

Eagle Lake June 30 update letter APA reply regarding EL Boat Launch

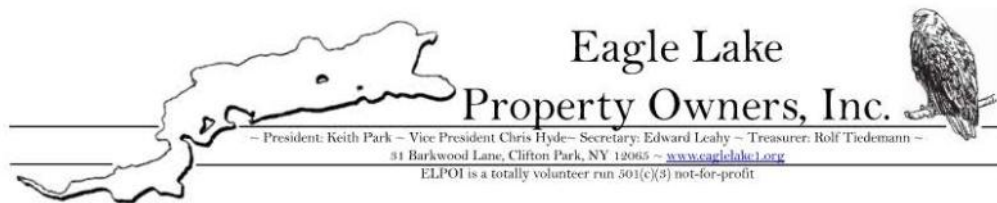
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Below are images of ELPOI's recent communications with the APA and their feedback. Since they are jpg images links do not work you will need to use the attached PDF file to actively follow the links.

Annual meeting date July 8th, 10am Chilson Community Center, Putts Pond Road



Eagle Lake 2023-6-29 resident update letter, APA Replies to Boat Launch

Greetings from Eagle Lake,

Just a brief note to pass along the response we got from Barbara Rice, Executive Director of the APA to inform membership. We have sent several letters out to APA Board Chair John Ernst, Governor Hochul, and Deputy Director of Planning Megan Phillips who made the decision to close our launch to trailered traffic. We got the first enclosed response on 6/26 basically re-stating that the decision to close the launch has not changed and that the APA is not interested in any further dialog about it. On 6/28, we got a second response, enclosed, again from Barbara Rice. This second reply was as a result of a more detailed letter having been sent directly to her. This letter indicates that details sent to her along with additional correspondence may be taken under consideration based on what they have received.

If we are to get the attention of the APA to open this further dialog it will be because they are hearing from far more people than just local and state government and the ELPOI. They need to hear from YOU! We will be offering assistance to write the APA at the **Annual Meeting** along with more information about what the ELPOI board has been doing and an overview of the case we have against closure. Success in getting our voices heard will depend on how many voices ARE heard, and how loud they are, as recent bad press involving the APA and their shortcomings in decisions made in other subjects should have us join in that.

Please plan to join us on **July 8 th, 10am at the Chilson Community Center Putts Pond Road**. If you can't make this meeting please reach out to myself at topnotch@nycap.rr.com or one of our Officers to see how you can become more involved.

Attached are the 2 reply letters received, dated 6/26 and 6/21, and links to the 4 letters sent to the APA upon which the responses were based on. The last letter sent was to APA Executive Director Rice on 6/23 and was a more detailed presentation of the many shortcomings involved with the APA's not following their own protocol leading up to their pursuing a decision that was not the preferred option stated in the 2019 UMP, this also included numerous inconsistencies involving many aspects of how our boat launch has been handled by the APA and DEC over the years. We are hoping for further response and dialog with the APA and anything additional they hear from the property owners themselves will enhance our chances at this.

Lastly, Lawn signs supporting the effort to save our boat launch will be provided for you at the annual meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

ELPOI President Keith Park on behalf of the ELPOI Board.



New York State
Adirondack
Park Agency

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

BARBARA RICE
Executive Director

June 26, 2023

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.
31 Barkwood Lane
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Dear Keith Park:

I received your letter regarding the plans for the boat launch on Eagle Lake on Friday June 23rd. This letter will be taken under consideration along with the other correspondence we have received.

Thank you for your information and for your interest in this issue and the Adirondack Park.

Regards,

Barbara Rice

Barbara Rice
Executive Director

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June 21, 2023

Keith Park
President
Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.
31 Barkwood Lane
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Dear Keith Park and Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., Board of Directors:

Governor Hochul asked us to respond to your letter regarding the Eagle Lake boat launch. Thank you for your interest in the planning and management of the Adirondack Park Forest Preserve.

As explained during your meeting with Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) staff on February 1, 2023, APA has informed DEC that Alternative 2, described in the approved 2019 unit management plan for the Hammond Pond Wild Forest, is the only option that conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Alternative 2 entails converting the existing non-conforming boat launch site to a waterway access site. The site will accommodate water's edge trailered launching of small and light trailered boats but will not provide float-off/float-on trailered boat launching, pursuant to Wild Forest guidelines. This approach is consistent with how other non-conforming boat launch sites have been managed across the Adirondack Park.

APA and DEC recognize the longstanding use of this site and its importance to Eagle Lake landowners. For this reason, the management action described above will not be implemented until the close of the 2024 boating season. This timeline enables users of the lake to plan for the pending management action and explore alternative launching opportunities, if necessary.

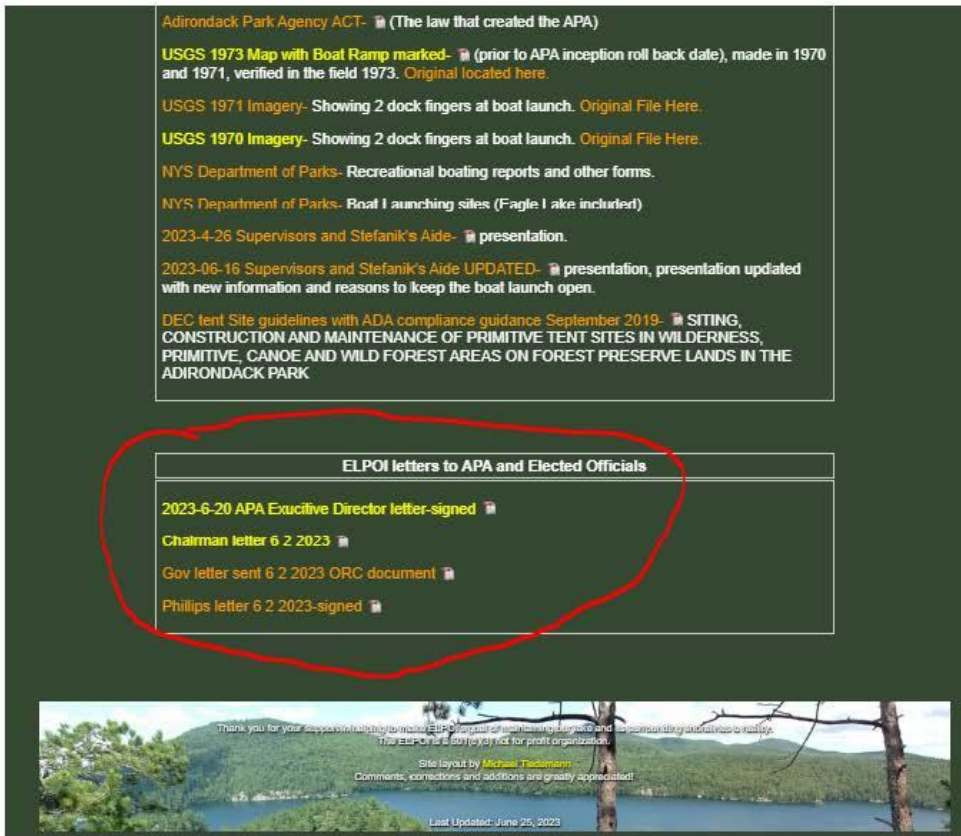
Respectfully,

Barbara Rice

Barbara Rice
Executive Director
Adirondack Park Agency

Joseph M. Zalewski, P.E.
Regional Director
Department of Environmental Conservation

To read the letters that were sent to the APA and Governor go to Eaglelake1.org use the Archives tab and look for 2023 Boat Launch Changes Page, scroll to the bottom of the page and see the files shown here.



Direct links are:

- http://www.eaglelake1.org/archives/documents/2023_boat_launch_changes/letters_to_elected_officials/2023-6-20%20APA%20Executive%20Director%20letter-signed%20combined.pdf
- http://www.eaglelake1.org/archives/documents/2023_boat_launch_changes/letters_to_elected_officials/Chairman%20letter%206%202%202023.pdf
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