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Since 1958 a small group of families at the Lake, have belonged to an organization called the "Lodge". This group leased from Seckler & Sheppard the pavilion at Kay-Len Lakes, and through an initiation fee, secured enough money to construct a meeting room, with fireplace, bar, kitchen, toilet facilities, heating plant, general repairs and renovations to the building. The original intent of the founders was, that here we had a central meeting place where, in the spirit of good fellowship, residents could congregate and get to know their neighbors. The success of this venture can only be measured by the wonderful times we have had together and by the longlasting friendships that have developed. In December of 1964 Lodge members voted unanimously to abandon the initiation fee to new members and charge a yearly dues of \$20.00 to each family upon joining the Lodge.

This decision was reached by the members because of their sincere wish to bring new families into the Lodge and to extend their efforts toward making this a better community in which to live.

Since January we have added twenty-two new families to our membership, and we hope to continue our drive to make this a real group of active and interested families.

Realizing the need for a permanent home, the Board of Directors of the Lodge have entered into preliminary negotiations with Mr. Seckler to purchase the building and adequate surrounding land to make a real fine clubhouse with parking area and room in the back for outdoor recreational purposes. Our program may sound ambitious, but we believe that the

results would be the finest clubhouse of any lake community, to be enjoyed by all families and organizations at the lake. We have asked Mr. Seckler for a minimum lot size of 150' x 250'. The Township of West Milford has given us the go-ahead to use the building for club purposes. They have also informed us that the building and land are assessed at \$16,000. The Bank of Butler has indicated that they would give us a 70% 10-year mortgage endorsed by Officers of the Lodge.

Some preliminary sketches have been made that will indicate what renovations have to be made to accommodate as many families as wish to partake of the facilities we envision.

The floor plan and rendering is pictured on the last page.

Mr. Seckler has offered us the land and building for \$10,000. We feel the offer is very fair, and our feelings are substatiated by the town assessments and bank appraisal.

need another \$5,000 to put the building in first-class shape with a nice lounge and bar space, larger kitchen facilities, large dance floor, office, cloak room and general office area or meeting room, and also a game and trophy room. The exterior of the building can be closed up and either painted or covered with cedar shingles. The roof can be refinished with asphalt shingles or sprayed colored aluminum asphalt coating.

Landscaping can be done as we go along, with tennis courts, badminton and horse shoe pits in view.

The Lodge members are willing and anxious to tackle this program

if they are supported by other families in the community.

The need for a community house is obvious, and we know that the club will in the very near future have to show more concern with the maintenance and beautification of the Lake and surrounding grounds.

We, as residents of West Milford, are indeed fortunate to live and enjoy, within sight of the Empire State Building, such a rare and beautiful spot as this township of lakes, forests, mountains and streams. We, the residents of High Crest Lake, are doubly endowed with having the most beautiful lake in West Milford.

Let's get together and do what we can too, in a cooperative effort, enjoy it to its fullest and preserve it for years to come.

We sincerely hope you feel as we do and that you will join with us in the Lodge to consolidate our wishes and ambitions and make this a reality.

For additional information please contact any member of the Board, or John Durham.

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