

Membership Meeting (Virtual) Minutes  
October 25, 2020

The meeting on Zoom was called to order at 11:05 AM by Paul Stewart-Stand, President

Present: 30 Voting Members and approximately 2 other Community members

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the August 30, 2020 Membership meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary, and accepted as read.

2- Financial report:

William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report as of 9/28/20 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

William reported that there are 4 members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, Schwartz, and US Bank (formerly Rios).

3- 2021 Budget:

William Edwards gave a presentation of the 2021 Budget, noting that the capitol reserve contribution was increased by \$10,000, and the water capitol reserve was increased by \$5,000. Both anticipating upcoming expenditures in coming years. Elliot Sokolov requested that \$1000 be added to the social budget. Ron Arnstein stated that the Board of Health is requiring new water system tests which could cost up to \$2000. Both will be added to the final budget.

Martha Levites moved, seconded by Jeremy Metz, to approve the 2021 Budget, as amended. Carried unanimously.

4- Committee reports:

Social Justice:

Jeremy Schneider is the liaison for this committee. Jeremy reported that a committee is starting to be formed and he is looking for volunteers to join.

Rina Slavin reported that she recently attended the meeting of the Northern Westchester Community Center, and that they are serving about ten times the number of people that they had in the recent past. The Center is running warm clothing and food drives. All Colony members are urged to participate.

Beach:

Wendy Robinson reported that Ken and Josh Finkelman are co-chairpersons, that the committee met recently and is preparing for both a normal and a Covid restricted Summer season, and that trees at the Beach was discussed.

#### Barn:

Mike Brown reported that the painting of the trim and other raw wood surfaces in the Barn is complete except for the back sliding door. The Barn committee is getting prices on the path to the ball field, the work at the northeast corner of the basement, and the repair of the concrete work on the steps and walls at the Nursery area. Mike also stated that 4 painting contractors were asked to bid on the painting of the north and east sides of the barn and the recoating of the west and south sides, and that all declined to look at the job.

#### Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that the current issue is out, and requested material for the next issue.

#### Lake:

Dan Fast reported that he has gotten a price of \$16, 800 to repair the 2 cracks that are seeping on the dam. All work would be done from the dry side. The quote was sent to the engineer who performed our dam inspection and he gave it a favorable rating.

Eric Stand reported that he is awaiting a bid from another contractor who would be using a different repair method.

Eric also stated that the tree work which will be done along the roads will produce a large quantity of wood chips, which will be left at the entrance to the path around the north end of the lake, and then volunteers would be needed to use the chips to improve the path.

#### Environment:

Jonas Anderson reported that the committee is working on a number of projects:

- 1- A plan for a community garden near the ball field behind the Barn.
- 2- A pamphlet for community distribution about environmentally friendly, and unfriendly, products.
- 3- Construction of lean to shelters for the children at the school bus stops at Main Street, Lake Street, and Pond Street. Abaz Nuza has graciously volunteered to provide the labor for the construction of the first lean to at Main Street.
- 4- Beautifying Colony road intersection corners.

Hannah Yates moved, seconded by Martha Levites, to build the lean to at the end of Main Street, with the Colony supplying the material. Carried unanimously.

#### Communications:

Natalie Gehrels reported that the committee is working on developing a portal for all community communications, including paying of community charges.

#### Camp:

Annette Kroun reported that the committee has been meeting and is trying to plan for the two eventualities of either a normal or a Covid restricted summer. They are looking for a program director, and will be meeting with the Financial committee about Camp finances.

#### Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the committee is planning some Zoom events for the winter season.

#### Sales and Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that there are presently 4 properties on the market: 16 Hall Ave. and 20 Hillside Ave., both of which are bank owned and seem to be going on and off the market, and 300 Waccabuc Road.

Good & Welfare:

Martha Levites pointed out that the certification of our present Water Operator, Ron Arnstein, expires 1/31/2023 at which time we may have to hire an outside firm to manage the water system, which will result in all repairs and upgrades to the system being substantially more expensive. Martha suggested that it behooves us to get as much as possible done before that happens.

Martha Levites moved, seconded by William Edwards, to have the Board prepare a 2 year plan (2021 and 2022) for the water system. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Stewart-Stand told the group that tree work along our roads would be done on 11/2, 11/3, and 11/4, with it's attendant noise and minor disruption.

Paul Stewart-Stand stated that the Cauli family on Pond Street is having difficulties and is asking for toys for their 4 year old son. Paul suggested that Colony members try to help out in other ways also. A GoFundMe has been set up to help out, with the information available on the Colony Facebook page.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary