

Adirondack Underground

Town of Long Lake
Clark J. Seaman, Supervisor
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I realized today that I should prepare another newsletter before I get so busy with summer projects that I don't have time to get one out. So in my ongoing effort to keep you informed, here is the latest news fit to print.

I'm pleased to report that the Town's application for a hardship grant for our water project was finally approved! Our funding via a \$2M grant and \$1.9M in zero percent long term financing is assured. We have also received the required authorization from the Comptroller's office to proceed with spending for this project. We are now moving forward with not only our base project but our modified project as well which includes installing additional water main to the end of the water main on Rt. 28N, developing a second well field and replacing three pump stations with new modular, above ground units. Consequently, this summer we'll have construction on Rt. 28N for the water main installation, construction on South Hill and Stone roads for water main installation to the new tank, construction of the pump station at Bissell Pit and construction of the water tank. In an effort to save taxpayer's money, the installation of the water main to the new tank and construction of the pump station at Bissell Pit will be done by Town employees. It's going to be a busy summer and fall for the water department but our guys are up to the task.

With regard to the water tank, Natgun, the contractor building our tank, moved on site on June 21st and construction there is already well underway. They anticipate construction of the tank will be complete by mid August depending on the weather. As I told you in my previous letter, we anticipate having at least one open house day when the public will be invited up to observe the tank construction. We'll be publicizing this information as soon as we have a confirmed date, however, as of right now it looks like the open house will be the week of July 19-23. If you are at all interested in this project or just curious, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. I'm told that depending on the phase of construction this open house can be very entertaining and enlightening.

The appraisal of the Affordable Housing property is now complete. Appraised values of the lots range from \$45,000 for the smallest of the five lots to \$65,000 each for the two 5+ acre lots. The total appraised value of the individual lots is \$272,500. The appraisal assumed utilities including water and power would be installed throughout the subdivision. Consequently at a recent meeting the Board approved installing power on the property by NYSEG. At the same time the Board authorized spending of up to \$5000 to complete the road work on this project. While I realize many of you are concerned about the Town spending any additional money on this project, I assure you the Board is equally concerned. However, the Board realizes the need to spend this money for final improvements to the property in order to get the highest price possible when we sell these lots. Of course our water department will be running a new water main up to the new tank so this will ensure that both water and power are available to these lots making them more desirable and marketable. Furthermore, after advertising for and holding an informational forum, the Board voted to sell these lots for the appraised values and selected Jim Blanchard as the real estate agent to sell them for us.

On a similar note, I've recently been asked about the status of the Shiffman property. As some of you may know, the Town does not have direct access via existing roadway to the property as was thought when the Town took ownership of the property. We can access the property from the main road through the woods but that will require building our own road. The Board has authorized me to negotiate for a right of way which I will be doing in the near future once we have established the cost for building our own road. Obviously we want to do whichever is least expensive to gain access to the property so we can get it appraised and on the market as soon as possible.

I hope you've noticed that our Town employees have been busy this spring working on various projects. In case you haven't noticed, the Gazebo at the Town beach has been stained by Parks and Recreation staff and new mulch has been placed around it. The stain was provided by a member of the Beautification Committee (thanks Doug). The Medical Center is in the process of being stained now and will be completed soon, weather permitting. Fascia for the Rescue Squad building has been purchased and prepared and will be replaced very soon. The "sand pit" at Mt. Sabattis has been reclaimed and hydro-seeded and the grass is growing nicely. Town road repairs are being done in both Long Lake and Raquette by our capable highway crews. The walk/ramp at the Town boat dock was in disrepair and has been replaced. And finally, the Town swim dock has had several improvements/modifications completed to satisfy our insurance provider's safety requirements.

Other issues that the Board has addressed since my last letter: the Board approved the highway superintendant's plan to pave 3150 feet of Endion Road from Abenaki Way to the end and 5700 feet of Tarbell Hill and Jim Bird Road from the height of ground on Tarbell Hill to the end of Jim Bird road. The Board approved auctioning the following excess equipment: 1977 Mirro 16' Aluminum boat with 1985 Mercury motor and trailer, 4' X 8' Aluminum Water Slide, John Deere Tractor Mower Model 318 Diesel, 1967 Galion Motor Grader, JD Loader - 544G and a NYSDOL certified fireworks magazine. These items will be listed shortly on "Auctions International.Com". Also the Board wants you to be aware of the potential risks of buying unmarked meat from anyone driving an unmarked vehicle that comes to your home. The Town currently has an ordinance prohibiting vending without a permit but that doesn't STOP anyone from doing so and we are exploring incorporating this into a local law.

And last but not least, one final piece of good news. Although your local government has little to do with this, the Board wholeheartedly supported this project via resolution earlier this year. The company building the proposed cell tower in Long Lake has been issued a building permit by the code enforcement officer and their APA permit was issued on June 25th. They anticipate beginning construction early in July. The two carriers on the tower will be Verizon and AT&T. Keep your fingers crossed folks, we may have cell service in Long Lake before summer is over!

Oh, one more thing. Our cemetery custodian has asked that I remind anyone who walks their dog at the cemetery, please be courteous and respectful and clean up after your dog. Remember, this is hallowed ground.

Until my next newsletter, feel free to contact me anytime regarding any issues of concern to you.

And remember "Never ...under any circumstances... take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night".

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Sincerely,



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