

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting – 7/16/23

Present: Jeremy Metz: President, Jeremy Schneider: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Elliot Sokolov, Drew Orr, Mary Mahoney, Mike Brown, , John Bergherr, , Russell Gordon, Reed Gillen, Abaz Nuza, Dave McDonough, Rina Slavin

Absent: William Edwards: Treasurer, Natalie Solano

Meeting called to order at 10:37 AM by Jeremy Metz: President.

1. Minutes:  
The minutes of the 6/11/23 Board meeting were read by Dan Fast: Secretary, and accepted as read.

2- Financial report;  
Jeremy Metz, President, gave the Financial report as of 7/7/23 as follows:

Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 173,426
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 194,022
Sterling Bank – Water Capital	\$ 227,036
Sterling Bank – Capital Improvement	\$ 128,921
Total	\$ 723,405

There are 5 members in arrears. Harris and Moledo are in legal proceedings. Burgun is in lien proceedings. Hicks and Yun are in arrears and not in good standing.

3- Committee reports:

Beach:

Abaz Nuza reported that the Town Building Inspector came looking at the Boathouse and bathrooms at the Beach, and claimed that there are a number of violations, which will need to be addressed over the coming year. The inspector said that he was there because he received an “anonymous” tip.

Water:

Dan Fast reported that he contacted our Water Operator, H2O Innovation, about their role in our PFOAs problem. While they are not directly involved, Dan spoke to a person in their office who discussed a solid carbon block filtration system, which is compact enough to fit in our Pump House. Although this system is used around the country, it has not yet been approved for use in New York State, and they are interested in doing a pilot study. Our facility could be used for the study, with a reasonable financial contribution on our part of about \$1,000 per month. Dan stated that he told them that, although the Board would have to approve it, he was pretty sure that it would be accepted.

Dan also reported on the recent Hearing at the Westchester DOH, stating that he related all this to them, explaining that we wish to do this rather than install the membrane filter system. They were receptive, emphasized that the approval for the pilot study must come from the State, and gave us another postponement to 8/22/23.

Drew Orr reported that a leak in the piping between Branch Street and Lake Street was repaired., and that this plus the recent advisory asking water users to check for leaks, have cut water usage in half, particularly during off hours. Drew stated that Branch Street is still experiencing pressure problems, so further work on that line may be required.

#### Camp:

Dave McDonough reported that Camp is going well, and that there are some repairs needed to various pieces of Camp equipment. The Barn, Maintenance, and Camp committees will coordinate repairs.

#### Lake:

Russell Gordon reported that the CSLAP lake testing program is in progress, and is now being done 4 times per year, rather than the 8 times previously.

#### Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that 16 Hall Avenue has been purchased by Paul and Laura Schneyer.

#### Roads:

Reed Gillen reported that a sketch of the committee's proposed extension of the paving of the entries at Pond Street, Main Street, and Lake Street was circulated to the Board before the meeting in order to get Board opinion on the distances shown. A discussion of speed bumps ensued. They must be installed by the Town.

#### Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the season is going very well. Elliot also related that Albi Gorn, a former long time GB resident, whose theater group performed here in 2019, had asked to use the Barn on Thursday, 8/3, for a theater production that he is involved with. Since there is nothing planned for that evening, the committee agreed to it. Non-Colony residents will be charged \$20 admission, and the theater group will keep those proceeds. Colony residents will attend for free, but will be asked to contribute if they wish.

#### Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that Elliot has many pictures from last night's Kareoke, which will be used in the next issue.

#### Communications:

Jeremy Metz reported that the Communication committee is close to having the website ready to go live. A discussion ensued on what should be privately available only to community members, and what should be publicly available.

- 4- Executive session:  
At this point the Board went into Executive session to discuss an email from a community member, addressed to the Treasurer, but sent to the entire Board, requesting financial information on the Water System, and making false assumptions about the Beach bathroom septic system. The Board discussed the requests, the claims on the septic system, and the subject of a series of large boulders that had been placed on Colony land at the intersection of Main Street and Hall Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM  
Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary