

## Long Point Board Update – April, 2022



*Sunrise over East Road, Long Point*

### **President's Letter: Signs of Spring abound!!**

*Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter  
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun.....And I say it's all right  
Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear  
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun....And I say it's all right*

George Harrison

July 7, 1969

(Please add you own doo-doo-doo-doo as you like)

The ice melting, the days warming, the crocus popping up – all welcome signs that returning to Long Point is getting closer and closer. Before too long, boats and swim rafts will float where the ice had taken up residence this winter. Before too long, sounds of laughter and squeals of glee will fill the air. I CAUGHT A FISH! will be on the lips of some very excited angler. Young

and old will test their water-skiing, paddle board, and sailing abilities. It's all JUST around the corner!

Here is a list of some important information you need to know:

- The water will be turned on May 1st and then shut down on October 31<sup>st</sup> per state requirements
- The speed limit is **10 MPH** Please, please observe this at ALL times!!!! NO KIDDING!
- You can count on our Annual highlights:
  - THE Long Point Regatta
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Spring Clean Up – *please see the article below with particulars*
- Last year's NEW events will make a return:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade
  - Beverages on the Beach – possibly expanded to four evenings
  - The Chandler's Beach Ball Bonanza FUNdraiser
- New efforts:
  - Clean up the Gardens at La Flam Park
  - Bocce Ball

Many thanks to the volunteers who make all of these events happen. We need YOUR help!! Call or email a board or committee member to let us know you can help!

- The new stoplight at Rt 7 and Stage Road/Old Hollow Road has NOT yet been completed. Apparently, the telephone and power folks need to do some work. The Town does not currently have an ETA for completion. PLEASE be careful if you must use this intersection.
- No Wake Zone – Per state mandates – Keep your speed to **5 MPH** within 200 feet of the shoreline
- NO FIREWORKS – These are illegal in the state of Vermont. If you hear/see fireworks being shot at Long Point, please call the police.
- Repair of the culvert on Bay Road is scheduled for this spring assuming the lake level allows for the work to be done. With this, much of the rubble to the west of the culvert is expected to be removed. *A HUGE thank you to ALL of the volunteers who tirelessly worked on this effort to restore the beach! Well done!!!!*
- If you have moved or would like to have your address changed for Long Point mailings, please alert Nikki by email at [longpointcorp@gmavt.net](mailto:longpointcorp@gmavt.net)
- Please keep an eye out for monthly updates for Long Point in June, July, August, and September. If you have information you would like to include in a monthly newsletter, please let Mary Lou know at [marylou.ivey@gmail.com](mailto:marylou.ivey@gmail.com)

As Spring unfolds, we have more and more visitors come to Long Point to walk our roads. These visitors are encouraged to enjoy the beautiful area and, in many ways, provide some security since we have many unoccupied camps. If you or your invited guests enjoy walks while Long Point is still quiet, PLEASE RESPECT the shareholders who make Long Point their primary residence. Pick up after the dogs, avoid any temptation to peer into camps, and respect everyone's privacy.

For many summers, a few VERY dedicated people have worked VERY hard to clean up the lakeweeds on Long Point and Pleasant Bay beaches. Last summer, many more shareholders

were affected by the nuisance of lake weeds in the water and the smell of lakeweeds rotting on the shore because the water was so low. We are looking at options to try to mitigate the weeds dubbed Operation Save Our Shoulders! Any and all suggestions are welcome!

We are also taking a look at the environmental future of Long Point and have been working with Lake Wise, Audubon Society, and the County Forrester to begin the process of how we at Long Point can be better stewards of our land. If you have any interest in joining these efforts, please let us know!

Currently we are planning to hold the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Long Point Corporation on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> IN PERSON. Please be sure to plan to attend this vital function of our Long Point life together. See old friends and meet new ones and do the work of the corporation.

After many years of preparing our Fall and Spring Newsletter, this will be Kristen Fehlhaber's last edition. On behalf of the board, we offer a HUGE THANK YOU to Kristen for all her hard and very cheery work on this vital form of communication. While Kristen will be a very hard act to follow, we would welcome anyone interested in taking over this important work to let us know. THANK YOU KRISTEN!

Please take a moment to review ALL the important information included in this newsletter. You don't want to miss a thing!!!

– *Mary Lou Hurd Ivey*  
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### **Long Point Clean-Up Day - Saturday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Volunteers should meet at the Farmhouse and bring gloves, rakes or pitchforks. If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., go to the Bay Road beach where there will be plenty of action. Residents should pile yard debris next to the road on their property. We will be collecting yard waste, branches and sticks that have washed ashore over the winter and taking them to Long Point's stump dump. We cannot take any lumber or metal debris – nothing man-made. If someone has a large pile of debris at their property, try to be there to help load it on one of the trailers. If you have a truck to help move debris to the Stump Dump, please bring it. George Decker will be leading the effort. If you have any questions, call or email George at 703-909-5626 or [georgejdecker@gmail.com](mailto:georgejdecker@gmail.com).



