

Long Point Board Update - April, 2019



“April morning” Photo by Cynthia Myers

The 2019 Summer Season begins! Welcome back to Long Point! We’re looking forward to a wonderful summer of lake and lakeside activities. Below are some updates and dates for events this summer.

Update on Lake Level

Lake Champlain is high — as of April 25, one foot 10 inches above normal for this time of year and eight inches over flood stage. Because there are still 75 inches of snow at the gauge on Mount Mansfield and similar amounts on other mountains within the 8,234 square miles that drain into the lake, that level is expected to rise. The lake is lapping on the north side of Bay Road and spreading onto lawns of several camps on South Road.

All of this could affect the start of Long Point’s community water system for some shareholders. We expect to have the system up and running May 1, but camps on South Road may see a later start date if the lake rises much further. We’ll keep you posted by email and on Next Door as conditions change. You may also contact Nikki at longpointcorp@gmavt.com. Meanwhile, if you want to follow the lake level yourself, here’s a link to the USGS website for the latest conditions. [Current Lake Champlain water level](#).

Annual Assessments are in the Mail

Although our new fiscal year begins each year on May 1, April sees the first official order of business: the mailing of the invoices for the annual assessments. The assessments are made up of three parts: the lot lease fee (\$120 per full lot and \$60 for a half lot), the water assessment for those who use the community water system (\$235), and the annual dues (\$350). Those shareholders with a single lot who use the water system will see an annual assessment of \$705.

The assessments are based on the budget passed at the annual shareholder meeting last August. Revenue from the assessments is used to maintain the roads and public facilities on Long Point, pay the taxes, insurance, legal and accounting expenses, support the office and salary of the secretary, and maintain the water system. The success of our community depends on these assessments. If you do not receive an invoice in the mail, please get in touch with Nikki (email at longpointcorp@gmavt.net or phone at 802-545-2067) so that she may update our mailing list. Thank you for your prompt attention to your invoice and for helping to get the new season off on a sound financial footing. - *Bunky Bernstein Long Point Treasurer*

Position Open on the Long Point Board of Directors

Peg Brakeley will be leaving the Board at the end of her three-year term, this August. The search for a new Board member has begun, and the Nominating Committee is reaching out to prospective candidates. On the committee this year are [Larry Colvin](#), [Nancy Zahniser](#) and [Peg Brakeley](#). The Nominating Committee will be looking for candidates with a strong commitment to the Long Point community, an interest in the stewardship of Long Point, time to devote to the work of the Long Point Corporation, and a willingness to share in that work. An ability to work well with members of the Board, the Long Point Community and others is also important. Professional skills, such as business experience or an interest in dealing with issues involving Long Point's lands may also be helpful, but is not necessary. The Nominating Committee will recommend a candidate to the Board to fill the upcoming vacancy. The Board will consider the candidate recommended by the Nominating Committee and, if qualified, the Board will approve the recommendation for a vote of the shareholders at the Annual Meeting in August. At the Annual Meeting additional candidates may be nominated from the floor before voting by the shareholders. If you are interested in serving the Long Point community on the Board of Directors and believe you have the qualifications, or know of such a person, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (emails are linked above) or the Board. – *Gary Gray, Long Point Board President*

Update from the Long Point Aquatic Plant Committee

Think Spring! Think Summer! Think lake weeds.... The Aquatic Plant Committee met several times over the winter and early spring to continue its work on the issue of nuisance aquatic plants. Based on the information gathered over the past several years, the Long Point Corporation Board believes mechanical harvesting should be put to a vote of the shareholders for adoption as a community-wide measure to control the growth of nuisance aquatic plants. The next several months will be a busy time for committee members as they update and share more detailed information before a shareholder vote at the annual meeting this August.

Beginning in 2016, a year when weeds choked the bay, docks and moorings, a few concerned community members came together to discuss aquatic plant management options for Long Point. The committee has since grown to include twelve members. Committee members have researched multiple plant management strategies through the following methods: dialog with state agencies and environmental programs, an aquatic plant survey, exploration of grant resources, site visits with other lakeshore communities and aquatic plant management programs, consultation with local government and businesses, review of academic economic and environmental studies, and comparison of a number of lake weed harvesting contractors, harvesting equipment manufacturers and harvesting business options.

The committee has ensured that Long Point satisfies State permit requirements for mechanical harvesting and for grant funding. The issue of managing nuisance aquatic plants was discussed at the annual meetings in 2017 and 2018 and at three neighborhood informational meetings held last summer. The work of the committee, including answers to questions from community members, is updated regularly and is accessible on the committee website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/longpoint/home?authuser=1>. Committee membership is open to anyone interested in the ongoing effort to educate our community regarding nuisance aquatic plant management at Long Point. As always, any feedback is valuable and welcome.

At the annual meeting this August, the LPC Board will ask Long Point shareholders to vote on a specific proposal for mechanical harvesting of nuisance aquatic plants for the Long Point area. The committee has identified priorities for additional research including financial feasibility, logistics of harvesting operations, communication, as well as insurance and legal issues. The committee's plan is to share the results of its research with the Long Point community in order to have a fully informed vote in August. Details of the research and committee recommendations will be shared at neighborhood

meetings this summer, prior to the annual Meeting. Updated information will also be made available on the Aquatic Plant committee website.

As expressed in the past, the role of the Aquatic Plant Committee is to educate community members so that we can consider an effective lake plant management plan. The ideal plan will reduce the adverse impact of nuisance aquatic plants on the community's use of Lake Champlain, while otherwise maintaining the lake environment in its natural form, all within the limits of community financial capacity..

Thank you - Long Point Aquatic Plant Committee: Matt Chandler (Chairperson), Bruce Werner, Alison Parker, Duncan Adamson, Diane Gottlieb, Charlie Gottlieb, Chal Nunn, Gary Gray, Linda Patterson, Ruth Dennis, Larry Colvin, and Bill Kipp

Route 7 Traffic Signal Update

Last August at the LPC annual meeting the shareholders voted to endorse the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 7/Stage Road/Hollow Road. Through the efforts of Diane and Charlie Gottlieb, Jane Werner, and other shareholders, as well the North Ferrisburgh Village Association, it appears the signal will become a reality!

On April 16, 2019, Erin Parizo and the VTrans team gave a presentation on the intersection to the Ferrisburgh Selectboard. A number of factors were compared for each of three alternatives (no build/status quo, signalization or roundabout). Although the roundabout would reduce speeds and be better for pedestrian traffic, the signal ended up having the higher benefit cost analysis. The projected signal cost is \$500K; the roundabout came in at \$3.5M. After analysis and evaluation, the preferred alternative is the traffic signal.

The initial proposed design has one crosswalk running from the Post Office to the Pleasant Valley (southeast) corner with short sidewalks on each end. There will be left turn lanes with green and flashing yellow arrows on Route 7. The signals will have look-ahead technology, AM/PM programming and will run 24/7. The VTrans team predicts 2-3 years from design phase to full implementation. Because it is a safety issue, the project will be 100% federally funded. In the interim period there will be radar speed carts set up during peak traffic times (summer) and coordination with VT State Police and Addison County Sheriffs.

The Selectboard unanimously approved a motion to approve/support moving forward with the signalization. Now VTrans and the town will begin finalizing the design work

and implementation plans. Again, thank you to all involved in helping make this important safety improvement happen!

Boatyard News

As summer returns to Long Point, Dan Berry and his crew work to get the docks in, and once again, the boatyard staff asks all those who use the facility for their help to keep it functional, attractive, and safe.

There is still more demand for space in the boatyard than is available, and there are still several boats that have not been moved in several years. Here is the official policy for the boatyard:

The Long Point boatyard is a storage area for actively used boats, trailers, and docks only. It is not meant to be a boat graveyard. Boats that do not have a current registration and have not been used for two years must be removed from the boat storage area, unless a special arrangement is made with the LP Board of Directors.

The neighborly course would be to make room for others by removing unused boats from the boatyard, and we are once again asking those who have a boat that is not in active use to please take it home with you or seek storage options off site. Or if you would like to donate your boat or trailer to a good cause, call Robert Fuller(802-425-3654 or 802-453-4961) for details. Long term storage of unused boats may be arranged through Point Bay Marina (802-425-2431) or Marine Plus in North Ferrisburgh (802-425-5551). Or, perhaps you wish to sell an unused boat. Either of the above businesses can help with sales of boats. Or, there are local online venues you may sign on to (besides Nextdoor Long Point): Craigslist: vermont.craigslist.org, Front Porch Forum (Ferrisburgh): frontporchforum.com/areas/192

If you have a boat in the boatyard, please help by keeping the area around your boat or trailer mowed when necessary to prevent growth of the poisonous wild parsnip plant. Make sure covers are in good repair, and please remove scrap lumber or other unused materials. We wish all mariners out there a safe boating season.

-Richard Bernstein (802-425-2400) Long Point Board representative to the boatyard committee

Welcome to Long Point!

James & Merin Maxwell, 8 Pleasant Bay Road (formerly Gene Morse) “We live in South Burlington and have 2 kids Conor and Josie who go to Orchard School. My wife

and I have lived in the area since 1999 but are originally from California and Ireland respectively. Long Point for us is a unique and wonderful community. Our South Burlington neighbor Duncan Adamson owns the adjacent property and it was through him we came to find the place. Thanks to Duncan!!

Chris & Elizabeth Cullen, 16 Annex Road (formerly Alison Henry) - Chris and Elizabeth live in Charlotte with their 3 children (Nora, Leigh, and Ben) and their fluffy dog Rueben.

Joe & Rebecca O'Reilly, 131 East Road (formerly Rolf Trinkner) "Our family is so excited to be joining Long Point and we are looking forward to getting to know our neighbors. Our family consists of Anna (age 12), Finn (age 8), Rebecca and Joe (ages redacted). We live primarily in South Burlington and we are thrilled to finally have a



retreat nearby. Actually, our first home was on Shellhouse Mountain Road in Ferrisburgh, so in some ways it's like we're coming home. A little bit about our family: Joe works for Cooperative Insurance and is excited to work from home on LP this summer as well as try out some new running routes near the point. Rebecca is a Registered Dietitian and the lead for CVD and Diabetes for the Department of Health; she is especially excited to read in the shade and spend some quality time at Cookie Love. Anna is wrapping up her first year of middle school and is looking forward to befriending all of the point's children. She likes theater, plays

lacrosse, soccer and is an avid swimmer. Finn is finishing 2nd grade. He enjoys animals and video games and plays baseball and tennis (he is excited that our home is near the court). We are looking forward to hearing from our neighbors what they love most about life on the point! Also, please let us know if you have children who will be around this summer!"

Planning on Renting Your Camp?

If you will be renting out your camp this season or are considering it, please review the [Long Point Camp Rental Agreement](#). Available on the [LPC web site](#), the agreement spells out the established LPC regulations, to which all owners are bound for the safety and enjoyment of all concerned. The regulations include (but are not limited to) things like occupying in a quiet and orderly manner, outside fires, leash law, trash/garbage, the no-wake rule, speed limit and parking. It also explains that camp owners must ensure

the occupancy of any rental camp does not exceed the design capacity of the wastewater system for that camp. The number of individuals prescribed in the design capacity of the camp wastewater system equals the number of bedrooms times two persons per bedroom. It is the owner's responsibility to make certain that renters acknowledge this limitation. Please have your renters fill out and sign the rental agreement, and then file a copy with [Nikki Fitzcharles](#), the Long Point secretary.

2019 Events

Long Point Clean-up Day, Saturday, June 22, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meet at the Farm House and bring gloves. If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., go to the Bay Road beach where there will be plenty of action. Rakes and shovels are also appropriate. If you have a truck to help move debris to the Stump Dump, please bring it. Call Mike Wood, 802-989-1273, with questions.

Independence Day Picnic, Thursday, July 4, 2019, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

A Long Point tradition, we'll gather at Laflam Memorial Park by the tennis court and playground. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and beverages will be provided by LPC. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Hosted by Katy Nunn and the Koplinka family.

LPC Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m. Coffee and treats beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Ferrisburgh Town Hall. This is our important shareholders' meeting held to conduct the business of Long Point Corporation. **It is important to attend or submit your proxy, if you are unable to attend.** In July, you'll receive the annual report. Please bring it with you to the meeting.

Annual Regatta in the Bay, Saturday, August 3, 2019, 3 p.m.

This year, the Regatta will take place on Saturday afternoon, following the Annual Meeting.

Dianne Kett of North Road will once again be Commodore Kett and will be awarding prizes to participating canoes, kayaks, small sailboats, and paddleboards!

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 4, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Hosts Jess Lukas, Chelsea Tedder and Katy Nunn invite everyone (family and friends included) to gather at Laflam Memorial Park by the tennis court and playground for all the free ice cream and frozen yogurt you can eat. BYOB&S (bring your own bowl and spoon).

Connect with others through Nextdoor Long Point

Just a reminder - Nextdoor Long Point is a private social network for the Long Point community. Need help finding a lost pet? Have a kayak to sell? Nextdoor can help. It's an easy way for Long Point neighbors to talk and share information online. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Duncan Adamson at dsadamson@gmail.com and he will send you an invitation.

Do we have your email? Your correct contact information?

We need up-to-date personal contact information for Long Point records. We also include this information in the annual report so neighbors can keep in touch. If your USPS address, phone numbers or email addresses have changed, or if they were incorrect in last year's report, please send corrections to Nikki at longpointcorp@gmavt.net by June 1. You can also reach Nikki by phone at (802) 545-2067. See you soon at Long Point!

Please direct any comments or corrections to [Kristen Fehlhaber](#), editor, LP Board Update



March fun on the frozen bay - Photo by Katie Wilhite