

Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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From the Editor

I have the honor of being the new editor of Road 4, and as such I wish to acknowledge the wonderful job that was done by my predecessors, Ilene Rietsch & Lesli Klainberg and to thank them for the time & effort expended by them in the performance of their fine work.

With the assistance of Aaron Kroun and Judy Fast I have taken the liberty of changing the format of Road 4 and I hope that both the layout and the content are to your liking.

Our objective is to continue to provide you with an enjoyable and informative community newsletter; however, in order to succeed in our ambition we will rely heavily upon all of you to send us articles, stories, poems and photos for publication. We cannot be successful without you.

Please send any articles you wish published to me:

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By Aaron Kroun

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE THEIR OWN WELL AND ARE *NOT* ON THE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM.

If you have your own well you are responsible for making sure that your water is safe to drink. Private wells should be tested annually for nitrate and coliform bacteria to detect contamination



problems early. Test more frequently for other contaminants, such as radon or pesticides, if you suspect a problem. Check with your local health department and local public water systems that use ground water, to learn more about well water quality in your area, and what contaminants you are more likely to find.

I have obtained booklets entitled "Drinking Water From Household Wells", issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. If you use your own well for potable water, this booklet is a must read. Call me at (914) 232-8322 for a free copy.

A local water testing facility whom I have used in the past is YML Environmental Services, 321 Kear St., Yorktown Heights. Their phone number is (914) 245-2800. Call them for instructions and a water testing kit.

For additional information about your household well go to the following links:

www.westchestergov.com/health, select A-Z index, select water quality from the alphabetical index, or go to: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/healthywater/factsheets/wellwater.htm ❖

Road Committee Report

By Mark Schmid

The Road Committee is in charge with overseeing the use and conditions of the roads in our community. We deal with any problems concerning parking, enforcement of speed limits, the physical conditions of our roads, or general traffic patterns. If any such problems do occur we make recommendations to the Colony's Executive Board and, if necessary, we contact the Lewisboro Highway Superintendent to work on the problems with that department.

Just recently it was brought to our attention that the school bus stops on our roads, at the junctures with Route 138, have become overcrowded with cars blocking the roads and pedestrians milling about. This has created a hazardous condition endangering the lives of our children, as well as adults.

Two full lanes are needed to safely enter and exit our community. Thus a motion was passed by the Executive Board that parents picking up or dropping off children park no closer than 75 feet from the intersection of any of our roads and route 138 while

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waiting for the bus.

You may have also noted that signs indicating "20 MPH / Children at Play" were recently put up by the Lewisboro Highway Dept. The Road Committee is also responsible for having those signs installed. After



the usual bureaucratic difficulties with the Town Supervisor's office, the police dept. and the highway dept. 2 signs were put up. One at the beginning of Pond Street and the other at the Lake street entrance to the Colony. We have requested another one for the beginning of Main Street.

We are asking that you please obey the new 20 MPH signs. Traveling at, or below, this speed will be safer for children / pedestrians, and other motorists, as well as helping to promote better road conditions.

I look forward to hearing from anyone with questions or concerns about these or any other issues regarding our roads. Also please contact me if you would like to be on the road committee.

Thank you!

The President's Corner

I can't believe my third term as president is almost over and this is only my second article



John Bergherr, President

for Road Four! Being president has been a wonderful experience for me even though it means worrying

about all the pressing issues of the community 24/7. Are we welcoming the newcomers? Is the

colony water system prepared for the 21st century? Is the barn insured adequately or is the dam going to break? Is all the dirt the town is putting on our roads filling our lake up with silt? Etc, Etc, Etc.

Being president means you can never say that something is someone else's problem. Just the same, after my term is over, I hope to remain on the board in some capacity; ideally working with the Social Committee to continue welcoming and integrating newcomers into the community.

I've been blessed to be surrounded by a wonderful set of fellow officers and board members who all share a deep love of our community. They bring an incredible amount of talent, energy and passion to the board. Also helpful is the fact that we have a combination of seasoned members who know what has been tried in the past and failed and a bunch of eager beavers with new ideas and truckloads of energy and enthusiasm.

The board has been slowly evolving in various ways to make it work more efficiently. Just this past board meeting it was suggested that the president oversee the insurance and interact with the insurance broker. This has now officially become one of the functions of the president.

The Vice President has been working with the water committee to organize and prioritize tasks during a period of transition. Much work has to be done and decisions made or brought to the membership. Some of the issues include future upgrades, maybe another look at how the community shares the costs of the system, the corporate structure of the water system, hired help, and possibly bring in an outside operator.

Over the past three years the

board has accomplished a lot. Here are just *some* of the highlights of the past three years:

- A new barn stage curtain was selected and installed.
- The barn floor was refinished.
- We engaged a new insurance agent who has helped us in numerous ways.
- Our constitution was amended to help us promptly collect the Colony's annual dues.
- New speed limit signs were placed on two of our roads
- The Water Committee has been greatly enlarged.
- A water system-wide cross contamination preventions program is progressing.
- A new barn roof, gutters and copula were installed.
- There has been greater outreach to the community to encourage more community involvement.
- Members now have the ability to pay their dues by credit card.
- The crack in the dam is still there but we have a plan in place to fix it.

We have a lot to share with you at the April membership meeting. We have already started compiling the agenda and plan on having coffee and snacks like last time.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Meet me in Eastern Europe by Gary Tomei

By a strange coincidence, Adam and Marisa Tomei were working in Eastern Europe at the same time but on different projects.

In the fall of 2006, Marisa was in Sofia, Bulgaria making a dark comedy entitled WAR, INC. with co-stars John Cussack and Ben Kingsley while Adam was in Bucharest, Romania acting in a commercial which was being shot for Virgin Money, a British investment firm.

They reported each country was short on luxuries but rich in history and culture; however, Adam said that the historic center of Bucharest had been largely destroyed during the reign of the Romanian dictator, Ceausescu.

Marisa, in the meantime, found the Bulgarian music to be exquisite.

Both did manage to meet in Prague for a weekend which they found rich in luxury, history and culture.

Phil Hodak 2007

When Phil came to Goldens Bridge some 40 years ago, we were summering there. We lived then as now, on Pond Street, corner of Hillside.

At that time the 4 families: Hodak, Sokolov, Immerman, Goodman lived together and became fast friends, as did our children. The corner of Hillside became the corner of friendship. Our children still recollect those summers with fondness and delight.

We adults had many good times together. Phil would entertain with unimportant name dropping, stories of a certain Bogetchivitch, and other mythical Croatian figures. Who can forget Phil's Yugoslavian folk songs, a sweet "Jesus Loves You" or songs of The Triumphant Red Flag.

There were a number of community functions at which Phil would turn a lamb on a spit or roast a suckling pig.

Phil was also a great bargain hunter. He returned from the city one day reporting a great find. PUPICKS (chicken gizzards) at only 29 cents/lb. He had purchased ten pounds. The pupicks were cooked fried, skewered, fricasseed and smoked. All summer we suffered with those Pupicks and there were still leftovers.

Phil appointed himself a guardian of Zadie Sokolov, a position which the deaf old man did not fully comprehend. One night Phil came to check on him and found the doors of the house locked. Undaunted, Phil found a ladder, climbed up and peered through the window frightening old Zaidie, who later complained "Hodak cricht in meine fenster!" (Hodak crept through my window).

Phil never lost his political ideals, his love for people, and his humanity. We know that wherever there is strife, abuse of power or injustice, Phil's combative spirit will be there.

Submitted, in memory of Phil Selma and Sam Sokolov

NOT I, ME, AND MY - BUT WE, US, AND OURS!

Those of you who remember Phil Hodak, who died on January 31st of this year, at 86, will no doubt remember him for these words:

"not I, me, and my...but we, us, and ours". This was the heart of his politics, his morality, and his activism, whether on the picket line, or engaging others -of like or different minds-in discussion.

He was always on the soapbox, but in a way that made us all feel included and hopeful.

Phil was a doer. Whenever there was something needing fixing, his instinct was to fix it as best he knew how. During the "Freedom Summer" in the 60s, with the urgent need to support the bus boycotts and the desegregation marches in Alabama and Georgia, Phil was active here in Goldens Bridge-raising money, making sure that everyone contributed in some way to the work that needed to be done. Phil saw to it that EVERYBODY pitched in, because that struggle wasn't about Blacks and their problems down south-it was about we, us,

and ours, right here and now. Phil was a Yugoslav-American, raised in Detroit and worked in the auto plants as a young man, and so, had protest in his blood. One morning, while working on the assembly line, he started to notice that the conveyor-belt was almost imperceptibly speeding up, little by little. He looked at his watch and counted the number of parts passing beneath his hands each minute. When he verified that the illegal speed-up was in fact happening, in an action typical of him, he walked over to the main breaker switch and...threw it, stopping the entire factory's production!

Phil was a 'plain Joe' in his heart and in his bones. He couldn't tolerate the bullshit of highbrow, high-falutin' rhetoric, and abhorred the concept of a social hierarchy. The story goes, that when some big-shot Cardinal came to visit the church in Detroit where all the Yugoslavs went, waiting on line to kiss the Cardinal's hand and be blessed, Phil's turn came, and, smiling at his Holiness, Phil stuck out his hand saying, "hi Father, I'm Phil, pleased to meet you!" And because Phil was Phil, even though he must have been all of 10 or 11, the Cardinal smiled back, took Phil's hand, and shook it, telling his own name in kind.

Danny Wecker, Phil's 'kum'-or 'best buddy' in Serbo-Croatian-first met Phil at Croatian and Serbian nightclubs in Detroit. They later went on to sing and entertain together at Crystal Lake Lodge and then joined Matty Simon and the Young Peoples' Chorus in New York. At one point Art Lugoff, (of The Village Gate), hired them to sing at a 'Folk Festival At Midnight' concert at Carnegie Hall where The Weavers were also singing. Phil and Danny

taught them the melody and harmonies to their favorite Yugoslav song: Hopshi Didi, which was then recorded by The Weavers on their album 'Traveling On With The Weavers'.

At the Peekskill riots in 1949 where thousands of people, including many from Goldens Bridge had gathered to hear Paul Robeson, Pete Seeger and others sing. Danny had been one of the 'ushers', who volunteered to help protect the singers and audience, because the state and local police had refused to do so, against the threats by a racist and rabid anti-communist mob of local townspeople. Phil was one of the people who came in cars and pickup trucks and rescued the audience and the singers from the rocks, the billyclubs, and knives of the throng who had attacked them after the concert.

At some point after Phil moved to G.B. full time in 1968, he took a job at Opengate in Somers, a residential community for developmentally disabled young adults. For 21 years he worked with the residents who all came to love him and look at him as a father.

One evening when I was in my late teens, I was home alone in G.B. and I suddenly found my right arm strangely paralyzed. I called my mother in the city, panic-stricken: "how will I ever play violin again?!" She immediately called Phil, who was then our nearest neighbor, and he was over in a flash. I don't know what he did; I don't think he did anything, except hold me and make me feel safe. And little by little the arm came back to life. That's how Judy and Phil got together. Well, sort of. Shortly thereafter, Phil was working on his house and accidentally fell off a ladder and broke his ankle. He came to stay with Judy at her house, and

never left! They were together for the next 30 years, until his death this January.

Phil, you're dead, and I can't argue with you any more over whether the national parks should have increased vehicle access - "it enables wheelchair-bound people to visit", you said. "it paves the way for more camper-trailer pollution", I said. And I can't hear you crying when you read from the paper at the dinner table about a little Black child who was hit by an ambulance and then left by the curb because it was an orthodox Jewish-owned vehicle - the racism cutting you that deeply - but I can still hear in my head those exuberant Serbo-Croatian phrases which for you, like nothing else, summed up your vitality, and, well, your generosity toward others: "Smert facizmu sloboda naroda!" - ('death to the fascists, up with the people!'); "Sve je nasha" ('it's all ours!').

You loved life, didn't you? And more, you loved *lives*.

'Not I, me, and my - but we, us, and ours'.

-*Adam Pasamanick*

*A letter to Phil and Judy
Ah Phil...dear Phil... kind, gentle,
patient, dignified man.*

Of the 30 or so years that you were my step-father, I remember you best in the later years of your life, when you, (and I, and others) had grown a little older, a little sadder, a little more silent.

I remember mostly the last six years (long after your accident at Opengate in 1996, when you reached out to help a resident from falling on the icy sidewalk and fell instead, fracturing your hip).

How was it from there Phil, with the Parkinsonian symptoms and the Lewy Body Disease...and

the world falling apart? Some of you know the story - the rest of you...you don't want to know!

I remember you mostly for your silence these years, even as it got harder and harder for you to speak. And in contrast to your usual passionate, vocal self, this silence said more than the words you couldn't and didn't need to say.

