

Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Spring
2016

Summer Preview

The Social Committee has been working overtime to try to create a new and interesting calendar for this summer. There will be some changes to previous years, but one thing that we will keep from last year will be the Bat, a storytelling activity modeled on NPR's The Moth. We do not yet have a theme for this year's event. Please send any suggestions to Martha Levites or Rina Slavin.

Book Club

Read any good books lately? The social committee is also planning an evening or two for the book club this summer. We are looking for ideas. The book(s) should appeal to a wide group of readers: old and young, male and female. Suggestions may be sent to any member of the social committee or to the staff of *Road Four*.

The complete social calendar will appear in the summer issue of *Road Four*, due out in early June.

Summer Camp

In an effort to ensure that the camp represents its core values completely, the camp committee is searching for old copies of camp brochures. If you have any, please let one of the committee members know. Landlords, please remember to let your tenants know about the camp. Let them know that they can register online at goldensbridgedaycamp.com.

Our Water System

For many years, our water system was under the responsibility of Chaim Dubno assisted by Pat Kileen. When it became necessary to have daily chlorination treatment and periodic testing we were required to have a Certified Water Operator.

Our water system is a public utility and must have an operator approved by offices of the New York State Board of Health and follow its rules and regulations.

Ron Arnstein was certified and has been our volunteer manager for twenty-two years. He has pointed out that it is time for us to plan for the future. We are hoping that there is a member of the community who would be willing to be trained and certified. The community association would be prepared to offer

a modest honorarium for the effort. Without such a person we would be forced to outsource these activities at significant cost to the community. How about it? If you are interested in becoming a Certified Water Operator please contact Ron at 232-8260 or Dan Fast at 917-837-6147

Proposed Housing on Route 22



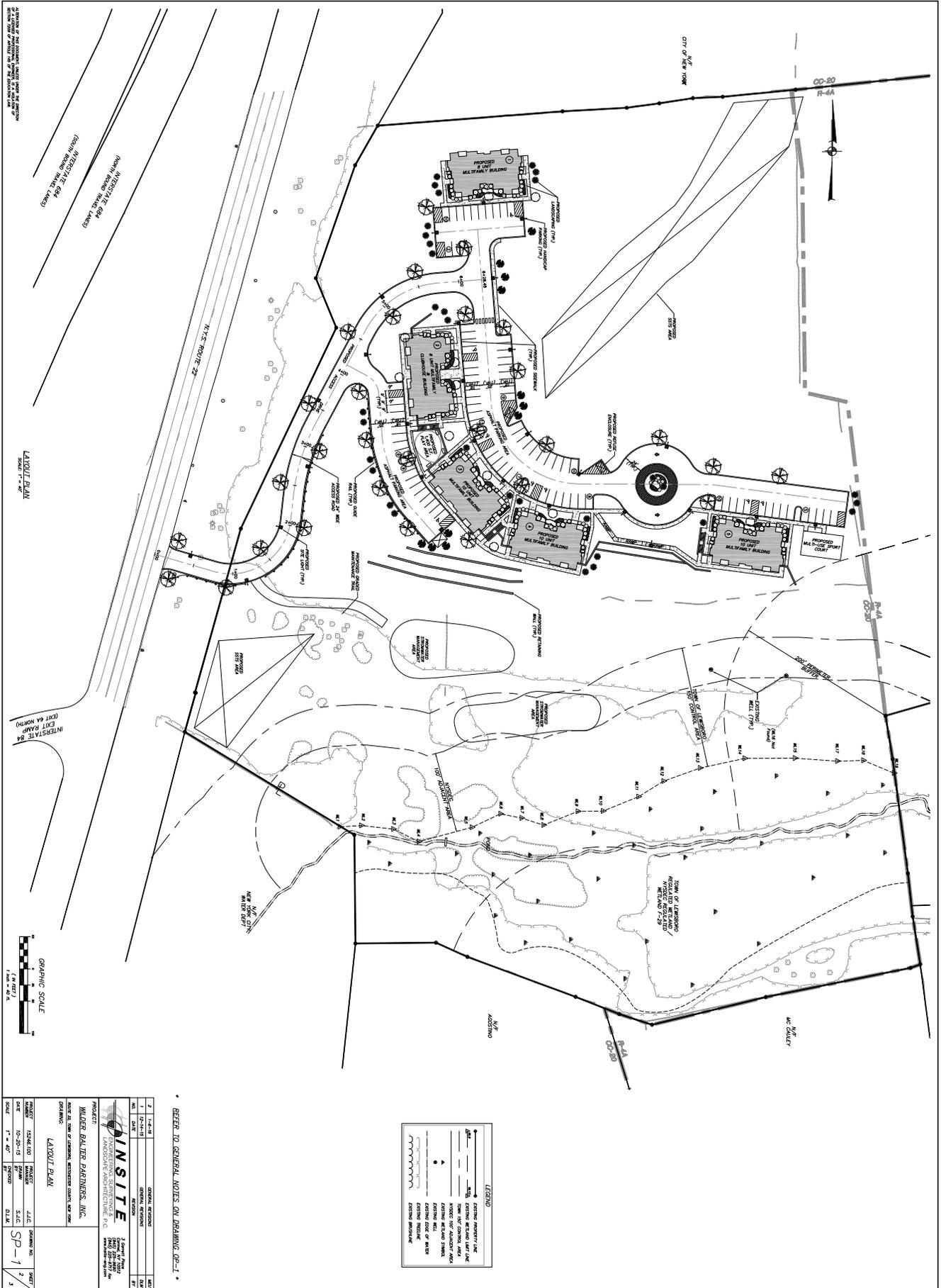
Those of us who attended the Membership Meeting on January 31st, had an opportunity to hear about the proposal to build 46 affordable housing units on Route 22. Our guest was John Bainlardi of Wilder Balder Partners, the builders. He presented in great detail the plan for the project which will be built directly across from the 6A exit off northbound I-684. (A detailed plot map of the housing complex appears on the next page.)

Members of the community asked many questions: Who would the target renters be? How would they be selected? How would the complex effect the water table? What plans were being considered for sewage? What were the environmental effects?

The questions received extended responses from Mr. Bainlardi which appeared to satisfy most of the audience. Others expressed a "wait and see" approach. The plan still needs approval from the Town of Lewisboro.

The Goldens Bridge Hamlet Organization (GBHO) had different opinions. At their meeting on February 10th, there were many concerns voiced and significant opposition to the proposal. Many wished to have the plan disapproved by the town.

Layout Plan for Proposed Affordable Housing Project on Route 22, Goldens Bridge



Katonah Art Center Moves to Goldens Bridge

The Katonah Arts Center moved to the former Goldens Bridge Community Center at 65 Old Bedford Road. The center will have classes six days a week and some on Sundays. A wide variety of painting, drawing, and crafts courses will be offered. A lecture program will also be available.

The new space has made it possible to create a permanent gallery. It is currently displaying work by members of the center's staff.

Regret

There is only one thing I regret in my life
Not that blackout in Mexico
Or the back tattoo of my ex-wife
I only feel regret when I look down and stare
At the arm I'm missing when I tried to get a selfie
with that bear.

Written by Abey Weitzman, 12-year-old grandson of Dan Fast

And Still We Rise

Race, Culture and Visual Conversations—An exhibit at The Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT until April 24th

Inspired by the upcoming quadricentennial anniversary of the landing of the first African slaves in America, and the 150th anniversary of The Emancipation Proclamation, Carolyn Mazloomi has created an exhibit of quilts to tell the story of 400 years of African-American experience in America. The quilts are amazing as a visual experience alone. Created by African-American artists from all over this country, the techniques and styles are varied and breathtaking. With the stories they depict, the total emotional impact is enormous.

The idea of telling a story in cloth goes back to the traditions of the Yoruba of Nigeria, the Hausa of Niger, and the Fon of Dahomey. While textiles were made by men in Africa, they became a woman's domain in America. In this exhibit, the quilts start with the first known slave ship to land in Virginia in 1619 and end with a quilt-making reference to the killing of Trayvon Martin. In between are quilts depicting the stories of Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson, the WWI Harlem Hellfighters, Paul Robeson, Shirley Chisholm, The Scottsboro Boys, and more.

Two of my personal favorites are "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "We are all Warmed by the Same Sun." The former contains the portrait of the poet Paul Laurence Dunbar done in a myriad of colors and patterns. The latter is an abstract telling of the infamous Tuskegee Institute's experiment on 400 poor African-American men with syphilis 1932-1972.

The Bruce Museum is a worthwhile destination, just about a half hour from Goldens Bridge. The importance of this exhibit is best stated by Carolyn Mazloomi who says, "When one faction of American society is excluded from the master narrative of our

collective histories, the whole society loses."

Martha Levites

Colony Supports Dental Outreach In Chile

In December, the Colony generously responded to a request to support dental outreach in Chile. Hannah Callen, a dental student at SUNY Stony Brook, conducted a week-long bake sale to raise necessary funds. Community members bought breads and cookies to sponsor Hannah's trip to Chile. Dental students from Stony Brook, the University of Connecticut, and the Universities of Santiago and Concepcion in Chile provided preventative and restorative care to hundreds of patients in Curarrehue, a remote village where people rarely see a dentist. Hannah really appreciates the support she received from the Colony.

The photo below shows Hannah operating on a young patient, with his mother and an interpreter.



Save The Date

Pete Seeger, legendary activist and folksinger, is the inspiration for "Turn! Turn! Turn!," a gala to be performed by Vanaver Caravan on May 7th at the Pete and Toshi Seeger Theatre at Beacon High School. "Turn! Turn! Turn!" honors Pete's music of social justice and humanity. For information go to vanaver-caravan.org.

Is Winter Over?

On Wednesday, March 9th, after a light rain, the clouds lifted, the sky cleared to a soft azure blue, and the temperature rose into the mid 70s.

One by one, we drifted down to the Lake...the usual suspects: Pearl Klainberg, Joy Gross, Martha Levites, Mike Brown and joyfully, Maggie, Hannah and baby Elke, who was already walking (she's not quite a year old).

What a delight seeing that baby smile! So, the next time the temperature is over 60, and you're wondering if anyone is at the Lake, come down, give a look, and join our welcoming circle.

Timber Lake Dredge Plan

Dan Fast has been in regular contact with Kellard Sessions, the engineers who will be responsible for the work in our lake, particularly the Forbay project. The attached plan indicates the work is to be done in three stages, the first being the Forbay at Hall Avenue and Main Street.

The beach parking lot will be used for dewatering the removed material. Although the plans called for the area to be left that way, Dan made sure that they understand that the area must be restored for use as a parking lot for the summer session each year.

Kellard Sessions has been paid for their work on the project. The only additional costs on their end could be for permits that might come up. Dan explained that the membership's approval of a maximum of \$30,000 is for the entire Forbay project. The other phases cannot be done now and will have to be put off for the future.

Detailed plans are available. Anyone wishing to review them should contact Dan at 917-837-6147.

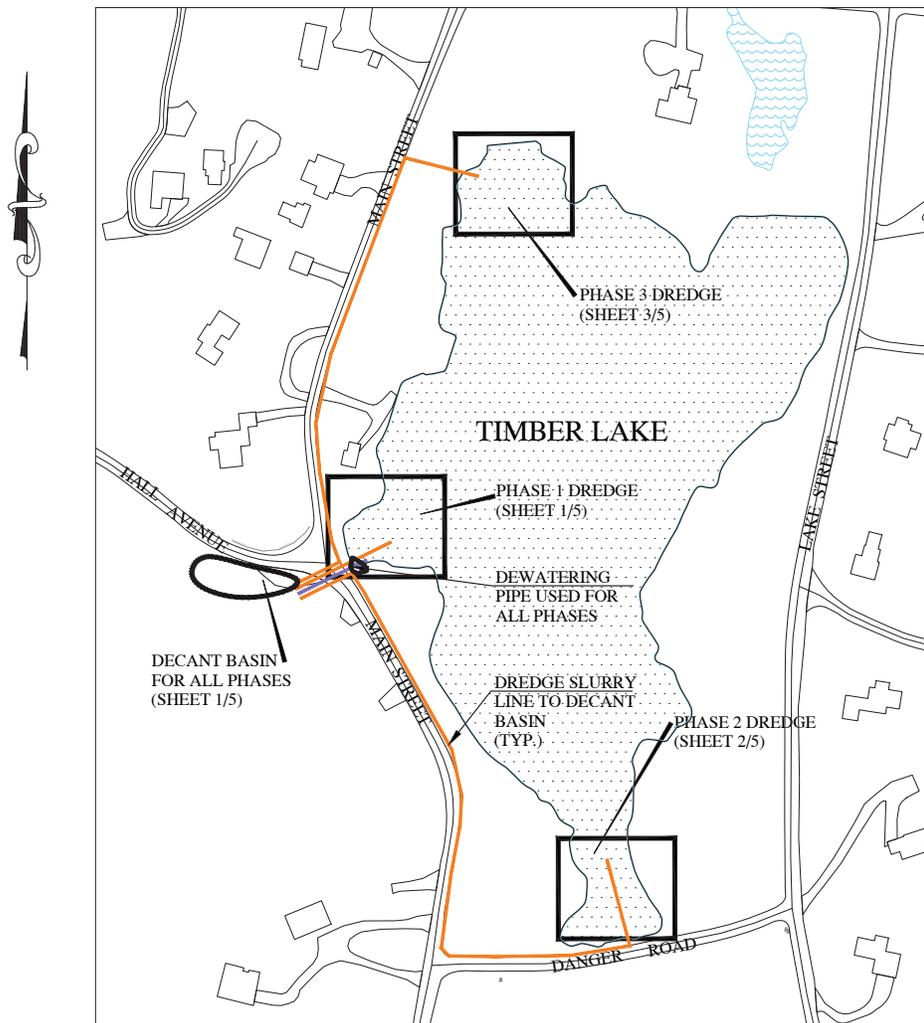
TIMBER LAKE DREDGE

FOR

GOLDEN'S BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

TOWN OF LEWISBORO, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2016



OVERALL PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 100'
(SEE ENLARGED VIEWS FOR MORE DETAIL)

Charlotte B. Kole Nov 12, 1915-Jan 6, 2016

CHARLOTTE KOLE MEMORIAL GATHERING

On Sunday, January 17, 2016, multiple generations of Goldens Bridgers, along with friends and relations of the Kole family, gathered at the home of Judy Shulman (formerly the Kole house) to commemorate and celebrate the century-long life of Charlotte Kole. Food, drink, stories and laughter abounded. Photographs were resurrected, along with anecdotes and long-lost letters, artifacts and treasures. People came from near and far, which was greatly

appreciated by Charlotte's children, Adina and Eleanor. Charlotte would have loved it.



Dear Fellow Goldens Bridgers,

I am writing this with great warmth in my heart, a warmth for the people who were so much a part of our growing up and that of our parent's lives. Goldens Bridge is a community with changing players but affords a constant feeling of belonging, even for those who sold their house thirty years ago. We may no longer own a house in the community but Goldens Bridge is our home and we keep thinking about you and keep coming back. (You can never really move away.)

Adina and I thought that taking a trip to Goldens Bridge and having a memorial for our mom would be a "splendid" idea. (Splendid is in quotes because it is a word that Adina only heard our Mom using.) We made plans in preparation for the event with our friends in the colony. We were houseguests of Nedda and Fred. The memorial was held in "our house" which is now owned by Judy Shulman, a really good friend who grew up with Adina.

Thank you to everyone who came and who thought of coming. For us it was so fitting and so supportive. I know that our mom and dad would have felt the same.

As part of the memorial, we shared several things that my mom wrote including a letter to Judy and Aui that she wrote when they bought the house but was not delivered. Low and behold, I opened my email yesterday and found a scan from Adina with a title "look what I found". Inside were some more writings from my mom, things that I had never seen. (The audience for the writings was Maya and Noah, Adina's children, when they were young.) As part of her recollections, she wrote about our arrival in Goldens Bridge in 1955, the year Adina was born. We rented at the Goldbergs on the corner of Pond and Hillside. She wrote in detail about many of her experiences as a member of the community.

Charlotte was born on November 12th, 1915, to parents who had emigrated from Ukraine. She studied at the Cambridge Latin High School and studied Hebrew at the Hebrew teacher's college in Brookline. She did her undergraduate work at Simmons during the great depression and attended Smith College for studies in social work.

During World War II, Charlotte was a member of the Red Cross. She was stationed at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, DC where she worked as a psychiatric social worker. There she met Eleanor Roosevelt who was a frequent visitor, a role model for my mom and my namesake.

Charlotte was an activist, an early feminist and involved in body movement from modern dance to yoga, Feldenkrais, and Tai Chi. She was into homeopathy, acupuncture, and alternative medicine before its time. A role model in her own right

As her strength was waning and she was stuck in a wheelchair, she started doing hand movements that looked to me like those made in Tai Chi. I believe she was preparing herself for what was to come. Charlotte called her bed her sanctuary where she was warm and comfortable. She died in her sanctuary on January 6th.

May her memory be blessed.

Written by Eleanor Kole Adika

BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

GBCA Membership Minutes August 30, 2015

A quorum was attained at 11:10 A.M.

The minutes of the 07-26-2015 membership meeting was read and accepted without comment.
Motion to accept by Russel and second by Rina.

Dan read a letter from our Attorney on the Hicks case stating no action yet on appeal.

Dan also advised that he requested a list of qualified contractors from our Dam Consultant.

Committee Reports

Social – The arts show was a financial disappointment. Probably wont be repeated to raise scholarship funding.

Camp – Completed a successful season and expected a profit, but final results are not yet in.

Lake – The CSLAP testing will be completed. Judy Shulman put forward a motion to continue replenishment of the carp, crayfish, etc. program with an expense up to \$1,500, second by Martha – unanimous.

Election – Russel Gordon closed balloting at 12 P.M. With 31 ballots counted by Richard Tauber and Paul Milliot, the electees are:

Officers

President: Dan Fast

Vice President: John Bergherr

Treasurer: Adam Hubbard

Secretary: Ron Arnstein

Members at Large

Mera Eisen

Joy Radulovic

Fred Margolies

Drew Orr & Mike Brown

With no further Committee Reports, Martha requested adjournment – second by Rose no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. Motion by John, Second by Gerry, No objections...

GBCA Board Minutes December 13, 2015

Present: President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Mike Brown, Fred Margolies, Rina Slavin, Joy Radulovic, Carol Nordgren, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, John Bergherr and Jeremy Metz

Absent: John Bergherr, Dorothy Shulman, Jay Martin and Mera Eisen.

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 11-08-2015 were read and accepted - Motion to accept – Gerry, second by Jeremy, unanimous.

1. Financial Report by Dan in absence of Adam with a discussion of arrears -

012 M&T Bank \$ 30,767.70;

014 Camp Account M&T \$ 2,017.50;

015 Water Capital Fund \$ 26,446.36;

016 Capital Improvement Fund \$152,998.82.

2. Timber Lake – The Town Minutes of November 9th, 2015 do not reflect the GBEB understanding of who pays Kellard Sessions for completion of permits and engineering drawings for the Forebay Project. Dan will notify the Town that the maximum expenditure for the GBCA of \$30,000 is firm and that the Project cannot proceed or be concluded if this value is exceeded at any point. The Town minutes state that no additional funding is available beyond what they already spent which was concerning to the E.B.

3. Water – Branch Street replacement well pump was installed and under budget since wiring was in good condition.

4. Beach – A curtain was installed at the waters edge to prevent sand from running into the lake.

5. Trees – Any dangerous limbs that could injure children will be taken down at the school bus stops.

6. Barn – Mike is still busy removing tiles on the nursery floors.

7. Garbage – The Town plan to go to bag collection and pricing is shelved for a year. Not clear whether the Town included The Colony which would raise our garbage collection costs.

8. General – Jeremy reported that 49 units of moderate income cluster housing is being planned on Rte 22 at the 6A Exit of Rte 684. The developer will be invited to a E.B. meeting to present the plan to the Colony. This affordable housing will offer 1-2 bedroom rental units. The Goldens Bridge Hamlet Association was formed to plan for the future of Lewisboro – Rina volunteered to attend their meetings to advise the E.B. of developments.

9. Rental and Sales – The Community will be notified that the Harris and Killeen houses on West Main Street are up for sale – details will follow.

Meeting adjourned at 11 A.M. - Motion by Adam, second by Jeremy – no objections.

GBCA Board Minutes—January 10, 2016

Present: President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Mike Brown, Fred Margolies, Rina Slavin, Joy Radulavic, Carol Nordgren, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, John Bergherr, Dorothy Shulman and Jay Martin

Absent: Jeremy Metz and Mera Eisen.

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 12-13-2015 were read and accepted - Motion to accept – Joy and second by Gerry – unanimous.

1. Financial Report by Adam Huggard	
012 - M&T Bank	\$ 20,561.03
013 - Savings Account M&T	\$ 2,017.64
014 - Camp Account M&T	\$ 9,986.09
015 - Water Capital Improvement Savings M&T	\$ 19,789.06
016 - Capital Improvement Fund	\$153,010.46

Adam questioned the billing for Sandler whose house was not habitable due to fire. Motion by Jay to bill him for an acre – second by Rina. Passed unanimously.

2. Lake – The Forebay Project is still lacking clarity. Dan will touch base with Peter Parsons and will also call Kellard Sessions, the engineering company that did all the permit work. Eric will be invited to a future board meeting since he was the primary contact for the whole project.

3. General – The proposed development for affordable rental housing along Rte 22 at the 6A exit of 684 was discussed, but without details. Preliminary information is: 46 units with a mix of 1 and 2 bedrooms ranging in rental prices of \$800 - \$1,200/month. The board decided to invite the developer to our next membership meeting to fully inform the colony.

4. Tree work – We received an estimate of \$1,000. To take down two trees that pose a risk to children at school bus stops. Mike was requested to proceed with this work.

5. Hicks appeal – Dan advised; No word yet.

6. Signs – The intersection of Lake and Branch Street is judged to be unsafe with just one stop sign - A three way stop was discussed – Fred should discuss with Highway Department.

Meeting adjourned at 12.15 P.M. - Motion by Mike, second by Adam– no objections.

From the Editor

“Road Four” is now available in electronic (PDF) format. If you, or any friends or family would like to get the electronic version, which is now in color, contact us with the recipient’s e-mail address. Road Four is also available on the GB web site: www.goldensbridge.org/GBsite/roadfourmain.htm

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