

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting of GBCA 5/17/20

Present:

John Bergherr: President, Martha Levites: Vice President, Paul Stewart-Stand: Treasurer, Dan Fast: Secretary, Mike Brown, Elliot Sokolov, Jeremy Metz, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Carol Nordgren, Ben Goldner, Hannah Yates, Rina Slavin, Ron Arnstein

Also Present: Mary Mahoney, Elana Schneyer, Annette Kroun

Absent: Chris Broberg,

Virtual Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM by John Bergherr: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of 4/12/20 were read by Dan, and accepted as read.

2- Mary Mahoney, representing the Camp committee, reported on the Camp situation. The Camp committee will be meeting with the Board of Health this coming Wednesday to discuss the BOH position on possible Camp opening this Summer. The Camp committee has requested directives on whether to open, and if so how to proceed, from the state and the county. No replies have been received to date. Guidance has also been requested from the Town of Lewisboro, but the Town has not yet reached a decision. At this point the Camp committee is unable to make a recommendation to the Board. As soon as the committee receives input from any and/or all regulatory agencies they will forward their recommendation to the Board and the Board will make a decision.

3- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 5/1/20 was given by Paul:

M&T Bank	\$ 112,321
M&T Camp Account	\$ 10,910
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 51,630
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$ 172,824
Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 17,091
Sterling Bank – Camp	\$ 5,000
Sterling Bank – Water Capitol Imp.	\$ 5,000
Sterling Bank – Capitol Improvement	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 379,776

Paul noted that we are still in the process of switching over to Sterling Bank to obtain a better interest rate.

There are 6 members in arrears: Apter, Harris, Hicks, Moledo, Schwartz, US Bank (formerly Rios). Notices have been sent to all. A lien is being placed on the Moledo property (as soon as courts open).

Paul stated that he had gotten responses from some new owners indicating that they were unaware of their responsibility to pay community charges. Paul suggested that there be a GBCA representative at all closings on property within the Colony in order to eliminate this possible misunderstanding. Jeremy will look into the feasibility of that plan.

4- Discussion of Capitol Improvement Planning:

Paul stated that the Finance committee has been meeting to study long term financial planning regarding major capitol projects in the community. Martha stated that the Finance committee had prepared a statement, which she read as follows:

Martha read the following statement from the Finance committee: there is a need to prioritize big projects that we foresee as necessary over the next 5 years so that the finance committee can develop a plan for funding. The following 2 projects are a starting point: Water storage tanks, and Water line replacement.

Drew moved, seconded by Ben, To move forward with the water storage tank work. All in favor except one opposed. Motion passed.

5- Membership meeting discussion:

The April Membership meeting was postponed. Normally a Nominating committee is formed at the April meeting. John proposed that we call a virtual Membership meeting on June 14th, at which time a Nominating committee will be formed. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with this plan.

6- Dumpster:

The subject of when, and whether, to get a dumpster for the community was discussed. Several Board members pointed out that when the dumpster is filled some people just dump their trash next to it and leave it for others to deal with. Mike suggested that we see about getting one the weekend of the 29th. Paul moved, seconded by Hannah, that we delay getting a dumpster for the foreseeable future. In favor: 7; opposed: 1; abstaining: 2. Motion carried.

7- Committee Reports

A- Social:

Elliot reported that the season will not happen in July, and that August is still in limbo. He stated that he has received inquiries about a bonfire and gathering on the ballfield behind the Barn, with people attending bringing their own food and drink. A decision on this was postponed to the June Board meeting.

B- Roads:

John stated that the Town dumping small stones on the roads creates an unsafe situation. Ben will call the Highway Dept. and request that they cease that operation during dry weather.

C- Barn:

Mike reported that the Barn residing project has been completed, fire extinguishers have been re-certified, and the Barn committee is to meet next week.

D- Sales & Legal:

Jeremy reported that the 16 Hall avenue property was put up for auction twice, but was not sold.

- E- Water:
Ron stated that he needs decisions on water turn on at the Barn and Beach, and whether to proceed with water testing for Camp. All these decisions are presently delayed.

 - F- Beach:
Hannah reported that the committee has been getting many questions on plans for rafts and ropes, and many requests for same. The Beach committee will be meeting shortly and will bring a recommendation to the Board at the next Board meeting.

 - G- Road 4:
Discussion occurred over sending the entire Colony Membership information listing to all community members. It was decided not to do this due to some members not wishing to have all of their information generally available.
- 8- Good & Welfare:
Rina reported that Kenlaya Cauli of 16 Pond Street has suffered a stroke. An email will be sent to the GBCA email list so that people can express support.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary