



*Road Four Summer 2019*

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NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Summer  
2019

## TALKING TRASH



Martha Levites, after 48 years of being our community trash collection representative, has passed the baton to

Mike Brown. Mike has volunteered to take over the job as liaison to City Carting, our sanitation collection and recycling company. Reminder: Summer garbage pick-ups begin June 15.

Thank you, Martha, for your years of service to our community.

If you have any questions or concerns about trash pickups or recycling, contact Mike at (914) 232-9081, or email: mbrownmw@aol.com.

Hello Neighbors,

I was made aware that many of us received a flyer in our mailboxes advertising the services of "Mosquito Squad," which will fog your property to eliminate mosquitos and other insects. The chemical they use, a synthetic pyrethroid, is extremely toxic to not only the bees on which we all depend, but when it washes into our Lake, it will be cancerous to the fish which eat those mosquitos.

In other words, please don't use this process. They advertise a natural substitute as well. Again, it is an insecticide, and will kill insects indiscriminately: the beneficial as well as the annoying.

*Eric Stand*

See page 5 for excerpts from *Beyond Pesticides* about the use of synthetic pesticides.



## OFF TO COLLEGE

**Josh Finkleman** will be going to Skidmore College. He will be a member of the swim team.

**Austin Hicks** will be attending the University of Arizona, majoring in Computer Science.

**Ethan Rietsch** will be heading to Virginia Tech College of Engineering.

**Jay Finkleman** will be entering NYU Tisch School of Production & Direction as a third year student.

## GRADUATIONS

**Jacob Fertig**, who was in charge of the CIT program in our GB day camp, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Film & Television at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

**Chelsea Fertig** graduated from the University at Buffalo with a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. Jacob and Chelsea are the grandchildren of Annette & Aaron Kroun.

## NEW ARRIVALS

**Cora Maya Pinnetti**  
Born on April 16, 2019  
Proud Parents  
Magdalena and  
Stuart Pinnetti



Brooke loves her  
new brother!  
**Shane Ryan  
McDonough**  
Born March 1, 2019  
8.15 lbs  
Proud parents  
Kayla and Dave



Welcome to our new neighbors. The Ninivaggi family has moved into 2 Pond Street.



Blanche at her 99th birthday

Blanche Zimney Salsky died March 7, 2019, on her 100th birthday. If you were lucky enough to have known Blanche, you knew she was charming, funny, a flirt with old and young, interested in everything and everybody, but especially her family. She was wife to Herman Salsky P.E., mother to Richard, grandmother to Sunray, Isaiah and Ezra, and great-grandmother to Brian and Joseph. She was one of five siblings and she had many nieces and nephews. Everyone treasured her.

Blanche grew up on Sutter Avenue in Brooklyn. Her family lived in a tiny apartment behind their store, which sold children's furniture. Their neighborhood was full of family and friends. Her parents, Samuel Zimney and Rose Chaiken, were born in Russia and emigrated to America as children. Her father Samuel's sister, Dora, lived next door with her family. Other relatives lived nearby. Each block had its butcher store, its milk and egg man. Life was simpler, but not easy. But it was all they knew.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, she worked in advertising. On May 15, 1940, Blanche married Herman, a young man from the same neighborhood. She was 21 and Herman was a few years older. They began their married life in Brooklyn. Herman passed away in December, 2002.

Blanche was a stay-at-home mom until she decided to become a teacher. She then attended Brooklyn College and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Education in 1955 and a Brooklyn College Master of Science in Education in 1959. After teaching elementary school for several years, she rose to the position of Principal of P.S. 257 in Brooklyn.

In the 1950s Blanche and Herman had established a summer home in Goldens Bridge, N.Y., next to her sister Dorothy, and husband Paul Gordon. The summer home in Goldens Bridge became their full time residence in the 1980s. Blanche remained at her school, commuting the long distance from Goldens Bridge to Brooklyn and retired in 1982.

Blanche had a remarkable ability to engage people, from the grocery store checker to the bank manager, showing a genuine interest in their personal stories. She was a dancer and a poet and was a member of a poetry group in Westchester for many years. She called her iPad a demon, but her use of it allowed her to continue communication with many family members until her final weeks. In November, at the age of 99, she maintained her record for voting at the Increase Miller Elementary School, greeting everyone at the polling station. With her nephew Russell Gordon and his wife Carol Nordgren living next door, she remained in her home with family nearby, just as her life had begun in Brooklyn. She will be missed by her close and extended family on the west and east coast.



