

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting – 10/9/11

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Michael Brown, Drew Orr, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Chris Rietsch, Jay Martin, Fred Margolies

Absent: Martha Levites, Treasurer; Ken Finkelman, Dorothy Schulman, Jody Folster, Cynthia Hicks

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

- 1- Minutes:
No minutes were read due to the Secretary not having the draft ready.
- 2- Financial:
No financial report: Martha is having knee surgery. Ron will send flowers from the community.
- 3- Insurance:
John described his recent conversation with Chuck Gohn of Associates of Glens Falls expressing Chuck's misgivings about some of our present insurance coverage. John then read a letter that he had drafted, addressed to Philadelphia Insurance Company, the firm that carries our insurance, explaining our intent to switch brokers to Associates of Glens Falls. John explained that this letter was necessary for Associates to be able to discuss our insurance with Philadelphia. Ron signed the letter as Board President, and John will forward it to Associates.
- 4- Committee Reports:
 - A- Barn:
Mike reported that there is a Halloween party scheduled for the end of the month, after which water to the Teen Center will be shut off for the winter.
 - B- Welcoming:
John reported that the Schneiders have rented their house for 2 years, and that he will be welcoming the new tenants. Also that the new owners of what was formerly the Becker house are being welcomed by the Begers, the Milliots, and the Stewart-Stands.

Dan will make up a notice, which will be included with future mailings of Membership meetings, requesting that all Colony members who are renting provide the Board with phone numbers and email addresses for their tenants in order that their tenants can be notified of emergencies, problems such as water shut downs, etc.
 - C- Roads:
Fred reported that, although there is some improvement in a few areas, the overall picture has not changed much.

D- Beach:

Drew reported that the drain that was installed on the north stair to the beach is working well.

E- Environment:

Jay stated that the hemlock trees that had been topped by the utility company, just south of the beach entrance, still need to be removed.

F- Water:

Ron reported that the annual Board of Health inspection went well, and our permit is being renewed. However, the BOH inspector stated that the existing well heads must be raised to a minimum of 18 inches above grade, and that we need to install a transfer switch for the electric service to the pump house, even if no emergency generator is installed. This is required so that if a portable generator were to be used, it could be attached simply and quickly. He also stated that we must inspect the interiors of the storage tanks. Ron estimated a cost of about \$2000 to do this, which would come out of the water maintenance budget.

The subject of an emergency generator for the water system was discussed. Dan will do calculations for the size required to run the circulating pumps and the Branch Street well pump.

- 5- Board meetings are now scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, with one or two exceptions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.