Membership meeting minutes: January 29, 2012

The meeting was convened at 11:35 AM.

Present: 24 Voting Members and approximately 3 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 7, 2011 Membership meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected. The reading of Board meeting minutes was waived as they will appear on the Goldens Bridge.org website, and in Road 4.

2- Financial:

Martha Levites reported that our financial situation is good:

Checking: 78,821
Savings: 2105
Camp: 27,097
Water Capitol: 34,631
Capitol Improvement: 25,536

There are 5 members who have not yet paid their dues, or set up a payment plan to which they are adhering, and pointed out that non-payers require that everyone else's dues be raised to compensate. The Board is pursuing the non-payers.

3- Committee reports::

A- Insurance:

John Bergherr reviewed our recent history pertaining to insurance. Due to being unable to communicate with our broker, we switched to Forbes, a local company. Mr. Forbes felt that Philadelphia, the actual insurance company, might drop us if we ever made a claim. Upon reviewing our policy John discovered that we had no coverage for our water system and no "Molestation and Abuse" coverage. John suggested to the Board that we switch to another broker, Chuck Gohn of Glen Falls Associates. John has worked with Mr. Gohn for a number of years in his work capacity, and knew that Mr. Gohn has a good working relationship with Philadelphia. The Board agreed, and we switched brokers, going to Mr. Gohn.

We have obtained coverage for the Water System at a cost of \$320 per year, and Mr. Gohn is working on securing the "Molestation and Abuse" coverage.

B- Barn:

Mike Brown reported that we have two requests from community members for the use of the Barn: one in May, and one in June.

C- Roads:

Fred Margolies reported that he met with the Town Highway Supervisor, who informed him that the budget is in bad shape, causing them to cut services. Fred discussed with him what we want for road maintenance, and went over specific problem areas.

D- Social:

Pearl Klainberg reported that the committee met last month, and will be meeting next week. She stated that, due to light community participation, with most participants coming from outside the community, three Folk Dancing Friday nights have been eliminated for this year. This is an experiment to see if we get more community participation. A lengthy discussion of the Folk Dancing situation ensued.

Pearl related the calendar as follows: 7/7 - Barbecue at the Beach; 7/14 - Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys; 8/5 - Volleyball; 8/11 - Jerry Sokoloff and his group (tentative); 8/25 - Dark night. Under discussion are a Home Talent night and a Camp night.

E- Lake:

Jay Martin reported that he is working with Eric Stand and Paul Milliot to represent the GBCA in dealing with the Town and other governmental bodies.

Paul Milliot reported that the suction harvesting, which is the vacuuming out of debris around the swimming area, is close to approval, and is scheduled to be done in the spring. He already met with the Lewisboro Planning Board, and is meeting with other officials next week to move the project through the bureaucratic process. He is hopeful that the permits will be in place early enough to do the work in the spring well before the Summer so that all debris will be gone well before the season starts.

There is still "East of Hudson" grant money, and other money, totaling about \$312,000 that has not yet been spent by the Town of Lewisboro, and the Town is looking for projects. We are proposing the installation of a "Forebay" in the cove at the intersection of Hall Ave. and Main St., after existing debris which has accumulated in that area is cleaned out.

F- Environmental:

Dorothy Schulman reported that:

- 1- The trees that are endangering the Pump House are not all on our property. Ron Arnstein will contact the property owner and discuss the problem with him, and make him aware of the threat that the trees pose to our water system.
- 2- There is \$1500 left in the budget from last year for fencing around the basketball court, which was to have been installed to keep the balls from going onto the road or into the swamp for the safety of our children using the court. Dorothy moved, seconded by Jay Martin, to spend up to \$1500 for fencing at the basketball court to contain the balls for the safety of the children. All in favor except one abstaining. Motion carried.

G- Road 4:

Gerry Sircus reported that he is still looking for material for the next issue.

H- Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that:

1- the line to the Kringas property is leaking, and will be repaired ASAP. A

- water shut off will be required.
- 2- The water storage tanks will be inspected internally with a submarine camera system in the near future, as required by the Board of Health, at a cost of approximately \$1500.

Meeting adjourned, at 12:35 PM.

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