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LAND USE DISCUSSIONS

As explained in our May 2016 Newsletter, FEI has been in discussions with the Town of Santa Clara to reestablish group camping on Eagle Island through a petition to amend the Land Use Code. This is a multi-step process that has been quite involved. These steps included preparing and filing a petition for an Amendment with the Town Board, Review of the Amendment by the Planning Board, and the final step of a Public Hearing and Vote by the Town Board. At the end of September, we were pleased to have the Planning Board submit a report of its thorough review of the proposed Land Use Amendment to the Town Board.

At its October meeting, the Town Board accepted the Planning Board report and set December 8th as the date for the Public Hearing. FEI appreciates all the work done by everyone involved and we are hopeful for favorable action by the Town Board.

Chris Wubbolding, President, FEI Board of Directors



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Celebrate our **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** of owning Eagle Island!

We endlessly appreciate all the volunteers and the monetary support we received in 2016 toward the reopening of camp.

Support this work in 2017 and beyond by pledging or giving today.

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Gratefully yours!

FEI Board of Directors

PLEDGE / FUND APPEAL

One of the things Eagle Island taught us is that we are all responsible for contributing to our community. ***Together we all own Eagle Island***, and it is up to all of us to support its transformation and reopening. As the wise old saying goes, ***we are the ones we've been waiting for***—to put the island back together, to clear the paths and repair the platforms and put up tents—and we are the ones who must spread the word. It is up to us to donate generously so that we can continue rebuilding our island home and offer meaningful and accessible summer experiences to girls from all backgrounds. As the end of 2016 approaches we ask you to join hundreds of people who have pledged their support

for 3, 5, and even 10 years. Please give to celebrate the first year of Eagle Island ownership, and please give to insure our island's future.

Mimi Harrington, former EIC Camp Director and FEI Board, Vice-President & Fundraising Chair (see page 4)

HAZEL "CHAPPY" CHAPMAN

Eagle Island Camp's first director

These photographs are from the album of Hazel Chapman, who served as the first director of Eagle Island Camp from when it opened in June of 1938 and for many years that followed.

"Chappy", as she was affectionately known, was a member and staff of the GS Council of the Oranges and Maplewood and had been the director of their former camp, White Lake, in Blairstown, NJ until it was replaced by Eagle Island. Chappy hired 28 counselors to lead the 160 campers that first summer.

All historical records indicate that Chappy was much beloved by campers and staff alike. We have letters written by campers to their families, and one by a counselor in August, 1938, to thank Florence and Henry Graves, Jr. for their gift of Eagle Island. This anonymous counselor writes very fondly of her. "...guided by our Chappy who is ever the steadfast and understanding director, we are living - - realizing the camper's dream come true..."

Chappy is identified in the Rededication Ceremony as having played a major role in accepting of the Eagle Island gift from the Graves family. She also introduced the concept of a camp newspaper, the *Eagle Eye*, which was an important part of camp life through the 1960s. Chappy also indoctrinated many of the traditions that lasted for decades until 2008 when the camp was closed.

Most of the information we have from the first years of Eagle Island Camp are due to Chappy's picture album, and the *Eagle Eyes* that she shepherded.



WELL DRILLING COMES UP DRY



A hydrogeologist surveyed the Island and chose two likely well locations based on geologic features and other scientific criteria. The first well was drilled to 900 feet, and no water was found. The second location was drilled to 800 feet, and no water was found. Admittedly, this was a costly endeavor that with much regret did not work out.

The Saranac Lake Regional Office of New York Department of Health had requested us to drill these wells because, from the Department of Health's perspective, ground water is the preferred source of potable water for summer camp uses. Also, the recurring maintenance costs of a well system would have been lower than that of a surface water system. We reported our unfortunate results to the Department of Health and are now proceeding with the alternative plan using a lake water supply system. FEI may be able to use some minor components of the old lake water system which was previously in place but the preliminary engineering cost estimate for constructing the new lake water system exceeds \$250,000.



SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Couldn't have done it without you!

We sincerely thank the over 140 volunteers who spent time on the island this summer. On this list are volunteers who assisted at the Open House events and others who spent days and weeks hauling, painting, shingling, cooking, cleaning, repairing and so much more. Sign-up forms for next summer will be available in early 2017!!