Blanche, 4th from left, with siblings.  
Dorothy Gordon, 2nd from left



It is with great sorrow that we regretfully announce the death of Shura Saul. She died at home in Goldens Bridge Colony with loving family by her side. Our mother was a true child of the colony. Family lore has it that she was a little girl, back in 1927, playing on the floor of her uncle's study when she heard the fateful words, "Let's do it!" "It" was the foundation of the Colony. And "do" meant "buy the land." Our great uncle and three others, all dentists, invested the money to buy the property that became the Colony.

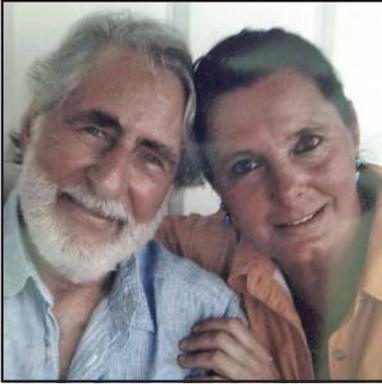
Our mother grew up here, summers, of course. And so did my father, Sidney, as our paternal grandfather had also joined the Colony. Our parents met here, that was 1937 or so. My father was crossing the swamp area (now, of course, the lake) with his two German Shepherds and my mother was walking there as well. They remained together the rest of their lives.

Our mother remained true to the collectivist roots of the Colony throughout her life. She was always a fierce advocate for human rights in every form.

She taught us to love life, to enjoy life, to be aware of the beauty around us. She loved the Spring in the Colony, especially the Forsythia in bloom.

We all miss her insight, her appreciation of life and her love.

*Mark, Jonathan and Jennifer, Goldens Bridge, April, 2019*



### *Ron & Jacoba Arnstein 20-Year Celebration*

Congratulations to Jacoba and Ron Arnstein on the celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary and also twenty years cancer-free for Jacoba.

A delicious banquet of food, prepared by Jacoba, was enjoyed by family and friends.



### **Nominating Committee**

Selections for the Nominating Committee were made at the last membership meeting. They are Martha Levites, [marthalevites1@gmail.com](mailto:marthalevites1@gmail.com), Eric Stand, [eric@ericstand.com](mailto:eric@ericstand.com), Pearl Klainberg, [pearl.klainberg@gmail.com](mailto:pearl.klainberg@gmail.com), Patrick de Paula, [patricksdelpaula@gmail.com](mailto:patricksdelpaula@gmail.com), and Richard Tauber, [richardtauber@msn.com](mailto:richardtauber@msn.com). Please contact them with your suggestions.

### **Book Group**

The new selection of the group is *Normal People* by Sally Rooney. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 29th, 11:00AM in the Teen Center.

### **Single-use plastic bags will soon be extinct in New York State.**

Citing pollution and concerns for animal safety, on Earth Day, April 22, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation that will ban the use of single-use bags beginning on March 1, 2020. New York joins California and Hawaii, the only states where single-use plastic bags have been banned. Many stores in Westchester communities have already instituted the ban.

### **Winners of the Judith Fast Memorial Art Scholarship Awards**

Every year our community awards two scholarships to John Jay High School seniors. Our Judith Fast Memorial Art Scholarship requires our judges to look at sample art work and read a small statement of the artist's purpose. Although the choice was quite subjective and difficult, this year's award went to Samantha Ofer, who plans to use her visual skills in pursuit of her career in engineering.

Our social justice scholarship winner was much more difficult to select. First, we had many more entries than for the art scholarship. But more interesting to me, was the variety of social issues the students chose to write about. For the past decade, most seniors wrote about gender and racial injustice. This year, however, it is as though a new awareness has been born with regard to political and social issues in this country.

We had one student write a personal essay about the effects of imprisonment on the whole family of the prisoner. A second senior wrote about poverty and depression amongst our Native American population after visiting a reservation with her church group. Another student wrote personally about lack of medical coverage for a family struggling economically. Still a fourth student wrote a personal essay about homelessness from the perspective of an immigrant family. DACA and equal educational opportunities were also addressed by other scholarship applicants. All the applicants showed a level of interest and empathy that impressed me greatly.

