

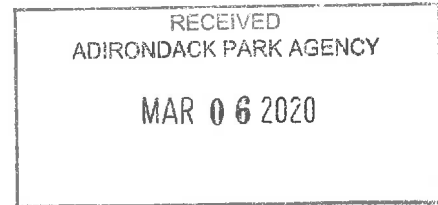


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Adirondack Park Agency
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I am the newly elected Town Supervisor of the Town of Long Lake, NY. It has been brought to my attention that "Another Paradise Cove", our local boat shop, is before your committee regarding the deck extension on the Jennings pond side of the old building at 1265 Main street.

I have spoken with Mr. Carrothers about this matter and he has informed me that the APA has asked that the deck built this past winter be removed, due to not acquiring the proper variance. He has admitted to me that although the final variance has not been granted, he has been in constant contact regarding this project over the past two years since he purchased the property. Mr. Carrothers informed me that at the suggestion of the APA, he reduced the scope of the original plan considerably to accommodate the suggestions made by the APA board including the size of the deck in question. It is my understanding the original deck was 16X60 and the current deck is 12X40, a reduced size suggested during a site visit by APA staff.

The Town's position is that Long Lake has been granted full use of the property by Mr. Carrothers, to use for the annual children's fishing tournament, The Fourth of July fireworks, and year round public use as a walking park. The Town of Long Lake carries the liability policy on the property. Mr. Carrothers has also granted the town access and works with the town in the maintenance of both the spillway and dam.

It is vital to the commercial district and livelihood of the Town that we maintain a good working relationship with Mr. Carrothers. He has restored numerous properties in Long Lake, including Lakeside Apartments and Another Paradise Cove, his two more recent renovations. All his hard work and knowledge has greatly contributed to a fresh, updated look to our town as these two buildings were in major disrepair.

The current planned coffee shop, in addition to the already existing kayak, canoe rental business will be of great service to the tourist business we continue to develop. Stacy Pagoda, a long time resident of Long Lake, owns this business partnered with Mr. Carrothers. The opening of the coffee shop will provide more jobs for our town and provide refreshments to beach goers and all other foot traffic.

I am highly recommending that an agreement be reached by the APA with Mr. Carrothers in a timely manner as we only have a short time frame in the Adirondacks in attempt to make a living running a small business. His contributions to Long Lake over the ten years he has lived here is much appreciated by the members of our community. Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter. I will assist in any way that helps resolve this situation.

Sincerely,

Clay J Arsenault
Town Supervisor