Tracy Allen
Harry Ames
Michael Ames
Rebecca Bar
Mike Benson
Pete Benson
Nathaniel Billy
Bernard Blythe
Christina Blythe
Ilse Blythe
Chris Bolger
Laura Bolger
Ruth Bolger
Jonathan Borst
Tamara Bouma
Jim Bowes
Carol Bradof
Abigail Bretey
Mary Kate Burke
Kendra Burpee
Sheila Callahan
Ann Marie Capuzzi
Jane Claffey
Wendy Cohen
Lori Coleman
Michael Danziger
Rebecca Danziger
Jane Evans
Robert Evans
Pat Foody
Rose Foody
Jerry Fortier
Kathy (Kitti) Fortier
Christian Frey

Benjamin Furtaw
Pam Gabryal
Ellen Gagne
Catherine Galbreath
Kathy Gilroy
Bob Goodsell
Peter Gow
Marilyn Graber
Buz Graves
Jonathan Greenberg
Julie (Graber) Greenberg
Alexandria Loveall
Ian Loveall
Robin Greengrove
Marc Greenleaf
Allison Grill
Hannah Grill
Jeremy Gross
Mimi Harrington
Nat Harrington
Will Harrington
Jacquelyn Heloise
Mary Hesselgrave
Chris Hildebrand
Ginny Hildebrand
Tucker Hirsch
Fred Holzaphal
Mary Hotaling
Nancy Howard
Norman Howard
Carol Jackman
Rowain Kalichstein
Pamela Klesse
Bill Kohlman
Shardul Kothari

Bruce Laire
Jude Lazarus
Julianne Lazarus
Jacquelyn Heloise Liebman
Rachel Lipstein
Rebecca Lipstein
Jonathan Lombardi
Kathleen Connolly Lombardi
Marina Lowry
Carole Mackenzie
Steve Maikowski
Jill Martin
Elise McGovern
Paula McGovern
Erika Merrell
LeeAnn Millar
Dave Napalo
Nancy Napalo
Nicholas Napalo
Candace Ng
Mary Nikola
Robert Nikola
Cary Nulton
Arturo-Isacco Panichi
Loren Pagon
Jane Park
Bonnie Park
Bonnie Parker
Natasha Parker
Lauren Parmington
Thomas Phillips
Jacqueline Porter
Barbara Racioppi
Daniele Racioppi
Michele Racioppi

Emily Reich
Steve Reich
Patti Romano
Emily Sue Rosner
John Ruiz
Natalie Ruiz
Judy Rush
Jane Brailove Rutkoff
Karin Rutledge
Nathaniel Rutledge
Rick Rutledge
Elizabeth Sahnner
Christian Frey Saulnier
Kyra Saulnier
Adrienne Sellig
DJ Skelton
Charon 'Cricket' Snearing
Carolyn Spolidoro
Herman Spolidoro
Cerea Steficek
Deborah Steinberg
Diane Stevens
Janet Trombly
Julia Valliere
Amy Waddell
Bill Waddell
Trudy Waddell
Cathy Walz
Marc Wanner
Allie Weill
Steve Werbe
Tomoko Werbe
Cindy Woolworth
Chris Wubbolding
Rebecca Yacono

In Memory

With heavy hearts, we report of the sudden loss of **Mimi Harrington**. Mimi, long-time Eagle Island camper, counselor, Sailing Director, Director, and Friends of Eagle Island board member passed away unexpectedly on October 29th. She was an integral and beloved part of the Eagle Island community for decades. Her impact on generations of girls and women cannot be overstated. Mimi's dedication to Eagle Island Camp and its spirit and traditions was without comparison. Her role in our efforts to re-open the doors of Eagle Island has been immense.

It is thanks in large part to her hard work, persistence, leadership, expansive network, and relationships that we are where we are today. Mimi had served on the Friends of Eagle Island Board as Vice-President since its inception in 2011 and as Fundraising Chair. This is a profound loss for our entire community.

FEI ADOPTS TWO POLICIES

Historic Conservation, Boat Launch

Friends of Eagle Island Board of Directors has, over the course of this past year, adopted a number of policies and procedures to assist in the management of our organization and of Eagle Island. Most recently, at its October Board meeting, two new policies were adopted: a Conservation Policy and Boat Launch Policy.

The Conservation Policy provides guidance to FEI, as Eagle Island's National Historic Landmark Steward, in safeguarding the authentic heritage in its care and coordinating its historic conservation with our youth camp mission. FEI is committed to preventing the spread of milfoil and other invasive aquatic species. This Policy supports the Upper Saranac Foundation's goals and objectives and State laws that serve to improve the quality of our lake water. FEI now has an established protocol that clearly spells out our "clean boat" criteria for those wishing to use our boat launch, whether it is a canoe or kayak that one of our volunteers uses to get to the island or a neighbor's motor or sailboat.



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