

Membership Meeting (Virtual) Minutes  
August 30, 2020

The meeting on Zoom was called to order at 11:05 AM by John Bergherr, President

Present: 31 Voting Members and approximately 6 other Community members

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 26, 2020 Membership meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary, and accepted as read.

2- Financial report:

Paul Stewart-Stand, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report as of 8/28/20 as follows:

Operating Account, M&T	\$ 6,699
Camp account, M&T	\$ 2,902
Water Capitol Improvement, M&T	\$ 0
Capitol Improvements, M&T	\$ 0
Sterling Bank – Operating	\$101,335
Sterling Bank – Camp/ Payroll	\$ 2,739
Sterling Bank – Water Capitol	\$ 51,638
Sterling Bank - Capitol Improvement	\$172,850

Total \$338,463

Paul reported that there are 5 members in arrears: Harris, Hicks, Moledo, Schwartz, and US Bank (formerly Rios).

3- Election:

Georgann Stewart moved, seconded by Mike Brown, to have the Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate since there were an equal number of candidates for the existing positions. The slate is: President: Paul Stewart-Stand; Vice president: John Bergherr; Treasurer: William Edwards; Secretary: Dan Fast; At Large: Mary Mahoney, Jeremy Metz, Wendy Robinson, Jeremy Schneider, Gerry Sircus, Elliot Sokolov. Carried unanimously.

The vote was cast by Dan Fast, Secretary.

4- Anti – Racism statement:

Barbara Tauber read the following anti racism statement, which had appeared in the last issue of Road 4:

"The Colony is not just a housing development. It is a community founded on the principles of equality, justice and civil rights. Many of the original residents experienced discrimination because of religion, political views and economic status. They protested and marched in order to create a better world. Therefore, naturally Colony members are appalled at the death of George Floyd and are participants in marches and vigils to mourn and to seek change in our society, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Frederick Douglass said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand." Right now, protestors are using their bodies and voices to demand accountability, safety, and a world free from police violence, in response to the unwarranted, brutal, and heartbreaking murders of George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and many others. We are in solidarity with protesters around the United States and the world. We condemn state-sanctioned

brutality and mass incarceration. We decry the systemic racism, economic inequities, and the devastation of a global pandemic that has disproportionately affected Black and brown communities. We as a community continue to be committed to dismantling white supremacy in all its forms. We support those who are bravely protesting to put an end to centuries of violence and other crimes against people of color.

Now is not the time for silence and inaction. We must do everything we can to call out this unjust system and take a stand for Black lives."

Barbara Tauber moved, seconded by Mike Brown, to accept this statement as GBCA policy and have the community officially support it. In favor: 25, opposed: 1, abstaining: 0 Motion carried.

Pearl Klainberg moved, seconded by Martha Levites, to send this statement to local newspapers and local elected representatives. Carried unanimously.

#### 5- Committee reports:

##### Water:

Drew Orr reported that the emergency generator at the Pump House provided water to the water users during the recent power outages, although the propane was running low. Drew is adding a monitor to the system which will automatically notify the gas company when the propane tank gets below a certain level. Drew stated that NYSEG persists in their unawareness that the power lines up Branch Street supply the community's water system. Jeremy Metz stated that he will work with Drew to insure that NYSEG makes proper recognition of the priority of the Pump House electricity supply.

##### Camp:

Rina Slavin reported that the committee is looking for additional members, the committee is looking for a Camp Director for next year, and children's tee shirts have been delivered.

##### Barn & Waste Management:

Mike Brown reported that Summer garbage will be ending in September after Labor Day and pick up will return to once per week, and the dumpster for Colony members use will be delivered on 10/1 and picked up on 10/2.

Drew Orr reported that he is getting prices for the installation of a drainage system for the west wall of the Barn basement, which will be similar to what was installed along the basement south wall.

A discussion of the path from the Barn to the Ball field ensued. The Barn committee has already started looking into this and will continue to handle the matter.

##### Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the Social committee is looking for more people, that the Zoom History of the Colony event was quite successful, and The Bat drew a small, but enthusiastic group. Both events may be viewed on YouTube.

##### Beach:

The rafts and ropes will be brought in on Monday, 9/7. Pearl Klainberg stated that there needs to be a safe path for older people to access the bathrooms. Martha Levites stated that the Beach committee has been working on this problem.

##### Road 4:

Rina Slavin stated that the next meeting of the Road 4 committee will occur on Elliot Sokolov's deck.

Lake:

Eric Stand stated that the Lake committee is looking for members to join, that vegetation had been cut back in the forbay area, and that he is working on getting the Army Corps of Engineers permit for the dredging that he wants done at the south end of the Lake renewed. Eric stated that he would like to have the spoil from the dredging disposed of on Colony property, perhaps on the Nursery Acre where a possible community garden has been discussed. Drew Orr pointed out that that property is the site of the Main Street well that feeds the Colony water system, and is therefore, subject to Board of Health oversight. Drew will discuss the matter with the BOH inspector in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary