

Town Clerk

From: Andrea Hogan <supervisor@johnsburgny.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Kate Lorah
Subject: [FWD: Thirteenth Lake]

Kate - Please add this to correspondence for tomorrow night.

Thanks

Andrea Hogan

Supervisor, Town of Johnsbury, NY

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Thirteenth Lake
From: Rick and Anne Morse <morses2@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, November 04, 2020 10:42 am
To: Town of Johnsbury <supervisor@johnsburgny.com>

Dear Andrea:

We just heard that the Widlund's 17 acre parcel on Thirteenth Lake may be purchased by the Adirondack Land Trust and eventually added to NY State park land. We are totally in favor of this. Thirteenth Lake is a gem, an unpolluted beauty that attracts a huge number of tourists to our area. You only had to visit the parking lot to the public camping, beach and trail heads to see how many. It was jam packed all summer and fall. It would be wonderful to see the lake and its shore remain undeveloped.

Sincerely,

Rick and Anne Morse

Town Clerk

From: Andrea Hogan <supervisor@johnsburgny.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Kate Lorah
Subject: [FWD: Purchase of Widlund Property in North River by NYS]

Another for correspondence.

Andrea Hogan

Supervisor, Town of Johnsburg, NY

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Purchase of Widlund Property in North River by NYS
From: Richard Carlson <diccarlson@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, November 04, 2020 1:41 pm
To: Johnsburg Supervisor <supervisor@johnsburgny.com>

Hi Andrea and Town Board:

I am asking the Board to support the decision of the State of New York to purchase this unique parcel on Thirteenth Lake. This property represents the last privately-owned lakefront property on Thirteenth Lake which is the gateway to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Thirteenth Lake is a truly public resource with a state beach, handicap accessible campsites and beautiful wilderness campsites. There are presently no structures built on or near the lake. The sale will assure that Thirteenth Lake will retain its designation as an accessible, yet wild lake.

Thanks for your consideration.

Dick Carlson

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Richard Carlson
PO Box 73
North River, NY 12856
518-251-0829

November 4, 2020

Supervisor Hogan and Members of the Town Board
Town of Johnsburg
219 Main Street
North River NY 12853

RE: Thirteenth Lake Land Tax ID# 63.-1-2

Dear Supervisor Hogan and Members of the Town Board:

The above property is the last privately owned lakefront property on Thirteenth Lake. As you know, this lake is an important gateway to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. The lake is also a vital public resource with a state beach, regular and handicap accessible campsites. Presently, there are no structures built on or near the lake. We are asking that the Board support the decision of the State of NY to purchase this exceptional parcel on Thirteenth Lake, assuring that Thirteenth Lake will remain an accessible, though wild lake.

Sincerely,

Anita Abrams and John Elford
444 Thirteenth Lake RdNorth River, NY 12856



November 4, 2020

Andrea Hogan
Town of Johnsburg
219 Main Street
North Creek, NY 12853

Dear Ms Hogan and Members of the Town Board

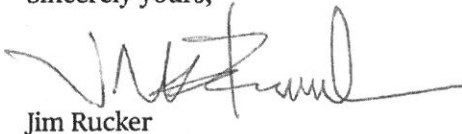
Re: Widlund Property on Thirteenth lake, Parcel ID 63.-1-2

I am asking the Board to support the decision of NY State to purchase this unique property on Thirteenth Lake. With the exception of the Garnet Hill Property Owners Association beach, which in accordance with the deeds cannot be developed, this is the last remaining piece of private property on Thirteenth Lake. I believe the Lake is an extremely important asset to the community, having good public access while at the same time retaining a wilderness feel to it. If the State does not purchase the land there is the real possibility of the property ending up in private hands and being developed. This would significantly effect the wilderness nature of the Lake.

Garnet Hill Lodge is a member of the Garnet Hill Property Owners Association and has the right to allow overnight guests staying at the Lodge to use the beach. Changing the character of the Lake through development would negatively impact the experience to guests and therefore impact my business. However, I believe it would also impact local businesses more broadly. The Lake attracts many visitors for canoeing/kayaking, fishing, camping and hiking. A reduction in the attractiveness of Thirteenth Lake and therefore the number of visitors would hurt local businesses. The area needs more, not less visitors.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Rucker

November 4, 2020
PO Box 14
North River, NY 12856

RE: Thirteenth Lake Land Tax ID# 63.-1-2

Dear Andrea:

Ellen and I are asking the Town Board of Johnsbury to support the decision of the State of NY to purchase the Widlund parcel on Thirteenth Lake. The purchase of this wonderful property presents a great opportunity to preserve lakefront lands at the edge of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. Thirteenth Lake is an invaluable public resource with a state beach, handicap accessible campsites and beautiful wilderness campsites. There are presently no structures built on or near the lake. The sale will assure that Thirteenth Lake will remain an accessible, yet wild lake.

Sincerely,

Greg and Ellen Schaefer

Rick and Jane Moon
78 Beach Rd
North River, NY 12856

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We are asking the Board to support the decision of the State of NY to purchase this unique parcel on Thirteenth Lake. This property represents the last privately-owned lakefront property on Thirteenth Lake which is the gateway to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Thirteenth Lake is a truly public resource with a state beach, handicap accessible campsites and beautiful wilderness campsites. There are presently no structures built on or near the lake. The sale will assure that Thirteenth Lake will retain its designation as an accessible, yet wild lake.

Sincerely,
Richard and Jane Moon

Julia West
PO Box 188
North River, NY 12856
juliawest60@gmail.com

5 November, 2020

To: Supervisor Andrea Hogan and Johnsbury Town Board
Re: Widlund property (63.-1-2) sale, 13th Lake

Hello,

I'm writing to ask you to please support the sale of this property to the Adirondack Land Trust and subsequently the State of New York. Having this property added to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness is a huge benefit to all of the people who appreciate wilderness and use and enjoy 13th Lake, in addition to the inherent benefit of the existence of wilderness land. It is a very special lake in our town for its wild character. This purchase would leave only the Garnet Hill Association beach as a private holding on the lake. The rest would be wilderness lakefront. I see no reason why there should be objection to this special arrangement; it is a win-win for everyone and the land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia West