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Eagle Lake December Newsletter

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Boat Launch Litigation Suspended

The ELPOI Board has decided not to pursue litigation against New York State regarding the closure of our launch.

This was an incredibly difficult decision, as we understand the impact this closure will have on many of our members. We carefully considered the membership's prior vote to allocate up to \$10,000 to fight the closure. To that end, we engaged a legal firm specializing in land use issues. The firm conducted thorough research, met with attorneys from the APA and the DEC, and provided us with their professional assessment: The likelihood of success in litigation is extremely low. As they explained, "Not only would litigation fail to achieve your ultimate goal, but it would also likely be an expensive failure."

Initially, the attorneys thought they could get us some relief through negotiation with the APA, but that turned out to be unsuccessful. To date our attorney fees total \$5,200. Proceeding with litigation would require significantly exceeding the \$10,000 previously approved by membership. This would necessitate seeking additional approval and requesting contributions to fund the effort. Given these factors, and in light of our legal team's advice that "those resources could be better used elsewhere," the Board concluded that moving forward is not a prudent use of our limited funds.

We recognize this decision will be as disappointing to our membership as it is to the Board. However, we believe it is in the best interest of our organization to allocate our resources effectively.

If you feel strongly that we should reconsider this decision, we welcome your input. Please share your thoughts by clicking the **Launch Litigation Comments** button.

Moving forward, the ELPOI Board will look for alternative launch options for the membership. Any suggestions are welcome.

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Exciting news ahead! As we step into the New Year, Eagle Lake is gearing up for a fresh start with a brand-new logo. This logo will proudly represent our community across all ELPOI merchandise and communications. Who better to define our brand's essence than our cherished lake neighbors, families, and friends? Stay tuned for further details in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, let your creativity flow and start envisioning what the new Eagle Lake logo should look like.

Speed Signs Success

The Town of Ticonderoga applied for and received a permit from DOT to install two radar speed warning signs on Route 74.

Additionally, the town has ordered the signs and they are expected to arrive soon.



One sign will be placed just before the causeway, as motorists head east, and the other will be just before Harris Point Way, heading west. We should see the signs in operation soon, which should improve safety on this busy section of Route 74.

Thank you Supervisor Wright and the entire Ticonderoga Town Board!

Happy Holidays



As the year draws to a close, The ELPOI Board wishes to express our gratitude for your support and dedication to Eagle Lake. Together, we've accomplished so much to preserve and enhance this cherished natural treasure.

May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and time to reflect on the beauty of nature and the community we share. Here's to a new year filled with continued stewardship and shared success.

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