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Ms. Phillips,

This correspondence should serve as the Town of Ticonderoga's official position opposing the upcoming management action by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to prohibit float off/on trailer boat access at the Eagle Lake Boat Launch site in the Town of Ticonderoga. Although I appreciate the notification on February 3, 2023, of the ensuing action, it was just that, a notification, and not a discussion of alternative solutions. The Ticonderoga Town Board, through Resolution #85 on February 9, 2023, and the Essex County Board of Supervisors, through Resolution #43 on February 6, 2023, have both opposed this action. The Boat Launch has co-existed with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan for 50 years with no significant impact or issue, and the APA decision now to act on this matter appears arbitrary and capricious. I would offer that the APA consider a grandfathered approach for this issue or other less radical actions to lessen the disruption to the lives of Ticonderoga's residents and visitors.

Ticonderoga recognizes and agrees that protecting the Adirondacks is an important endeavor but such actions to support that mission should be accomplished through logical discourse and consensus and not by decree. Any land use plan should provide protection through a common-sense, balanced, and flexible approach which protects the Park while preserving the rights of our residents. Actions should not be driven by any plan that constrains us in a direction for which there is no ability to reexamine issues and the severe impacts associated with them on a case-by-case basis.

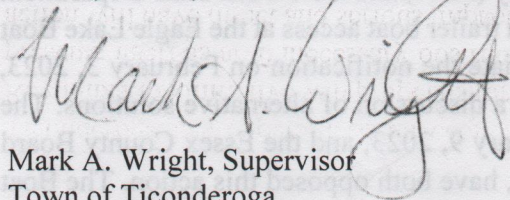
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Ticonderoga has experienced an economic revival and the recent award of the \$10M Downtown Revitalization Initiative will propel us forward. However, the restriction at the Eagle Lake Boat Launch presents itself as an unnecessary obstruction to Ticonderoga's economic recovery. This management action will have direct and serious impacts to the residents of Ticonderoga and the Town's economy to include the following areas:

- Emergency response along the lake.
- Accessibility to those with physical disabilities.
- Potential reduction in taxable property values.
- Impact to local business community via reduced patronage of this location by visitors.
- Restricting some from accessing their land locked property.
- Inaccessibility to property owners whose property grades are not suitable for launching boats or removing them for maintenance.
- Diminishing the freedom and enjoyment of the lake.

Although the APA may choose to not act on Ticonderoga's opposition to this management action, my hope is that we may all attempt to mitigate the impacts to residents and the Town through partnership and dialogue to continue ensuring the Adirondacks remain a beautiful place to live, work, play, and enjoy for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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