

Long Point President's Letter

Recently, a colleague said, "You know you talk about Vermont all the time. What's the big deal?" Cue the scene from Charlie Brown's Christmas:

Lucy: *Everyone talks about how "great" Beethoven was. Beethoven wasn't so great.*

(Schroeder stops playing)

Schroeder: *What do you mean Beethoven wasn't so great?*

Lucy: *He never got his picture on bubblegum cards, did he? Have you ever seen his picture on a bubblegum card? Hmmm? How can you say someone is great who's never had his picture on bubblegum cards?*

Schroeder: *Good grief.*

So tempted to show a few photos of a sunset on the lake, or the sailboat heeling from the wind on the broad lake, or describe the intense and intelligent discussions of the temperature of the lake – Will Aunt Pat get in cold, really cold, take your breath away cold, or heart attack cold. Maybe a description of the waft of freshly spread cow manure. Or maybe the majesty of the Adirondacks and Green Mountains. The wonderfully special gathering of friends and family. Watching a new water skier learn to get up. Watch an experienced water skier's Rooster Tail display. The diamonds dancing on the lake on an early sunny morning. The calm. The stars. The sounds of laughter.

Before too long, most of us will be up at the lake and enjoying all that the lake and Long Point has to offer instead of only dreaming about it. This summer, you can expect many of the wonderful activities we have come to love and enjoy plus a few new opportunities.

Great work is being done to become the best stewards of this lovely land that we can be and to preserve the tranquility of life at Long Point. I encourage you to read through the entire newsletter to learn more about what we are doing and how you can be part of this good work!

Would you like to volunteer to help? Please contact any of the board members or folks on the committees listed in the Annual Report from last year and let them know you can help.

Want to pick up organizing THE Long Point Regatta? Organize/design the gardens at LaFlam Park? Help get the tennis court up and running? Have an idea for a new event? Let us know!

Every summer has a story! What will THIS summer have in store?

Happy Spring,



MaryLou Ivey,
Long Point Board President

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Dates To Remember

- **May 1st** – Water turned on
- **June 17th** – Spring Cleanup
- **June 24th** – Land Stewards Event (see Carrie Koplinka’s article)
- **July 4th weekend** – Fourth of July Boat Parade
- **August 5th** – 64th Annual Meeting Long Point Corporation
- **August 6th** – Annual Ice Cream Social
- **August 19th** – Annual Long Point Music Festival
- **October 31st** – Water turned off

To Be Determined

Gatherings on the Green
Who knows what fun we might have?



The 2nd Annual Long Point Music Festival August 19 at 4pm

The music will be a mixture of folk and rock. And yes, the rumor is true, you will get a chance to display your own talents. Don't let this intimidate you. The whole audience will sing an oldy-but-goody TV theme song from 'CHEERS' that reflects the Long Point spirit, with lyrics available on site.

Bring a picnic basket, "Beverage of your choice", and chairs. Alcohol will not be provided. There's very little parking, but it's a delightful walk to 20 Lakeview Rd. (The WALL). If you need a ride, email amulvihill2012@gmail.com.

Come out and share a good time with your neighbors. We're looking forward to a good crowd and good music. More information to follow.
See you on August 19 at 4pm.

-Bob Mulvihill
Festival Committee



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LaFlam Park

Last season was a good year for La Flam Park. Thanks to numerous volunteers the park got some long-overdue attention. The Volunteers put in four to five hours of maintenance work, and it shows!

Overgrown brush and trees were removed, a major overhaul of the swing set, the La Flam Park sign received a fresh coat of paint, and the shuffleboard also got a very long overdue coat of paint along with a list of other cleanup items. There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished.

However, what became evident is that La Flam Park requires and deserves attention minimally on an annual basis. An annual clean-up will make it a lot easier to do in the long run and make the park much more user-friendly.

With all that said, the goal is to have another cleanup of the park. To be decided is whether to schedule it as part of the annual cleanup day or a dedicated time just for the park.



