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### *From the Editor*

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If you have any news, be it personal or whatever that you would like to share, send it to us.

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## Letter from the Colony President

I've lived in The Colony, part-time from age 0 to 28 and full-time for the last 33 years. My children will be raising the great-great grandchildren of some of the people who got this place started. Being the President has shifted my perspective from a person who lives here and participates in the life of our community to a person who, with the Board, feels even more responsibility for the future of this special place.

The Colony, just because it is 80 years old, will not necessarily exist 25 years from now. As a community, we are ephemeral and, like a living being, or a plant, have to be nurtured and watered with our work and our caring. We need the cross-pollination of our new families and members adding their histories and their talents to the unique heritage of this place: to come with fresh ways to engage our changing population. Movie night, the nature walks, yoga, the chorus and the participation of our teenagers on the waterfront this summer were all new activities that echoed activities of the past, but are also new.

As President, thinking about the future, I see how we have lived with the invaluable inheritance of our Barn and Teen Center, our Roads, the Lake and our water system. These are all in need of our care, maintenance and improvement:

Our commitment to the Barn led us to renew its roof. The Lower Barn floors are above dirt and, because of infiltration of water from

the uphill side of the Barn, have been replaced several times. Our stage has been identified as being compromised with an infestation of powder post beetles. There are many people who would like to see the Teen Center and the Nursery Room winterized to provide spaces for year-round community activities.

Our pioneers created the Lake in 1938. It is in pretty good shape for its age, but there are many places in the coves where it has been filling in from road run-off and natural siltation. I propose a ten-year plan. In the first five years we gather the money, the data, the permits, the costs associated with project and the engineering to create a repository somewhere on our land for the dredged material, which will, in time, be a wonderful source of nutrient rich topsoil. In the subsequent five years we will gradually re-dredge our Lake. There is also the matter of continental drift at the intersection of the bathroom building and the boat-house. It appears as if two passing tectonic plates are gradually pulling those buildings apart.

Our Roads are an integral aspect of this community. The kids at the Camp walk back and forth at least twice a day in relative safety and comfort because of the speed limitations imposed by our roads. If you chose to, you can walk barefooted on them in the summer and not burn your feet. They smell good in the rain. They help replenish our aquifer. These are not efficient reasons, but important aesthetic ones. Dirt roads also

contribute to the filling in of the Lake, but with the EOH grant the Town has gotten, we are planning to contain the road gravel.

The Water Committee has been working to make our water system more reliable. That will also require the accumulation of money to fund this necessary modernization.

None of these projects are emergencies now, but in my mind, they are emerging as a concern that we have been living off our inheritance and we need to be responsible to the future condition of our shared assets. Putting off dealing with them does not make them go away. The way in which we decide how to repair, or improve, these facilities will require a lot of work, money and decision making on priorities from all of us.

Lastly, my mother's generation of residents will not be here forever. These are the only people who have direct experience of the beginnings of this place. They have lots of photos, documents and memorabilia that should be archived in some way that is accessible: a museum if you will. We had a huge effort at the 75th anniversary celebration to capture the memories of our residents. I think we should build on those materials with an accessible archive.

None of us can do all these things alone, nor can this Board of very selfless, hard working volunteers, do this by ourselves. If you think these are necessary, take more ownership of this place too, and water our community with your efforts. In 21 years, in 2028, when this community is 100 years old, people will feel that they still live in a safe haven where the rural aspect of the land has been preserved, everybody knows your name and your children and you are growing older in a safe, secure and nurturing community.

Thank you.  
Eric Stand



## **My Funny Valentine** *By Phyllis Dubno*

Thanks to Eddie Gorn, Erica learned to walk the first summer that we rented in Golden's Bridge. Irene drove us to the doctor and taught me to sing "My Funny Valentine" for a performance at the barn we realized that GB was the place for us and our growing family.

The colony was as close as we got to living on a Kibbutz, our original goal. Being part of a community of more or less like minded people was important to us we had a chance to express ourselves and to develop our various talents and interests while making a contribution to the collective.

GB afforded us the opportunity to appear on stage as singers and actors. We knew that we would be applauded and cheered on, even if we were not Broadway quality. After all it was our extended family who was the audience Erica was a flying monkey in the "Wizard of Oz" while a future Oscar winner played Dorothy. Both Danny and Mickey appeared on stage as kids and as grown-ups.

I worked for several years running the day camp for the younger children. Later I was in charge of the forum. One memorable evening was titled Visions Of a Better World. There, people of different generations explored their youthful I deals and hopes and how their visions matched up to the reality. It was fascination to listen to Bella Rosen, Esther Schneider, and others share their thoughts and aspirations of a better world.

Golden's Bridge gave Chaim the opportunity to unwind from the tensions of his professional life as a patent attorney. Volley ball was a passion for several members of our family. Chaim was the oldest player in the volley ball tournament the last year that he played. I remembered the year that Pearl, Judy Migdail and I sat in the pouring rain cheering our heroes on. It

was great fun.

Some people were aware of the amount of time and energy Chaim expended on the colony. He designed, built, and helped to maintain the complex chlorination system mandated by the board of health.

For many years Chaim Served as a board member, vice president, maintenance person, and water operator for the community. The fact that he had one arm never prevented him from doing anything that he wanted to do.

Our house was a joy. Chaim and Pat built a new deck, renovated our bedroom, and spent many hours doing plumbing and electrical work there. We loved gardening, cooking, and canning sauces and jellies. Sometimes we had to run after people to unload our abundant harvest of zucchini, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

The kids grew up and brought their kids to GB. There they developed their own interests and found places where they wanted to spend their time. Times change life changes and GB no longer served our family's needs. Sadly, I chose to sell the house.

The house is sold but not the memories. I thank the many people in the colony who have been, and will continue to be central to our lives.

## **The Good Samaritan** *By Emil Schattner*

Scriptures speak about the Good Samaritan (the Gospel according to St. Luke). Webster's Dictionary describes Samaria as one of the areas of the ancient Jewish Kingdoms of Judea & Samaria ( now the West Bank). I am looking for G.B.'s Good Samaritan because he/she came to my rescue. On July 1st I left a book on the Beach, one I had borrowed from my Library in Montclair, NJ. It turned up two weeks later left by someone at the bottom of our driveway. Apparently whoever found it knew we lived in Montclair. Now I would like to

thank that individual and add them to my personal list of Good Samaritans. I already know a Samaritan. A woman in our Montclair congregation (B'nai Keshet - Children of the Rainbow) was raised in a Samaritan family. At B-K It's kosher because her husband is Jewish and we have an inclusive rainbow of faiths, colors and orientations.

There is, however, some speculation as to why it took two weeks to return "the Bloomsday Murders". Samaritan it is OK if You read it before returning \*\*\*

Emil Schattner

P.S. if anyone found \$20 on the Beach - that belongs to Nat Yalowitz



**Robert Schoenfeld  
a tribute by Tina Moreau-Jones  
May 29, 2007**

Dear Nedda & family,

Your father, Dr. Schoenfeld, who I came to know of when I was a graduate student conducting research at AECOM in the 1960s, was an esteemed, highly-respected ICON to me. Referred to me & to my fellow investigators by Herb Birch, my mentor & your father's long-time friend & colleague, I was in awe of his general intellectual, mathematical & scientific brilliance as well as of his pioneering work in computer modeling & technology and his expertise in statistical design & methodology. Dr. Schoenfeld was the statistical and computer consultant and supervisor of the data analyses for most, if not all, of the studies conducted in our laboratory, including my doctoral dissertation. I was, and continue to be, extremely grateful for and very appreciative of the invaluable help, guidance and reassurance that he provided me during those years.

