

Notes from the 8/21/23 Indian Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project meeting at the town hall and the Lake Abanakee Civic Association board of directors meeting that followed.

The following Lake Abanakee Civic Association board members attended the August 21st afternoon meeting at the town hall on the Indian Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project and then met afterward for an informal board meeting:

Susan Ritchie-Ahrens

Josephine Hinds

Barbara Migdalen

Fran Shattuck

Barbara Smorgans Marshall (and Roger Marshall)

Indian Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project:

Executive Director, John Callaghan of HR-BRRD (Hudson River-Black River Regulating District) and Greg Johnson and Todd Mueller of Bergmann Engineering (now of Colliers Engineering and Design) presented details of the plan to repair the Indian Lake Dam and meet NY state DEC standards including protection from ice and flood caseloads.

Major Work Items include:

Embankment Stability Improvements – Raising & Flattening Embankment, Retaining Wall Retrofit

Structural Stability Improvements – Post-tensioned Anchoring [L] [SEP]

Leakage Improvements – Consolidation Grouting, Masonry Repointing and Sealing [L] [SEP]

Operations Improvements – Upstream Gate Replacement and New Operating Platform [L] [SEP]

Operable Main Logway Bulkhead Gate [L] [SEP]

Spillway Bridge Replacement [L] [SEP]

Debris Boom Replacement [L] [SEP]

Site Access and Safety Improvements

Lake Access Trail Construction (by NYSDEC Request) [L] [SEP]

A complete pdf of their technical presentation is available on the HRBRRD website: <https://hrbrrd.ny.gov/indian-lake-dam-rehabilitation-project/>

A conditional contract was awarded to CD Perry LLC to begin the work this fall and will continue into 2024. The construction oversight and administration will be conducted by the HRBRRD and Bergmann Engineering. One concern that was addressed was the effect of the construction work on Lake Abanakee water levels and the answer was that there should be no changes to our water levels during the construction phase or afterward. This assumes all will go as planned.

Lake Abanakee Civic Association Board Meeting:

Ruth Rosenstein joined us for the meeting to give the invasive species report. She has attended training and reported that our lake is in good shape at this time. We encouraged her to join the LACA board.

Jo Hinds gave the treasurer's report detailing expenses and balance.

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We voted to send the annual \$100 fee to the Loon Association for membership.

Jo Hinds, Barbara Smorgans Marshall and Roger Marshall plan to attend the Indian Lake Association Annual Breakfast Meeting on Saturday August 26th.

- We will continue to collect our annual dues at this time.
- We will post on our website and Facebook page the pertinent dues information along with a plea for members to join the board and consider taking on an officer position.
- We need a President, Vice-President and Secretary.
- We plan to send out emails and possibly a postcard to all lake residences. We could distribute notices at residences. (There has been some turnover of residence ownership and new construction on the lake and we will have to obtain the mailing information for these new owners.)
- We need to stress the importance of all owners becoming members in order to support the stewardship and health of our lake and to address all concerns particularly at this time with the upcoming construction at the Indian Lake Dam.
- During our meeting, someone who owns a residence in Indian Lake joined our organization as he and his wife have fished on Abanakee for years and want to support us.
- We discussed the possibility of a simplified annual meeting plan for next year which would include the usual annual reports, collection of dues, and a forum to ask questions and express concerns.
- It was mentioned that a speaker is certainly an added incentive to attend, but we may not be able to provide one each year.