

Eagle Lake

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2/25/22

NYS DEC

Dear Mr. Thomas.

This letter is to report on ELPOI activities in regards to our VSA agreement to maintain the Lake's spillway and dam in order to keep lake levels +/- 4" of the established normal when possible. Dam boards were removed on the 18th of October 2020 to lower the lake level for the winter, Beaver activity was cleared out of the spillway a minimum of 5 times before this as well as at least 12 times by the end of November 2020. During the fall of 2020, a trapper was contacted and removed 2 beavers, but beaver activity continued into 2021. Boards were replaced in the dam on 4/29/21 and we continued to monitor lake level. Due to difficulties contracting with a more reliable trapper in 2021, approximately 46.5 hours were spent by ELPOI members clearing beaver debris from the dam area. By late summer a new trapper was hired and 6 beavers were removed but several still remained. Boards were removed from the dam on 10/16/21, to draw the water down for the winter. As of now our trapper is trying to work from the ice to trap the remaining beavers. ELPOI spent \$600 removing beavers in 2021. As a small volunteer organization we do our best to stay ahead of the beaver but within a matter of days they can often rebuild what we clear out. We hope, now that we have a reliable trapper, we can keep a better handle on lake level with less effort in clearing debris on our part. If the State has any additional resources that can be utilized to assist our efforts, please advise us.

Please see the links below for our annual newsletter communication to our members and photos of the work completed .

http://eaglelake1.org/html/archives/newsletters.shtml

http://eaglelake1.org/html/photo_album/2020-2029/2022/2022_beaver_activity.shtml

Volunteer List: Jack Mulcahy, Dave Cerny, Keith Park, Zach Dorfman, Steve Meier, Rolf Tiedemann, Dianne Tiedemann, Michael Tiedemann, Chris Hyde

Sincerely,

Chris Hyde

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