

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.



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Mr. Giordano,

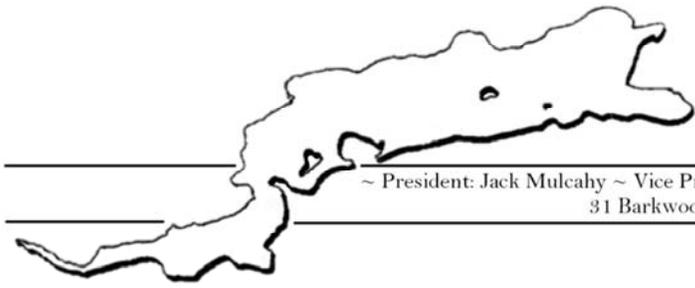
From our conversation of last month, here are some of the history points that we talked about regarding ELPOI's attempts at mitigating speed issues along Rt. 74, as well as some thoughts for radar speed signs and possible inclusion of a dry Hydrant at the NYS Rt. 74 causeway. These items all taking place as/when work is commenced on that project, sorry for the delay but I've been away on travel for work.

The WHY's and WHAT's that have been done in the past:

ELPOI has made attempts at lowering speed along Rt 74 due to a good number of accidents along that corridor, truck accidents in 1993, 2009, 2012 and many other auto accidents that are not documented and again, last year in 2019. One of these accidents resulted in the death of resident Toby Secone in 2014 while entering Rt 74 from an access road and another several years prior resulted in the deaths of 2 motor cycle riders.

All of these accidents had speed as a contributing factor. Residents living along Rt 74 as it passes Eagle Lake have reported speeding along the lake to the ELPOI, and I myself, have been passed on the causeway, over a double yellow no passing zone, while driving the speed limit. During the summer months, there is considerable foot activity crossing the road as many properties have lake rights and are located on the opposite side of the road. There are many blind driveways along sharp curves that are challenging to get in and out of, along with 3 access roads that also enter Rt 74 along the lake that feed multiple camps. These unique situations have made speed thru the corridor of considerable concern.

Past attempts have been made to lower the speed limit, these included previous requests to the Town as well as direct requests to the NYSDOT to seek a reduced speed posting, these have resulted in a DOT reply that the speed on this section of road is properly posted and that any speed issues should be addressed by better enforcement. After the last fatal accident about 5 years ago the DOT conducted a "formal" speed assessment and the formal written conclusion was that enforcement was the solution rather than a lowered speed limit. I have made requests of the Town of Ticonderoga, State Police and Sheriff's Department's for use of their radar speed signs since taking the position of ELPOI Secretary in 2015. Deployment of radar signs by the



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Town of Ticonderoga in the past have been met with much appreciation by lake residents and a noticeable lessening of speeding incidents in the areas where these signs have been deployed. Ticonderoga and State Police have also increased patrols in the area seemingly at the request of the ELPOI.

With this letter, and through my previous conversation with you, the Eagle Residents and the ELPOI are making a request of the Town for support in writing a letter and working with the NYS DOT Design Engineer's in adding permanent radar speed signs, both east and west bound, at the "entrances" to the populated section of Rt 74 on EL. These should be included with the Rt 74 causeway reconstruction.

A second request is also being made for the Town, to support with appropriate letters and again direct input to DOT engineering, to include a dry hydrant at the causeway in relation to the de-commissioning of the Gooseneck water line and loss of water access for fire protection. This would be especially necessary during the winter months when the lake is frozen and many residents may be heating with wood. This topic was shared with the Chilson VFD, via email, and they are in support of this also.

The Officers of the ELPOI have been in contact with the responsible Engineer's at NYS DOT concerning including radar signs (and a dry hydrant) with the causeway project. These are, ongoing. With the support of your office, hopes are that permanent signs can be put in place so that we would not need to request the same from local law enforcement agencies every year.

Sincerely,

Keith Park
Secretary, ELPOI

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ELPOI Officers