



Road Four—Spring 2018

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NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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Devon Solano, who volunteered to go to Puerto Rico to help restore electric power to the island is a neighbor at 18 Hillside Avenue. He and his wife Natalie and their two children, Nila and Cash, have been Goldens Bridge residents for five years. Devon has been employed by Con Edison for 15 years. Read his story below.

Helping to Rebuild Puerto Rico

By Devon Solano

I had the opportunity to spend 32 days in Puerto Rico on Mutual Aid with Con Edison last month. The timing for me, personally, was probably the hardest, missing Christmas and New Years with my family, but seeing random people smile was well worth it. I was part of a second wave that was sent by Con Ed in order to help restore power to Puerto Rican residents after a devastat-



ing hurricane season.

We worked 16-hour days for the full 32 days while there. It was an eye opening experience to see how many people were still suffering after more than 3 months without power. Some people were so full of gratitude to see us; others were indifferent. The time without electricity

had become a norm for some and they were despondent and became accustomed to the commodities we so often take for granted. Most of the cities of San Juan and Old San Juan were fully functional and you would not be able to tell that they were hit hard by Hurricane Maria. It didn't really hit me how hard things were until I went to the casino and realized that every roulette table was offering a chance to win a generator. That was a "wow" moment for me.

We worked mainly around the surrounding suburbs of San Juan and that's where the effects of the hurricanes were visible. Many people lived in huts with no roof and were living without any electricity for 4 months. You really don't realize how much we take electric power for granted until you see the way some people lived for 3-4 months in the dark with no air conditioning or fans in over 90-degree weather. It's amazing to see communities come together in a time of need and literally do whatever they can to help a neighbor, even if they haven't gotten along with them for years because of silly past incidents. People were running extension cords down blocks to help share generator power. For me, personally, I will never forget the locals I met there and their stories about the last 3-5 months of living day to day wondering when they would be able to flip a switch or pull a cord to see at night. There is still plenty of work to be done in Puerto Rico and I may be going back next month. For now, I'm happy to be back home and feel fortunate to be able to flip a switch.



Country Living

Our new community members, Kaz and John Turiano bought the Migdail house on Branch Street. John who is the Senior Editor of Westchester Magazine wrote an editor's memo titled "Firsts."

In his article John writes about the benefits of country living in his first house. "There are many advantages to moving from a 900 sq. ft. White Plains condo to a 2,000 square ft. house on a woody dirt road in Goldens Bridge, as my wife and I did last November—fresh country air, lake rights, closet space galore, a fireplace for cold nights, and a deck for warm summer evenings."

He states that he was expecting sinister coyotes, graceful deer, gobbling wild turkeys, majestic gliding hawks and mysterious opossums. "Four months in, and well, except for a horde of squirrels, a few chipmunks, and a woodpecker with an insatiable lust for our cedarwood exterior, nada. I blame the 13 dogs on my street for the wildlife absenteeism." Just wait, John, you *will* see them.

To read John's article, see the March 2018 edition (the Education Edition) of Westchester Magazine. This issue also includes 8 pages of wonderful photos and descriptions about suburban wildlife.

Social Committee Meets

It's a little early to say much about the 2018 social season but here's what we know and what we're thinking. The Social Committee has had three meetings already and an exciting season is beginning to take shape. Before I go into the details I would like to introduce a few new members of the committee: Magdalena Pinnetti, Roman Broberg and Barbara Tauber (who had been a member for many years and now is back). Other members of the committee are Natalie Solano, Martha Levites, Lisette Meyers and Rina Slavin. And two unofficial members without whose assistance many events would not come off as planned: Mike Brown and Drew Orr. The committee is almost evenly split between younger people new to the community and those who have lived here for decades. This mix is reflected in the developing calendar of activities for this coming July and August.

Folk Dancing: As in past years, we plan to book Jim Gold as our leader/instructor for as many Friday nights as we can. So far, it looks like we will have him for June 29th and most of July. Filling in for the rest of the summer will be Cindy & Michael who were here last year, did a great job and were liked by everyone.

Barbeques: The opening event of the summer, the July 4th barbeque will be held on Saturday, June 30th. The volleyball barbeque will be held on August 4th and, like last year, will include a band playing at the beach. As of this writing, we are hoping to have Jake & The Mountain Men back. They were a big hit last year and had the beach filled with people of all ages dancing to their music.

Saturday Nights: July is still in flux. Here is what we are planning, in no particular order. We are having a very popular local band (Gilbert—the band) playing at the barn as the opening act of a Barnaroo (multiple bands). Each group will start playing after a short break. Gilbert will be playing '60s & '70s favorites with the following groups performing mostly contemporary music. Karaoke Night, hosted by Natalie, has become a popular event and a July fixture. For the remaining two Saturday nights in July we are planning a "Mystery Night" and a "Game Night." More information about these last two will be included in the next edition of *Road Four*.

August has two events following the volleyball BBQ. Martha Levites will be organizing the 4th annual BAT (short, true storytelling) on August 11th. Storytellers: start thinking of a five-minute-long story you would like to share with your neighbors (and their kids!). Finally, on August 18th there will be a Classical Night with our own Eric Stand & Company. We haven't had one of these for several years now and I am very excited about having a night of classical music.

Any comments or suggestions can be put to any member of the committee or emailed to johnbergherr1@gmail.com.

One final note: The Banquet will be held on September 1st.

John Bergherr



New York Highways Rank Among Worst In Nation

New York ranks among the bottom six states in the country in overall performance and cost-effectiveness, according to a new report released by a libertarian think tank.

The Reason Foundation published its 23rd Annual Highway Report, released on Thursday here.

New York's neighboring states did not fare much better in the survey. Massachusetts ranked 44th worst, Connecticut was 46th and New Jersey mopped up as the 50th and last state on the list.

The study is based on spending and performance data that state highway agencies submitted to the federal government for 2015, the most recent year with complete data available. Reason Foundation's Annual Highway Report ranks the performance of state highway systems in 11 categories, including spending per mile, pavement conditions, deficient bridges, traffic congestion, and fatality rates.

North Dakota was the top-ranked state on performance and cost-effectiveness thanks to excellent scores on urban Interstate pavement condition (3rd overall), rural Interstate pavement condition (4th), urbanized area traffic congestion (4th), and maintenance disbursements per mile (3rd). Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska and South Carolina were the other states in top five of the overall rankings.

New Jersey ranked last, 50th, in overall performance and cost-effectiveness due to having the worst urban traffic congestion and spending the most per mile — \$2 million per mile of state-controlled highway, more than double what Florida, the next highest state, spent per mile. Rhode Island, Alaska, Hawaii and Connecticut were also in the bottom five of the overall rankings.

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Record Tied

On Sunday, January 7, 2018, a temperature of -6° was recorded in Goldens Bridge, N.Y. This tied a record low temperature which was set on January 7, 1966.



Record Broken

On Feb. 21, 2018 a record temperature of 77° was set in Westchester County.



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Rules For Use Of The Barn

1. The barn and property is available for private parties to members who are in good standing and whose dues have been paid for the current year. However, if dues were not paid within sixty days of the due date for two out of the last three years, a one thousand dollar deposit in the form of a money order or bank check must be submitted to the head of the barn committee of the Goldens Bridge Community Assn. executive board in escrow to cover any damages that may occur to the barn and/or property for the day(s) the member uses the facilities. That check will be returned in full to the member if no damages are assessed.
2. The barn and property will not be available for private parties from the start up of the Goldens Bridge Day Camp until after the Banquet, usually the last week in June through Labor Day.
3. All food, drink, paper goods etc. and trash bags will be supplied by the member and removed, including all trash, from the barn and property on the day(s) of use.
4. The member agrees to clean the barn and property and leave it in the same state they found it in.
5. The member agrees to pay in full for any damages to anything in the barn and on the property and will be held liable for failure to do so.
6. Renters must have a member (see paragraph 1.) take responsibility for use of the barn and/or premises.
7. The Goldens Bridge Community Assn. executive board reserves the right to refuse a request for the use of the barn and/or property.

Cars are permitted to parallel park on either side of the road in front of the barn only as long as they leave a clear path for emergency vehicles (ie. fire truck) to pass and NOT in front of any other property. The parking facilities at the lake are also available.

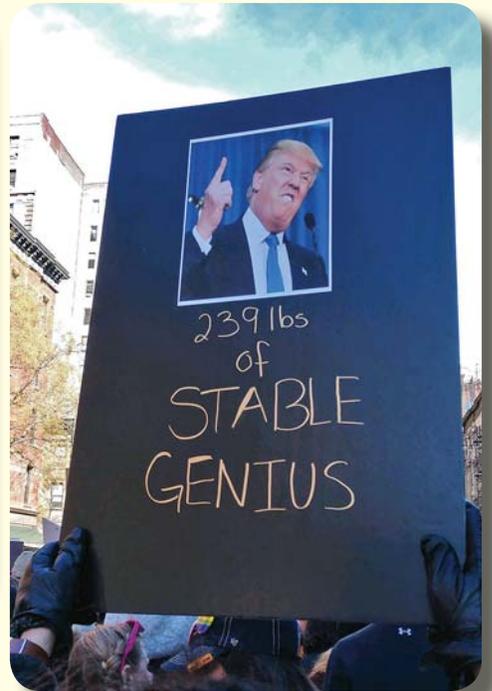
Contact Mike Brown to reserve at phone: 232-9081 or mbrownmw@aol.com

Goldens Bridge Supports Women's March on New York City

The event began at Central Park West and 72nd Street, then headed south along the park, turned onto Central Park South, and then continued down Sixth Avenue to 43rd Street.



(L to R) Zingy Mkefa, Elliot Sokolov, Nedda Schoenfeld, Fred Margolies, Rina Slavin



(L to R) Nedda Schoenfeld, Elliot Sokolov, Zingy Mkefa, Fred Margolies, Barbara and Richard Tauber





3 generations. (R to L) Barbara Tauber, daughter Jessica & granddaughter, Senna.



The wording on the sign above are lyrics from a Woody Guthrie ballad of bank robber Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.





*From
Michael Brown's
collection of
vintage postcards.*

Roman Broberg, the son of Christopher Broberg and the late Adriana Kulczycky, is the youngest member of the Goldens Bridge Community Association Executive Board. He is currently a student at SUNY Purchase. The article below was written last spring as an essay for an environmental politics class and brought up-to-date for our readers.

Goldens Bridge Affordable Housing

Plans for an affordable housing complex in upper Westchester county continue to be met with opposition from locals, environmentalists, business owners, and government officials. The original iteration of the housing plan, proposed by Wilder Balter Partners, is slated for construction along Route 22 in Goldens Bridge, New York. This project was introduced to the Planning Board of Lewisboro in November 2015, and publicly introduced at a Goldens Bridge

Hamlet Organization (GBHO) meeting on February 10.

Because of its proposed location, the affordable housing on Route 22 could potentially incur long-term environmental consequences, but this has not been adequately addressed over the course of the development's planning. The current site of the affordable housing project is a few hundred yards south of a stream that feeds the area's reservoirs, which in turn provide potable water to New York City and parts of Westchester. Home waste, car pollutants, and construction activity will affect the natural surroundings to a currently uncalculated degree. Will the future residents properly sort their recycling and trash? Will they litter? How will their vehicles affect the air quality of the already-smoggy, highway-adjacent area? And how will the residents, especially those with children, be affected by the constant-

breeze of car pollutants? How will runoff and stormwater in the area be affected?

To make matters worse, those who will move in will likely take the blame for any environment-related issues that come to light. The residents could be marginalized and blamed for polluting even though it's the town and development company who have not dedicated enough energy to researching environmental consequences. However, because this development is for affordable housing, the future occupants may not have many other options.

None of the environmental concerns have been broached at public meetings. On January 26, 2016, a representative of Wilder Balter Partners told the Lewisboro Town Board that "Mr. [John] Bainlardi stated the flora/fauna assessment, fiscal impact and water report would be submitted shortly." I have not been able to find any sources suggesting the submission of these reports, or of their being made public. At the same Town Hall meeting, the Planning Board "discussed becoming the lead agency for the coordinated environmental review under the Environmental Quality Review Act. On a motion made by Mr. [Ron] Tetelman..., the Board resolved to declare its intent to serve as lead agency for the coordinated environmental review of the proposed action." This intent leaves little room for true scrutiny of the Planning Board's proceedings, as it will be observing itself.

The environmental impact remains unaddressed, but current Westchester residents oppose the affordable housing plans for other reasons. A March 15, 2016 meeting of the Planning Board, though not open to public comment, saw a group of residents show up in protest of Wilder Balter Partner's development. They were encouraged by an emailed flyer, which asked residents to say "no [to] Section 8 Housing in Katonah Lewisboro." "Crime and drugs will increase... property values will go down... [and] John Jay School will decline," the flyer also stated. The sender's email address was that of Goldens Bridge Fine Wines, but the store's owner, Robert Zalkind, declined to comment when contacted by The Lewisboro Ledger.

The Wilder Balter development is in fact not Section 8 housing. According to the 2015 Westchester County Income and Rent Program Guidelines, affordable housing is deter-

mined by "a standard called Area Median Income (AMI), [which designate income limits] for each metropolitan statistical area." "The AMI for Westchester County... calculates [that] 30% of each group's total monthly gross income... [should be] the maximum that should be dedicated towards housing costs," the guidelines state.

At a town hall meeting on June 12, 2016, Goldens Bridge resident Jack Zitomer requested that the board reconsider the socioeconomics of placing the housing complex in Goldens Bridge. "Mr. Zitomer's question pertained to affordable housing, specifically, what is the balance between hamlets? For example, Goldens Bridge versus Waccabuc? Will there be specificity and will they look at the socioeconomics of the areas?" states the transcription of the meeting's minutes. "Dr. Kreutzer," the Katonah Lewisboro School Superintendent, "explained that there has been a study on the location of affordable housing. They are interested in efficiency of transportation. Cross River could make sense because it is walking distance to the schools and bus stops could be created. It was mentioned also that we do have approximately 87 people in group homes in the Town of Lewisboro."

Other residents have expressed their own feelings of hesitation about the housing plan. At a meeting of the GHBO, residents indicated that "the community needed to express its opposition en masse in order to have any chance of defeating the proposal," the Lewisboro Ledger reported. Hopefully, the community will continue to question logistics and environmental impact of such developments.

Some months have passed since I first wrote this paper and the proposal has been altered significantly. However it has not been questioned thoroughly by town citizens. New residents should be looked upon as a boon for communities so it is proper to consider who will be moving here. But there are dangers to the water supply that is so close to the site. The environmental issues regarding the project matter because the site will be used for years to come. The actions done now will affect generations afterwards. Concerns over affordable housing in Westchester touch a myriad of economic and sociopolitical issues but the environmental safety should be debated foremost.

BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes August 27, 2017

The meeting was convened at 11:15 AM.

Present: 30 Voting Members and approximately 10 other community members.

1- Nominations & election:

Georgann Stewart, chairperson of the nominating committee, announced that Laure Milliot, whose name appeared on the ballot, was not running, and directed the Membership to disregard her name on the ballot. Georgann also announced that John Bergherr has resigned from the Board, and suggested that the person with the seventh highest vote total be elected to fill the remainder of John's term (one year). Eric Stand so moved, seconded by Russell Gordon, to have the person with the seventh highest number of votes be elected to fill John Bergherr's vacant seat for the remaining year of John's term. In favor: 11; opposed: 3, abstaining: 4. Motion carried.

Patrick dePaula moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, to close balloting at Noon. Carried unanimously.

2- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 30, 2017 Membership meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

Barbara Tauber moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, to waive the reading of Board meeting minutes as they are posted on the GB website, and published in Road 4. All in favor except one opposed. Motion carried.

3- Financial:

Adam Huggard, Treasurer, gave the financial report as follows:

Bank Accounts:

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| M&T Bank - Operating: | \$108,233 |
| M&T Savings (Scholarship Fund) | \$ 20 |
| M&T Camp Account | \$ 19,642 |
| M&T Capital Improvements | \$163,259 |
| M&T Water Capital Improvement | \$ 22,803 |
| Total: | \$313,948 |

Adam noted that we have 4 members in arrears, and 11 members on payment plans.

4- Committee reports:

Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that the water was still flowing.

Camp:

Annette Kroun reported that Camp was quite successful and the Camp committee has already begun preparing for next Summer.

Beach:

Martha Levites reported that swim instruction has been excellent this year; that we have the best lifeguards and the Waterfront Director projected to return next Summer; and that the Beach take down will be held on 9/9/17, with 9/10/17 as a rain date.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that the Board has picked Mark Schmid, who was the low bidder, to do the south and west Barn renovation. Mike stated that Mark has told him that the hemlock, which has been specified for the siding, must dry and will not be ready until late Fall. Mike stated that due to a better idea of the costs for the work and the materials, including the painting of the north and east sides, the budget should be increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Adam Huggard so moved, seconded by Dan Fast. Motion carried unanimously.

Lake:

Dan Fast reported that we have received a 3 year extension of the DEC permit for the Lake work. Eric Stand reported that the contractor we selected to do the work, Pristine Waters, will start work in either late September or Late October depending on their scheduling of other jobs.

Roads:

Fred Margolies reported that he will attempt to get the Town to repair the road areas that were washed out in recent rainstorms, and urged all community members to call the Highway Dept. about problems in front of their property.

Social:

Lisette Meyers reported that the Summer program was successful, and that the Social committee is looking for more volunteers.

Road 4:

Gerry Sircus reported that they have sufficient material for the Fall issue, and that the email edition will be longer than the print edition, due to it's greater clarity and ability to be in color. He urged all community members to submit their email address to Road 4 so as to receive these enhanced editions..

Environment:

Communications:

Good & Welfare:

Mera Eisen reported that she is looking to set up an Aging Committee, and is looking for volunteers. Those interested should call Mera at: 914-232-8172.

Election results:

Georgann Stewart reported that the following people were elected to the Board: President: Rina Slavin; Vice President: Martha Levites; Treasurer: Adam Huggard; Secretary: Dan Fast; At Large: Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Patrick dePaula, Fred Margolies, Drew Orr, Hannah Yates, Ben Goldner. Ben Goldner, who received the seventh highest total number of votes, will serve out the remaining one year of John Bergherr's term.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.

GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes October 29, 2017

The meeting was convened at 11:35 AM.

Present: 22 Voting Members and approximately 8 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the August 28, 2017 Membership meeting were read and accepted as read.

2- Financial:

Adam Huggard, Treasurer, gave the financial report as follows:

Bank Accounts:

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| M&T Bank - Operating: | \$ 85,201 |
| M&T Savings (Scholarship Fund) | \$ 20 |
| M&T Camp Account | \$ 16,775 |
| M&T Capital Improvements | \$138,957 |
| M&T Water Capital Improvement | \$ 22,805 |
| Total: | \$263,758 |

Adam noted that we have 4 members in arrears, and 5 members on payment plans.

3- Adam Huggard, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2018 Budget. After some discussion of the Budget John Bergherr moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, that we do not re-side the front (south) side of the Barn, but instead repair, scrape, prime and paint. Two in favor, 3 abstaining, 17 opposed. Motion defeated. Martha Levites moved, seconded by Mera Eisen, to approve the proposed 2018 Budget. All in favor except one abstaining. Motion carried.

4- Committee reports:

Camp:

Rose Howard reported that the Camp ran a \$10,000 deficit this year, which was primarily due to a smaller than anticipated number of campers. Rose stated that 4 campers equals \$10,000, that the committee was trying hard to project accurately for next season, and that Rina Slavin and Nedda Schoenfeld would be returning as Co-directors. Discussion ensued on the problems of advertising the Camp. Eric Stand urged parents of Camp age children to become active on the Camp committee, noting that the committee is presently composed of grandparents and other people who do not have children of camp age.

Beach:

Martha Levites reported that the committee is looking into the beach accessibility issue, and that the ropes are to be replaced for the next season.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that he and Drew Orr recently met with Mark Schmid, who had been selected to do the renovation job, and that Mark is backing away from his original estimate. The Barn renovation committee is dealing with that situation and may need to solicit additional bids. Mike stated that Mark has not been able to find hemlock in a large enough quantity of suitable size lengths and Mark is looking into alternative materials. Eric Stand stated that the hemlock should be available, but that he does not know where to get it and does not have time to look for it.

