

Road Four

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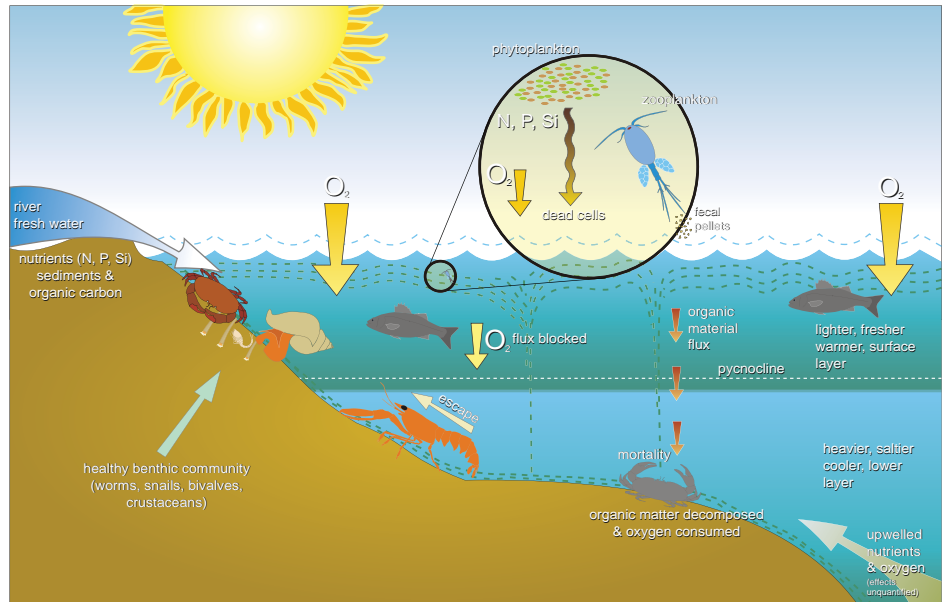
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The Life Of A Lake

All lakes are affected by the process of eutrophication. The following two articles will help us to become aware of what our lake (officially known as Timber Lake) and other Lewisboro lakes may experience. We have little to worry about at present. The town has given us a "B" rating and a consultant hired by the town noted we had the least eutrophication of all Lewisboro lakes. Reading these articles will help us make more informed decisions in the future.

Aging Lakes And Ponds—Eutrophication

Eutrophication (pronounced you-tro-fi-KAY-shun) is a natural process that occurs in an aging lake or pond as that body of water gradually builds up its concentration of plant nutrients. Cultural or artificial eutrophication



occurs when human activity introduces increased amounts of these nutrients, which speed up plant growth and eventually choke the lake of all of its animal life.

In nature, eutrophication is a common phenomenon in freshwater ecosystems and is really a part of the normal aging process of many lakes and ponds. Some never experience it because of a lack of warmth and light, but many do. Over time, these bodies of freshwater change in terms of how productive or fertile they are. While this is different for each lake or pond, those that are naturally fed rich nutrients from a stream or river or some other natural source are described as "eutrophic," meaning they are nutrient-rich and therefore abundant in plant and animal life. Eutrophication is not necessarily harmful or bad, and the word itself is often translated from the Greek as meaning "well nour-

ished" or "good food." However, eutrophication can be speeded up artificially, and then the lake and its inhabitants eventually suffer as the input of nutrients increases far beyond what the natural capacity of the lake should be.

Words to Know

Algae: Single-celled or multicellular plants or plantlike organisms that contain chlorophyll, thus making their own food by photosynthesis. Algae grow mainly in water.

Nitrate: A salt or ester of nitric acid, which is a transparent corrosive liquid composed of nitrogen, hydrogen, and oxygen.

Phosphate: A salt or ester of a phosphoric acid, which is any of three acids that are formed when the oxide of phosphorus reacts with water.

Too much of a good thing

Natural eutrophication is usually a fairly slow and gradual process, occurring over a period of many

centuries. It occurs naturally when for some reason, production and consumption within the lake do not cancel each other out and the lake slowly becomes overfertilized. While not rare in nature, it does not happen frequently or quickly. However, artificial or human-caused eutrophication has become so common that the word eutrophication by itself has come to mean a very harmful increase and acceleration of nutrients. It is as if something receives too much fertilizer or has too much of what is a good thing.

Humans increase the rate of eutrophication

Human activities almost always result in the creation of waste, and many of these waste products often contain nitrates and phosphates. Nitrates are a compound of nitrogen, and most are produced by bacteria. Phosphates are phosphorous compounds. Both nitrates and phosphates are absorbed by plants and are needed for growth. However, the human use of detergents and chemical fertilizers has greatly increased the amount of nitrates and phosphates that are washed into our lakes and ponds. When this occurs in a sufficient quantity, they act like fertilizer for plants and algae and speed up their rate of growth.

