

Eagle Lake Bridge and Boat Launch

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I received the in-line message below from local contractor, Peter Reale, regarding his progress on the causeway replacement bridge. We thank him for keeping us posted. His openness, availability to talk and willingness to work with us speaks volumes of the importance of doing business locally. In a follow up conversation with him he did note that while travel times through this area are affected, they are by only minutes as traffic cycles past the one lane road section. Check the Web Cam at http://eaglelake1.org/html/video/cameras/camera_select.php should you want to watch.

He also stated that with ice going out in the past few days folks will undoubtedly want to get their boats on the lake. Note however that there are heavy anchored turbidity curtains on either side of RT 74 that will PREVENT ANY TRAVEL under the causeway. An exact removal time for these is as yet not known, and is dependent on sitework completion around the abutments. He asked that we please be patient, he will advise when they will be removed.

As part of the "completion work" a new water level gauge will be installed, a preview image of this gauge is below Peter's message.

On a different note we reached 1000 signatures on the boat launch petition in under 5 days, this is significantly better than another larger local lake with other issues. A question of how this is possible for us, a small lake, was raised; answer, because we are the "little engine that could". Without the efforts of all of the ELPOI Officers and the support of you, the residents and community, the boat launch issue would not have the attention it deserves at this point. Please consider putting a link to the ELPOI web page or a direct link to the petition on your social media pages and ask your mutual friends to support you in being able to retain access to the lake by float on/off boats.

In doing a deep dive into the 50 year historical records that surround EL's boat launch and the Crown Point Bay day use/ campground, as well as significant other related documents, we have found that this "under 1000 acre" guideline, as it is now being applied to EL, is significantly more intertwined with facts and "as built conditions" than just a rule for now being "out of compliance" because we are under 1000 acres.

We are still asking everyone to reach out, by phone or mail, to Senator Dan Stec, Assembly Member Matt Simpson, Ticonderoga Supervisor Mark Wright, Crown Point Supervisor Charles Harrington, Essex County Co-Chair Jim Monty. Indicate a Thank You to them for opposing this change and all of the behind the scene's efforts they have made so far. Also provide them with a personal note of how the closure of EL launch to float off/on use will affect you. Consider: no other public launch facilities on the lake, no ability to develop a different public or private launch site, boat launching/retrieval at anytime without impact to using a neighbor's launch, mid season boat removal for service, friendship/neighbor relationships impact to the 3-4 residents that happen to have a yard suitable for primitive float off launching, accessing your boat access only property, need for a more stable boat than a canoe as we age, need for a larger boat to support a mobility impaired person, lake access for safety for emergency services, lake access for construction and utility services for lake access only folks, access for the community to be able to enjoy a relaxing day on a public lake, etc. You get the idea, this is but a start of the impacts this change will have.

Please cc me at the email above on any communications you send so that we have a record to share as needed. Contact information for the above folks can be gotten through a google search of their names. Do not feel that you have to live fulltime in NYS, or in the districts of the above elected officials to talk with them. They not only represent you as a property owner on EL, but they also represent all resident's and VISITOR'S interests to the area. As Assembly Member Simpson's legislative aid said "we can only represent you if we know what you need representing on". If you, as I do split your living time between EL and another NYS district, consider asking your local officials in the other district to reach out to, and support, the efforts of those mentioned above. I and a couple others living in the Rochester area have done this and have gotten an appreciative "thank you" from our local official(s) in letting them know that this issue is affecting more than just a few folks.

Keith Park
Rolf Tiedemann

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Peter Reale
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 at 10:55:36 AM EDT
Subject: Eagle Lake Bridge

Rolf – Phase two Abutment installation will happen Tuesday 4/18 (a week ahead of schedule) after backfill, we will proceed to remove half the bridge Deck and existing abutment. Leaving one travel lane open. We are still planning on the Full Closure Friday 5/5 at 6pm – weather permitting. If we anticipate bad weather – we will push it off a week.

The NYSDOT should be sending out a Regional Press Release on this.

New EL water level gauge

