## Eagle Lake winter 2021 newsletter

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ELPOI is happy to announce that the winter 2021 newsletter is ready to be shared, See attached document or images.

Lots of items have taken place this past spring and summer, one of the most notable is that many property's have changed ownerships. The officers are doing their best keep up with these changes so that our community can be kept informed about any lake issues but know that we have missed more updated contact information than we have captured.

If you are receiving this email and no longer own property, please enjoy it and accept my apologies if we should have changed the contact information for you. Please use reply and let me know what changes I need to make.

This newsletter is only being sent by email, we have contact information for many of our residents but not all, so if you see a neighbor let them know that this has been sent out to see if they got the information, if they want to be included in the future have them reply to me at camptouchstone @yahoo.com or by voice or text to 585-752-4912. Membership forms are available on the ELPOI website at eaglelake1.org, membership is July 1 to June 30.

A quick snow and ice update, last night 12-18-2021, mother nature dropped about 6-8 inches of fresh snow, and set a skin of ice in Ti Bay, just in time for the holidays.



more lake images and a time lapse of the days image can be found at Web Cameras Page | ELPOI



see the full newsletter as a PDF below or as attached JPG images

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## Celebrating 114 years of responsible lake stewardship.

Greetings ELPOI members and friends,

Happy Holidays - hopefully everybody had a splendid Thanksgiving holiday with gatherings of family and friends, food and all the other trimmings as near "normal" as possible.

As Fall has arrived with its usual camp chores and close-ups, I wanted to update everyone on the activities your volunteer ELPOI Board has been working on. The following is a brief summary of events that your ELPOI officers have been involved with or are monitoring.

Weather - Thanksgiving week also brought some weather changes to the lake - Eagle Lake got a quick snow squall around 3pm on 11/26 here is an image of the result from 11/27. The first time temperatures dipped into the low 30's was November 5th and the first hard frost was November 24th with a temperature of 25 degrees



Water Level - The torrential rains we received this summer made it difficult to maintain an acceptable water level even though the boards had been taken out at the dam. NYS DEC direction is for water level at +/- 4 inches. Officially, the water level is controlled by adjusting boards in the State dam. July's rain total was impressive at some 20 inches. At the height of the rain the lake topped out at plus 10 inches. For those wondering why the lake level might have seemed excessively high this Fall, the lake received some 5 inches of rain from the end of October till the 2nd week in November. A wet season at times for sure.



Image of dock that is normally 18 inches above the water

Beavers and lots of them - On another note about the high water. Beavers were very active throughout the winter of 2020 and spring of 2021. Nearly every weekend time was spent breaking up their dam. The trapper we had caught two beavers in the spring of 2021, but he is no longer available. ELPOI retained a professional trapper this Fall to deal with the constant battle of removing debris from the spillway dam. Our new trapper, Jim Comstock, is a career trapper located in Gansevoort, NY. In one weeks time in early September he was able to set traps and remove an additional 6 very large beavers. He commented that they looked well fed, this is not surprising as the beavers love to eat the lily roots found in the channel from the boat launch to the dam. After their removal the water was flowing unhindered over the dam. However, after a few weeks our volunteer dam spotters/ maintainers found that there is probably still one beaver, maybe more, working the area as every week there is still some debris piled on the dam. With the distance the trapper needs to travel to daily check his traps he has asked if there is a local resident that wouldn't mind doing such and report to him any activity that he needs to address. One of our residents has agreed to do this and hopefully they can work together to catch the last of this year's beavers. This work will start when the lake ices over and the trapper is able to access the Beaver lodge . On the positive side of this, a mid October kayak paddle down the lake from the boat launch to the spillway did not show any dams in the channel where the beavers have in

Wishing everybody a very Merry holiday and enjoyable New Year

for the Board

**Rolf Tiedemann** 



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