

The Lake George Property Owners Group (LG-POG) is aware of serious complaints filed against Chris Navitsky, who is employed by the Fund for Lake George as the “Waterkeeper”. In the past, Mr. Navitsky has used questionable tactics to harass property owners, but recent charges are even more serious. He has claimed to be a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E) while in actuality being unlicensed. For years, documents challenging property owners in municipal approvals have been fraudulently submitted in his name as a P.E. When someone speaks with the authority of licensed professional, his claims must be accurate or his license and livelihood are in jeopardy. Now we find that Mr. Navitsky hasn’t needed to concern himself with professional standards. Town Boards have been falsely swayed and owners may have been denied or incurred substantial expenses to defend themselves. Criminal charges may be appropriate and the Fund for Lake George is culpable as his employer.

The Lake George Property Owners Group (LG-POG)

*The Lake George Property Owners Group is a volunteer group of local residents, property owners and businesspeople that are working to establish an environmental and economic balance that protects Lake George while preserving private property rights and the local economy.*

*The LGPOG supports good land use laws that manage development and environmentally protect Lake George. But we are opposed to extreme regulation that goes well beyond lake protections, and attempts to strip property owners of their rights and assets. We believe that our livelihoods and the health of our lakeside communities can coexist with protecting the lake we all love so much. People are part of the environment, too!*

*Unlike the Fund for Lake George, which has a full time staff, paid advocates like the waterkeeper, and political influence at the state, the LGPOG is a grass-roots organization and our voice is mainly heard by our votes. The Fund has pushed the Lake George Park Commission into enacting wide-ranging laws that will circumvent the authority of local Townships and ignore the voter. The Commission has police powers and its state appointed commissioners don’t answer to local residents. The disregard of fairness and home rule is so blatant that the state has openly appointed two Fund associates to the Commission. The Lake George Property Owners Group encourages local Town Boards to maintain their authority and protect their residents’ rights. Each town should pass a resolution to halt the enactment of any stream corridor regulations until the Towns and their residents have been fully heard.*