Algae are a group of plantlike organisms that live in water and can make their own food through photosynthesis (using sunlight to make food from simple chemicals). When additional phosphates are added to a body of water, the plants begin to grow explosively and algae takes off or "blooms." In the process, the plants and algae consume greater amounts of oxygen in the water, robbing fish and other species of necessary oxygen.

All algae eventually die, and when they do, oxygen is required by bacteria in order for them to decompose or break down the dead algae. A cycle then begins in which

more bacteria decompose more dead algae consuming even more oxygen in the process. The bacteria then release more phosphates back into the water, which feed more algae. As levels of oxygen in the body of water become lower, species such as fish and mollusks literally suffocate to death.

Eventually, the lake or pond begins to fill in and starts to be choked with plant growth. As the plants die and turn to sediment that sinks, the lake bottom starts to rise. The waters grow shallower and finally the body of water is filled completely and disappears. This also can happen to wetlands, which are already shallow. Eventually, there are shrubs growing where a body of water used to be.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Lake Erie was the most publicized example of eutrophication. Called a "dead lake," the smallest and shallowest of the five Great Lakes was swamped for decades with nutrients from heavily developed agricultural and urban lands. As a result, plant and algae growth choked out most other species living in the lake, and left the beaches unusable due to the smell of decaying algae that washed up on the shores. New pollution controls for sewage treatment plants and agricultural methods by the United States and Canada led to drastic reductions in the amount of nutrients entering the lake. Forty years later, while still not totally free of pollutants and nutrients, Lake Erie is again a biologically thriving lake.

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Hearing Set For New Septic Rules

Written by Jane K. Dove,
Friday, 08 April 2011

With the overall goal of protecting water quality, new septic system regulations, as proposed by Westchester County and mandated by New York state, would require Lewisboro residents to pump their

systems every five years.

Any problems or failures would be reported to the county and fines levied against violators.

If the proposed regulations are approved, a new chapter, entitled "Maintenance of Separate Sewage Disposal Systems/On-site Wastewater Systems," would be added to the Town Code.

Town Board members have set a public hearing on the proposed new ordinance for Monday, April 11, at 8 p.m., at the John Jay High School library.

The new ordinance would implement the provisions of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) MS4 permit. The permit, effective May 1, 2010, requires Lewisboro to implement and enforce a program to ensure that septic systems and wastewater treatment systems are inspected, maintained and/or repaired on an ongoing basis.

The Ledger contacted Town Board member Dan Welsh for an explanation of the new ordinance and what it would mean for homeowners.

No impact on most

Mr. Welsh said that there are currently no legal demands on homeowners pertaining to septic systems already in operation.

"The health code kicks in only on failure, which is often only detected when surface water gives it away," he said. "The new septic maintenance law will obligate homeowners to pump out their septic systems at a minimum of once every five years, and the town will have to put systems in place to enforce this."

Mr. Welsh said the MS4 permit requires that certain measures be taken to control pollution associated with surface runoff with the aim of limiting impact on local water bodies. "In the current round of permitting, those measures for the first time now include inspection of septic systems, with the aim of

identifying failures," he said.

Mr. Welsh said documentation of failures will come from septic cleaners and haulers, already required to submit a form for every pumpout. "DEC agreed to add a few items to the form so that gross failures could be noted at the time of pumpout. This would constitute an acceptable 'inspection,'" he said.

Enforcement will take place with Lewisboro and other Westchester municipalities being given access to the county pumpout/inspection data.

"This will allow them to check for homeowners that have exceeded the five-year schedule," Mr. Welsh said. "Violators will be given a 30-day warning notice during which they can arrange for a pumpout, but if action is not taken, a fine is assessed. Enforcement will be the responsibility of the building department."

Mr. Welsh said responsible Lewisboro homeowners would not be impacted "at all" by the new regulations.

"They are already pumping every two or three years and sometimes once a year for homes in sensitive locations," he said.

"The few homeowners that regularly exceed five-year pumping intervals are already risking system failure, repair of which can run many thousands of dollars," he said. "The five-year pumpout requirement might be viewed as burdensome by these people, but the investment in this basic maintenance as required under the new code is more likely to save them money in the long run."

This is a piece that Judy Fast wrote, containing what her grandson Abey wrote, which was read into the record of the New York State Legislature during their lobbying trip to Albany.

Abey Goes To Albany

On March 2nd Abey Weitzman,

accompanied by his mom, Michelle and his sister, Melissa, went to Albany to speak his mind. He goes to the Henry Viscardi school in Nassau County. It is a 4201 school dedicated to teaching the disabled. There's a proposal by Governor Cuomo to defund this and other schools for our most vulnerable youngsters and this was a demonstration at the state assembly to voice opposition. Abey may not be able to speak in a conventional way but, with the help of computer technology, he wrote the following statement which was presented to the New York State Assembly.