I am going to miss you Phil - along with all the other kind, gentle-hearted, and very human people from the Colony who have already passed on. Tishop, Birnbaum, Flamenbaum, Shumsky, Slater, Weisman, my grandfather Zelik, and, dear Maxie... from different generations perhaps, but in my mind, all coming from the same stock - gentlemen and gentlewomen all, proud and dignified people who tried, each in their own way to make this life a little sweeter, however they could.

Lastly, I feel I must speak for my mother, Judy (Pasamanick), who lived with, argued with, travelled with, shared a life with, and loved Phil for almost 30 years. In the last six years, during his progressive infirmity, she stubbornly took care of him, at home, in and out of hospitals, doctors' offices, rehab centers, refusing to go back on her promise not to let him end up in a nursing home. I am frankly awed and puzzled by this level of selfless devotion, but honored to be the son of someone who would do this for another. Abandoning her career, she took on the full-time job of caring for Phil, often literally fighting against inhuman medical systems to assure Phil the dignity he deserved.

She parries praise for this, saying "how could I do otherwise?" and indeed... how could she have done otherwise? Mostly, she is exhausted now, and needs to rest and grieve her loss, as we all need

to do at times in our lives. To my brave and stubborn mother I say -for all your conflicts and struggles, hardships and perseverance, and precisely BECAUSE of them, I can only thank and respect you for all that you have done for Phil. Tsei zhe mir nor gezunt, mama... just live and be well...biz a hundred un tzvantzik.

**FOOTNOTE: Phil's father once said to Phil when he was just a boy- "son, hold out your two hands... now spit in one and pray into the other and see which one fills up first!" Phil was not a religious man, nor was he Jewish, but I for one don't believe that our own traditions and the pursuit of social justice are necessarily at odds, and so...I find myself saying, with a clear conscience, and with all of my love, 'Dear Phil...may you rest in peace.'*

-Ben Pasamanick

Social Committee Report

We would like to thank those of you who answered the phone survey that the Social Committee conducted this fall. We think our program for this summer reflects some of the suggestions made.

We will start off the summer festivities with a community

barbecue on Saturday, July 7th. There will be another barbecue following the volleyball tournament on August 4th.

Back by popular demand The Klezmer Mountain Boys with Margo Leverett, Eric Stand and Friends for a night of classical music and home talent night. New this year Kenny White, folk singer.

Lizette Orr, certified yoga instructor, will lead a yoga class on Monday nights. There will be movies on selected Tuesday nights and children's movies on Wednesdays.

Nancy Lieberman will be leading a chorus on Thursday nights with the culmination of a presentation at our annual banquet Labor Day weekend. An initial meeting will take place on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:30 am to discuss what the chorus will sing. The Social Committee and some survey respondents suggested Broadway musical numbers.

Ellen Adelman will lead a book discussion in August on "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by

Kim Edwards.

On Sunday, July 8th there will be a volleyball game. Anyone who is interested is urged to attend. This is NOT the volleyball tournament. On Sunday, July 15 there will be a softball game at the field. Again, anyone interested is urged to attend. **ADDITIONAL GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED BY THE PARTICIPANTS.**

A silent auction to raise money for the Scholarship Fund is being organized by the Social Action Committee. The auction will be on either Sunday, August 12th or 19th.

Please check the attached calendars for specifics. Also, look for notices on the bulletin board throughout the Colony. Any questions, please call Pearl Klainberg at 232-5402.

Welcome to the community

The Goldens Bridge Community Association welcomes the Kringas family to our community. They are the new owners of the former Reitman house located on Pond Street.



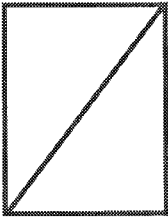
New addition to our community

Paul and Laure Milliot along with big sister Elizabeth, joyfully rang in the new year with their new arrival, Marc Yves (photo below), born on December 29, 2006.

Photo (right) is big sister Elizabeth, all bundled up against the freezing temperature, enjoying sledding on our own frozen Goldens Bridge Lake.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 July 2007	2 <i>Yoga</i> 7:30 @ the barn	3 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	4 <i>Please Note....</i> <i>Friday Nights:</i> \$10.00 for non-residents <i>Saturday Nights:</i> \$12.00 for non-residents	5 Chorus 7:30 @ the barn	6 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with the Beers	7 Opening Night BBQ 7:30 @ the beach
8 Volleyball 11:00 am @ the beach	9 Yoga 7:30 @ the barn	10 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	11 Movie Night (titles to be announced) 8:00 @ the barn	12 Chorus 7:30 @ the barn	13 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	14 <i>Margot Leverett & the Klezmer Mountain Boys</i> 8:30 @ the Barn
15 Softball 11:00 am @ the field	16	17 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	18	19 Chorus 7:30 @ the barn	20 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	21 Classical Night with Eric & Friends 8:30 @ the Barn
22	23	24 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	25	26 Chorus 7:30 @ the barn	27 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	28 Camp Night Event To be announced.
29	30 Yoga 7:30 @ the barn	31 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		August 2007	1 <i>Movie Night</i> (titles to be announced) 8:00 @ the barn	2 <i>Chorus</i> 7:30 pm @ the barn	3 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 @ the barn with The Beers	4 <i>Volleyball Tournament</i> BBQ 7:00 pm @ the beach
5	6 <i>Yoga</i> 7:30 @ the barn	7 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	8	9 <i>Chorus</i> 7:30 pm @ the barn	10 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 @ the barn with The Beers	11 <i>Home Talent Night</i> 8:30 @ the barn
12	13 <i>Yoga</i> 7:30 @ the barn	14 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	15 Book Discussion with <i>Ellen Adelman</i> "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards 8:00 pm @ the barn	16 <i>Chorus</i> 7:30 pm @ the barn	17 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 @ the barn with The Beers	18 
19	20	21 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	22 <i>Movie Night</i> (titles to be announced) 8:00 @ the barn	23 <i>Chorus</i> 7:30 pm @ the barn	24 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	25 <i>Kenny White</i> Topical Singer & Songwriter 8:30 pm @ the barn
26	27 <i>Yoga</i> 7:30 @ the barn	28 <i>Children's Movies</i> (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	29	30 <i>Chorus</i> 7:30 pm @ the barn	31 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	1 September *The Banquet*

Please Note: Friday Nights: \$10 for non-residents, Saturday Nights: \$12.00 for non-residents



Earth day clean up

Sunday, April 22 2007

Meeting at the barn at 8:45am

Please bring garbage bags and gloves plus any other tools such as rakes to pick up any garbage.

Money collected from recyclables will go to charity

Any Questions, Please contact us at 232-9684

Poster design by Albi Orr

NOTICE
 Does anyone have any information about a program that the colony could use to set up our own free-cycle swap shop? That way, people in the Colony could exchange (or sell) items that they no longer needed and people could find items at reasonable or no cost. Please let me know. Rina - Hec3311988@aol.com
 I am collecting mono-color large tops from laundry soap and other medium to large mouth plastic containers. I am also collecting colorfully patterned bottle caps - from soda mostly. These are for class projects at my school. If you have any, please drop them off at 10 Hillside Avenue. I'll be collecting until September, so you have time. Look for good ones! Thanks.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 The Yellin house is on the market. Photos and details can be viewed at www.coldwellbankermoves.com/fred.margolies. Colony resident, Fred Margolies, is the broker of record for this property.

TOWN OF LEWISBORO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911
 POLICE, TOWN OF LEWISBORO763-8903
 POLICE NEW YORK STATE277-3651
 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

Winter Came Back

By Aaron Kroun

Just when you thought winter was over and it was safe to wear short sleeve shirts and other spring clothing, nature dealt us a nasty blow. Winter came back to Goldens Bridge on Friday, March 16 with a vengeance. More than 10 inches of snow, sleet and

out from nature's onslaught. Below is a photo taken on Saturday, March 17 at the corner of Hall Avenue and Pond Street. The fluctuations in temperature and heavy precipitation wreaked havoc on our roads making driving extremely hazardous. ❖



Photo by Aaron Kroun

HOUSE FOR RENT

Know someone who is looking to rent in GB this summer? Summer rental available in Goldens Bridge Colony, Westchester, mid-June through Labor Day. Rustic, two-bedroom, one-bath bungalow with a large sunny porch room and outside deck, along with a huge yard. Walk to Metro North, and shopping. Family-friendly community center with popular day camp and lake use privileges. Pets OK. For more information, call Michael Elias at (917) 306-0110

Board Minutes of December 17, 2006

Present: Bergherr, Brown, Ehnes, Eisen, Fast, Hicks, Kroun, Levites, McGroary, Schmid, Stand and Tomei.

Absent: Finkelman, Gross and Rietsch.

Minutes of the November 19, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

Water Committee:

The Board received a letter written by R. Arnstein to the Westchester County Department of Health advising that the community will be installing a back-flow prevention device at the Beach on a one-inch feeder line in order to prevent a cross-contamination of the community public water supply. See addendum A. Motion: To approve the resolution between the Community and the Westchester Department of Health (Addendum A.1) as signed by President Bergherr. Carried unanimously.

Bergherr spoke with the Lieman family regarding their septic system. They assured him that they have their septic tank pumped out every three years. A new electric panel was installed in the pump house. Fast helped put the circulating pump on automatic. An ultrasonic level control needs to be installed, then float switches will become the back up. Minutes of the water committee read (Addendum C). A discussion regarding how to restore backfilled areas that result from work on the water system took place. Ehnes and Hicks to investigate long-term storage of sand, seed and hay for future restoration projects. The water committee will cap off the winter curb cock at the Lukin property and repair the curb cock to the house.

Motion: All old winter water curb cocks are the property of the Community, if and when they fail, they will be removed by the water committee. Tomei. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

See addendum B. We need to mail revised by-laws and constitution to members. Eisen will call K. Donovan and ask that this material be forwarded to the Secretary. Gary Forbes will attend either the January or February board meeting to orient us to our insurance coverage. Motion: To remain with the NYSEG option we currently have. Fast. Carried Unanimously.

Road 4

Tomei reported that L. Klainberg would publish her last issue of Road 4. He has give her the materials he has collected. The new committee will meet after the issue is published.

Camp Committee

No report/ Rietsch absent.

Social Committee

J.Ehnes getting people together to plan activities for people with young children.

Welcoming Committee

Has only welcomed 2 new families in the last 3 years.

Environmental Committee

P.Ehnes recommended the removal of the school bus shelter on Main Street.

Motion: Remove the school bus shelter. Ehnes Carried unanimously

Lake Committee

Motion: Hicks and Stand to arrange for the survey and staking of all community property over the next three years with the expense to be included in the capital budgets. They are to begin with the Nursery acre. Carried. 8 For; 1 Abstention (Kroun).

Road Committee

25 mph signs referred to Town Attorney by Town. They do not want our own 20mph/children at play signs have been installed by the Highway Department. Bergherr will write to the Town Attorney regarding speed signs in the community. Cut telephone poles have been left in the beach parking lot and will replace the rotted railroad ties.. A lot of garbage has been dumped on Danger Road. It is important that we keep picking up trash so that it doesn't attract more trash.

Barn Committee

The gutters on the Barn have been cleaned and the security alarm has been installed for the lower barn. When a member uses the barn for a private event, and hires a commercial vendor, an insurance form from the vendor must be supplied to the Barn committee naming the GBCA, Inc. as coinsured.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Eric S. Stand

Board Minutes of January 21, 2007

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

Absent: Hicks.

Minutes: of December 17, 2006 approved with corrections

Treasurer's Report:

(Addendum A) Since we have not collected previous legal fees on uncollected dues, they have been credited. Money has been moved from our investment account to our checking account to cover operating expenses. There was a discussion about an old agreement between the Colony and a member regarding the payment of water fees. The member will be asked to furnish a copy of this agreement.

Water Committee:

The water committee has been asked to investigate whether the Appleman/Leathers house has a curb cock or is connected directly to the Flamenbaum well. Eisen read a proposed letter to the membership, required by the DOH, regarding protection of the community water system from cross-contamination. (Addendum B)

Motion: To accept the cross-contamination letter as amended. Carried.

Fast reported that ultrasonic water level controls have been installed and are operating. Chris submitted an analysis of the water survey. (Addendum C) The survey will be included in the next Road Four with a request for corrections.

Road Four:

Road Four received lots of compliments. Thanks to Ilene Rietsch and Lesli Klainberg for seven years of service! Tomei would like an article about how well owners can test their own wells. Kroun volunteered to write the article.

Social Committee:

Stand estimates that to winterize Teen Center, and the Nursery Room below, would cost between \$7,500-\$10,000: to include replacement of all windows with thermopane, insulating all heated areas, paneling and electric heating of room downstairs, and replacing ceiling tiles upstairs. Finkelman surveyed residents on his road about winter activities. Generally, year-round residents were interested, summer residents were not. Not enough people have responded to J. Ehnes' survey re: children's activities. Gross asked people to call around to survey interest. So far, much interest expressed for a choral group. To date, the committee wants another Classical Music evening and The Klezmer Mountain Boys. They will try to meet next time on a weekday evening to accommodate people with children. They will include children's activities in this summer's Social Committee calendar.

Camp:

Budget- See Addendum D. Bergherr to talk to Forbes about insurance for operation of a camp. The lifeguards are probably returning.

Richie is now 21 years old so he can be our WSI as well as waterfront director. There will be a Camp Night to raise funds for a new paddle boat and new backstop for the ball field. We need to decide how to handle the play equipment at the Beach.

Motion: To bypass the January meeting. 8-for; 0-opposed; 2-abstentions-Eisen, Levites

Roads:

Someone dumped their furniture on the road by the Lake. We will talk to Bria Carting about their preference as to people's garbage sheds. 20 MPH signs were put up, by the Highway Dep't, at the entrance to Pond and Lake Streets. We can put up our own 15MPH Children At Play signs while Camp is in session.

Lake:

January 29th meeting scheduled between Ripperger, Highway Sup't, Stand and Milliot to review Main Street EOH Project. Respectfully submitted, Eric Stand, Sec'y

Board Minutes of February 18, 2007

Present: Bergherr, Brown, Ehnes, Eisen, Fast, Finkelman, Gross, Kroun, Levites, Schmid, Tomei

Absent: Hicks, McGroary, Rietsch, Stand

Minutes: Of January 21, 2007 approved with corrections

Correspondence:

A letter was read from Marsha Mignon (Branch St. resident) informing us of the death of her husband David in January. The Board expressed condolences, and will send a card to Mrs. Mignon and her 2 little girls.

Treasurer's Report: (Addendum) M. Levites

Over a third of the 2007 dues has been collected. Approximately \$90,000 remains in uncollected dues for 2007. The official payment date is March 1st.

Social Justice Committee: M. Eisen Reports

Mera reported that the committee needed more money in order to offer our scholarship for 2008. It was suggested that the social committee use a Saturday night this summer for a fund raiser for the scholarship fund. Mera will consult with Ed Yellin to see if he is willing to conduct a silent auction.

Insurance Summary: J. Bergherr reports

Gary Forbes, our local insurance agent, met with John and offered a written summary of our insurance for review. The Forbes agency is now co brokering our Philadelphia Insurance Policy with The Walnut Group (our former broker). G. Forbes believes that our camp and water system should be separately incorporated and insured. The Forbes Agency has raised our blanket insurance coverage from \$460,000 to \$825,000, added "bonding" for our officers, and added accident coverage for the camp. Guardian Disability insurance is being checked to make sure counselors are covered. G. Forbes will address the Board at a future meeting.

Road 4: G. Tomei reports

Gary reports that Aaron will provide articles of information for people who have their own wells. He will also assemble the paper. A president's message will be part of the paper. Road 4 will be out in April, and thereafter will come out quarterly.

Water: D. Fast Reports in response to a recent complaint, D. Fast reported that the Appleman-Leathers' curb cock is on the Lewis' property, however, this is not a unique situation in the community. For example, there are 4 curb cocks located on the Dukhin property. Further discussion addressed a plan to implement Health Department demands for back flow valves to prevent cross contamination of wells.

Motion: Dan will draft a letter to the 12 families identified with cross contamination issues. The letter will tell them what they need to do to comply with the law, and include a deadline for compliance. Additionally, the families will be told that their water will be cut off if they do not comply. This letter will be approved by the Board, via email, before the next meeting.

Motion approved unanimously

Mera will arrange a water committee meeting to discuss curb cock location.

The secretary will send a letter to C. Lewis reminding her to send the Board a copy of her deed with information regarding the water payment agreement.

Hospitality: J. Gross reports

The Kringas family was visited. Joy believes they will be a good addition to the community.

Social Committee: J. Gross Reports

The summer program will include a choral group with a professional director. This group may perform for the banquet. Additionally, Lisette Orr will teach a yoga class during the week. The Klezmer Mountain Boys will perform in July; and folksinger Kenny White will perform in August. J. Ehnes will be responsible for some children's activities. This will be part of the Social Committee calendar.

Roads: M. Schmid Reports

Work continues on getting reduced speed signs.

The next meeting will be held at Joy Gross' house on March 18th.

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