yorkers.

The Ticonderoga Central School District is hopeful that all school districts and municipal entities within the park will join with us in passing this resolution to make our Executive and Legislative leaders understand and support our unique circumstances.

Be it Resolved by the Ticonderoga Central School District that the Governor and Legislature for New York State should take special consideration for financial aid for schools and municipalities located within the Adirondack Park.

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park was created by New York State in 1885 as a natural preserve and publicly protected area to benefit future generations of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park is the largest publicly protected area within the contiguous United States, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park is promoted, both within and beyond the State's borders, as a place for recreation and vacationing, and

WHEREAS, New York State continues to acquire property within the Adirondack Park to serve this purpose, and

WHEREAS, to maintain the Adirondack Park as a sustainable resource and natural habitat, regulations have been developed to control the amount of development within the borders of the Park, and

WHEREAS, these regulations greatly impact the ability of communities within the Adirondack Park to improve their economic development and grow their tax base, and

WHEREAS, the use of the Adirondack Park as a "Playground" for the rest of the state comes at the expense of local residents who have lost the ability for economic growth, and

WHEREAS, the inability to promote economic growth forces public institutions, especially schools, to rely on the property tax as a primary source of revenue, and

WHEREAS, the property taxes within the Adirondack Park are becoming unsustainable and contributing to the declining population of residents, and

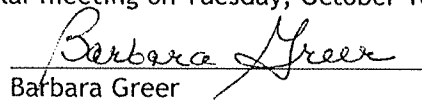
WHEREAS, the New York State Property Tax Cap limits the amount of revenue to support the infrastructure within the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, these factors adversely affect the children living within the Park as they do not have the same educational opportunities as their peers throughout the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ticonderoga Central School District, that the Governor of the State of New York and members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly must create a special aid fund to support schools located within the Adirondack Park to compensate for the loss of economic growth due to the regulatory requirements to maintain the Adirondack Park as the "Playground" for New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, and the members of the State Senate and State Assembly representing the Ticonderoga Central School District.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution approved by the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012.


Barbara Greer
District Clerk

RESOLUTION # 3 – IN THE YEAR 2014

Resolution in support of the Ticonderoga Central School District's Resolution Dated: October 16, 2012
Asking the Governor and the Legislature of New York State to take special consideration for financial aid
for Schools and Municipalities located within the Adirondack Park.

Resolution Offered by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS; the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, has read and agrees with the Ticonderoga
Central School District Resolution, dated: October 16, 2012, **AND**

WHEREAS; it is getting harder and harder for the people within the Adirondack Park to sustain economic
growth, **AND**

WHEREAS; mandates and property tax caps have put a burden on School Districts and Municipality's as
these limit the amount of revenue needed to sustain even the most barest of necessities, **AND**

WHEREAS; the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake feel strongly that the Governor and the
Legislature of New York State need to listen to their constituents within the Adirondack Park before it is
too late, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED; that the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake due hereby support said Resolution from
the Ticonderoga Central School District, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake encourage the Governor and the New York State
Legislature to create the special aid fund to support schools located within the Adirondack Park.

Roll Call: Councilman Valentine
Councilwoman Stanton
Councilwoman Mitchell
Councilman Rathbun
Supervisor Wells

State of New York
County of Hamilton
Town of Indian Lake

I, Julie A. Clawson, Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Lake do hereby certify that Resolution # 3, in
the year 2014, was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, New
York, on the 15th day of April, 2014, at a meeting held in Indian Lake on April 14, 2014.