When I came to GB in the late 1970s, I was told (by Arnie Eisen, my landlord) that Bob Schoenfeld, a long-time GB resident, knew and remembered me. At the

time, I didn't make the connection - who is BOB Schoenfeld? I knew and clearly remembered the Rockefeller University. Professor named Dr. Schoenfeld who played such an important role in my professional and scientific training. What a pleasant surprise it was to learn that Bob Schoenfeld and Dr. Schoenfeld were the same person, and that he remembered me, a mere graduate student!

Nedda, as I am sure you are aware, your father's death is a great loss for the scientific community, for the GB community, and for those of us who benefited so much from his scholarship and contributions. I regret not having been able to attend the Memorial Service, but wish to extend my deepest condolences to you and to your father's entire family.

Sincerely,

*Tina Moreau-Jones*



**A Great Social Season  
By Joy Gross**

Saturday evenings in Goldens Bridge Colony opened with a bang! Repeating last year's barbeque at the Lake, Chris Rietsch once again outdid himself. This year, Chris, with boundless energy, produced two successful barbeques where there was no shortage of food and drinks. Chris, with his cheerful chefs, Jeremy Metz, Neil Hicks, Drew Orr, Teddy Jones and Fred Margolies, tended the hot coals serving an abundance of chicken, ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and all the trimmings. Not to mention, Joann Ehnes up to her elbows in barbeque sauce. As always, Dan Fast and Drew Orr were backups for the spirited music over a computerized sound system.

Special kudos go to Michael Brown who was behind the scenes with creative lighting to add to the congenial mood, and for doing all the necessary chores that some-

times go unnoticed in the Barn and at all events.

Spirits were high and the weather was perfect for both barbeques. The clouds disappeared, the stars started twinkling, fire flies glimmered, and I gleefully noted the first meteor of the season.

Other successful evenings were the Klezmer Mountain Boys with personable Margot Leverett tooting a mean clarinet. Classical Night with Eric Stand and Friends is always one of our most popular evenings, and Eric lived up to his reputation with beautiful notes floating out of his magical flute. Again, we must thank Eric for organizing a Home Talent Night which was refreshing and inspiring. Keny White, who calls himself a "topical singer" entertained us with a very unique musical program. His talented piano playing was electrifying; his lyrics were witty as well as political.

And now, what a glorious ending to the season. As usual, our Banquet dinner was perfectly coordinated by our own Pearl Klainberg. Her many volunteers participated in selling tickets, gathering and arranging flowers, setting up tables and chairs, decorating, arranging the seating, heating and serving food, clean-up (and again Mike Brown was behind the scene).

Finally, the "Show." Stellar voices in concert were heard wafting thru the beams of the Barn from an all Colony Chorus; beautiful music to add to a beautiful evening. Thanks to Rick Cousin with his able assistant Eric Stand and "notre professeur", Molly Arons, the sing-along got off to a great start, reaching many peaks, including a kazoo fiasco-but it was a great idea, Rick, and it increased the merriment. In addition, a spontaneous dancing chorus rocked the back of the Barn and served to heighten the revelry. Drew had plenty of happy faces to photograph. The Banquet was filled with excitement and lasted even longer than usual. Marty Adelman once again served

as grand master of ceremonies.

The success of this summer's social season was just another demonstration the GB Colony is an ever-growing family of camaraderie and cooperative living. Thank you all for your participation.

### Banquet Night

In a sharp change from tradition, there was no end of summer banquet show this year; however, there was a banquet and the traditional camaraderie and spirit of GB was well in evidence.

Instead of the usual skits, we were beautifully entertained by a communal chorus composed of Frank Sherwood, Eric Stand, Emile Schattner, Frieda Halpern, Connie Weinstock, Maureen Roche, Martha Levites, Mera Eisen Judy Fast, Lisette Meyers, and Rena Slavin.

The chorus was led by Nancy Lieberman and accompanied on piano by Greta Kerker.

In addition, the inimitable Ricky Cousin played his guitar and led a sing along with the entire audience participating. Eric Stand played along with Ricky and Alysa Haas was called up by Ricky to lead in singing the song, "We Can Work It Out".

Ricky's spontaneity and comic timing, along with Mollie Arons kibitzing, had the audience in stitches, and thus the evening, and the season, ended on its usual high note.

### Attention WWII Vets:

Road 4 has recently been contacted by GB member, Nat Yalowitz, concerning a unique and interesting project that he is contemplating.

Nat is interested in doing research on WWII veterans and their families who came from Goldens Bridge Colony and he intends to write a story for Road 4 which would highlight the lives and experiences of these people.

Anyone who is a veteran of that war, or whose family member or friend was in the armed

forces at that time, and who is interested in contributing to this piece please contact Nat at 212-255-6524 or "E" Mail him at: [ny355-8@rcn.com](mailto:ny355-8@rcn.com) or send him written material at 355 8th Ave. Apt. 8F NYC NY 10001.

This project can serve as a reminder of the time when we



(left to right) Pearl Klainberg, Ilene Rietsch holding son, Jason, Ilene's daughter Julia, Annette Kroun and Lori Kroun Fleiss

could all be proud to call ourselves American and will be a valuable history lesson for the younger generation here in GB.

### Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Fund-Raiser

Ilene Rietsch, Annette Kroun and Lori Kroun Fleiss set up a table in front of the A&P at our local shopping center to help raise money for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. A large number of shoppers opened their wallets or purses and gave generously to help this great cause. What a success. Close to \$600 was collected. The money will be used to help fund research to find a cure for breast cancer.

### Walking the walk! 2007 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer

On Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7 the "Team" consisting of Lori Kroun Fleiss, Stacy Kroun



(l to r) Lori Kroun Fleiss, Stacy Kroun Fertig, Suzanne Kroun Fertig, Kim Lake, Lesli Klainberg, Annette Kroun, Ilene Rietsch.



(l to r) Dolph Klainberg, Ilene Rietsch, Kim Lake, Stacy Kroun Fertig, Suzanne Kroun Fertig, Annette Kroun, Lori Kroun Fleiss, Paula, Aaron Kroun, Lesli Klainberg,

Fertig, Suzanne Kroun Fertig, Kim Lake, Lesli Klainberg, Annette Kroun and Ilene Rietsch took part in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The route covered 26.2 miles the first day and 13.1 miles the second day. Unusually hot and humid weather made walking all the more difficult.

Each participant had to raise a minimum \$1800 in contributions in order to participate in the walk. Thanks to the generosity of friends and family, the team members easily met their goal. The Avon crusade supports breast cancer programs nationwide, but much of the money goes back into the communities where it was raised.

On Sunday amid cheers and clapping, the first of the walkers began crossing the finish line at the Hudson River Park's Pier 84. Etched into the faces of the walkers were looks of pride and accomplish-

ment. Amid the throng of people, one person in particular caught my eye. I observed a young woman who was supported on each side with another walker. Not a single hair left on her head because of chemotherapy. A mixture of sweat and tears was streaming down her face. Her body was drenched in sweat as she stumbled across the finish line with, a huge grin on her face. This young woman, completed an almost 40 mile, grueling 2-day walk. It no doubt took sheer guts, courage and determination on her part to even attempt to do the Avon walk.

The participants ranged from young children to senior citizens. Some were part of a family or a group of friends. Some were cancer survivors or supporters. Some walked in groups, and some alone. But they all walked for the same reason. They were there to help

win the fight against breast cancer.

This Avon Walk Crusade had more walkers and raised more money than any walk before. They will continue to march each year until the battle is won. Maybe some day they won't have to march any more.

### **Thank You, Maggie**

Thank you to Maggie Hayes who has lovingly taken care of the beautiful barrels, flower boxes, and flower beds at the Barn. Maggie has strategically planted different variety of flowers to provide bloom from spring through the fall. I personally love driving home each and every day to see the beautiful colors in bloom at the Barn and flower boxes and flowers beds in front of the Teen Center. Thank you Maggie for all your hard work. The flowers are beautiful, a true labor of love and it shows!



## **SOME OF OUR NEXT GENERATION OF FOLK DANCERS ON A FRIDAY EVENING**



## ***END OF SUMMER***

Two chairs left behind. Rafts pulled up onto the beach. Overturned boat propped-up by the raft. Fallen leaves covering the ground like a blanket. Fall came to Goldens Bridge.



## TAKE A HIKE! WALK THE 17 ACRES

Below are pictures taken at the last hike to our 17 acres on Saturday, October 6th. John and Lori Bergherr, their four legged friends Maggie the black Lab and Angel the brown Boxer mix, plus the Finkelman-Mahoney family, Shulman Family, and the Ehnes Family.



**Rita Sacks**  
2007

Rita Sacks, long time member of Goldens Bridge Colony recently passed away on October 22nd. She was one hundred years old at the time of her death.

She and her husband, "Sacky", had spent their summers here in Goldens Bridge and, after he died in 1968, she continued using their house on weekends and vacations until she sold it in 2003.

Rita had an extended family which was very active here in GB. Those families included the Birnbaums, Golds, Rosenbergs, Gladstones, Beckwits, Feinshens,

Goldenbergs, and the Gordons. During those years there were many festive social gatherings and Rita contributed greatly to the spirit and fun on those occasions.

It should also be mentioned that Rita was elegant, as well as beautiful, and an active fund raiser for a number of important social causes.

Her connection to the Colony lives on as her nephew, Russell Gordon, and his family still reside here.

Rita will always be remembered with love by all in this community who were fortunate enough to have known her.

*Blanche Salsky*

**Irene Gorn**  
2007

Irene Gorn, former long time resident of Goldens Bridge, died on November 6 at the age of 94. The entire Gorn family was a very important part of the Goldens Bridge community and particularly active in the musicals, plays and banquet shows which were such a significant part in our summer fun and enjoyment.

Condolences to her son, Albi Gorn and his family.

*Congratulations to...*

- ...Sheila Berkowitz on the marriage of her daughter Jody to Tim Folster.
- ...Lisette and Drew Orr on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Abigail.
- ...Jody and Jeremy Schneider on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jake.

*Marisa Tomei Stars in New Movie*

For those residents who are new to Goldens Bridge, Marisa Tomei's parents own the house next to the Barn and has spent many summers in Goldens Bridge. Marisa appears in her latest film, "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead". Critics gave the movie high ratings. Reporter Jack Mathews of the Daily News gives it 4-1/2 stars.

**TOWN OF LEWISBORO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**  
FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| POLICE, TOWN OF LEWISBORO .....    | 763-8903 |
| POLICE NEW YORK STATE .....        | 277-3651 |
| AMBULANCE LEWISBORO VOLUNTEER..... | 763-9633 |
| FIRE DEPT., GOLDENS BRIDGE.....    | 232-4530 |

**WATER EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR THOSE USING COLONY WATER**

To report a leak or other colony water emergency:  
 RON ARNSTEIN ..... (914) 232-8260  
 PAT KILLEEN ..... (914) 232-4931

## **PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS!**

If you have news you would like to share with your friends and neighbors.

Please let us know. A phone call or an email to the editor of Road Four is all that it takes. If you attend a town meeting and have something to share, let us know. This publication depends on our community residents giving us information that affects all of us in Goldens Bridge. There is so much going on around us that may affect our community and we want to know. Don't assume we already have this news. Send it to us anyway. If you have photos you would like to share, send it to us.

# **Board Minutes**

## **Board Minutes of July 24, 2007**

Present: Bergherr, Brown, Ehnes, Eisen, Fast, Finkelman, Gross, Hicks, Kroun, Levites, Rietsch and Stand.

Absent: McGroary, Schmid and Tomei.

Condolences from the GB Colony, to Neil Hicks and his family, on the loss of Carol.

Minutes from previous meeting read and approved.

Correspondence: President's letter in response to Bergun read.

Financial Report: two members (Gecaj and Rosevally) still in arrears. Levites will send letters warning of impending termination of services, and adding interest onto the arrears.

Water Committee: Purchased two new water pumps. They will contact outside water engineering services to get plans and costs to upgrade pump house. Orr is working to get certified as a Water Operator. Line maintenance to stay as is. Wait for Fall to continue tagging curb cocks.

Question of water use costs shared between community use (camp, beach, barn) and larger community of individuals.

Cross contamination issue – Six houses fit into the category of having been on their own wells as well as hooked up to community water (Arons, Kringas between Board of Health, Rabushka – uses well for irrigation only; Kroun – refer to Arnstein; Hoffman – doesn't know where water comes from; Orr – is disconnected from colony).

Beach Committee: Currently looking at lake use rules. Rietsch to refine rules to be put into Road 4. Bigger rules on new sign at entrance to beach. (See addendum to minutes.)

Rental and Sales: The Schattner house is on the market 585K. Contract of sale between Cardillo to HXDC, LLC (Neil Hicks' company).

Lake Committee: Lewisboro Lakes Committee-Lake Management Grant has been obtained. Dam crack repair has been done.

Tree removal – Verizon and NYSE are not interested in preventive maintenance. Neil, Chris and Lars have removed some. Some are very large and need professional skills. Neil will get prices.

Social Committee: Volleyball tournament in two weeks. BBQ at the beach on the same evening.

Talent night is set.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Stand, Secretary

## **Board Minutes of August 19, 2007**

Present: Levites, Bergherr, Gross, Kroun, Brown, Stand, Finkelman, Schmid, Eisen, Fast, Rietsch, Tomei. Absent: Gross, Hicks, McGroary

Guest: Rosedale

Motion - Accept the minutes as amended Unanimous

Correspondence- Letters from President to Kringas (addendum A) and to Rabushka (addendum B)

Financial report (addendum C)

Levites read letters sent to Rosvally and Gecaj. Gecaj responded with past due dues.

Motion – (Fast) Hire Donovan to file Lien on Rosvally property after Sept. 15th. -Unanimous  
Fast, Bergherr, Rietch and Levites assembled tentative budget for 07-08 (addendum D)  
Changes-insurance increase. Roughly equal balance between increase for credit card fees and decrease in legal costs and increased interest income.  
Beach and Barn computed as equivalent to one unit each for summer water usage.  
Water Committee- working on six houses at risk for cross-contamination. Need to contact an engineering firm to develop a plan for modernization of pump-house plumbing. Committee thinks material cost will be about 25K and 15K in labor. Dep't. of Health needs complete drawing of proposed system stamped by engineer. Fast knows of one available to us.  
Propose increase pump size from 3 to 5 H.P. Plans to pressure test and activate Hall Ave. main line. Water testing to remain on a volunteer basis. Everyone should have vacuum breakers, or their equivalent, on their outside water hose bibs to act as check-valves against contamination. Call Arnstein if you need them.  
Beach- Discussion of unaccompanied guests. Next season-Beach passes? There will be a new sign posted at the Beach listing the major rules.  
Rental and Sales- Schattner house is the only one listed for sale. No interest has been expressed by Pool in Cardillo house. Future meeting to be called to examine sales procedures to include E. Schattner, G. Stewart, E. Schneider, D. McGroary, and N. Hicks. Secretary to send letter to E. and B. Cubides about their illegal tenant.  
Roads- Roads to be scraped soon. Tree fell on Pond Street. Notify #24 Hillside to put up silt barrier.  
Motion- Thank you to out-going Board members, Kroun and Gross, for their years of community service.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Stand, Secretary

### **Board Minutes of September 16, 2007**

The meeting came to order at 10:05am.  
Present: Stand, Rosedale, Levites, Arnstein, Orr, Hicks, Ehnes, Tomei, Fast, Brown, Schmid, Bergherr, Eisen  
Absent: Rietsch, Finkelman (Note: Rietsch, Finkelman, Ehnes and Eisen did not receive the communication announcing the board meeting.)  
Minutes read and amended to reflect that Hicks was present; Schmid asked that language be added to indicate that the tree fallen on Pond Street needs to be removed/cleaned up.  
Motion to accept minutes as amended was approved  
Stand asked for a parliamentarian to assist with proceedings this year.. no response from the Board.  
Potential conflicts of interest: Orr may be employed by the Association; Hicks cannot vote on items concerning camp business if Cindy continues in her capacity as the Director of the camp.  
The Executive Committee of the Board recommended asking the membership to suspend the conflict of interest provision concerning employees for two years; Hicks added that the membership may wish to consider changing the relevant portion of the by-laws entirely.  
Rosvally's letter was read into the minutes by Levites. He continues to protest requests for payment of outstanding dues. This may become the matter of litigation, so members are advised not to discuss the matter until it is settled.  
NOTE- a paragraph relating to potential pending litigation was sent to Board members but omitted from the minutes for public distribution.  
Calendar of meetings for 07-08 was reviewed with no objections.  
Treasurer's report: Community makes a small profit from camp operations; costs are shared. Interest bearing account has been closed due to dropping below 25k threshold.  
Beach committee budget will be incorporated into the budget discussion; preliminary figures submitted by Rietsch (Addendum A) indicate that projected costs will be covered by next year's allocation, per Bergherr.  
Ehnes, Eisen and Tomei need to verify current email addresses with Stand or Rosedale.  
Barn Report: Stand asked about the status of the maintenance committee, both with regards to barn and beach; Orr reported that barn committee responsibility has been for everyday tasks, while maintenance committee has been for longer-term planning (others noted that these longer-term responsibilities could overlap with the environment committee)  
Stand asked that Barn and maintenance committees coordinate on getting polyurethane on the floor this fall (which will then need re-doing every 2 years); Social Committee must stay in the loop so as to avoid scheduling events while work is in progress. For budgetary purposes, Levites suggests that floor work be categorized as barn item. Stand suggests that Brown, for the Barn committee, discusses the railing design matter and consult with interested parties.  
Stand would like all committees to consist of a minimum of three people.  
Brown will coordinate work with on both the railing and floor; money for the floor work is to be taken from this year's budget and the railing will come from next year's funds.  
Brown asked, where will the chair rack be stored? The Board decided to wait through the winter to see if the new vinyl chairs are vulnerable to mice, since this affects any decision on purchasing a storage unit for those chairs; issues of chairs and storage are therefore tabled until spring. At that time, the Capital Budget items to be considered would be 24 new chairs plus the chair storage rack (both likely near or slightly over \$500): see Addendum B.  
The Board extends an official commendation to Brown for his work on the Barn, Social and other committees. Approved unanimously.  
Maintenance and Environment: Hicks indicated that tree work is the most important outstanding question; we have an initial estimate of \$1500

per tree to for removal. Stand suggests prioritization and creating a plan for the work. Again, some overlap with environment and roads is foreseen. (a tree list is to be included with the Roads committee report- see Addendum C); property owners with problem trees are to be notified in writing. Insurance may not cover us if a dead tree falls and causes damage; Arnstein to investigate. Hicks and Schmid recommend takedown of 11 trees this year, 6 next year: the Board needs a revised budget figure (Schmid will pursue)- by the October 28 membership meeting

Budget for Road 4 is adequate per Tomei.

Hicks is currently the webmaster for the Colony web site.

Rosedale is building a Wiki for the information of the Colony members and to provide a virtual space for meetings and community dialogue; need newcomers' page along with pages for each committee. Rosedale to assist Hicks with web site upkeep. Landscaping budget may need to be increased, as expenses increased significantly this past year.

Hospitality: Bergherr reports contacting two new families- Lisa Wenzel 232-7811- will work with social committee; Mark and Francesca Friedman 232-0288 (Yellin house); Bergherr will get emails and forward to Rosedale and/or Stand.

Levites reports that the Choral director is to be rehired.

Lake: Stand reports that the spillway is to be refurbished within the next year: Fast, Orr, Stand are collaborating and suggest working with aluminum as the primary construction material. A limnology company will be studying the lake with data coming in by next fall. Depth soundings and analysis of sediment will be paid for by the Lewisboro grant. Preparation for permit to dredge the lake (10 year plan); will require engineering studies. We can put dredging output on our property if it is not toxic: 17 acres, unbuildable property on rte 138 are suggested as possible sites. Yearly budgeting will be necessary when data comes in.

Stand is hoping to work with interested parties to devise solutions for stabilizing runoff solutions on Lake Street and Main Street- to create basins so water gets into the lake but silt does not.

Stand: Beach committee to be reconstituted: Rietsch will continue as the liaison from the board. Rietsch has been working very hard and made remarkable progress on beach improvement projects but needs help coordinating meetings; the Committee needs a temporary chair to call a meeting, appoint a permanent chair who would then set up goals, strategy and budget. Bergherr will call Rietsch to devise a strategy towards accomplishing these goals.

Liaison responsibilities read into the minutes from the Executive committee

Arnstein- the "Committee at Large"

Water- Fast • Social/Hospitality- Bergherr • Road 4/Communications- Tomei • Roads- Schmid • Barn- Brown • Camp- Ehnes • Beach- Rietsch • Water- Eisen • Legal and Sales- Finkelman • Environment- Hicks • Maintenance- Orr • Garbage- Levites • Lake- Stand • Town: Stand and Schmid

Note regarding Sales- committee of the membership (see 8/19 minutes) needs to be assembled to manage maintaining the "list" and right to purchase properties; Hicks will talk to Finkelman about this; K. Donovan should be included in the discussions.

Water- Arnstein indicated that this needs a special Board meeting- upgrading, transfer, compliance with code all need discussion and decisions. Legal problem: Kringas and the well- he has been advised by lawyer to use his well; BOH advises that we must provide Colony water. To be referred to the Legal committee to determine our options. On the refurbishing of the water delivery system: Data collection will precede decision making (See Addendum D to the minutes); follow-up at the next Board meeting. The Board acts as the owners of the water system. Addendum D deals with distribution issues only. Other problems include management of water system: do we go with our own people or outsourced management? Fast recommends incremental upgrades to the existing delivery system, Orr recommends full replacement strategy with an 18 year service life; but management questions need to come first. Arnstein will contact prospective operating companies. A management company might require certain upgrades before taking on the job. There are carrying capacity issues of the system based on pipe size (2" pipes under Pond St.). Data gathering will take a month or so- snapshots of usage are to be taken. Some upgrading in the next year will be necessary (up to Orr's proposed \$40K solution- \$25K parts and ca. \$15K labor). That figure has been discussed by the board and a line item for this work will be retained as part of the capital fund in the forthcoming budget. Initial phase of delivery system refurbishment can be specifically budgeted and discussed- perhaps independently- beginning with instrumentation. The matter was referred to Eisen and the Water Committee for further discussion.

Letter about illegal 2nd unit (Stand will write); letter to 24 hillside (Schoenfeld) regarding barrier- probably will be resolved when road is regraded Road 4- please send ideas or articles to Tomei.

Constitution and by-laws to be posted to the GCBA Wiki

Drew manages shutting off water to the beach- a week after the Halloween party

Eisen reports that the silent auction raised \$2,260.50. Participation from outside the community was a plus.

New Business: Schmid checked with the Town about the existence of any law regarding cleaning up after dogs: there is no such law.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

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