"Henry Viscardi School is a place where students like me get the education we legally are entitled to. It is the same education everyone else gets but we need more help. My classmates and I need help writing and turning pages in our textbooks. We also need help eating and breathing. We are funny and smart; we are severely disabled and medically fragile. Please continue to support our School"

Abey is seven years old and learning that he has rights and a voice to back them up. We knew that his extended family in Goldens Bridge would be proud of his efforts. (Great grandma Ruth would be glowing.) Please check into this proposed change in funding and write to your state representative so these great kids are not short-changed. There are 11 schools that will be profoundly affected. Let's make sure these special children get what they need and deserve.

By G'ma Judy, A.K.A. Judith Fast

MANY OF YOU MAY ENJOY READING SOME OF ABEY'S CREATIVE STORIES ON HIS BLOG. WE DO. JUST TYPE IN www.abey.school.blogspot.com

Congratulations, Nedda

One of the lead articles in a recent edition of *The Rivertowns Enterprise*, the hometown news-

paper for Hastings-on Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley and Irvington concerned the Ardsley High School's win of top honors in a Moot Court competition.

One of the faculty advisors for this school team is Nedda Schoenfeld. She is an 11th and 12th grade history and government teacher at the school, has a background in law and advises a team of about 20 students, 4 of whom won top honors in this year's competition. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

So help, what is the difference between a mock trial and a moot court? Nedda is quoted "Mock trial is as you see on TV with witnesses and lawyers arguing and asking questions. Moot court is an oral argument where two students argue in front of a panel of judges; they get shot all sorts of questions by those judges and have to stop their presentation to answer those questions and to engage in thinking on their feet".

The team, under Nedda's guidance, put in long hours of preparation as you can imagine. The results were remarkable. As the students were quoted "It's awesome". The teen team members said that "without the support and knowledge of their Advisors we would not have been able to get anywhere, from them we learned the skills we need for moot court, and also the skills to be confident and to be independent people in our lives".

What better way can we hope to send our kids out into the world? Thank you, Nedda.

Faye Lieman

Moot Court

The Moot Court (oral advocacy - Appellate Court argument) competition every fall sponsored by the Westchester Human Rights Commission, is in honor of deceased Judge Donald N Silverman.

In addition, in the Spring, there is a statewide Mock Trial competition

sponsored by the NY Bar Association. Ardsley HS earned our way up to the Final 4 (semi-finals) for the second time in as many years, (due in large part to the tireless efforts of my co-advisor Frederick R Dettmer, since much of my focus this year was on medical issues).

The last important issue here is that both sponsoring organizations (particular WHRC) are in danger of losing significant funding due to budget cuts and may not be able to sponsor these events next year.

“Wikileaks And The Age Of Transparency”

Micah Sifry (father of Mira and Jesse, husband of Leslie) just wrote and had published a small and edifying book entitled, *WikiLeaks and the Age of Transparency*.

It’s a quick-read, engrossing book with a large message, so current for today’s politics. It may even resonate within small communities such as our Goldens Bridge Community Association.

In her review of the book (on the back cover), Arianna Huffington writes, “With insight and clarity, Micah Sifry explores the red-hot spot where politics and the Internet intersects. An indispensable resource for the future fight over secrecy and openness”

It’s in paperback and the book is available at Amazon.com or through ORbooks.

Enjoy.

Faye Lieman

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Little Room Left For Growth In Lewisboro?

Written by Matt Spillane
Thursday, 07 April 2011

Lewisboro’s population growth may be coming to an end. The town’s population increased by just 0.7% — 87 people — over the last decade, according to figures released recently from the 2010 Census.

Lewisboro had a population of 12,411 in 2010, up from 12,324 in 2000. That slight increase followed decades of steady growth: From 1930 to 1990, the town’s population jumped more than 27% every 10 years, and it rose by 8.9% from 1990 to 2000.

Surrounding areas are also seeing their growth level off: The population for the Katonah-Lewisboro school district increased by just 0.3%, from 18,170 in 2000 to 18,229 in 2010.

Cross River, South Salem and Waccabuc collectively experienced a 3.1% population increase, from 5,453 to 5,624, while Goldens Bridge and Vista saw their numbers go down slightly.

Vista’s population dropped 1.6% from 3,793 to 3,734, while Goldens Bridge decreased 0.8% from 3,078 to 3,053.

The overall population numbers may be somewhat low, though, if the Census was not sent to many post office boxes in town, as local officials claimed happened with the 2000 Census.

Housing development continued to rise throughout the town, however, as the number of housing units jumped 8.7%, from 4,465 to 4,854. The school district saw its housing unit total go from 6,605 to 7,006, an increase of 6.1%.

