

# Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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2016

## *From the Editor*

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## A Look Back at Goldens Bridge Day Camp 2016

Never in a million years could we imagine that this camp season would bring such unanticipated events. Dawn had been the director for twelve years—and if you had asked us, we would have confidently predicted that she would have continued for another twelve, but no! She received a job offer she could not refuse and tendered her resignation the third week of camp. Fortunately, Nedda Schoenfeld and Rina Slavin were able to step in as codirectors and we were off to the races...

Throughout the transition, the counselors were amazing. Colony staff included Nick Martin, Paris Hicks, Julia and Ethan Rietsch, and Peter, Christian and Symantha Ehnes, who all deserve serious kudos. Lisette Meyers, Candace

Winters and Stacy Kroun-Fertig provided their consistently high caliber of creativity and leadership. In addition, we were lucky enough to get Dana Sokolov, Tamilee Webb (of volleyball fame), Abbi Meyers-Orr and Rebecca Leighton to enhance our programming—they were all terrific. Volunteers such as Rene Boyer, James Callen and Glen Nyquist gave generously of their time and expertise; it was a true Colony collaboration!

It was a lovely second session. Fifty percent of the camp was from colony families. Campers participated in a variety of special activities, such as Wayfinder, a drama/team-building activity; Pokeman-Go, which we designed (without electronics) using compasses to navigate the Seventeen Acres, intensive volleyball clinics, the return of the Maze behind the Barn, and of course our annual trip to Splashdown. The dance showcase at the end of second session was a hit; everyone—parents, counselors and campers took to their feet for the finale.

As we look forward to next summer, we are eager to hire mature specialists on the level of Candace, Lisette and Stacy in the areas of Drama, Music, Nature and Sports. We would love to have this in place as soon as possible; please send any and all of your recommendations to the camp committee at [goldensbridgedaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:goldensbridgedaycamp@gmail.com)

The camp is also in need of a volunteer to help with marketing ASAP! Please email us if you have the time and expertise.

## GOLDENS BRIDGE DAY CAMP

Located in a rural enclave in Goldens Bridge, the Goldens Bridge Day Camp was founded 90 years ago to foster a sense of community and wonder. Using the unique facilities of the Goldens Bridge Colony—the historic Barn, playing fields, Timber Lake and seventeen acre woods—the camp offers a variety of activities including arts and crafts, hiking, sports, drama, music and swimming. All campers travel on field trips and participate in hikes and wilderness exploration, while older campers have overnight camp-outs.

Our program provides campers (ages 3 to 12) and a CIT program (for 13-14 year-olds) with opportunities to develop and share their individual strengths, knowledge, skills, independence and creativity. It provides opportunities for children of all backgrounds to develop respect for one another.

In this child-centered environment, cooperation is encouraged, campers enjoy themselves as they grow in confidence and develop a sense of stewardship.

Every summer, children have the opportunity to make new friends and renew old friendships. Camp is a welcoming place to have fun, take full advantage of the outdoors and to make each a cherished memory!

## Goldens Bridge Day Camp 1973

Many of our readers will recognize the people in these 3 photographs. Some will not. After all, these pictures were taken over 40 years ago. I took these pictures as the official camp photographer was setting up his equipment. He didn't mind since I shot these for my personal use. I still have the official camp pictures which I purchased from the Studio. I recently went through my old negatives and found these. I scanned them and converted them into digital files. Look for these same images in brilliant 4-color on our online edition of Road Four.

Aaron Kroun



## 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. It will be held 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.



After living in Goldens Bridge for 43 years **Judy and Mark Migdail**, long-time active residents of our community have moved. They first rented and spent summers in GB. They volunteered on committees, served on the Board and were involved in community activities. They and their children loved our community so much that they bought an acre with a summer house that was once owned by the Adelman family. In 1973, they tore down the old house and built a new house on the property. They raised a family and their children attended the Katonah-Lewisboro schools. Judy and Mark worked for the NY City Board of Ed and commuted to work from GB. Their children are now grown and have children of their own. Living in an empty

house, coping with the winters, maintaining a house just didn't make sense. It was time to downsize.

They've moved into a retirement community called Masonicare, a newly-built senior living facility located in Mystic, Ct. After living in the same home all those years, the choice to leave was not an easy one. They will now be located close to their daughter and son-in-law who live nearby in Rhode Island. We wish them well.



**Ruth Dombrow** has moved. After living in Goldens Bridge for many years she decided it was time to leave. Ruth is now living in a senior facility in Manhattan. Her address is Carnegie East House, 1844 Second Ave., Apt. 13A, New York, NY 10128. Her cell phone number is 914-953-7246. Ruth is eager to have members of the Goldens Bridge Community stay in touch.

Ruth earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from New York University and had a private psychotherapy practice in Manhattan for over 30 years. She has served on the Goldens Bridge Executive Board and has held officer positions. Ruth is also an accomplished artist, and spent most of her time in her studios in Goldens Bridge, N.Y. and Sedona, Arizona. She has two grown daughters who live in New York City.

To see more information about Ruth go to <http://www.ruthdombrow.com>

The following prose poetry is authored by Rose Howard

## PRESERVE: TO KEEP (SOMETHING) SAFE FROM HARM OR LOSS.

I collect things.

I pick them up off the street.

Rusted bottle cap. Faded pencil topper in the shape of a smiling frog. Acorn tops.

I redirect them from the kitchen trash into a jar.

Rubber bands. Plastic and wire twists. A rainbow of plastic bread tags.

I don't know what to do with them.

Sometimes I take their picture, leave them where they lie.

Blue and white paper straw. Torn up lottery ticket. Squeezed out ketchup packet.

I pick them up and work them into my journal.

Index card with numbers written on it. Brightly colored candy wrapper. Tiny flattened gum box  
(with water damage from the rain).

They are discarded bits of a life.

Litter. Flotsam & Jetsam. Rubbish.

I identify with the pieces left behind; their story speaks to me.

Adrift. Discarded. Invisible.

I want to protect them, to see them as they are. They each have their own identity.

Each one is more than just pieces of a whole. They have a unique, silent story.

I cannot bear to simply place them in the trash; I believe there is hope.

For them. For you. For me.

I collect them, they have a special place.

In my home. In my eyes. In my heart.

Safe.



### *Ladies of the Lake*

The weather this year made it feel as if summer was being extended well into the fall. The scene at the lake on most afternoons seemed no different than on a July afternoon. Some of the seniors could even be found swimming. Only the children were missing. For them school begins in the fall no matter what the weather.

October 17, 2016 was an unusually beautiful balmy day in mid October. Seated L to R: Martha Levites, Pearl Klainberg, Suki Sircus, Annette Kroun, Joy Gross enjoying the autumn sunshine.

The following story appeared in *KidSpirit* magazine ([kidspiritonline.com](http://kidspiritonline.com)), which is an online magazine. Abraham (Abey) Weitzman is a 13-year-old New Yorker who loves Mel Brooks, Edgar Allan Poe, and Sherlock Holmes. He enjoys traveling and staying home. He is the grandson of Dan Fast and the late Judy Fast.

## My Home on the Mountain

*I'm not sure I believe in fate, but the fact that my dad bought a house in Windham, New York, is too important to me to be sheer coincidence.*

**H**e bought the house when he was in his twenties, before he even thought about having me, and spent the better part of a decade rebuilding it. It was the original farmhouse of the surrounding area when it was built in the late 1800s. My dad bought it when all that was left was a frame and a roof, and the work began.

The Adaptive Sports Foundation on Windham Mountain has become one of my favorite places to go to in the winter. From the moment we walk in, it's brimming with activity, from all the students itching to hit the slopes to the instructors coming in from morning runs. My brother Izzy, of course, runs straight for the hot chocolate, which he has dubbed the best in the world. Then, right around ten o'clock, a sort of choreographed chaos ensues as we get ready to take on the mountain.

My dad is a Broadway stagehand, but not just a regular stagehand; he's the head electrician. A light in the ladies' room doesn't get changed without his say-so. Here's something you need to know about my dad: he can do pretty much anything. And when restoring an 1800s farm house, that's a good thing. There was no construction crew for this project, just my dad, whichever buddies came to help, and Sammy, my dad's beloved dog. I have heard many times about the early days, when my dad and Sammy would sleep next to each other on the kitchen floor because the only heater in the house was there. My dad had to keep rotating because one side would be sweating while the other was freezing.

