

In Crown Point

'Distressed' town to apply for grant

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CROWN POINT—Apparently, being distressed has its advantages.

Because the state considers Crown Point a "distressed community," it is eligible for grant money from the state Department of State for environmental projects, Supervisor Dale French announced during the town board's April 11 meeting.

Ticonderoga had sought similar grant money to treat Eagle Lake for milfoil, but it is not eligible. For that reason, Ticonderoga officials asked Crown Point to seek the money for Eagle Lake, of which a small portion is in Crown Point.

Crown Point trustees noted such a grant would be of very little benefit to Crown Point since virtually the entire lake is in Ticonderoga.

Board members then expressed opposition to providing the matching portion of the grant, if awarded, since Ticonderoga would derive most the of the benefit. French answered Ticonderoga was willing to provide the match on Crown Point's behalf.

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Trustees also wondered if seeking the matching grant would interfere with grant money the town is seeking for improvements to Monitor Bay campsite and boat launch. If it's a choice between Monitor Bay and Eagle Lake, they agreed, there is no choice—Monitor Bay is a priority.

French, however, said he didn't believe the grant applications would be in conflict. He also noted there are about six summer camps on Eagle Lake in the town of Crown Point which pay property taxes and receive little in the way of town services.

The board then agreed to seek the grant.