Despite the increase in the number of homes, Lewisboro may have reached its population peak. Without changes to the town’s zoning code, there might not be much space left for new construction without tearing down existing structures.

“Most of the large parcels of land have been developed and some of the remaining large tracts [of land] have been set aside as open space, which is the way the town fathers and a growing number of citizens wanted to go,” said Maureen Koehl, the town historian. “People like our semirural atmosphere and lack of industry and high-rises. And we don’t have the services to support

these changes.”

Although its growth is slowing, Lewisboro reflects a statewide trend in that it is rapidly becoming more diverse. Hispanic and Latino residents now make up 4.4% of Lewisboro’s population, while Asian residents account for 2.4%. The two groups accounted for 2.5% and 2.1%, respectively, of the town’s 2000 population.

The school district is also seeing more diversity. Latinos and Hispanics account for 5.5% of the Katonah-Lewisboro school district’s population, while Asian residents make up 2.3%. The two groups made up 3.2% and 1.6%, respectively, of the school district’s 2000 population.

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Mae Mencher October 24, 2010

Mae Mencher passed away on October 24, in Silver Spring, Maryland, where she had been living for six years. We were visiting our daughter Marie in Buenos Aires when we learned of Mae’s death, and returned home a week later, after trying to enjoy the trip as best we could in her memory.

Mom was 91, having celebrated quietly in early June. Mom and dad (Hy) first came to Goldens Bridge in 1955, I believe, when I was three and Peter was 9. She especially enjoyed afternoons at the beach and bridge with the Gorns and Reitmans, and time spent with the Zinbergs over the years. It was sad for us, of course, when she sold the house. But that sale allowed her to remain completely independent up until her death.

She worked in her early years as a chemist, but after raising me and Peter had a full and satisfying career as a New York City social worker, until her retirement in the 1970s. Up until her last day she was vivacious, engaged, sharp as a tack, and making new friends at

her apartment complex. Feel free to send any memories of mom to me at steve@menschmedia.com, and Rosanne, Marie and I hope to come visit GB again before long.

Paul Gordon 1914-2011

If there has been one unifying theme from friends and family members regarding our father, Paul Gordon, it was that he “loved life.” He died January 17, 2011 at 96. Staff members at the Purdys Salem Hills rehabilitation center cried when they learned of the news. He and our mother resided there for the past four years.

How does a man who loved life live? He lived to appreciate the arts; he lived to explore new ideas; he lived in awe of nature; he lived to travel; and, he lived to learn.



Paul and Dottie built their house on Lake Street in mid 1940's and were one of the many members of our extended family who made the Colony their home.

Paul Gordon was a talented pianist and performed at many Colony shows. He returned to the piano as a tuning technician after a career at Columbia Records as a recording engineer. With the help of some letters of recommendation from Leonard Bernstein and Mitch Miller, he launched his business. Such introductions helped, of course, but it was Paul who carried the day.

Growing up, Dad always had a ‘current project’ ongoing. We replaced the oak on our 1947 Ford station wagon; we added on (and added on) to the original house at

the end of Road Three; we trolled for white perch in the Muscoot reservoir... 96 years worth of projects.

After a number of years in Bradenton, Florida, Mom and Dad returned to Goldens Bridge. One of the highlights of these later years was the You-Tube video of him playing his small piano. He would count the number of hits as they mounted (currently at over 94,000 views: Paul Gordon piano man).

Politically correct obituaries employ selective memory in recalling positive attributes while avoiding negative ones. Paul Gordon was a bone fide member of the human race; thus, he had both admirable and less admirable sides. It is not that we ignore the negatives; it is that we choose to celebrate the positives and look to these as we continue to live our own lives. If we learn to “love life,” we will honor the memory of Paul Gordon.

Henry Levy April 13, 2011

Remembering Henry Levy:

Henry Levy died Wednesday, April 13, several weeks after being hit by a driver going IN REVERSE on the Major Deegan Expressway. Henry was a part of the Goldens Bridge Community for many, many years. He was the patriarch of the Levy Family and in the complex “family” dynamics of 2011, he was also a major part of the lives of the entire Margolies-Schoenfeld and Reiter clans. Fred and I wrote this remembrance based on our family’s long personal connection with, and deep love for Henry. As Dorothy Margolies’ “paramour” (their word, not mine) of 26 years, he was a frequent companion, sharing birthdays, holidays, vacations and other family times, and it just was not a party without him.

Nedda wrote: It may seem odd to say this about a 93 year old

man, but he was taken away from us way too soon! In Henry’s case, it’s true. The last coherent conversation I had with him was a few weeks ago, just before his surgery. I was in his room in the ICU at Jacobi while the rest of his visitors were in the waiting area. He told me that when he gets out, he needs to buy new shoes with “slippy” soles so that he could dance more easily with Dorothy on their upcoming cruise. This was a direct reference to their experience not only on their last cruise together, but to a New Year’s week trip we took to Williamsburg with Brandon, Sam and Alan & Laura’s family. The first night celebrations on New Year’s Eve included dancing to live big band music, and Henry & Dorothy were in rare form. They tripped the light fantastic into the wee hours, much to the admiration of couples half their age. Dorothy & Henry were beaming!

Fred wrote: Henry never wanted to try anything new which drove Dorothy crazy. When he finally did venture a new experience he was the most enthusiastic participant and enjoyed it more than anyone else.

For example, Henry did not want to get a passport. “Why do I need a passport? I haven’t seen everything in the United States yet.” But when he reluctantly agreed to travel to Russia with us in 2008, river-cruising from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and successfully negotiated for his 6 daily prunes at breakfast with the Russian waitstaff, everything was perfect. He was the most delightful and exuberant of companions. He enjoyed every second of that trip and smiled all the way across Russia.

On a more serious note, Henry will be memorialized through his photos and journals. Henry loved to take pictures and he did so wherever he went. He also wrote extensive journals of his trips. The “Henry Levy Photo Experience”

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*Please Note....
Friday Nights:
\$15.00 for non-residents
Saturday Nights:
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July 2011

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<i>August</i> <i>2011</i>	1	2 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> 6:30 at the Barn	3 <i>Movie Night</i> "City Island" 8:30 at the Barn	4	5 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 at the barn with the Beers	6 Volleyball Tournament BBQ 7:30 pm at the Beach
7 Preliminary Schedule	8	9 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> 6:30 at the Barn	10	11 <i>G.B.C. Book Club</i> "The Help" Discussion lead by Ellen Adelman 8:00 at the Barn	12 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 at the barn with the Beers	13 Upsouth Twisters <i>Zydeco band</i> 8:30 at the Barn
14 <i>Please:</i> <i>Check Bulletin Boards for Schedule Updates</i>	15 Chess Club 7:30	16 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> 6:30 at the Barn	17	18	19 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 at the barn with Jim Gold	20 Scholarship Fundraiser <i>(Details to be announced)</i> at the Barn
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28	29	30 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> 6:30 at the Barn	31	September 1	September 2 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 at the barn with Jim Gold	September 3 the Banquet at the Barn

Please Note: Friday Nights: \$15 for non-residents, Saturday Nights: \$15.00 for non-residents

starts with a “throw away” camera, the cheaper the better. (We bought him a more modern camera once but he was not interested). The main lesson to be learned from Henry in this regard is his infamous photo stance. To take the perfect picture, the photographer moves toward his subject, and, keeping his feet firmly planted in place, must lean back as far as he can without falling and only then take the shot. It always worked.

Henry was often the recipient of my attempts to improve the lives of others. Henry never wanted to try anything new. Here was a double opportunity for me to improve his relationship with my mother and the world! I sat Henry down patiently and recounted the many times that Henry had

resisted new experiences and how upon finally trying them, loved them from international travel to playing Boggle. He listened attentively and respectfully, and then happily continued to resist any new experience.

Nedda and Fred wrote: Henry, you may not have had the most traditional of families, but it was a family of the heart. We will miss you at every birthday and every holiday and many, many days in between. Your warmth & good-natured companionship will be a cherished part of us always.

Eric Kroun (1962–2011), son of Annette and Aaron Kroun, passed away on March 9, 2011

Meet the Candidates: Campaign Kickoff At The Barn!

On Saturday, May 7th, the 2011 Democratic Town Board candidates will kick off their door-to-door campaign with a “meet and greet” event at The Barn. Come and meet Peter Parsons, Democratic candidate for Town Supervisor; Dan Welsh, running for re-election to the Town Board; and Peter Gross, candidate for Town Board. Peter P., Dan and Peter G. will begin their door-to-door Walking Tour of Lewisboro immediately after the event.

Come to The Barn on Saturday, May 7th between 11 am and Noon for refreshments; meet the candidates, ask questions, and watch history in the making!

More information at www.Lewisboro2011.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daphne Maya Leighton daughter of Rebecca and Max; brother of Raz and granddaughter of Ellen and Marty Adelman was born April 14, 2011.

Lori Kroun Fleiss and husband Richard announce the birth of twin boys, Jeremy Walker and Bradley Elan, on February 25, 2011. Jada and Ian welcomed their new brothers.

Annette and Aaron Kroun celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past January.

Maggie Hayes’ daughter, **Hannah Yates**, is a Licensed Agent with the real estate firm of Vincent & Whittemore, On The Green, Bedford Village. She may be reached at (914) 234-3642, ext. 217.

Brandon Schoenfeld announces his engagement to Claudia Isabella Garay who is a medical technician at a VA hospital in NJ and is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree. Brandon has been working as a Court Clerk for the Greenberg Town Court for the last several years. A wedding date has not yet been set. They are off on a Mediterranean cruise/vacation in May.

BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

GBCA Board meeting minutes December 19, 2010

Present: Ron Arnstein, Mera Eisen, Dan Fast, Chris Rietsch, Michael Brown, Martha Levites, Jody Folster, Fred Margolies, Jay Martin, Drew Orr, Dorothy Shulman, Paul Stewart-Stand, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus

Absent: Ken Finkelman

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM

1- The minutes of the 11/21/10 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Insurance:

Brief discussion of Boating Coverage. Jody will contact other camps in the area on this subject before the next Board meeting.

3- Town staffing cuts: Mr. Ripperger has stated that snow removal staff will not be cut this winter.

4- Barn: Mike reported as follows:

Leadership project:

- The Leadership Project group returned with 5 sturdy individuals who finished the demolition work for the next phase of the lower Barn floor.

- Three people want the long supporting beams which came out of the lower Barn floor.

A discussion of the disposal of the wood that was removed ensued. No decision reached.

- Mike showed a number of old bottles, of various types, that were recovered from the space under the lower Barn floor. He also mentioned the finding of a scrap of newspaper: a Sunday Worker from 1938.

5- Financial Report: Martha reported as follows:

We have total assets of \$97,770: \$42,568 in bank; \$20,627 in the Capitol Improvement fund; \$34,575 in the Water Reserve fund. We have a total of \$11,968 in outstanding dues.

Martha discussed the subject of the various outstanding dues payments.

- Two members on payment plans, who will be paid up by year's end.
- Brennan, owing \$1664, will have to be sued, incurring some cost to the community. Rios property, owing \$4989, is a murky situation, and though we will try to get what is owed to the community, we will probably fail. We have placed a lien on the property.
- Hom - Mansfield, owing \$1137, is resisting paying. Martha requested that someone else take this over. Paul will get Eric's letter to Hom-Mansfield to Ron, who will write to them suggesting that they sell the property.
- Deangelis, owing \$2308, is still making infrequent payments. He will be given until after the Holidays to pay in full. If he does not his water will be turned off during the first week in January, 2011.
- Camporeale, owing \$1268. Ron will call them.

Martha stated that she is spending \$6.95 per month to have checks paid electronically, and that this saves the community more than it costs, as well as being a convenience.

6- Water:

Drew reported that one of the recently installed pumps is losing pressure, and must be replaced. He suggested that rather than rebuilding the existing pump again, a new pump be purchased, and one of the worn units be rebuilt and kept as a spare. A new pump will cost \$1500, and rebuilding an existing pump will cost \$500. Mera moved, seconded by John, to purchase a new replacement pump for \$1500, and rebuild an existing pump for \$500. Passed unanimously.

7- Beach:

Mera reported that only three people showed up for the recent Beach committee meeting:

Mike Brown, Drew Orr, and Paul Stewart-Stand.

- The lifeguard situation must be coordinated with the Camp committee.
- Life jackets were discussed: all agreed that some new units will need to be purchased.
- A dead deer was discovered frozen into the lake near the concrete dam. No decision was reached on it's removal. It must be dragged to the side of the road when removed in order to have the Highway Department take it away.

8- Lake:

Jay reported on discussions with Aqua Dredge, Inc., a company that does lake remediation and sediment removal. Aqua Dredge proposes to do the work in the fall of the year, at a total cost of \$51,500. The sediment would be stored in large tubular containers on the volleyball court for approximately one month until the water has drained away, and then the de-watered sediment would be moved to a site within the Colony. The whole process would take approximately two months. Aqua Dredge feels that, because the lake is less than ten acres, no state permit would be required, although local permits would be, as well as NYC (due to lake being in watershed).

9- Roads:

Fred reported that some catch basin work has been done.

10- Road 4:

Gerry reported that, although he does not have much material, he will put out the next issue ASAP, which will contain all minutes since the last issue.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

GBCA Board meeting minutes—January 23, 2011

Present: Ron Arnstein, Dan Fast, Chris Rietsch, Michael Brown, Martha Levites, Jody Folster, Fred Margolies, Jay Martin, Dorothy Shulman, Paul Stewart-Stand, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus

Absent: Drew Orr, Mera Eisen

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM

1- The minutes of the 12/19/10 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Rental & Sales:

Ken reported as follows:

The Elias house sale has gone to contract at \$150,000, contingent upon the buyer obtaining a permit to build a three bedroom house on the property. In order for the sale to proceed GBCA must waive it's option. Martha moved, seconded by Ken, to waive our option. Passed unanimously.

Ron reported that Eric Stand had called him about dead trees threatening his son Paul's house, and that Eric had told him that a tree on the Elias property had fallen recently, damaging Paul's house, and narrowly missing Paul and his wife. The two properties are adjoining. Ron called Michael Elias about the problem, as a courtesy to Eric, and suggested that Michael hire an Arborist, which Michael has done. It was noted that this is not a Colony responsibility, and must be handled by the owners in question.

3- Financial:

- Ron wrote to Hom and directed him to contact Martha and pay up. Martha has not heard from Hom.
- The DeAngelis situation was discussed. Although he has made payments, they have been sporadic, and have required prodding. Ron and Drew will make sure that his curbscock can be turned to shut off his water, and then John Bergherr will contact DeAngelis, and state that payment in full must be made immediately, and if such payment is not forthcoming, then water will be shut off.
- Martha reported that she is backing up the Treasury files to an on-line back up service at a cost of \$5 per month due to her having problems with the flash drive that she was using for that purpose. Martha stated that the Colony should provide her with a laptop computer to handle the Trea

sure work. Jay moved, seconded by Ken, to have the Colony purchase a laptop computer for the use of the Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

- Martha reported on our financial status as follows:

Assets in bank: M&T Camp	\$8,872
M&T Checking	\$77,683
Total Assets in Bank	\$86,555
Other Accounts: Savings (Cap. Improv.)	\$20,630
Water Money Market (M&T)	\$34,579
Total Investments:	\$55,209
Total Assets:	\$141,764

- No update on the Brennan situation.

4- Roads:

- Fred reported on a conversation he had with Mr. Ripperger. Ripperger stated that, although there are no planned cuts in service this year, things will happen more slowly.

- It was noted that there is considerable icing on the roads, with the last half of West Main Street in particularly poor condition.

5- Environment:

- Discussion of putting up fencing around the basketball court to keep the ball from going into the swamp. No decision reached.

- We are getting a large dumpster this year, and the Environmental committee wants to know what it is for: general community clean up or for individual community members to place household trash in it. If the latter, then we will probably need a second dumpster for the general community clean up.

- The question of Bria Carting picking up recyclables for the community (Beach and Barn) was discussed. Martha will check on whether a separate pick up is needed for a business. An additional charge may be incurred.

- The Environmental committee is looking for a place for a community garden. The Nursery acre was suggested, but it was pointed out that the placement of one of the Colony wells, which is on that property, precluded that use. The committee will look for another location.

- Trees were discussed: Mark Schmid noted that there are trees which he feels are threatening the school bus stops. The general sentiment of the Board was to wait until spring when the condition of the leaves can be ascertained, although Chris noted that now is the time to assess the condition of the trunk of the tree. It was decided to hold on this for now.

- The shuffleboard court at the beach needs to be refurbished.

6- Camp:

- The mailing for Camp registration and information is scheduled to go out next week.

- Tuition will remain the same as last year for community residents, and will be a little higher for those from outside the community.

- Hiring of Camp staff and lifeguards is proceeding.

- The Camp committee wants to have a Camp Night in the Barn, and will coordinate this event with the Social committee.

7- Good & Welfare, Etc.:

- It was noted that Paul Gordon, a long time member of our community, passed away this past week. Paul was 96.

- Ron reported on an article in the Lewisboro Ledger regarding dogs. It is now a violation of the local law for a dog to defecate anywhere but on the owner's property, and all dogs must be licensed. It is probable that the owner's picking up after their dog would meet the intent of the law.

- Gary Forbes, our insurance agent, will be coming to our next Board meeting to discuss our insurance situation.

- Ron described a conversation that he had recently with Scott Kishbaugh of NYSDEC.

Mr. Kishbaugh stated that in order to acquire DEC permits to perform dredging the lake owner(s) must be able to prove that silting is having a negative influence on the use of the lake for boating and/or swimming, and that putrefaction of organic matter in the lake was not a valid reason to dredge. He suggested putting up barriers to keep runoff from the roads out of the lake. He said that Waccabuc got a permit to dredge due to the weed growth in their lake. When Ron mentioned the "mystery snails" that have been found in our lake, Mr. Kishbaugh stated that, were he be able to see them he would be able to identify them, and that the presence of the snails indicates a healthy lake. He emphasized that dredging is a hard sell to both NYSDEC and NYCDEP (the lake is within the NYC watershed area, which is under the jurisdiction of NYCDEP).

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

GBCA Board meeting minutes –February 20, 2011

Present: Ron Arnstein, Dan Fast, Michael Brown, Martha Levites, Jody Folster, Fred Margolies, Jay Martin, Drew Orr, Dorothy Shulman, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Mera Eisen

Absent: Paul Stewart-Stand, Chris Rietsch, Ken Finkelman

Also Present: Gary Forbes, Eric Stand

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

1- Insurance:

Gary Forbes, our insurance agent, was invited to this meeting to review our insurance situation. Gary stated that Philadelphia Insurance Co. continues to provide a very good policy, which is written on a "blanket basis", which provides best protection for all of our buildings. The policy is provided on a "legacy" basis. Gary suggested keeping our property insured at 100% of it's value. Our liability policy provides \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with a \$5,000,000 umbrella, with a total aggregate coverage of \$8,000,000. This kind of coverage is necessary because New York State law makes the owner of the property the holder of the liability. Gary noted that our community is covered for boating (there is an exclusion to the exclusion in the policy), and that the "Crime" section of the policy is equivalent to the "Bonding" referred to in our Constitution and By-Laws.

At this point, our discussion of insurance being complete, Gary Forbes left the meeting.

2- Lake Dredging:

Eric Stand requested to speak to the Board on the subject of dredging of the lake.

Ron had spoken to Scott Kishbaugh from DEC in reference to the condition of our lake, and possible permitting issues that might be involved

with the use of suction dredging. He also stated that the latest lake report states that the lake is not overly "eutropic".

Eric Stand, George Levites, and Mike Brown take regular temperature, turbidity, and other readings of the lake, and submit those readings to the NYS DEC, and the Federation of Lake Associations.

Eric stated that, according to the report the lake is "somewhat unfavorable" for recreational use due to decreasing clarity, and that clarity is not adequate for recreational use during at least part of the summer. When asked about the report, Eric stated that the one he was quoting was from 2006.

Ron stated that we need to have a balance between plant and fish life in the lake, and that in the 2008 DEC report it was stated that the lake had improved over previous years.

Eric disagreed, stating that this is not what the report says.

Ron stated that Waccabuc had gotten a permit to dredge the weeds that were choking their lake.

A discussion of whether Ron should have talked to the DEC person independently, rather than discussing it with the Lake committee first ensued, with Eric stating that Ron work with the committee.

Drew and Fred suggested that, since the problem at Hall and Main is a road problem, Mr. Ripperger be approached with a plan to grade the road away from the lake to try to alleviate the situation.

At this point, with the lake discussion concluded, Eric Stand left the meeting.

3- Minutes:

The minutes of the 1/23/11 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

4- Financial:

- Martha reported on our financial status as follows:

Assets in bank:	M&T Camp	\$8,872	
	M&T Checking	\$57,463	
	Total Assets in Bank	\$66,335	
Savings:	Regular Savings	\$60,044	
	Savings (Cap. Improv.)	\$20,630	
	Water Money Market (M&T)	\$34,583	
	Total Savings:	\$115,259	
Total Assets:			\$181,594

- No update on the Brennan situation.

- No purchase of a computer yet.

- DeAngelis owes \$3,562. His water has not been turned off yet due to his curbscock being buried under a considerable quantity of ice and snow. Dan and Drew are monitoring the situation, and will turn off his water as soon as they can comfortably get to the curbscock.

- The loan for the basketball court has been repaid.

- Martha stated that anyone working for the Colony must provide their insurance information or they will not be paid.

- Mera moved, seconded by Martha, that anyone working for the GBCA must provide a social security number, or a business ID on a completed W-9 form before they can be hired and/or paid. Motion carried unanimously.

- Hom paid all charges after receiving Ron's letter.

5- Social committee:

John reported that the following events have been scheduled:

Season Opening night Barbecue: 7/2; Camp Night: 7/16; Volleyball Tournament and dinner: 8/6; Upsouth Twisters: 8/13; Banquet: 9/3

Folk dancing charge for non - Colony members is being increased to \$15 from \$12.

6- Roads:

Fred reported that, according to Ripperger, so far this winter we have had 63" of snow, there have been 24 salt runs, 10,000 miles have been put on the trucks.

7- Real Estate:

- Hom appears to be putting his property on the market

- We have waived our option on the Elias property.

- 24 West Main Street property is on the market.

8- Camp:

- Programming and hiring are under way.

- Registration has reached the cap of 75 campers, with an additional 10 spots reserved for Colony children, and there is a waiting list.

- The committee is discussing the past practice of allowing the splitting up of weeks, and has not reached a final determination.

- Mera wants clarification of responsibilities and authority for hiring and supervision of lifeguards between the Beach and Camp committees.

It was noted that Paul Stewart-Stand is on both committees.

- Drew reported that all of last year's lifeguards are returning, and that a bonus will be offered for staying for the entire summer.

9- Barn:

Mike reported as follows:

- Asked if dumpster will be for the removal of the lower barn floor debris. Martha answered that there will be 2 dumpsters: one strictly for Colony use, and one that will be open to the community.

- We still have only one bid for the lower barn floor. At \$9,000 it is way over budget and we need more bids.

- We have 3 requests for Barn use before the summer season:

- Russell Gordon for a memorial for his dad on 6/12

- Sandler in May

- Joann Ehnes in April

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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