

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting 10/11/20

Present:

Paul Stewart-Stand: President, John Bergherr: Vice President, William Edwards: Treasurer, Dan Fast: Secretary, Mike Brown, Elliot Sokolov, Jeremy Metz, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Mary Mahoney, Hannah Yates, Rina Slavin, Ron Arnstein, Jeremy Schneider, Wendy Robinson

Virtual Meeting called to order at 9:31 AM by Paul Stewart-Stand: President.

- 1- Minutes:  
The minutes of the 9/13/20 Board meeting were read by Dan, and accepted as read.

- 2- Financial:  
The current financial report, as of 9/1/20 was given by William:
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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| M&T Bank                            | \$ 0       |
| M&T Camp Account                    | \$ 2,068   |
| M&T Water Capitol                   | \$ 0       |
| M&T Capitol Improvement             | \$ 0       |
| Sterling Bank – Operating           | \$ 79,594  |
| Sterling Bank – Camp/ Payroll       | \$ 1,327   |
| Sterling Bank – Water Capitol Imp.  | \$ 51,641  |
| Sterling Bank – Capitol Improvement | \$ 172,855 |
| Total                               | \$ 307,485 |

There are 4 members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, Schwartz, US Bank (formerly Rios). Liens have been filed against Harris, Moledo, and US Bank.

- 3- Dam:  
John reported that Eric Stand has been in contact with contractors to get pricing for Dam repairs originally specified by Site Design Consultants.

Dan reported that he met with a contractor and communicated with the Sika materials rep about an alternate repair method that may be an equal and cheaper alternative. A proposal is expected in the coming week. Dan stated that any alternates will be discussed with the engineer from Site Design Consultants.

- 4- Water system storage tanks, etc:  
Drew reported that he is still waiting for updated pricing from one contractor, and is seeking other bids.

Drew also reported on last month's meeting and annual inspection with the Board of Health. The BOH inspector stated that unless the water system supplies fire hydrants, which our system does not, there is no requirement for any particular piping size. The inspector also stated that the tank replacement and other major upgrades will require engineered drawings. Drew stated that the contractor will probably be handling drawings and permitting for the project.

Drew reported that a cellular monitoring system has been installed on the propane tank for the emergency generator at the Pump House, which will notify the gas company to deliver when the tank is at 50% capacity. This will better insure that there is enough fuel for the generator during an extended power outage.

5- Environment:

Hannah reported that the committee is meeting to start planning the Community Garden on the old Nursery acre. That property contains the Main Street well for the Colony water system and Drew cautioned that the Board of Health wants to see a drawing of the property showing the placement of the garden and any other usage of the property. Dan asked if the BOH has provided any parameters or other guidance.

Hannah also stated that the committee is looking into the school bus stop areas.

6- Camp:

Mary stated that the Camp committee is planning for next year's Camp and is looking for specialists and other personnel.

7- Barn:

Mike reported that he has two requests for the use of the Barn and ball field. The ball field request is for a children's Halloween party. It was the consensus of the Board to allow this. The Barn usage request was for a band concert for the band of a community member. Since there is no way for the Board to insure that state guidelines are being followed it was the consensus of the Board not to allow the concert.

8- Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that the Rabushka family has contacted him about giving the second acre that they own back to the Colony. Jeremy will follow up and report back to the Board.

9- Good & welfare:

Rina reported that she will be attending the next meeting of the Community Center of Northern Westchester.

10- Attachment:

Attached to these minutes is a series of synopses of reports containing relevant information and a list of committee liaisons, which Paul had circulated to the Board in advance of today's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:108 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

### **Social Committee / Elliot Sokolov**

Elliot reports that despite the inability to have social gatherings or events at the barn and the lake during the summer due to the pandemic, we were able to hold a few very successful events via Zoom during the summer. These Zoom events included: a discussion of the history of the colony which was very well attended by people in the colony and in many other places across the country; a Zoom discussion of how various members originally heard of or came to the colony; and The Bat storytelling evening which was fun and interesting for everyone involved. The GB history night and The Bat were recorded and can be seen on the Golden's Bridge Colony YouTube channel, which I created this past summer. The YouTube channel also has videos of the 75th anniversary celebration in 2002, various interviews with colony members in 1998, GB historic photos and documents, and much more.

### **Communications Committee**

We're working to upgrade and streamline GBCA-Membership communications. This will involve updating/upgrading website, email communication, and integrate membership management software.

### **Trees**

Red Oak Tree Service has been contracted to work in the colony November 2-4. The work will be focused on clean up from the August storm and proactive tree/branch removal. NYSEG/Asplundh Tree Service will be trimming trees above and below their power lines at the end of October. They will be working the area along Rt 138 from I-684 to Rt 121 for about two weeks. They are not removing trees, just trimming branches.

### **Barn Committee**

Met to discuss completion of painting exterior of the barn. Address path to the ballfield. Contract landscaper to remove invasive vines around the barn. Replace back stairs. Refinish Barn and teen center floors. Interior barn painting almost completed. Parge rubble foundation to stop leaking in the nature room. Regrade front of Teen Center. Kitchen renovation.

### **Lake Committee**

Dam, while not an emergency yet, needs to be addressed. Research into repair options is continuing. The whole committee will be involved with removing invasive weeds. Paul Milliot will keep cutting the phragmites along the Lake St. edge of the Lake. We will continue to mow the earthen dam once a year. Thank you to Paul Milliot for mowing the path along the top of the earthen dam. We will ask the landscape company (Juquilita) to cut vegetation on the embankments, below the dam, once a year. The landscapers will continue cutting down the phragmites, lakeside, along Main St. Everyone should remove ones Juquilita doesn't get with the mowing. George Levites, after many years, needs to withdraw from the CSLAP program of monitoring the health of our Lake. John Turiano has volunteered to take his place. Thank you, George for your leadership.

## Draft Committee Liaisons

Paul	Communications
John	Lake
William	Finance
Dan	Secretary
Mary	Camp
Wendy	Beach
Jeremy S	Social Justice
Jeremy M	Sales, Legal
Gerry S.	Good & Welfare
Elliot S.	Social, History
Hannah	Environment
Mike	Barn, Sanitation
Drew	Maintenance
Ron	Water
Rina	Road 4
Unassigned:	Town, Roads