I am hopeful then that we're seeing a new level of awareness in this next generation of voters. Perhaps this is due to the national tension and drama associated with our current president. Whether or not this is the case, my greatest wish is that these young people pursue their social as well as their personal dreams.

Finally, this year's social justice scholarship was awarded to Alexandra Vroman, a Goldens Bridge resident.

*by Martha Levites*

### **Volleyball Tournament**



The annual GB volleyball tournament will be held on Saturday, August 3rd. If you want to play please contact Pearl Klainberg to sign-up at 914-232-5402 or email [pearl.klainberg@gmail.com](mailto:pearl.klainberg@gmail.com).

### **Frieda's Playground by Paul and Eric Stand**

Outside of winter, after her nap, Frieda, neé Rottenberg, Stand/Halpern could be found at the lake, enjoying the company of friends and neighbors, soaking up the sun, or marveling at the flora and fauna, humor and beauty of her surroundings. We remember hearing the sweetness of her laugh when in the presence of the children of Goldens Bridge, and especially her great-grandchildren, playing at the lake, the 'pussycats'.

When her father and his peers arrived, Goldens Bridge was the last stop on the milk train. There was still hay in the barn which she and her friends would jump into from the upper level. Frieda would talk about how, as a child, she helped dig the lake. Although it was a challenging time in the history of our country and world, having the opportunity to be a child in the Colony was joyful, memorable, and formative.

For the last several years we explored ideas of how best to honor Frieda's memory. The membership accepted our offer to donate a new playground at the lake in her name. The playground will be installed at the upper level along Main Street to the left of the beach entrance as you enter. It will include a slide built into the hill at the north end, a swing set, a teeter-totter, and two other climbing structures. These will be installed in early July.

We are all custodians of the Colony. The playground is a very deliberate effort to connect the childhood experiences of the present, with those of our community's founding. We are so fortunate that there are many families with young children that have chosen to settle here. Frieda's Memorial Playground can now become part of their joy, memory, and formative experiences that can help ensure a future, vibrant community for Goldens Bridge Colony.

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### **Rules For the 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 Day Camp's Exhibit at Increase Miller's Fun Fair Night



On May 3rd, Members of the Camp Committee (and junior members, too) attended Increase Miller Elementary School's Family Fun Night. We hosted a table featuring arts and crafts, snacks and pictures of camp. We were all wearing our Goldens Bridge Day Camp shirts. Many children visited our table and took part in the activities there. Campers excitedly showed off pictures of camp. Parents shared that they had heard good things about the camp and had seen our signs. Others said they had never heard of our day camp. Overall it was a great event to increase GBDC's visibility. We were invited back to participate at the first event in the fall.



### Road Four introduces "Jokes from Jaron"

*Jaron Shneyer, 7 years old, has submitted jokes for our reader's perusal .*

**Question:** How do you make a tissue dance?  
**Answer:** Put a little boogey in it

**Question:** Why did the teenager take a ladder to school?  
**Answer:** Because he thought it was a HIGH school

**Question:** Why did the kid eat his homework?  
**Answer:** Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake!

**Question:** Why do seagulls fly over the sea?  
**Answer:** Because if they flew over the bay, they would be bagels!

**Question:** What do you call a pig who has mastered karate?  
**Answer:** A pork chop!

### INSECTICIDE WARNING!

**The following are excerpts from Beyond Pesticides. To read the full report go to, [www.beyondpesticides.org](http://www.beyondpesticides.org) in reference to synthetic pyrethroids.**

Pesticide products containing pyrethroids are often described by pest control operators and community mosquito management bureaus as safe as chrysanthemum flowers. While pyrethroids are a synthetic version of an extract from the chrysanthemum, they were chemically designed to be more toxic with longer breakdown times, and are often formulated with synergists, increasing potency and compromising the human body's ability to detoxify the pesticide.

#### **Endocrine Disruption and Breast Cancer**

Many pyrethroids have also been linked to disruption of the endocrine system, which can adversely affect reproduction and sexual development, interfere with the immune system and increase chances of breast cancer. Pyrethroids contain human-made, or xenoestrogens, which can increase the amount of estrogen in the body (Garey et al., 1998). When tested, certain pyrethroids demonstrate significant estrogenicity and increase the levels of estrogen in breast cancer cells (Go et al., 1999). Because increased cell division enhances the chances for the formation of a malignant tumor in the breast, artificial hormones, like those found in pyrethroids, may increase breast cancer risk (PCBR, 1996). Some pyrethroids are classified by EPA as possible human carcinogens.

#### **Pyrethroids and Health Effects**

Pyrethroids have irritant and/or sensitizing properties. They are not easily absorbed through the skin, but are absorbed through the gut and pulmonary membrane. Tests of some pyrethroids on laboratory animals reveal striking neurotoxicity when administered by injection or orally. Systemic toxicity by inhalation and dermal absorption is low. The acute toxicity, calculated by LD50's, ranges from low to high, depending on the specific formulation. Low toxicity is attributed to two factors: limited absorption of some pyrethroids, and rapid biodegradation by mammalian liver enzymes (ester hydrolysis and oxidation). Insects, without this liver function, exhibit greater susceptibility to the chemicals (Reigart et al., 1999).

#### **Pyrethroids and the Environment**

While the development of the synthetic pyrethroids was heralded with claims of selective toxicity to insects, both pyrethroids and pyrethrins are extremely toxic to aquatic organisms, including fish such as the bluegill and lake trout, with LCSH values less than 1.0 parts per billion. These levels are similar to those for mosquito, blackfly and tsetse fly larvae, often the actual target of the pyrethroid application.

## Members of The Colony Ran in the South Salem Memorial Day 5K Race



Five of our Golden's Bridge Community residents ran in the South Salem Memorial Day 5K Race, Clodagh McGroary, Ciara McGroary, Dennis McGroary, Aiden McGroary, and Ken Finkleman.

Pictured above, left to right are part of the McGroary clan, daughter Clodagh standing next to dad, Dennis, and daughter Ciara, and son Aiden.

Clodagh came in second overall for female runners at a great time of 20:20, first in her age group. She was first overall for females in the last two years. Her brother Aiden's time was 24:34. Ciara won first in her age group at 25:35. Dennis finished with a respectable 27:18 and Ken Finkleman, returning to running after a long absence, finished in the top half, less than a minute after Dennis.

Congratulations to all our colony runners.



Ken Finkleman, seen above, finished in the top half at 28:09

• June 9, Yoga with Emma Callen, 1 pm at the Barn • June 23, Yoga with Emma Callen, 1 pm at the Barn

# July

# 2019

## GBCA EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 FOLK DANCE with Jim Gold 7:30 pm Barn	6 BARBECUE 6:30 pm Lake
7 YOGA with Emma Callen 1 pm Barn	8	9	10 KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT 7 pm Barn	11	12 FOLK DANCE with Leng Tan 7:30 pm Barn	13 THEATER "A Family Affair" with Albi Gorn & Robin Joseph 8 pm Barn
14	15	16 KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT 7 pm Barn	17 DOCUMENTARY FILM (TBA) 8 pm Barn	18	19 FOLK DANCE with Leng Tan 7:30 pm Barn	20 TALENT NIGHT 8 pm Barn
21 YOGA with Emma Callen 1 pm Barn	22	23	24 KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT 7 pm Barn	25	26 FOLK DANCE with Cindy & Michael 7:30 pm Barn	27 "The MIDWOOD MIRACLE" Musical Memoir with Deborah Karpel 8 pm Barn
28	29	30	31 DOCUMENTARY FILM (TBA) 8 pm Barn			

**KIDS' MOVIES will be shown at the barn. Please contact Natalie Solano by text or phone at 914-263-8927.**

# August

2019

## GBCA EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 FOLK DANCE with Jim Gold 7:30 pm Barn	3 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 9:30 am BARBECUE with music from Jake & the Mountain Men 6:30 pm-Lake
4 YOGA with Emma Callen 1 pm Barn	5	6	7 KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT 7 pm Barn	8	9 FOLK DANCE with Jim Gold 7:30 pm Barn	10 KARAOKE NIGHT 8 pm Barn
11	12	13 KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT 7 pm Barn	14 DOCUMENTARY FILM (TBA) 8 pm Barn	15	16 FOLK DANCE with Jim Gold 7:30 pm Barn	17 THE BAT Storytelling 8 pm Barn
18 YOGA with Emma Callen 1 pm Barn	19	20	21	22	23 Folk Dance? TBA	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 FOLK DANCE with Jim Gold 7:30 pm Barn	31 BANQUET 7 pm & SHOW following Barn

# BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

## GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes January 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM by Rina Slavin, President

Present: 29 Voting Members and approximately 10 other Community members

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 28, 2018 Membership meeting were read, and accepted as read.

2- Financial report:

Paul Stewart-Stand, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report as follows:

Operating Account	\$ 45,393
Camp account (includes \$10,000 reserve)	\$ 10,995
Water Capitol Improvement	\$ 43,680
Capitol Improvements	\$178,476
Total	\$278,544

Paul reported that there are 3 members in arrears, dues payments have been coming in at a good rate, and he has been dealing with members with the new payment plans. Paul mentioned that the Scholarship account has been rolled over into the Capitol Improvements account, and that the Water Operator is now being paid as a consultant.

3- Committee reports:

Camp:

Annette Kroun reported that the committee worked hard to stay within the Camp budget, that registration has started with 9 campers signed up so far, and that an open house was going to be held for the Camp on March 3rd. Annette then brought up the position of the Camp within the community, and requested that the Camp be treated in a similar fashion to the Social committee: that is; the Camp cost to be a line item in the Community budget. This would eliminate constant meetings with the Finance committee, which produce a stressful atmosphere for the Camp committee.

A brief discussion concerning the nature of the Camp within the larger community ensued.

Road 4:

Gerry Sircus reported that they are, as always, looking for material from community members.

Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that the water is flowing.

Beach:

Hannah Yates reported that the committee is working on ways to try to slow the flow of run off from the road, which is causing considerable erosion. They are planning to install some plantings in the spring to help with that problem, and Hannah asked for volunteers to help with the planting. Several present offered to help.

Eric Stand asked that the drains at the bottom of the steps be cleaned as they are pretty filled up. Drew Orr will attend to that problem.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that there is a problem with the Barn phone system, which the committee is looking into. Mike stated that the exterior renovation project is still on hold pending further communication with the hemlock supplier. Eric Stand stated that there may be an increase in the price of the wood.

Lake:

Eric Stand stated that he is still trying to get pricing from Pristine Waters for the proposed work at the south end of the lake, and that Pristine Waters must return in the spring to replant the forebay area since the original planting did not take.

Roads:

Fred Margolies reported that the roads were in their usual condition for this time of year. Several community members brought up the poor condition of the entrances to Main Street and Pond Street. Fred again advised members to call the Highway Department directly about problems in front of their respective properties.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that 2 Pond Street is in contract at \$613,000, 15 Hall Avenue is still on the market, and 39 Main Street may or may not still be on the market.

Martha Levites raised the question of what the community could do about properties that fall into serious disrepair. She suggested that the community follow Town rules pertaining to this problem. Martha volunteered to research Town codes, and report back to the Membership.

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reviewed the upcoming summer social season.

4- Good & Welfare:

Martha Levites stated that the Welcoming committee will be holding a Meet Up for newer community members in the Barn or Teen Center as soon as the water is turned on.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.

## GBCA Board Minutes February 10, 2019

Present: Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Paul Stewart-Stand: Treasurer, Dan Fast: Secretary, Mike Brown, Gerry Sircus, Ben Goldner, Chris Broberg, , Hannah Yates, Patrick dePaula, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies

Absent: Drew Orr, Carol Nordgren,

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of 1/13/19 Regular Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 2/1/19 was given by Paul:

M&T Bank	\$ 13,763 (includes \$1021 Scholarship Fund)
M&T Camp Account	\$ 10,802 (includes \$10,000Camp reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 43,680
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$178,476
Total	\$246,721

There are currently 3 members in arrears as of 2/1/19. The members in arrears are: Apter, Burgun, and Rios. Liens are in place on Apter and Rios properties. There are 8 members on payment plans, and 26 members who have not yet paid.

Paul stated that there had been several slip ups in the billing involving billing for two units on single unit properties. Corrected bills have been sent.

Paul stated that the Finance committee is still researching other options to improve our return on investment, including changing banks.