BYO pickup truck to the clean up day! But perhaps a little bigger than this one at Shelburne Museum. *Asa D. Hall '46 Studebaker*, bronze and aluminum, by Peter Kirkiles.

## **Covid Update, Spring 2022**

Long Pointers who left Vermont last fall missed a rocky Covid season afterward. With near universal mask mandates and high vaccination rates, Vermont managed to remain one of the safest places to be during the surge of the Delta variant last summer. Once fall came and the vaccination rate for adult Vermonters reached 75%, the governor loosened restrictions, in-person schooling resumed, and the Omicron variant struck. Vermont infections and hospitalizations surged, though, as in other states, those who were unvaccinated were about six times more likely to end up in hospitals and dying compared to those who had received two doses of vaccines and a booster.

As the Omicron surge has subsided, Vermont now coincides with the national average in new cases, but remains low in hospitalization rate. It is clear that the commitment to vaccination has helped lower the severity of Covid 19 when it does strike.

Campers returning to Long Point should be aware of some changes in the state's approach to the pandemic. First of all, routine PCR testing has been discontinued. There are still testing sites in operation, but they use the same rapid antigen tests that are available for home use. Also, statewide vaccination clinics are no longer in operation. Vaccinations are available now through physicians' offices and pharmacies. Kinney Drugs in Vergennes is the source nearest

Long Point. Stores and other facilities are no longer required to mandate face masks, although they may at their option. Restaurants are fully open.

One defining nature of the coronavirus has been its ability to mutate, and now, the Omicron ba.2 variant is causing more than half the cases of Covid 19 in New England. This variant is more contagious than previous ones, but less severe, and those who have been fully vaccinated with a booster are less likely to become seriously ill if infected.

As epidemiologists have learned more, advice has changed with the epidemic. A second booster is now available and recommended for those with chronic disease or those over 65 years old. Some may want to get in line for this second booster early, while others may adopt a wait and see attitude to see if the prevalence of new infections in the community starts to rise quickly. One thing we know is that the situation is apt to change, and one of the best ways to keep abreast of changes in Vermont is to subscribe to the online news source, [VT Digger](#). In my opinion, those of us at risk because of age or underlying medical conditions should still wear a mask in stores and be wary of crowded indoor gatherings.

Health officials have predicted that the virus will lose some of its ability to cause serious disease as it mutates, and this seems to be the case. Eventually, it will become endemic, rather than epidemic. That is, the virus will live in the community as the influenza and cold viruses do, causing disease at certain times of the year and susceptible to routine health precautions and periodic vaccinations. Let's hope we are approaching that situation now.

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## **2022 Long Point Gardens**

It won't be long until our gardeners get busy in the Long Point gardens tilling and planting. Can't wait for those red, ripe tomatoes again!

At the present time, all 17 of our gardens are full. However, there is a waiting list and the possibility always exists for spots opening up for newcomers. Please contact Katy Nunn at [nunnkaty@hotmail.com](mailto:nunnkaty@hotmail.com) if you would like to get on the gardens waiting list.

If there are any other questions related to the gardens, please direct them to Katy Nunn as well.



## **Emerald Ash Borer, 2022 Removal**

Teacher Tree Service conducted the 2nd year removal of all ash trees on South Road that were in relative close proximity to camps, parking areas and the road. The removal was smooth and well-coordinated by the crew. Six trees on stockholder lots were not removed as the stockholder chose to treat them. Four Long Point stockholders requested a rough cord for use as firewood on site. Canopy Timber Alternative in Middlebury Vt is in the process of milling sawlogs for which LP will be paid. The most recent information posted by the State of Vermont indicate that the ash borer creeps ever closer to Long Point as it is now in Monkton, Vergennes and Ferrisburgh. See Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Infested Area in Vermont.

In looking to the future, it is suggested that stockholders consider planting trees to replace the ash trees that have been removed to rebuild the canopy, increase the shade and stabilize the soil. Possible trees and shrubs to consider:

White Cedar / arborvitae, Red Cedar, Pine - white, red, Maples - sugar, red, silver depending upon soil conditions, Oaks - red and white (White Swamp Oak in moist soils), Hickory - shagbark and mockernut, Red Elm, Basswood, Serviceberry (shadbush), Black Cherry, Hemlock, Spruce, Tamarack, Poplar - deltoid, bigtooth aspen, quaking aspen, sycamore, Birch - paper, gary, river bank, Beech; Shrubs - red-osier dogwood, gray stem dogwood, Elderberry, Ground juniper, Alder

-Pete Ross

Dates to keep in mind in 2022 - with more events to be announced:

Sunday, May 1 - water turned on

Saturday, June 25 - clean up day

Monday, July 4 - Fourth of July boat parade

Saturday, August 6 - Annual meeting

## Long Point Corporation Board of Directors, 2021-2022

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