

## Eagle Lake request- Dry Hydrant- Tick borne disease signs

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Joe

It was good seeing you at the Tick presentation a few weeks back- the presentation was excellent - Thanks for taking the time to talk about EL interests. Sorry for the delay in getting back to you as we talked about.

two reminders of our conversation

1. to consider working with DOT on the reconstruction of the RT74 causeway and to work collaboratively, as the Town looks into the closure of Gooseneck as a water source, to push for inclusion of a dry hydrant at the causeway- this is in consideration that when the gooseneck source is shut down the CVFD fire department will have no ready access to water along the entirety of rt 74 to the east or west of the causeway. This would be especially true in the winter when ice prevents any type of surface water access to the lake even if a truck were able to get close enough at some other location- considering that construction for the causeway at waters edge will be completed with its replacement it would appear to be a relatively easy task to incorporate the appropriate pipe necessary for a dry hydrant at this location to provide a ready access if ever necessary for the fire department. yes if it were necessary to access water here it would require disruption of traffic- but considering the close proximity location of most if not all structures to the road along the entire run of RT 74, if there were an event/ fire that required access to this water the equipment responding to the event would more than likely already have disrupted traffic flow by parking in the traveled lane, as there is no access for any "off street" parking at any of the structures along the road- I think it would be a preference to provide easy access to water in an emergency and deal with traffic interruptions as a secondary event.

I spoke briefly, by email, with CVFD communications person Steve Phelps about this and he asked the Chief what he thought of the idea- the Chief replied that he thought it was good. As of this writing I will forward a copy of this email to Steve P. and ELPOI VP Steven Meiers so that you and they can work together on coordination of this task, with you, should it be received and reviewed favorably- (as a note the rt74 water situation does not impact me as I'm on the opposite side of the lake). Also included is Keith Park, ELPOI's contact person to DOT about the rt 74 causeway reconstruction.

A brush/forest fire at Forest Lisle's property (the first property west of the causeway) several years ago brought out the CVFD tanker, they used almost all of the 3000 gallons of water in the tanker to contain this fire, NYS forest rangers were on scene prior and had already pumped several hundred gallons with their small, portable, hand carry, pump direct from the lake (while this small pump was effective it was not enough water to complete the job) as a note this fire was on many scales small, approximately a 200' by 500' area - in conversation that day with the Chief they were considering their options to refill the tanker if additional water were necessary- during this event RT 74's eastbound lane was blocked by the tanker and other fire dept vehicles also sitting along the shoulder in front of the driveway to Forest's place.

A motor home/camper fire last fall west of the causeway brought out CVFD with the need for water to control this fire - it was only by luck, the presence of a passing motorist who was a firefighter, their ability to get a text message out, in an area without cell service, and the quick response of the CVFD that the fire was brought under control before the adjoining woods where the distressed motorhome operator parked did not go up in flames. This incident closed traffic in both directions while it was being controlled.

This summer (2019) a tractor and trailer rollover brought out CVFD and many other first responders, their first concern was public safety but second to this was that the fuel tank of the tractor ruptured spilling fuel- creating a potential fire situation, this was not the first such accident on RT 74 over the past several decades (there have been 8 -10 others in the same 2 mile stretch in years past)- while this one and the previous ones, in this area, have not involved any fire or

need for water, several incidents on the Chilson Hill portion of RT 74 in the past have, with the amount of traffic, both truck and car, that travels daily on RT 74 one might assume that at some point significant water might be needed for an emergency situation.

Unless a replacement/ ready source of water to feed the current 2 wet hydrants currently on the gooseneck system are provided in the "waterplan" going forward, a dry hydrant might be a good alternative.

2. A request for you to reach out to the DEC/APA for ELPOI (Rolf Tiedemann to complete the task) to be able to post 2 of the professionally made Tick borne (Lyme) disease signs handed out at the presentation (see images of them below)- one by Dept of Health and second by CDC- indicating possible presence of ticks and concern for Lyme and other tick borne diseases. One set of signs would be posted at the boat launch and the second set at the Crown Point Community Use Area (AKA beach/ campground).

ELPOI has or had permission, from a decades ago request, to install and post 2 sign boards 1 at each of the boat launch and beach for posting information about ELPOI, invasives and boater safety, these sign boards are kept up to date by the ELPOI and are currently full, posting of these new signs would be on either the post holding our signs or an appropriate anchorage near the existing signs. In the years post their original installation, DEC/APA has piggy backed on these sign posts with many of their own of all varieties, thus diminishing the original intent of the sign idea by ELPOI for alerting lake user of the presence of Milfoil in EL.

As part of this request/ conversation with the DEC, ELPOI would also ask you to request that DEC/APA consider some very limited and basic ground vegetation/ weed management at this popular community gathering spot- keeping the weeds "mowed" while not allowed as part of the Wild Forest management practices, it would be appropriate here to ask for making an exception to protect our communities health, by keeping the weeds/ grass to a level that discourages tick populations. Several lake residents reported this summer either finding ticks on themselves and/or being bitten by ticks, several of these also being treated for confirmed Lyme symptoms. All of these reports were associated with and from contact with the immediate EL shore areas.

Thank you for consideration of the above 2 items, your interest in working with the ELPOI Officers on matters that affect the EL community of residents. The positioning of the Ti Police radar sign was appreciated by many residents that I spoke with- their comment was that they would like to see its presence continue and that while the sign slowed down some, they still felt a need, going forward, for greater Police presence for enforcement in the future.

Rolf Tiedemann

# WARNING

Ticks Found in this Area MAY Cause

## LYME DISEASE & Other Tick-borne Diseases

**To avoid tick bites:**

- Consider using insect repellents; follow label directions.
- Walk in the center of trails, avoid high grass and brush at trail edges.
- Check for ticks daily on yourself, your children and your pets.
- Carefully remove attached ticks, fine point tweezers work best.
- Shower soon after being outdoors.




NEW YORK STATE Department of Health

[www.health.ny.gov/tickfree](http://www.health.ny.gov/tickfree)

# PREVENT TICK BITES!



- WEAR REPELLENT
- CHECK FOR TICKS DAILY
- SHOWER SOON AFTER BEING OUTDOORS
- CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU GET A FEVER OR RASH

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/Lyme](http://www.cdc.gov/Lyme)



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