

Long Point Board Update – October, 2021



Sunset on the summer season. Photo by Fred Myers.

President's Letter

Would someone PLEASE tell me how summer could be over and the holidays are rapidly approaching? (Unless, of course, you live at the Lowe's where it has been Christmas for MONTHS!) Most camps have been closed, boats tucked away for the winter, and the docks disappearing. Wasn't I just driving up 22A with the windows down and filled with joy at the sight of the Green Mountains, the red barns, wonderful cows, and let's not forget the manure "room freshener"?

Long Point may be buttoning down for the cold winter months but there is still a lot of activity by some very dedicated volunteers! The Lot Line Committee worked on TEN (yes 10!) lots. The Boat Yard Committee set up a great clean up (see article below). The board has been busy reviewing building applications, updating leases, reviewing rental requirements, and preparing for next Summer. Lots of exciting things are being considered/planned/done.

Like what you ask? Well.....

Overview of Long Point:

We are putting a team together to take a more "global" look at what we have at Long Point and what we can do on a variety of environmental fronts. The team has had an initial meeting with the Audubon Society who have agreed to schedule an assessment of our property and offer suggestions/ideas. The team is also trying to set up a similar review by the Lake Wise group.

The Plant Trust has been out to inspect some areas around Lewis Creek and report that they are now seeing a plant that has not been seen since the 1960s!! We need to do the best job we can to minimize runoff such as not mowing our fields to the extent we are. We also need to do the best job we can to mitigate erosion. Long Point cannot fix all of the environmental issues but we can surely do our best to not add to the problem. Stay tuned for more information as it is available. If you have a particular interest in joining this team, please contact any of the board members.



LaFlam Park:

A committee is being formed to look at a "make-over" of Laflam Park. Who remembers the Community House? How about playing shuffleboard and horseshoes? Have you been thinking the gardens could use a little "umph"? Would you like to see some asphalt and a basketball hoop? Does the playground need some maintenance and maybe a few more options? Be on the lookout for an email in the next few weeks for a survey where you will have a chance to give us your thoughts and ideas. Feel particularly interested and want to join the committee? Let a board member know!

Long Point T-Shirts, bumper stickers, coffee cups?

Ready to wear your Long Point Pride? Maybe you need to cover up a dent on your bumper? We are working on developing a Long Point "logo" and get some Long Point Pride showing! Thanks to Dianne Kett (who developed the Long Point Regatta hats), Alexis Walsh (daughter of

Debbie Olson), and Virginia Booth (daughter of Mary Lou Ivey) who are working on this fun project! Hoping to "deliver the goods" next Spring.

Is there something that you'd like to see at Long Point? Interested in joining a committee? We need someone to Chair Hospitality for the Annual Meeting as well as members for the Finance and Audit committee. What would YOU like to do? Let us know!

– *Mary Lou Hurd Ivey*
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Recent Boatyard Clean-up

The Boatyard committee organized a major clean up of the boatyard on September 18th. The day turned out to be another great example of what can be accomplished when a group of volunteers come together! The group of 15 volunteers started right at 8:00 A;M and finished around 1:00 P:M. That translates to about 75 hours of work time! The volunteers did a great job of cutting and removing a lot of overgrown brush. Numerous trailer loads of brush were taken to the stump dump. The volunteers also filled a trailer with which can be best described as trash.

Needless to say, the yard has never looked so good. Keeping with the spirit of cleanup the group also took the time and effort to remove several large piles of dry brush piles that were on East Road, North Road and Shore Road.



A well deserved Thank You to the following: Chris More, Peter Tousley, George Decker along with his truck, Mike Brisbin, Courtney Carpenter, Glen Olson, Bill Kett, Chal Nunn, Bunky

Bernstein (boatyard committee), Andrew Recupero, Pete Ross along with his chainsaw, Chuck Ross (helped with the large brush pile on North Road), Dan Berry (boatyard committee) along with his truck and trailer, Robert Fuller (boatyard committee) , Gary Berg along with his truck and trailer. A special shoutout to Edwina Berg and Allie Mulvihill for providing water, apples and apple cider donuts. As a side note, George Decker was seen very late in the day hauling away piles of weeds from the beach. All in all, it was great to see a group of Long Pointers coming together to improve Long Point and keep expenses down! -Gary Berg

Water System

Remember, Long Point's water system is a transient water system. Under state regulations, it can only operate for six months each year. The system will shut down on Sunday, October 31, 2021, and will be turned back on again on May 1, 2022.

Camp Rentals

The number of renters on Long Point is up this year, probably because Vermont's low Covid infection rate has made it more attractive than ever as a summer getaway destination. With that in mind, here's a reminder of the requirements of your lease and Long Point Corporation rules regarding camp rentals. Long Point has a standard rental agreement that reflects LPC rules, lease requirements and community norms. It may be found on the Sale and Rental Info page of the [Long Point website](#) - [Camp Rental Agreement](#). As stated in the agreement, due to the additional burden on the roads, parking, and water and septic systems, the occupancy of any rental is limited to two persons per bedroom. Have your renter sign the agreement and send a copy to Nikki before the rental period begins. With the exception of a few older leases, Long Point leases require advance notice to LPC of any rental and requires Long Point's consent to leases of more than four weeks.

Camp Sales

In addition to the uptick in camp rentals, camp sales this year reflect the overall increase in demand for Vermont residential property. Here are some things to keep in mind if you are selling your camp or transferring it to a family member or to a trust or other entity. Check out the Sale and Rental page of the Long Point website. On that page you will find guidelines for transferring a camp on Long Point. As early as possible, submit a Statement of Intent to Transfer to Long Point's secretary, Nikki Fitzcharles, with the applicable fee. If you are transferring a year-round property, contact Nikki directly. In most cases you'll have to have your septic system inspected by an engineer or technician. Other steps are explained in the guidelines. If you are working with an agent, please review their advertisements closely. On occasion a listing has misstated important features of Long Point camps, for example, the camp owner's rights to the shoreline adjacent to their camp. Most Long Point leased lots do not include the shore line, which in most cases is common land managed by the board of directors. In some cases the shoreline may be designated for common use primarily, but not exclusively, by the camp owner and nearby neighbors. For more information, see the Common Land Water Access Policy. Be sure any representations made in the listing correctly reflect the terms of your lease. Nextdoor Long Point Nextdoor Long Point is a private social network for the Long Point community. It's an easy way for Long Point neighbors to talk and share information online. Since getting started in 2015, Nextdoor Long Point has been used by shareholders to buy and sell furniture, recommend restaurants, request recommendations for contractors, find lost pets, and give away unneeded items, among other things. It is free and easy to use, and 180 of your

neighbors are already participating! If you have not yet signed up, please contact Duncan Adamson at dsadamson@gmail.com and he will send you an invitation.

Camp Renovations and Other Projects

If you are considering any renovations, new construction, site work or wastewater/septic repairs or upgrades, you will likely need a Long Point Corporation permit, a Town of Ferrisburgh permit, and possibly a Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation permit, depending on the project scope. In order to determine which permits are required, the best place to start is at the Permits page of the Long Point website, www.longpointcorp.com. Once you have completed all the necessary paperwork, send it along with the supporting documentation and a check for the \$50 fee to Long Point Corporation at P.O. Box 58, N. Ferrisburgh, VT 05753. For faster processing, email a copy of the paperwork to Nikki Fitzcharles at longpointcorp@gmavt.net. Should you have any questions at all, we encourage you to contact a member of the Board to help you through the permitting process.

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