Getting in the ski is a bit of a process; it involves duct tape and many straps. I go down the mountain in a bi-ski, which is a bucket seat with two skis on the bottom. Once I'm strapped in, all I want to do is go fast! When I'm in that ski with the mountain flying by, I feel totally independent. The instructors and everyone on the mountain disappear, and I really do get to do this on my own. That sense of solitude while sliding down the mountain is enthralling.

The first time I tried skiing, it was nothing like I imagined. Often when the word "adaptive" is tacked on at the beginning of something, it can lose some intensity. But shredding down that hill, I knew the instructors weren't letting up. We were hitting jumps in the second lesson! There was one thing I was sure would bother me. While the vast majority of the population loves and thrives on that whole wind-in-your-hair feeling, I am without a doubt an outlier — wind is usually sensory hell. But I rarely noticed it once we got started.

The house on Mill Street was my dad's weekend project on steroids. It still has a whole workshop that would make any tool buff drool. The shop is where the heavy work got done. It is like something out of a PBS woodworking show: table saws, sanders, even an axe from Japan — a tool for every job.

In talking about the shop, I'm obliged to mention the table. My dad had this idea to build a round table à la the Knights of Camelot. The problem is he never got to it; the wood has been sitting there since before I was born.

Having a family changed everything for my dad. Before he met my mom, two wood burning stoves were going to heat the whole house. My mom wouldn't have that, and he installed a real heating system that he is now thankful for.

My dad always says, "We are a DIY family." This year he made me a sled for cross-country skiing. I love that he made it, but cross-country misses the best part of skiing: speed. They should call it snow hiking.

Hiking around North Lake is serene any time of year, but winter is stark and still. We find silent moments between snowshoes crunching the frosty path. The sled glides. Slowly, we appreciate the afternoon sun's waning.

Our Mill Street house is a place that will always be special to me. It is where I learned to ski, but it is also so much more. It's where we go to the creek, sometimes for a bike ride and sometimes for an evening stroll. I don't even want to think what would have been if my dad had chosen one of the many other houses he saw. Would I never have skied? Where would my oldest friend's mom have gotten married? Would Camp Weitzman, the annual week where our friends come up for a mini summer camp, even exist?

Some things have changed—my brother and I now have our own room, and our family has a new hot tub—but the essence stays the same. We may not have a giant man cave like the house across the street. We don't even have cable. What we do have is a bunch of amazing memories from our time there. I'm not sure I believe in fate, but my dad's buying that house was more than just coincidence.

## News 1 Story, Gary Tomei—Ny1.com

Next in our series “One City, Many Mayors,” we head to Greenwich Village, where the father of a famous actress is trying to get his block involved in community affairs. Our Michael Scotto has the story.

For Gary Tomei, there’s always been something lucky about the number 13.

To many, the 80-year-old is the mayor of West 13th Street, the go-to-guy on this leafy stretch between 6th and 7th Avenues.

“You have a problem, give him a call and he’ll get things done,” said a neighborhood doorman.

Tomei runs the West 13th Street Block Association.

And if his name sounds familiar, he’s the father of actress Marisa Tomei.

Tomei moved to a townhouse here in the early 90s, a few years after leaving Brooklyn for Manhattan.

Not long after Tomei moved in, rats became a major nuisance on the block, prompting Tomei to take matters into his own hands.

“I said, we have to do something,” Tomei said. “No one was doing anything so let’s form a block association and let’s quote ‘attack the problem’.”

He eventually did, and then went on to tackle other issues. A former lawyer, he pushed for speed bumps,

new streetlights and new trees.

Ironically, one issue that continues to irk him—the film and television shoots occurring everywhere in the city, including his block.

“It’s a very big inconvenience for the people who have to park on this street,” Tomei said.

Until recently, Tomei was embroiled in a legal battle with his neighbor, Sean Lennon, the son of John Lennon. Tomei says Lennon’s tree caused damage to his house. Last month, a judge ordered Lennon to cut it down.

“It’s unbelievable,” Tomei said. “Unbelievable what he did to my house.”

Tomei says as the neighborhood has grown wealthier, residents have become less involved in the issues on the block.

It’s one reason why he doesn’t know who will eventually take over the organization.

“Who would want this job?” he asked. “You know, you can only get complaints, although, I must say I get some compliments.

**To view the video, go to the link below:**

<http://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2016/10/11/manhattan-week--the-mayor-of-13th-street-inspires-civic-participation-among-his-neighbors.html>



## Marchers Hold Solidarity Walk in Katonah

On Saturday, November 19th, a march was organized in Katonah to stand against racism, sexism, and to show solidarity with immigrants in our area. “We walk to reaffirm the characteristics of our community which we cherish most—kindness, diversity, inclusion, and the freedom to live with safety and dignity.” More than one thousand people attended and marched through Katonah to the Presbyterian Church to listen to several speakers. Members of our community who participated were Dan Fast, Michael Brown, Laure, Elizabeth, and Marc Milliot, Rina Slavin, Nedda Schoenfeld, and Fred Margolies.

## UPDATE ON VERIZON FIOS CABLE TELEVISION (From the Town of Lewisboro Website)

Many residents have contacted the Supervisor's office inquiring about when Verizon FIOS cable television and Internet services will be available in the Town.

FIOS Internet service is a telecommunications service and as such is not regulated by the Town. Some residents are currently able to subscribe to Verizon FIOS now. Where and when the service is made available elsewhere in Town is solely at the discretion of Verizon.

Cable television service, however, is regulated by the New York State Public Service Commission. In order to make cable television service available in Lewisboro, Verizon must enter into a franchise agreement with the Town and then complete a build-out of the service.

Negotiations for a cable franchise agreement between Verizon and the Town were held in 2009. They ended with the Town awaiting details from Verizon on how the latter planned to support public access television (PEG), including government, community and school programming on its system.

Our attempts to complete negotiations were rebuffed as Verizon was awaiting the outcome of a dispute with the town of Harrison relating to Verizon's obligation to support PEG programming. That proceeding ended earlier this year with a decision that was favorable to Harrison.

With the meaning of the regulations now settled, I had hoped to bring Verizon back to the Town to complete negotiations. However, we were recently informed by Verizon officials that they have suspended the negotiation of new franchise agreements throughout the State at this time.

Verizon's decision not to move forward with its application for a franchise agreement is a financial one made at the corporate level. We were advised by their government affairs office that currently Verizon has paused all new franchise agreement applications in New York State and is concentrating the Company's resources towards building out service in communities with existing agreements.

We are committed to bringing the most choice possible and competitive pricing to Lewisboro consumers. While Town residents do receive the benefit of the competition between Cablevision and Verizon elsewhere in the State because the rates are set in Albany, we realize that with more competition comes better “special deals” and more responsive service. We will closely monitor this situation with the hope of bringing Verizon back to the negotiating table as soon as they are willing and able. *Dean Travalino, Chairman, Cable Television Advisory Committee*

GREETINGS FROM GOLDENS BRIDGE, N. Y.



Dear Ellie & Phil -

How was your vacation?

Mine is on the dull side.

Merrill likes the camp

very much so I have 6

hours free to walk around

or read - not much else to

do. I don't care for the

round up here. There are

only 2 women here who

I talk with - Write if you

have a chance. Please give

my regards to Edith, Hyacinth

family etc. Ruth

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING

GOLDENS B  
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POST CARD



Mr + Mrs P. Stein  
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Jamaica, N.Y.

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Merrill

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS

Michael Brown is a collector of vintage postcards, focusing mainly on old Goldens Bridge. Here is one, shown front and back. As indicated by the postmark, the card was mailed in July, 1949. Note that postage for a postcard was only 1 cent at that time.

### IBM

IBM has sold its longtime campus in Somers. Most of the staff were moved to headquarters in Armonk. Little is known about the name of the buyer or the purpose of the purchase.

### Katonah-Lewisboro Teacher Contract

The Katonah-Lewisboro School Board voted unanimously to approve a four-year contract with the local teachers association. The union had previously voted in favor of the agreement.

TO THE EDITOR:

Do we need a Real Estate Committee?

At the present time we have a working committee of 7 cooperating members. The functions of the Real Estate Committee are two fold:

1. To help owners find tenants for summer rentals.

2. To help Colony members who want to sell their property find a buyer.

a) We have a list of people who wish to buy colony property and who have paid \$25 to be on this list, with the understanding that they are to be notified when a house comes up for sale.

It has come to our attention that an Executive Board member, when recently approached to sell a house, agreed to do so and proceeded without notifying anyone on the committee. We wish to voice our strong disapproval of such individual action, which is contrary to our purpose and function. If this is allowed to happen, then we have no need of a real estate committee and a list becomes a farce.

Our policy has been to notify everyone on the list when a house is up for sale, thus giving everyone a fair chance.

A committee can only function with integrity if individual colony members cooperate in offering their houses for sale to the community. We are visible, and can be reached.

Ken Cousin, Chairman 5247  
Gloria Brown 9081  
Chaim Dubno 8644  
Mac Arons 5552  
Selma Davis 9343  
Max & Frieda Halpern 5574

**Great Music, Close By, Cheap!**

Nearly every third Saturday of the month there is a concert sponsored by the Westchester Bluegrass Club at the Lake Purdys Clubhouse, 33 Lake Way, North Salem. Doors open at 6:30 and the evenings begin around 7:00 with a jam session followed by an open mic, and finally the featured act at about 9:00. Snacks are included in the admission charge (\$15.00 donation) and attendees are welcome to bring wine or other goodies to share if they like.

The musicians are sometimes local, often world renowned and not always bluegrass. The atmosphere is very casual and rustic (much like our Barn). Often there are Colony members in attendance. It's always a relaxed and fun evening.

The next concert is scheduled for December 17 featuring the Korey Brodsky Band.

For current and additional information, see the link to the WBC below.

<http://www.westchesterbluegrassclub.com/>  
Come check it out!



This image of a double-crested cormorant was captured by Mike Brown. Mike had spotted this bird hanging around on the float at the lake for several months. Luckily he had his camera with him and took his best shot.

This aquatic bird forages for food by diving from the surface and swimming underwater, propelled by feet and sometimes uses wings as well.

**TOWN OF LEWISBORO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**  
**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911**

POLICE, TOWN OF LEWISBORO .....	763-8903
POLICE NEW YORK STATE .....	277-3651
AMBULANCE LEWISBORO VOLUNTEER.....	763-9633
FIRE DEPT., GOLDENS BRIDGE.....	232-4530

**HOUSE  
FOR RENT**

**House For Rent in the Colony: Available January 1st, 2017**  
23 Hillside Ave. (The McNally house, formerly the Dubno House.)  
2 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, Wrap around deck, 1392 SqFt, flat usable acre.  
\$2400/Month. For more info Call Fred Margolies at 914-589-0824  
*To view images of this property: Google 23 Hillside Ave Goldens Bridge*

## **BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES**

### **GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes July 31, 2016**

A quorum was attained at 11.15 A.M.

The minutes of the 04-24-2016 membership meeting were read and accepted without comment. Motion to accept by Barbara and second by Annette – Unanimous.

Financial - Adam reported that Funds are tracking normally.

012 M&T Bank - \$103,231.93

013 Savings Account M&T - \$2,018.64

014 Camp Account M&T - \$82,125.90

015 Water Capital Improvements Savings M&T - \$11,993.08

016 Capital Improvements Savings M&T - \$153,086.78

Real Estate & Legal – Eric read a statement concerning Lars Margolies and 1 West Main Street. This resulted in a motion by Martha for the E.B. to put a detailed procedure in writing in Road 4 concerning the Colonies “Option to Purchase” provision when houses are sold including how financial exchange is made NAT added to the motion that the Rental & Sales Committee should be expanded and the subject should be on the August meeting agenda. There were 14 votes in favor, 5 abstentions and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee – Mike presented the slate. A sample Ballot is appended to the Minutes. Nominations were closed by a motion by Pearl seconded by Dorothy – Unanimous.

Social Committee – John offered – great season so far. Banquet Committee was formed with the following volunteers. Martha, John, Barbara, Ellen, Marty, Jim, Jerry, Jackie and Nicole.

Camp – Rina The director resigned, the assistant director from last year was not available, so Rina offered that the dire financial situation didn’t materialize and should be closer to break even. Rina described the challenges of increasing enrollment next year considering the options in the area available to campers.

Lake – Eric Forebay Project – still awaiting Army Corps of Engineers Approvals. The Lake Committee is in the process of discussing bids with contractors. While discussing took place about Phase II and Phase III removals, on the Forebay Project (Phase I) was approved by the Membership at a not to exceed cost of \$30,000.. This was restated by Adam. The Lake Committee is Dan, Jay, George, Paul and Eric.

Barn – Mike The Lower floor is complete alone with the ballfield fence. Estimates have been requested for the outside barn project including the extensive remediation required.

General – Georgann is concerned about the appearance of some properties that diminishes the Colony. She volunteered to take this issue to the Town Board and requested that the Executive Board send a letter to the Town Board saying Georgann will represent the Colony and notify owners that they will be responsible for costs incurred to demolish, vacant, offending structures. Eric made a motion to this affect and amended by Martha. 12 in favor, 1 opposed and 6 abstentions.

Patrick de Paula (Schattner House) was introduced to the Community.

Motion to adjourned by Dorothy, Second by Mike – No objections. Adjourned at 12.45..

### **GBCA Board Minutes August 14, 2016**

Present: Vice President; John Bergherr, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Mike Brown, Rina Slavin, Mera Eisen, Gerry Sircus, Carol Nordgren, Joy Radulovic, Drew Orr and Fred Margolies

Absent: President; Dan Fast, Jeremy Metz, Dorothy Shulman and Jay Martin

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 07-10-2016 were read and required a modification of the Lars (1 West Main Street) presentation. The motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made, 5 in favor, 2 abstentions and 3 no's. Motion to accept passed.

1. Financial Report by Adam Huggard – Collections are proceeding normally.

012 - M&T Bank - \$ 80,690.18

013 – Savings Account M&T - \$ 2,018.64

014 - Camp Account M&T - \$ 67,871.45

015 – Water Capital Improvement Savings M&T - \$ 11,993.59

016 - Capital Improvement Fund \$ 153,099.78

2. Budget – Adam presented the 2017 Preliminary Budget which the Board reviewed line-by-line. There will be some modifications before its voted on by the Membership at the October 2016 meeting.

3. Barn – John made a recommendation that Plan-A for the barn exterior be painting rather than siding. He said

that the original idea for siding, which was to just cover everything over so as to avoid dealing with lead containing paint, and a co-benefit according to Drew would be to solve the water leaking into the basement with flashing. However, John pointed out that there appears to be very little lead in the paint and painting would retain the character of the barn. Both schemes would require significant remediation by a carpenter to correct for rot and general degradation of very old barn wood.

4. Camp – Rina and Nedda assumed the Camp Director duties and the season concluded successfully. Rina again mentioned the challenges the Camp will face going forward but there is no question of the benefits the Camp provides to the Community.

There being no further reports to report the Board – adjourned at 11.45 A.M.

### GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes August 28, 2016

A quorum was attained at 11.21 A.M.

The minutes of the 07-31-2016 membership meeting were read by Ron Arnstein and accepted without comment by. Motion to accept by Joy Gross and second by Gerry Sircus – Unanimous.

Financial – Adam Huggard reported that Funds are tracking normally.

012 M&T Bank - \$75,491.00

013 Savings Account M&T - \$2,018.64

014 Camp Account M&T - \$41,447.00

015 Water Capital Improvements Savings M&T - \$11,993.00

016 Capital Improvements Savings M&T - \$153,099.00

Camp financials are preliminary but not expected to run a big loss.

Motion by Nat Yalowitz – seconded by Faye Lieman. Request Finance Committee to study a plan for the Colony to tax the sale of homes to grow the capital fund. 28 In favor, 6 abstentions, 2 No.

Elections – Ballots were handed out to those signing in. Motion to close voting at noon by Barbara Tauber – seconded by Pearl Klainberg, no objections.

Social Committee – John Bergherr thought we had a great season. The Colony will be 90 years old in 2017 and John thought we should celebrate.

Lake – Eric Stand – Motion by Martha Levites – second by Mike Brown in support of Eric Stand's proposal to use the volleyball court to store and dewater material taken out by suction, dredging for the Forebay Project and the dam instead of the parking area. This would be less expensive since regrading of the parking area would not be required and water would run directly back into the lake. Passed with 1 No vote, 36 in favor. Plan to start in the fall 2016.

Eric Stand also thought that both sections – the Forebay on Main Street and the Dam Area could be dredged for the \$30,000. in the Budget.

Motion by Russel Gordon – second by Martha Levites. Authorize the Executive Board to consider doing both the Hall Ave. and Dam Area harvesting for the approved maximum price of #30,000. - Passed – 2 abstentions, 35 in favor

Motion by John Bergherr – second by Carol Lewis authorize the Executive Board to roll in dredging the swimming area at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. with material pumped into the bag on the volleyball court – passed; 2 abstentions, 1 No vote and 34 in favor.

John Bergherr moved to close balloting at 12 P.M. - second by Gerry Sircus – no objections. The following are the offices and members at large;

President – Rina Slavin, Vice President – Ron Arnstein, Treasurer - Adam Huggard, Recording Secretary – Dan Fast. At Large Members: John Bergherr, Roman Broberg, Martha Levites, Jeremy Metz, Carol Nordgren and Gerry Sircus.

General – Martha Levites had two requests; First: that the 3/2014 “Buying and Selling Property Guidelines be republished in Road 4; Second: that the rental/sales committee be enlarged.

Several members thought that an Up-to-Date telephone and e-mail directory be published and maintained. Also publish a listing of Board Members and Liaisons to Committees as well as a schedule of Executive Board and Membership meetings.

No other Committee reports, Motion by Fay Lieman – seconded by John Bergherr, adjourn 1 P.M. without objection.

### GBCA Board Minutes September 11, 2016

Present: Rina Slavin, President; Ron Arnstein, Vice President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Martha Levites; Gerry Sircus; Roman Broberg; Carol Nordgren; John Bergherr; Drew Orr; Jeremy Metz; Mike Brown; Joy Radulovic; Fred Margolies; Mera Eisen

Also Present: Eric Stand

Absent: Adam Huggard, Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

1- Minutes: The minutes of the 8/14/16 Regular Board meeting were read by former Secretary Ron Arnstein, and accepted as read.

2- Financial Report:

The current Financial Report as of 9/10/16 was read by Dan due to Adam's absence. M&T Bank
\$77,373
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund) \$ 2,019
M&T Camp Account \$34,166
M&T Water Capitol \$11,994
M&T Capitol Improvement \$153,113
Total \$278,665

There are currently 5 members in arrears and 7 members on payment plans.

3- Lake work:

Dan stated that while we had received a total of 5 bids for the work, only 2 were worth considering. Three of the five were well over budget. One other was \$4,000 over budget, but included both Phase 1 (the Forebay project at the junction of Hall Ave. and Main St.) and Phase 3 (the removal of sediment behind the concrete dam). The one bid the committee settled on was also for Phase 1 and Phase 3, but carried a price of \$27,497.95, which is \$2,500 under budget. That company was Pristine Waters.

There was further discussion of removal of sediment around the crib area at the beach. Eric stated that he had spoken to Pristine Waters, and that they said they could do this work at a cost of \$2,000 per day. He felt that it would not go over the \$5,000 voted for this work by the Membership at the last Membership meeting.

Dan moved, seconded by John, to hire Pristine Waters to do the Phase 1 and Phase 3 work at a total cost of \$27,497.95, contingent upon: 1- getting the Army Corps of Engineers permit; 2- getting the DEC modified permit; 3- any additional costs from engineering, permitting, etc. will not cause the total cost of the project to exceed the \$30,000 cap approved by the Membership. Motion carried with Dan abstaining.

4- 2017 Budget:

A discussion of the preliminary 2017 Budget was held.

- Drew will get bids for the replacement of the Barn rear stairway, which will probably have to be constructed of metal to meet code.

- A new Barn exterior committee was formed consisting of: Mike, Drew, Dan, and Eric Stand. Mike will be the liaison for this committee.

- After further discussion of the Barn exterior work. Joy moved, seconded by Martha, that the Barn exterior committee should meet and discuss what needs to be done to complete this work. Motion carried with Dan and Roman abstaining and Drew opposed.

- The Board discussed the situation with the Barn kitchen area in general and the old stove in particular, and it was the consensus of the Board to remove the old stove and renovate the kitchen area to provide more usefulness.

There will be a full discussion and approval of the 2017 Budget at the next Regular Board meeting.

5- Committee liaisons:

Camp .....	Rina
Beach.....	Martha
Barn .....	Mike & Joy
Finance .....	John
Lake .....	Dan
Roads .....	Fred
Environmental .....	Roman
Social .....	John
Road 4 .....	Gerry
Sales & Legal .....	Jeremy
Water .....	Ron
Maintenance .....	Drew
Welcoming .....	John & Carol
Town .....	Fred & Mera
Waste Mgmt. ....	Martha
Communication .....	Martha & Roman

6- Other business:

During a discussion of community communication Drew noted that there are actually 2 community Facebook pages: a GBCA General page and a GBCA Social page. He will get more info and report back to the Board.

Ron stated that his son's leadership group has requested the use of the Barn for their annual meeting in early November. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary



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