A discussion ensued over the refusal of Jennifer Rosvally to conform to any of the dues payment options recently approved by the Membership. The Board is in receipt of a letter to that effect from Jennifer. The secretary will answer Jennifer's letter with a letter affirming the GBCA policy. The Board may revisit this issue at a future meeting.

3- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Ben and Rina reported that they are beginning to hire staff. They still need one additional lifeguard, a Water Front Director, and a Water Safety Instructor for the Beach. Lifeguard, Waterfront Director, and Water Safety Instructor may be one person with appropriate certifications.

Rina described a problem with the phone line to the Barn whereby Verizon land line calls are not getting through to the phone in the Barn or the answering service connected to that phone. The Barn phone line is provided by Optimum. Verizon has been contacted, and will continue to be contacted until the problem is resolved. This creates a serious difficulty for the Camp as much of the communication pertaining to registration, etc. goes through this line.

Beach:

Hannah reported that she and a representative of the Stewart Stand family met with representatives from a playground equipment company to discuss new play equipment, which will be partially funded by a generous contribution from that family in honor of Frieda Halpern.

The committee met and is working on possible solutions to the road runoff problem.

NYSEG has removed the old electric pole which was behind the Men's room.

Barn:

Mike reported that we have been contacted by the hemlock supplier assuring us that they can meet our specifications.

There will be a tag sale in the Barn, held by the Rietsch family, the weekend of 3/16 - 3/17.

Roads:

Fred reported that the road crew has been doing an excellent job during the recent inclement weather, and is planning to complete officially.

Sales and Legal:

Jeremy reported that the property at 2 Pond Street is in contract at \$615,000.

Social:

Elliot reported that the July schedule is complete and the August schedule is complete except for one night. The committee is considering holding Documentary nights on Thursday evenings, which may require a small amount of additional funding.

Road 4:

Gerry called for material.

Water::

Ron reported that the water is flowing.

Environment:

Chris reported that he is looking into recycling of items that do not go into trash or sanitation recycling with the Town of Lewisboro.

Communications:

Patrick stated that he is working on a Google Drive system for the community.

Lake and Maintenance committees had no reports.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

## GBCA Board Minutes March 10, 2019

Present: Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Paul Stewart-Stand: Treasurer, Dan Fast: Secretary, Mike Brown, Gerry Sircus, Ben Goldner, Chris Broberg, , Hannah Yates, Patrick dePaula, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Drew Orr, Carol Nordgren.

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of 2/10/19 Regular Board meeting were read, and accepted as read.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 3/1/19 was given by Paul:

M&T Bank	\$153,491 (includes \$1021 Scholarship Fund)
M&T Camp Account	\$ 10,753 (includes \$10,000Camp reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 43,683
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$178,504
Total	\$366,432

There are currently 10 members in arrears as of 2/1/19. The members in arrears are: Apter, Delgado, Gecaj, Hicks, Margolies L., Moledo, Rabushka, Rios, Shuldiner, and Simoncini. Liens are in place on Apter and Rios properties. There are 9 members on payment plans.

The Rios property at 20 Hillside Avenue is being auctioned by the bank that owns it. There is a sum totaling about \$35,000 owed to the community and liens are in place. Someone from the Board will attend the auction to protect our interests.

3- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Ben and Rina reported that they held an open house, and will be holding another one on April 6th. They have 120 weeks of Camp signed up for so far, and need 420 weeks to cover expenses. The committee is hiring staff.

The Nursery play equipment is not properly anchored and needs repair. Drew will address the problem in May.

Beach:

Hannah presented a plan, formulated by the committee, the Stewart-Stand family, and the playground equipment company for an installation of new equipment at the beach. Paul stated that the installation of the new playground equipment would cost more than \$4000. The cost of the equipment itself is a similar amount and is being born by the Stewart-Stand family in Frieda Halpern's honor. Paul suggested that the plan be presented to the Membership at the April Membership meeting, with a request for approval of the expenditure for installation. Paul so moved, seconded by Ron. Passed unanimously.

Barn:

Mike reported that there has been no change in the status of the exterior renovation project.

Roads:

Fred reported that the Town has done a decent job of maintaining the roads during the recent spate of inclement weather.

Sales and Legal:

Jeremy reported that the property at 2 Pond Street closed at \$615,000, and the Cuffee property at 15 Hall Avenue is still on the market at \$250,000.

Social:

Elliot reported that there were still a few things to be finalized, and that they are going to go over budget by approximately \$1200, or perhaps a little more. Elliot moved, seconded by Mike, to approve an increase in the Social budget of up to \$1500. Passed unanimously.

Road 4:

Gerry stated that there had been some reaction to an article dealing with the closing of access by community members to property owned by Joy Gross. He asked if the Board wished to consider formulating an editorial policy for Road 4. Discussion ensued. Gerry and Aaron Kroun, as editors of Road 4 will continue to exercise their judgement.

Water:

Ron reported that the water is flowing.

Environment:

Chris reported that Eric Stand had suggested that we participate in a DEC program of planting and maintaining trees around streams and lakes. DEC provides seedlings at no cost other than a commitment to maintain the new trees. They require a 5 year long commitment, documented with photographs. Chris will follow up to see if such a program would be beneficial to us.

Chris also reported that his contact with the Town of Lewisboro has indicated that they are not interested in expanding their recycling program at this time.

Communications:

Patrick stated that has set up a Google Drive system for the community. Rina suggested that he send out an email to the community with instructions on how to use the Google Drive.

Lake and Maintenance committees had no reports.

Good & Welfare:

Fred reported that the Wilder-Balter Affordable Housing project off Route 22 has been approved by the Town. John Bainlardi, the Wilder-Balter representative, thanked our community for it's support.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

## GBCA Board Minutes April 14, 2019

Present: Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Paul Stewart-Stand: Treasurer, Mike Brown, Gerry Sircus, Chris Broberg, Hannah Yates, Patrick dePaula, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Drew Orr, Carol Nordgren.

Absent: Dan Fast: Secretary, Ben Goldner

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

Since the Secretary was absent no minutes were read.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 4/1/19 was given by Paul:

M&T Bank	\$155,3154(includes \$1021 Scholarship Fund)
M&T Camp Account	\$11,503 (includes \$10,000Camp reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$43,685
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$178,519
Total	\$389,023

Paul moved, seconded by Ron, to move the Colony bank accounts to Sterling Bank, which has an office in Somers. All in favor with one abstaining. Motion carried.

3- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Rina reported that 30 campers are enrolled, and feels that registration is going well. The committee is still looking for a head lifeguard and waterfront director, as well as nature and drama counselors.

Beach:

A letter from Martha Levites concerning the required qualifications for head lifeguards was read.

Hannah and Paul discussed the proposed play area and agreed that wood chips would be preferable as ground cover.

Barn:

Mike reported that an email has been received from Gagnon Lumber stating that they will be milling the hemlock some time around the end of April. Samples and/or pictures would follow. No deposit has been requested yet.

A dumpster will be at the Barn through the weekend, starting Friday, 4/26.

A memorial for Shura Saul will be held in the Barn on June 15th. All are welcome.

Roads:

Fred advised members to call the Highway department directly for road concerns.

Sales and Legal:

Jeremy reported that new owners of 2 Pond St. are the Ninivaggi's.

The Soutainian property is on the market. Jeremy moved, seconded by Gerry to have Jeremy contact Soutainian to revisit the proposed donation of the parcel on Colony property to the Colony at no cost to the Colony. Passed unanimously.

Fred reported that LaSalle-Morgan Stanley bought the Rios property for \$228,000 at auction. A lien is in effect on the property and Fred expects that the bank will assign the sale to a local realtor.

Surveys of property lines between the Main St. well property and 39 Main St. (Gecaj), and the line between 20 Hillside Ave, (Rios) and Colony property were discussed. Rina proposed that some sort of marker be placed on the 20 Hillside / Colony line to delineate access to the 17 Acres.

Mike got a price for a chain link fence between 39 Main St and the Main St. well of \$4,000. Some of the survey stakes on that line have already been removed. Iron rods were driven at the ends of that line and GPS coordinates were provided. No action was taken. It was the consensus that, since the property is up for sale, it is hoped that any new owners will be more cooperative

Social:

Elliot reported that the summer schedule is being finalized and asked for more funds to be approved for the social budget.

Road 4:

Gerry asked for contributions of material for the June issue.

Water:

Ron reported that he will be submitting his annual water quality report in the near future. Barn water will be turned on prior to the April Membership meeting.

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