

# Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## From the Editor

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Road Four is a community newsletter. If you have any news, be it personal or whatever that you would like to share, please send it to us.

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## Presidential Thoughts

As I come to the end of my third and final year as President, I would like to invite more people to run for the available positions on the Board. I have observed, for the past three years, that there are too few women on the Board. Why is that? Is this post-feminist burn out? There are many of us, active in the past, who need to step back in and participate on the Board. There are also many of us, working on committees, who should take the next step and join the Board. The Community would also benefit from people, critical of the ways we've been doing things, stepping up and getting us to do them differently.

I had wanted to schedule some time on the agenda of the Janu-

ary and April membership meetings to talk about broadening the participation of our membership. We barely had a quorum of twenty people at each of those two meetings. That discussion didn't seem appropriate when the silent majority was not present.

If you're reading this that means you're interested. Well, what are you waiting for? Our community is an increasingly unique environment where people can actively join with their neighbors and feel good about being a part of something larger than their own house and land. The Beach and The Lake and The Barn and The Camp and The Water and The Roads and Road Four all need your work and your care. Whatever your quotidian commitments are, and I hear they are many, please make some time in there for community concerns. This place doesn't happen without you.

*Eric Stand*

## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is looking for members interested in contributing to the community. Elections for positions on the executive board are approaching. If you are a member, the community, to continue to function, needs your help. Too many sit back instead of being part of the decision making. Please get interested! Contact: [Mike Brown mbrownmw@aol.com](mailto:Mike.Brown@mbrownmw@aol.com); [Jay Martin mjmartin1111@yahoo.com](mailto:Jay.Martin@mjmartin1111@yahoo.com); [Paul Stewart-Stand paul@stewartstand.com](mailto:Paul.Stewart-Stand@stewartstand.com); [Frieda Halpern fritzie10@verizon.net](mailto:Frieda.Halpern@fritzie10@verizon.net); [Dan Fast norfast@juno.com](mailto:Dan.Fast@norfast@juno.com)

*Mike Brown*

## To the Editor—Road 4

### AN OPEN LETTER TO EVERYONE RESIDING ON DIRT ROADS

This writer has been resident in the Colony for 50 years, has served on the Executive Board for 28 years and as President for 5 years. During this time, the debate over whether our roads should be paved has been never-ending, passionate, often acrimonious involving extraordinary amounts of time and effort by untold numbers of people, and it's all been a tremendous waste of time. The simple truth is that the Colony roads are not going to be paved for the foreseeable future for the simple fact that paving does not make sense for the following reasons:

1. With the very considerable growth that has overwhelmed Lewisboro and the paving of the countryside that accompanied this growth, dirt roads have achieved a kind of mystical, much treasured status and are even being 'land marked' in some municipalities.

2. The cost of properly paving the Colony roads would be over a million dollars, would require the roads to be widened to meet codes, impacting driveways and parking setbacks, making water system maintenance more difficult and expensive and of course, we would have to deal with incessant patching and buckling and potholes due to the heavy traffic of oil trucks and the like.

3. Then there is always the fact that widened and paved roads would speed up traffic that children and other walkers will not be able to easily hear. If anyone

doubts this, check with your neighbors in one of the newer communities where paving is required.

4. On the other hand, the dirt roads we now have, have some structural problems that need to be corrected. These are basically drainage issues that the town seems to be aware of and that the road committee should continually monitor. When there is a washout [or mudout] anywhere in the Colony, the committee should be notified so that after the town highway department does an emergency fix, we can then look for a permanent engineering solution.

5. The road committee will also continue to monitor the type of fill the town uses and try to get them to use material that will drain without mudding. We should also request that the Colony receive a bonding agent treatment during dry spells to cut down on road dusting which the town has apparently done for other communities. We may have to pay for this.

Finally, well maintained and drained dirt roads have character, will not require wheel alignments if driven on with respect [read: SLOW], will not result in being stuck in the mud [I have never been] and will not result in damaged mufflers or tailpipes for careful drivers. In other words, learn to love your roads, learn to drive on them and above all, to cherish and embrace what they signify... COUNTRY.

*Respectfully, Ron Arnstein*

## Happily Ever After

*(The following was excerpted from the Spring 2009 issue of NWHealth.)*

Joe Rabushka, the retired concert violinist and colony resident, is also one of the world's leading experts on the repair and restoration of anniversary clocks. When Joe and his wife Bira celebrated their 36th anniversary this past October they also celebrated his miraculous return to good health after a grave

illness that kept him hospitalized at Northern Westchester Hospital for three months, followed by two months in rehab.

The Rabushkas have known each other most of their lives. They met at violin lessons when she was 13 and he was 17. They married other people, divorced, and married when they were both violinists for the New York City Ballet. Joe was always a healthy man who practiced good health habits and "was on the treadmill every day", according to Bira. "She retired after 45 years at the NYCB. One day in January, 2009 she found Joe sitting at the kitchen table unable to move.

"I will never forget that day," said Bira. "He said, 'I need to go to the hospital.' And that was the beginning of our saga." Raced by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital, Joe was met by emergency personnel, placed in intensive care, and soon faced a number of life-threatening complications. He was in and out of the ICU three times.

Thanks to his doctors, Harlan Weinberg and Alan Coffino, and Beth Count, his respiratory therapist, his life was saved. Today, Joe is healthy once again. The Rabushkas were so grateful for the care they received that Bira approached the hospital about saying thank you in a special way. On September 12, 2009, the Rabushkas honored Drs. Weinberg and Coffino and raised \$20,000 for the hospital by hosting An Enchanted Evening Cabaret Night at the Pulse Theater in Bedford Hills. "We wanted to do more than just send a donation," said Bira, adding that Drs. Coffino and Weinberg received anniversary clocks from Joe. (More about Joe's anniversary clocks in the next edition of Road 4.)

## Local Wildlife

As urbanization has crept up on us, local wildlife has been edged

out. You'd think so. But that's not what my eyes have been telling me. We seem to have an expanding life list of animal visitors. In the winter, their silhouettes stand out against the snow and present a dramatic vision. As sightings have continued into the spring, I've come to believe that these animals are here to stay. They're adapting



Barred Owl

to our presence. This year our area seems to be home to a pair of barred owls. Their call is a distinctive, "whooh whooh whooh for you". It is a loud call—a clear

announcement.

Barred owls are your picture book owls. They stand a majestic two feet tall and take off with a quiet whoosh. It always amazes me to see how far around they can twist their heads, and how still they sit waiting for their prey. We have the pellets to prove they've been busy. Owls eat small rodents whole. Then they cough up pellets of bones bound together by hair.

We've also had a red fox around all winter. It seems to travel be-



Red Fox

tween the Kroun's house and our home, getting pretty close to both houses.

A rather mangy coyote can be seen regularly too, slinking around the same path as the fox.

Our maple tree, which is largely hollow, has been home to a mother raccoon and her two babies this spring. They cry and carry on when they're hungry. She arrives,

clumsily edging into the tree; and all becomes quiet.

Then, heard but not seen, are the turkeys. By the sound of it, they're close by. I've seen them on Rte.138, but not in my yard yet this year.

Just this past weekend, I heard about the flying squirrels at the Bergherr house. They're not supposed to be here!

What wildlife are you seeing? It would be fun to maintain a list for this area. Have you been seeing the huge red tailed hawks? They seem to be making a big comeback.

*Martha Levites*

### More Drink Recipes from Dan Fast

#### Mocha Mist

3/4 to 1 ounce of Canadian Mist (Irish Mist will work fine)

3/4 to 1 ounce of Crème de Cacao Hot Coffee

Whipped cream



Shaved Dark Chocolate garnish

Pour liquor into a glass mug, add coffee, top with whipped cream, garnish with the shaved

chocolate. Vary liquors to taste. Warms the cockles of your heart any day!

#### Liberal

Combine in a tall glass (10 to 15 ounce size)

1 to 4 ounces of Vodka

Ice

Pink Lemonade

Invented these with a friend one warm summer afternoon when the conventional mixers were gone. We fancied ourselves pretty radical then, so we named them "Liberals" for the obvious reason.

### Chess, Checkers, Pizza & Dessert

Dates: Friday June 11th

Mondays July 5th, July 19th, and August 2nd. Time: 7:00-7:30 PM pizza & drink

7:30-8:30 PM play

8:30-9:00 PM cookies & social

Where: Teen Center

Fee: \$7 (\$5 to cover food, \$2 donation toward professional chess instruction with Felix)

BRING YOUR OWN CHESS SET / CHECKER SET

\$7 per person will be collected to cover pizza, drink, dessert and donation toward a professional chess instruction with Felix.

Times are listed above.

Reminder: RSVP notice will be sent out, via e-mail, a few days prior to the play date.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, classmates, etc. are welcome to come eat, play, and have fun with us, too.

Please pass this along to family members that might be visiting over the summer and interested in this event. Sorry if you received multiple e-mails. I have several Colony e-mail groups and sent this message to everyone I know. Enjoy!

CONTACT: Ken Finkelman at [finkmahoney@verizon.net](mailto:finkmahoney@verizon.net)

### Mason Hired for Barn Repairs

We hired a mason to remove the entire rear, rotting, plywood floor of the lower barn and replace it with gravel and concrete. We will need a work crew to put a few sheets of plywood down and repair the wall between the science and arts and crafts rooms before camp starts.

*Eric Stand*

### Colony Saturday Nights— Mark Your Calendar

#### The Walkabout Clearwater Chorus (July 10th)

The Walkabout Clearwater Chorus will be performing at the beach (or the barn if it is raining). Founded in 1984 by folk music legend, Pete Seeger, the chorus is a "people's chorus" made up of people who love to sing and promote environmental and social justice causes.

The chorus gives performances at concert venues and festivals

throughout the Hudson Valley area and beyond. Come down to the beach for a relaxing night of great community music. Bring a beach chair.

### Four 1-Act Plays by Albi Gorn (July 17th)

Those of you who have had the pleasure of seeing an Albi Gorn production know that he can be very clever, creative, humorous and entertaining. Four of his one-act plays, *4Gorn Conclusions*, will be presented on July 17th at the barn. Unlike most shows put on in the Colony, the cast of players will NOT be the usual crew of Colony volunteers but performers provided by Albi and new to our barn. Albi is keeping the themes of the plays to himself for now.

Sounds like the makings for a very interesting evening.

### Summer Art Show (July 24th)

Colony resident artists and their artistic friends will be presenting their art for show and sale on July 24th. A worthwhile charity will benefit because a portion of the proceeds will be donated to it; 25% of each sale and 100% of the proceeds of the raffle will go to the charity.

This year's beneficiary will be the Westchester Food Bank, a wonderful organization helping those in need across the county. They will have representatives at the event explaining how their organization works.

We plan on providing free wine and cheese donated to the event by local shop owners and members of the community. Please write this date on your calendar and make an effort to be there. Last year's event was well received by the community and surprisingly successful. If you come, you will have a great time

### Trio Con Brio (July 31st)

Our very own Eric Stand will be back with his ensemble,

Trio Con Brio.

Joining Eric will be Sylvia Russakoff on piano, Robert Kogan, cello and, special guest artist Mary Olson playing the bassoon.

The music will include classical pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach and Max Bruch as well as Latin compositions by Villa-Lobos and Astor Piazzolla.

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959) was a Brazilian composer, described as “the single most significant creative figure in 20th-century Brazilian art music”. His music was influenced by both Brazilian folk music and by stylistic elements from the European classical tradition.

Astor Pantaleón Piazzolla (1921-1992) was an Argentine tango composer. His works revolutionized the traditional tango into a new style termed nuevo tango, incorporating elements from jazz and classical music.

It should be another very enjoyable Trio Con Brio evening.

### ***The UpSouth Twisters (August 14th)***

The UpSouth Twisters (aka Lucky 7) have been playing together for years. The band’s signature sound includes accordion, electric and acoustic guitars, upright bass, harmonica, mandolin, drums, rubboard, timbales and other percussion, piano and organ. Their music has been described as Cajun rockabilly, Rockin’ Zydeco, roots rock with a squeezebox and a New York mix of Zydeco and rockin’ roadhouse Americana.

Here’s what the band leader, Kenny Margolis has to say about his music: “A lot of our music does have roots in the South, but growing up in New York City, we have interpreted it differently than a Southern band would. Sort of like the British Invasion bands of the Sixties interpreting Chicago blues.”

A recent review of a performance in Texas put it this way:

“The group’s seamless set was solid and substantial, full of prime party-time dance music underpinned by a resilient rhythmic thrust that pushed and pulled the music in consistently interesting directions.”

From what I’ve heard, it will be hard to stay in your seat once the music starts.

### ***Cabaret Night with Alysa Haas (August 21st)***

Talked about for years, the Cabaret is finally coming to the barn this summer. For one night only, we will be turning our barn into a little cabaret, round tables and all.

Alysa Haas is an up and coming cabaret singer in NYC. She will be joined by several talented musicians playing a variety of numbers ranging from pop, country, Broadway to Latin swing. Alysa grew up listening to classical music and attending the New York City Ballet, where her mother continues to play first violin.

Come join us for an evening of great music, food, drink and conversation.

### ***New Chorus Director***

After several summers of directing The Golden Bridge Chorus, Nancy Lieberman will be unable to lead us this year. She will be missed in Golden Bridge, as she spends the summer with her mother in the Midwest. However, the show must go on.

Carol Paterno is our new choral director. She brings lots of enthusiasm, energy, and skill to the task. Carol taught music for Brewster Schools and sings with The Westchester Oratorio Society and several other groups. I can attest to her beautiful soprano voice, and musicianship.

Carol has already met with 6 chorus members to select music for the summer.

We are looking forward to making music together and having a

good time. Please join the group. We welcome new members. Take note: our first meeting will be Monday, June 21 at 7:30.

*Martha Levites*

### ***GRADUATES***



It’s nice to know that our local teenagers are doing well and looking forward to graduating from high school.

***Bucky Illingworth*** will be going to the University of Southern California.

***Jordan Metz*** will be leaving for Montreal to attend McGill University.

***Brandon Myers-Orr*** is going to Goucher College in Baltimore.

***Elyse Gordon*** will be starting a graduate program in Urban Geography at University of Washington. She has spent the last two years doing an Americorps program called Admission Possible, where she worked in low-income high schools helping students get into college.

She writes “It has been incredibly rewarding, fun, and challenging. I am also very interested in urban/community gardening (and container gardening!), knitting, biking, dinner parties, local foods, baking, and yoga”.

***Allison Metz*** writes that she will be going to the University of Florida in Gainesville for her PhD in Developmental Psychology, with a focus on Adolescent Development.

### ***Goodbye to the Farmers Market***



Sad to say Saturday, May 22 was the last day for the farmers’ market at the John Jay Schools.

They will be sorely missed by many families seeking a local source for a wide variety of fresh meat and produce, much of it organic. This writer will be hard-pressed to find more than one variety of arugula on a summer Saturday at our local markets.

*Please join us in making  
the Goldens Bridge Colony  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gala Art Opening  
an event to remember*

*On July 24<sup>th</sup> 2010, at the Barn,  
you are invited to be represented  
in our collection of works by colony artists.*

*Please find enclosed an entry form ...  
Fill it out and be part of a very special evening.*

*Work will be on display between 7:30 pm & 10:00 pm.*

*Wine and cheese will be served.*

*Some art will be for sale and 25% of the price,  
along with raffle proceeds,  
will be contributed to the*

*Food Bank for Westchester.*

*Artwork entrusted to the Social Committee will  
be cared for with all due precautions.*

*We do not, however, have art specific insurance,  
so enter this exhibit knowing you are at your own risk.*

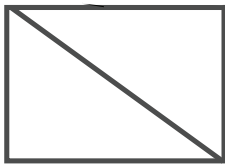
*Please note that work should be brought to the barn  
on July 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 am and noon.*

*All work must be picked up after 10:00 pm  
by you or a designated representative.*

*Any work left at the Barn after 11:00 pm on July 24<sup>th</sup>  
will remain there, under lock and key, until between  
11:00 am - Noon, Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**SEE ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 8**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2010</h1>			Please Note.... Friday Nights: \$12.00 for non-residents Saturday Nights: \$15.00 for non-residents	1	2	3 <b>Opening Night BBQ</b> 7:30 @ the beach
4 <b>Preliminary Schedule</b>	5 Chess Club 7:00-9:00 Chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the barn	6 Children's Movies (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	7	8	9 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	10 <b>The Clearwater Singers</b> 8:30 @ the Beach
11	12 Chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the barn	13 Children's Movies (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	14 Movie Night 8:30 @ the Barn "Precious"	15	16 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	17 Albi Gorn <b>4 one act plays</b> 8:30 @ the Barn
18	19 Chess Club 7:00-9:00 Chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the barn	20 Children's Movies (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	21	22	23 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	24 <b>Summer Art Show &amp; Benefit</b> 7:30 @ the Barn
25	26 Chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the barn	27 Children's Movies (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	28	29	30 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with Jim Gold	31 <b>Trio con Brio</b> Classical night 8:30 @ the Barn

Sunday 1 <b>August 2010</b>	Monday 2 Chess Club 7:00- 9:00 Chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the Barn	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4 Film Night "The Upside of Anger" 8:00pm @ the Barn	Thursday 5	Friday 6 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with the Beers	Saturday 7 <b>Volleyball Tournament BBQ</b> 7:30 pm @ the beach
8 <i>Preliminary Schedule</i>	9 Chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the Barn	10 Children's Movies (titles to be announced) 6:30 @ the barn	11 Book Club with Ellen Adelman "City of Thieves" by David Benioff 8:00 @ the Barn	12	13 Folk Dancing 8:30 @ the barn with the Beers	14 <b>"Upsouth Twisters"</b> zydeco band 8:30 @ the Barn
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*Please Note: Friday Nights: \$12 for non-residents, Saturday Nights: \$15.00 for non-residents*



The Golden Bridge Colony

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Gala Art Opening

## \*\*\* Entry Form \*\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Media (drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, fabric)

Hanging Art Titles, (limit 3):

1 \_\_\_\_\_ for sale @ \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ for sale @ \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_ for sale @ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Media (sculpture, ceramics, jewelry) with number, size and price range

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with the show \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate a piece of work for the raffle \_\_\_\_\_

All paintings, drawings, photographs and prints  
must be finished and ready for hanging.

The deadline to return this completed form is July 4th 2010.

Return this form in an envelope to Martha Levites,  
Adriana Broberg or Judith Fast with your \$5.00 entry fee.

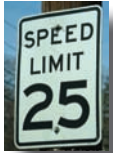
Depending upon the response, we may have to further limit  
the number of pieces exhibited by each participant.

25% of each sale & all proceeds from the raffle  
will go to the *Food Bank for Westchester*.

**Ilene Klainberg Rietsch** just completed another Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, this time in Boston. This Breast Cancer Fund-raiser is held annually in cities throughout the US. Ilene has completed many of these grueling 39.3 mile walks, raising many thousands of dollars for Breast Cancer research.

**PHOTO OP**—Over this summer, with your support, I would like to start a photo-documentary project in our community. My goal is to document, with still photography, the faces and common sights of a summer in Goldens Bridge. And so, I would like to photograph as many people as possible during the summer months. The way I envision this project, it will mainly consist of portraits, both posed and unposed, of all those willing to participate. I hope that in the future this project will become a historical document, used to remember a little of how we were in the Summer of 2010. If you have an idea to share, or would like more information, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me:

500-8013 mike@michaelgillman.com Thank you all. *Michael Gillman*



**NEW ROAD SIGNS IN OUR COMMUNITY**—The state has approved and will be installing new road signs on our roads. Speed will be restricted to 25 miles per hour. In addition, signs will be posted prohibiting parking on the roads during winter snowstorms. We thank the highway department of the Town of Lewisboro and our own Road Committee for their efforts

**Martha Levites** is recovering from knee surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**FOR RENT: Modern one bedroom apartment** with washer and dryer for \$1,000 a month, plus utilities. No pets or smoking. References and security required. Available July 1st. Call 914-232-5574.

**The Staff of Road Four** is looking for contributors for a recipe column. Please send us your favorite recipes.

## Board & Membership Minutes

### Membership Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2009

The meeting was covered at 11:20 AM.

Announcements: Florence Brauner passed away.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes from August were read into the record. A motion to approve was made and seconded- carried unanimously.

Board minutes are available on the Wiki but they will be read to the membership at future membership meetings.

There was an emergency expense of \$2,000 to fix an electrical line to the pump house. A wireless control system was purchased and installed. It is working well. The Board approved the emergency expenditure by 2/3 majority. A motion for the membership to retroactively approve this expense was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports-

Finance: A budget report was presented. Final reconciliation of camp and water funds will be done by the end of the calendar year.

The proposed budget for 2010 was reviewed. Other than taxes, insurance and sanitation, which are not discretionary expenses, all line items were opened for discussion.

There are decisions to be made on capital expenditures for next year. This year's balance plus next year's reserve comes to about \$32k. We have budgeted about \$27k in projects. Both because of compliance with BOH regulations and rising materials costs, purchasing two rafts is recommended.

Handball renovation- it is proposed that the wall surface visible from the road be power-washed and the ground surface be paved over with blacktop with new lines painted.

The History Committee will investigate ways to preserve those archival materials that have artifactual value.

Stand: We should buy one raft instead of two in case people do not like the new rafts and wish to recommend changes.

Bergherr: We need to be proactive about code compliance, not reactive.

Others noted that the rafts are deteriorating and waiting to replace them is an expensive decision.

A motion to approve the draft budget was made and seconded. 20 voted in favor, none opposed and no abstentions. Passed! Thanks to Martha Levites, John Bergherr and the Finance Committee for preparing the budget.

A motion to buy 2 rafts in the coming year was made, seconded and passed; 20 votes in favor, two opposed, no abstentions.

The membership and the Water Committee members present at the meeting specifically commended Drew Orr for completing a series of complicated upgrades to the pump house, within the budget allocated.

NYSEG tree work will start this week or next week. There will be no town leaf pickup this year. Please do not blow leaves on the roads, into the lake, streams or wetlands.

Thanks to Joanne Ehnes for coordinating kids' social activities. The Halloween party in the barn will take place starting at 4pm on 10/31. Chess nights will continue on Friday nights. Email Joanne if you want to be on the email list for these events.

Garbage- No report.

Water- Work on the Hall Avenue line work will begin before frost sets in.

Environment- There was further discussion on topping the trees at the beach. Selective pruning of the trees has been suggested to let in light and air while supporting the health of the trees. A motion was made to get estimates on costs for selective pruning of trees at the beach to allow more sunlight. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Barn- Projects are listed as line items within the capital budget.

Beach/Lake- The Beach Committee needs a chairperson. Please contact Russell Gordon if you are interested or wish to nominate someone.

Town- No report.

Legal/Sales- No report.

Camp- R. Slavin gave the report. The Committee has met and is assigning jobs. We hope to keep the Camp Director from last year.

Maintenance- No report

Roads- Funds for roads maintenance and improvements will decrease next year; 4 layoffs at the Highway Department are anticipated. The Committee will try to find out if this could impact snow removal. Recent improvements to the roads are documented in the last Board meeting minutes. Households located at the ends of roads (furthest from Route 138) may be asked to report on conditions periodically.

Road 4- There are insufficient submissions for a fall issue so far. Hoping for publication by the end of November.

Social/Hospitality- Need new volunteers to join the Committee.

History- Old VHS tapes of plays performed in the Barn could be digitized. Also documents describing the Milton Yale court decision of '65 should be digitized and put online.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Billy Yalowitz located an article from the journal American Jewish History, Voume 83 with quotes from former Colony members. It will be partially reprinted, with permission, in a future issue of Road 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

### GBCA Board Minutes January 24, 2010

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Levites, Bergherr, Shulman, Arnstein, Finkelman, Gordon, Orr, Callen

Absent: Eisen, Stewart-Stand

The meeting came to order at 10:10 am.

December Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record as amended.

Correspondence- Brandon Meyers-Orr's letter was read into the record; he is donating back payment of overtime due to him from last summer (ca. \$800) to the Colony. A letter of thanks will be sent in response.

Sidney Davis and Bobby Beller passed away.

Committee Reports-

Finance- An updated report was distributed. There is about \$5,200 available in our checking account.

Bills will go out on Monday, 2/1 to allow time for the membership to vote on establishing a Hardship Fund as recommended by the Board.

Water service will be turned off to DiAngeles due to non-payment.

Finkelman will file small claims suits against other members with outstanding dues.

Our new garbage contract is at the same rate as previously. A motion to sign the contract was seconded and passed unanimously.

Barn- The weather was too cold for pouring concrete slab on the lower barn floor; this work will be done soon. Access to the barn for tours to prospective camp parents is being worked out.

Beach/Lake- Orr and Friar will share lifeguard supervision; G. Stewart will share information on past practices with interested members of the Beach and Camp Committees.

Beach sand should be delivered while the ground is still frozen.

There was a discussion at the last meeting about how to handle enforcement of rules regarding non-members and members not in good standing. Stand will encourage members to either follow the rules or change them at the January membership meeting.

Town- There is a new supervisor (Duffy). Stand will introduce himself, possibly at the next Lakes meeting. Town tax increases can be anticipated next year.

Camp- No report

Environment- An arborist from Cornell is visiting this week. Handball court refurbishment options will be presented to the Membership on Jan. 31.

Hospitality/Social- There is no news of new arrivals in the community. The committee met yesterday. Successful events from last year will be repeated. Another art show has been suggested (July 24); benefits will go to a local charity. Suggestions for a worthy local charity are welcome. Movies, folk dancing, chorus, and chess nights are being planned.

Legal/sales- Finkelman will examine documents to ensure that property ownership between the Colony and Carol Lewis remains clear.

Roads- No report

Maintenance- The final cost of the two new rafts will be presented, and hopefully approved, at the next membership meeting. Cost is estimated at just under \$13,000 without tax (since we have a tax exemption certificate).

Road 4- A winter issue is planned for February. It was suggested to publish a brief biographical sketch of our chess instructor.

Water- A repair was completed at the route138 extension. Because the curbcocks may be very difficult to find, it was suggested to segment the water system so that only one part at a time can be shut down in the event of leaks or other emergencies.

Most of the drawings requested by the BOH are done.

A map of water users has been created and will be made available to the Community.

Garbage- A pickup schedule was distributed.

History- No Report  
Old business- none  
New business- none

Hardship fund: A working group has identified some parameters for doling out these funds if approved by the Membership: a one-time payment, in the event of illness, disability, death, or unemployment. The sole purpose is to provide dues relief, not necessarily payment of dues in full. Questions remain. Levites will ask for more representation from the membership on use of this fund if it is approved.

Next meeting: February 21, 10am at the Stand residence.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

### GBCA Board Minutes February 21, 2010

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Levites, Eisen, Shulman, Arnstein, Finkelman, Stewart-Stand, Gordon

Absent: Orr, Callen, Bergherr

The meeting came to order at 10:09 am.

January Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record.

Teddy Jones passed away.

Correspondence- none.

Committee Reports-

Finance- 2010 dues collection is doing well. We're OK for now.

Camp Committee cost estimates have not been updated since 2006. Line items in the Camp budget need attention, especially payroll costs. Closer coordination is suggested, using the Board liaison to communicate issues and needs. The goal is effective and efficient collaboration. Part of the problem involves synchronization of budget cycles.

The Hardship Fund has been established. Current balance is \$2,163. There is one applicant for the funds so far. A committee of the membership will act on applications. The Fund is for members in good standing only, so applications for 2010 dues relief would need to be received before March 1. An article describing the new Fund will be in the next Road 4.

Because of an anonymous donation, the water shutoff date for DiAngeles is now March 1.

Barn- New stage lighting units are under discussion. Floor work still needs doing.

We may revisit the decision to install chair racks.

Beach/Lake- Met with members of camp committee. Lifeguard positions are being filled. It is challenging to find a 21+ year old to serve as beach supervisor. This will be a long beach season because of a late Labor Day. There are ongoing questions about funding for lifeguards after mid-August; some changes in staffing or hours at the end of the season are likely.

Motion: Lifeguard coverage is to be provided for part of every day of the beach season through Labor Day. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Removal of the old rafts is to be arranged.

Town- No report.

Camp- There is increased interest from outside the community. Members should get their forms in as quickly as possible.

There has been some discussion about increasing Camp enrollment within BOH limits.

We still need defibrillators at the Barn and Beach.

Environment- Shulman is seeking estimates for tree work at the Beach.

Finkelman will organize a group to follow up on suggestions for outdoor recreation at the site of the current handball court. The current footprint cannot be expanded due to wetlands regulations. Stand reported that Bergherr proposed private funds could serve as an advance to the Colony. This would allow demolition and/or construction work to begin sooner. There is a precedent with this kind of funding from the water system.

Hospitality/Social- Chess nights will continue. Adult participation is encouraged. There was a suggestion to install a permanent outdoor game board at the new basketball court or near the lake, as in Washington Square Park.

Legal/sales- Finkelman will work on small claims suits after the 2010 dues payment date passes.

2 homes are up for sale (Delgado, Elias). Finkelman will notify those on the list about the sales, and the realtor about covenants.

Soultanian – new owners of unimproved land. Bergherr will be notified to welcome them as new members.

Roads- Conditions have improved over last winter; please report issues promptly as they are observed.

Maintenance- No report.

Road 4- Some small pieces have been received.

Water- Regarding leaks and repairs, no news is good news! Fast will work on a wiring diagram soon.

Levites asked about our BOH certificate for the water system. Arnstein says there is no problem at this time.

Garbage- No report.

History- No report.

Old business: Obituary information for Sid Davis and Teddy Jones should be submitted for publication in Road 4.

New business- Eisen will bring a list of uncompleted projects to our next meeting.

A film maker asked about camp photographs for a documentary about Marisa Tomei. Stand will contact Gary Tomei to ensure that this is authorized.

Marisa Tomei directed a documentary film about women in Ethiopia. It is showing at the City Center Cinema in White Plains on March 4.

Next meeting: March 21, 10am at the Shulman residence: 10 Hall Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

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