The good news is, based on the work done last year, it should not be as arduous moving forward. Ultimately, the decision will be based on how much needs to be completed. Stay tuned for a time and date in the coming season. In the meantime, enjoy the park!

Gary Berg
Long Point Corporation, Director

Naturalist to lead tour of Long Point in June

Local ecologist Elizabeth Thompson will be leading a free tour of Long Point lands on Saturday, June 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by Long Point's Land Stewards, the walking tour will be held rain or shine and will begin at Louis Laflam Park, then proceed to other areas of Long Point. Please come!

Liz Thompson is a former conservation scientist with the Vermont Land Trust and co-author of [Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A Guide to the Natural Communities of Vermont](#) (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2019). She has a deep passion for patterns of plant distribution and is devoted to conserving wild places. Liz studied botany and ecology at the University of Maine, the University of Michigan Biological Station, and the University of Vermont.

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Garden Update

THERE IS ONE LARGE GARDEN PLOT AVAILABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS AT THE LONG POINT GARDENS THIS SPRING. IT IS IN A PRIME LOCATION. IT WILL REQUIRE QUITE A BIT OF SPRUCING UP AS IT SAW LIMITED USE IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THIS PLOT WOULD EASILY SERVE TWO GARDENING FAMILIES AND COULD BE DIVIDED TO WORK THAT WAY. IF YOU ARE COMMITTED TO BRINGING THIS PLOT BACK TO ITS FORMER GLORY FOR SUMMER 2023, PLEASE CALL/ TEXT KATY NUNN AT [434-229-5289](tel:434-229-5289) OR EMAIL ME AT NUNNKATY@HOTMAIL.COM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



LPC Lot Line Survey

Nate Yager of Latitudes Land Surveying, Inc. has started the process of gathering data from the Town of Ferrisburgh and LPC to begin inputting information for all LPC and lots. In working with Latitudes, the Lot Line Committee has reviewed all lease lot descriptions and reformatted the descriptions as needed to improve the ease of use. The Lot Line Committee has also reviewed all known files specific to the location of wastewater: the location of holding tanks, septic tanks, leach fields, alternative systems, etc.



As the process moves forward, members of the Lot Line Committee may contact stockholders to clarify information specific to lot descriptions and wastewater fields should there be questions. Yes, there are still a lot of descriptions referring to an old cedar tree or a mark on a rock near the large oak, or the field is located in a northerly direction from the camp.

Emerald Ash Borer Phase 3 Update

Teacher's Tree Service completed Phase 3 of the EAB removal in January. The focus of the removal was Bay Road, East Road, and Kirsch Lane. A raw cord of ash was delivered to 9 stockholders per their request. LPC did not sell any sawlogs due to the size and quality of the logs. Ash trees less than 4-5 inches in diameter at chest height was not removed in hopes that they will avoid the ash borer. The state map indicating the location of the EAB in the Vermont towns and across the state doesn't appear to have been updated since the fall. You may link to the following site for updates:

<https://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont>

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Notes from your treasurer:

This past season was a tough one financially. The board has struggled to keep within the budget approved back in August 2021 for the 2022-2023 season. As is true for all of us personally, the cost of everything has greatly increased for Long Point. Thanks to many volunteers, we have been able to keep Long Point functioning. Due to inflation, postponed work on the farmhouse because of the pandemic, and increases in contracted labor, I feel I should let you know ahead of time that it will be necessary to increase assessments going forward.

The water system expenditures this past season were twice as much as in past years due to many leaks needing to be repaired and other system failures. As a result, the water reserves were totally depleted. Thus, the water system users will see a sizable increase in the water assessment budget for 2024-2025 which will be voted on in August 2023.

Our reserves are an important financial life support we need to maintain and no doubt increase. This self-insurance is similar to what HOAs (homeowner associations) charge and set aside for upkeep, major repairs, and emergencies. We have been charging ourselves bargain prices for the services provided. To be realistic, we need to increase our reserves as a cushion against inflation and unforeseen repairs and save for anticipated replacements.

Respectfully,
Sandy Pearson