Lake:

Eric Stand reported that Pristine Waters is in the process of completing the suction dredging in Phase I, the Hall Ave, and Main St. cove area, and will be soon starting Phase 3, the area in front (south of) the concrete dam. He also stated that the beach area work may not get done depending on the amount of material removed from the dam area.

Sales and Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that the Firdman property at 8 Hillside Ave. is in possible contract at \$439,000.

Social:

John Bergherr reported that the Social committee is starting to meet for next season.

Environment:

Eric Stand reported that the phragmites, an invasive species growing in parts of the lake, need to be cut back and have bleach put into the cuts with an eyedropper. Paul Milliot stated that this should be done in late July for maximum effectiveness.

Town:

Rina Slavin reported that she attended the recent Town meeting where the Wilder-Balter affordable housing project was discussed. She stated that the sentiment at the meeting was not to build the project, but to spread the same amount of units (46) throughout the 5 hamlets. Jeremy Metz, who also attended the meeting, stated that his impression was that the Wilder-Balter project was a done deal, but that the GBCA should go on record with our opposition to the present plan. Martha Levites moved, seconded by John Bergherr, to have the GBCA Secretary write a letter to the Town stated that, although we were in favor of the original Wilder-Balter project, we are opposed to the project in its present modified format. All in favor, except one opposed. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare:

Martha Levites moved, seconded by John Bergherr, to donate the additional monies collected, but not spent for the Banquet, to the Scholarship fund. In favor: all except 3 abstaining. Motion carried.

Mera Eisen reported that there will be an Aging Committee meeting at her house on November 11th at 2 PM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.

GBCA Board Minutes November 12, 2017

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Martha Levites, Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Ben Goldner, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Patrick dePaula, Hannah Yates, Roman Broberg, Carol Nordgren

Absent: Fred Margolies, Jeremy Metz

Also present: (from 11:00 AM to 11:15 AM) Eric Stand

Meeting called to order at 9:15 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 10/8/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, and accepted as read.

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| 2- Financial: | |
| | The current financial report, as of 11/9/17 was given by Adam: |
| | M&T Bank \$ 80,081 |
| | M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund) \$ 1,020 |
| | M&T Camp Account \$ 14,385 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve) |
| | M&T Water Capitol \$ 22,806 |
| | M&T Capitol Improvement \$138,969 |
| | Total \$257,261 |

There are currently 4 members in arrears as of 11/9/17, with 4 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: Apter, Nuza, Rios, and 29 Lake Street (formerly Sherwood-St.John: bank has taken possession of property).

3- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee met and discussed the shortfall. She stated that for next season in-Colony tuition was to be raised 22% to \$1650, and out-of-Colony tuition was to be raised 7% to \$2675. Discussion ensued on ways to handle the projected possible shortfall. It was the consensus of the Board to leave these figures as is and to present the situation to the Membership at the next Regular Membership meeting.

Beach:

Martha reported that two contractors, one of whom is a landscape architect, have been solicited for proposals relating to the problems of erosion and handicapped access to the beach. One contractor suggested a french drain at the gate area, which would drain to daylight away from the paths to the beach, and a raised gravel and dirt pathway. The other contractor suggested a drywell at the entry with a bonding material for the path. The committee is soliciting other proposals and gathering further information. A rain garden was also a proposed solution.

Water:

Drew reported that the Main Street well pump, which had been failing, was replaced at a cost of \$6,000, and that this pump was last replaced in 2003. It was also replaced in 1998. Drew allowed that a severe line surge could have caused the short (1998 to 2003) interval. Due to the fact that we are mandated by the Board of Health to have a minimum of two wells operational at all times this was an emergency repair and will be reported upon at the next Membership meeting.

Lake:

Eric Stand reported that almost all of the suction dredging has been completed, that the pipe from the swamp to the lake at Hall Ave, and Main St. is damaged at both ends. The lake end will be repaired as part of the work now in progress, but the swamp end would be a separate item. Eric is getting a price from Pristine Waters to do that repair. Although it would be a good idea to repair the swamp end of the pipe, it is not a necessity, since there is no blockage and water flows freely now. Eric also stated that about \$2000 worth of work was done in the beach area (the maximum authorized for this work is \$5000).

Barn:

Mike reported that Mark Schmid has found a supplier for the Hemlock, and is getting pricing and delivery information..

Social:

Roman reported that the committee had a good meeting and that planning for next season is already underway.

Road 4:

Gerry reported that the next issue will be coming out soon, and made the usual plea for more material from the Board members and the community.

Environment:

Roman reported that the committee has been picking up trash around the community.

Communications:

Roman reported that work on a more complete and updated community email list is ongoing.

4- Good & Welfare:

Martha reported that she and Rina met with Andre Dukhin about the Pump House appearance situation, and that Andre will get prices for the work he requests be done.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

GBCA Board Minutes December 10, 2017

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Martha Levites, Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Gerry Sircus, Patrick dePaula, Roman Broberg, Carol Nordgren, Fred Margolies, Jeremy Metz

Absent: Ben Goldner, Hannah Yates, Drew Orr

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 11/12/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 12/9/17 was given by Adam:

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| M&T Bank | \$ 76,754 |
| M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund) | \$ 1,020 |
| M&T Camp Account | \$ 14,269 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve) |
| M&T Water Capitol | \$ 22,808 |
| M&T Capitol Improvement | \$138,980 |
| Total | \$253,832 |

There are currently 4 members in arrears as of 12/9/17, with 2 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: Apter, Nuza, Rios, and 29 Lake Street (formerly Sherwood-St.John: bank has taken possession of property).

3- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee met that the Camp is now accepting 13 year old campers; 14 and 15 year olds will be CITs. Rose Howard resigned as treasurer and Jody Folster (Berkowitz), who is not a community member, has offered to fill that position. Due to her out of Colony status there could be a problem insurance wise. Rina mentioned that it has been done in the past. Adam felt that since he, as Community treasurer, is ultimately responsible for Camp finances, it should not be a problem. He will research and report back to the Board.

Beach:

Martha reported that \$2,000 will not be sufficient to cover the cost of the projected work on the path and drainage at the beach, although there was \$5,000 allocated for an engineering survey of the situation, which might be able to be put towards the work. Martha suggested putting off the drainage work for another year. The committee is getting 2 more proposals from contractors.

Barn:

Mike reported that both Eric Stand and Mark Schmid have found suppliers for hemlock. He showed a sample, obtained by Mark, which was split and full of large knots. Mike stated that Eric said that the hemlock from his supplier would also be knotty. Although one supplier's price was \$9,000 plus tax and delivery, and the other was \$6,000, including tax and delivery, it was the consensus of the Board that, due to the inferior quality of the wood, any further discussion was moot. The Board also felt that a return to the clear pine originally proposed was in order. Mike will go back to the original supplier, who had quoted for the pine and get an updated price.

Mike also stated that Mark is planning to revise his original bid due to the time lapse of almost one year since he submitted it, and also his claim that he did not figure certain items (which were in the original specification that he was given). We are waiting on Mark's revised bid.

Lake:

Dan reported that he did not have anything new to report. Dredging work was complete last month and the foerbay area has yet to be done.

Roads:

Fred reported that most of the work done by the highway department last week was poor. Fred is planning to set up another meeting with Mr. Ripperger, the Highway Superintendent to try to secure a better grade of repairs in the future.

Sales and Legal:

Jeremy had nothing new to report. Martha stated that Carol Lewis had approached her about obtaining the deed for the property which contained a now defunct community well, and had been transferred to Carol. Jeremy will follow up.

Social:

Roman had nothing new to report.

Water:

Martha reported that she has received estimates from Andre Dukhin for the work that he wishes to have done at the Pump House across from his property. Martha mentioned that there is a budgeted amount of \$3,500 for a new door, painting of the building, and installation of shrubbery along the road in front of the Pump House. Martha moved, seconded by Roman, to have the Environmental committee proceed with the plan to have the Pump House door replaced, the building painted, shrubbery installation, and possible tree removal. Door replacement and painting to be handled by water system maintenance. Passed unanimously.

Environment:

Roman reported that there was a need to remove old car parts from the side of the road near the end of Pond Street. Patrick volunteered to help with this.

Communication:

Roman reported that he has not received any complaints of late.

Town:

Carol reported that there is a Town Board meeting to occur this coming week.

4- Good & Welfare:

Fred reported that there will be a Christmas party at the Fire House, and invited all to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary