

# Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## From the Editor

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## Selling Property in our Community

The Goldens Bridge Colony was established many years ago as a cooperative community. In order to maintain that spirit, we have always had procedures for buying and selling real estate. These procedures are rooted in our constitution, covenants and by-laws. Their purpose is to entice people to buy who are interested in participating in community life.

This is a summary of the procedure for selling property based on a most recent review that formalizes the use of e-mail:

1. The seller or seller's real estate agent notifies a community officer of his/her desire to sell.

This must be done in writing and must include a price for the property.

2. The officer receiving the notice hands it over to the real

estate committee. A formal notification then goes out by email to the list of interested buyers as well as to all community members who have submitted an email address to the community. In this way the largest number of people who understand the nature of our community are aware of the opportunity.

3. Potential buyers from the email notification must contact the committee [*as soon as possible*] within two weeks (14 days) if they are interested in being shown the property and possibly beginning negotiations.

4. If no interest is shown within [*a reasonable time period*] the 14-day time period, the seller is notified and goes through normal channels to sell the house.

5. Once a contract is signed, it must be sent to the Community via certified mail. The Community then has 30 days to decide whether or not to pick up the option on that property, while matching the terms of the contract presented.

6. There is then a second email sent out to the list [*and community*]. If no one is interested, the Executive Board waives the option, and the sale goes through. If, however, there is a reply from the second notification, the Executive Board may decide to pick up the option to buy that property in order to transfer it to that interested party.

What is the basis for deciding who gets a property?

The order of priority is:

1. A person or family who will live here full-time.

2. A person or family who will

live here part-time.

3. A person who already lives here, but is planning to use this new property for income.

However, a new member is always preferable to a purchase for income purposes.

We want to avoid absentee landlords and corporations as buyers.

Again, our purpose is to aid the seller while bringing in someone who understands the nature of the community.

Note: Wording that has been deleted are shown in italics, enclosed by brackets.

July, 2012: Revised March 2014

## Film Society of Lincoln Center Confirms Lesli Klainberg as New Head

Lesli had been serving as the



interim executive director until her appointment to executive director in March of 2014. She will also serve as co-publisher of the

Film Comment magazine. Lesli is an award-winning director and producer whose documentaries were viewed at many film festivals including Outfest, Frameline, Berlin and Sundance. Her work has been seen on A&E, AMC, Cinemax, IFC, PBS and other venues.

Lesli has produced and directed documentaries through her

production company, Orchard Films. Some of her credits include, *In the Company of Women, Indie Sex, Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End and Miss America.*

She is the owner of Orchard Films, a production company, with a mission to produce high quality documentaries and other non-fiction programming that engage, entertain and inform.

Lesli has spent many summers in Goldens Bridge. She is presently a homeowner and member of the Goldens Bridge Community Association.

### A Civil Rights Journey

This past February, Avi Shulman was part of a group of young people participating on a 3-day Civil Rights Journey sponsored by Workman's Circle and Congregation Beth Elohim of Brooklyn. His journey included sites and people in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, Alabama.

Avi talked about visiting The Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery where the group learned about the progress that has been made in ensuring equal rights for all since the 50s and 60s. However, Avi was most impressed by talk of the struggle that continues today regarding some of these same matters.

Another highlight of the trip was a visit to the Edmund Pettus Bridge where 50 years earlier there was the Selma to Montgomery civil rights demonstration that met violence and bloodshed. The group met with an actual participant in that event. Avi spoke of the feelings that were evoked by hearing this woman, who was 11 years old at the time, describe the brutality of the police toward the marchers on that day also known as Bloody Sunday. By listening to an actual participant in the event, Avi could feel a real sense of the ever-present danger involved in being a demon-

strator in that Selma-Montgomery location at that time.

Some other places Avi mentioned were The Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery with information and memorabilia regarding the bus boycott that became national news and an important part of the civil rights struggle 50 years ago.

Additionally, there were visits to The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the 16th St. Baptist Church where 4 little girls were killed in a bombing, The King Center, and the Martin Luther King Jr. tomb. The group also attended services at The Ebenezer Baptist Church, the actual church where Martin Luther King presided as minister.

While there were several other places that were visited, Avi said that what was most important to him was the ability to hear what happened from the people who were there and in the places that the events actually occurred. To him, it made this part of American history feel real and personal.

*Avi Shulman's words as told to Martha Levites*

### Basketball Court

Signs of vandalism have occurred at the basketball court on Main Street. There is no clear indication of who are the culprits. When driving by if you see what appear to be unfamiliar faces, please stop and determine whether or not they are residents. Let non-residents know that the court is only available to colony residents. We should also inform non-residents of the private ownership of the lake and the parking areas when we note their presence.

### It Came Out of the Dark

Yes, it was taken at the "slider" going out to my deck. Seconds later Tricks attacked the glass, "yowling." Unfazed, the opossum sauntered off in its own sweet time. As you know, they are nocturnal and this one has been coming



at dusk—must have been hungry that day! Since the ground's been frozen, I've been dumping my compost plus leftover cat food on my deck garden to dig in when (and if we ever defrost) so it's been rummaging for edibles. Cute to see it licking empty eggshells.

*Submitted by Maggie*

### Art Exhibit



The Katonah Museum Art Association had an exhibit of local art at the Conference Center of Northern Westchester Hospital. The works were created by members of the group. Two members of our community, Judy Fast, above right and Martha Levites, above left, had items of their work on display. Friends and neighbors visited for the opening on April 5th.

### Do You Have An Apartment To Rent?

Nelson Figueroa and family have to leave their apartment on Pond Street. They would love to stay within the community since they

have spent many years here and the girls have experienced success at John Jay High School. You may know his three daughters from their participation in folk dancing and their contribution to our recent talent shows.

They need a modest two bedroom apartment, for two years if possible. Nelson may be reached at 914-588-9165.

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**Congratulations**



Judith E. Figueroa, daughter of Nelson Figueroa, will be graduating from JJHS on June 24th, 2014 and will be moving on to attend SUNY Cobleskill as a student of Culinary Arts. Many of you know Judith from her participation in Friday evening folk dancing in the summer and from her participation singing and playing guitar in the summer talent shows in 2013 and 2012. You may also know Judy from her work at the Goldens Bridge Dunkin' Donuts. Judy is multitalented and has twice put music to a friend's lyrics and has had a piece of her artwork on display at the Katonah Library with other JJHS students. Judy, we are all so proud of your accomplishments and know there is more to come! *Love from the Family*

Four years ago we wrote a short article congratulating Brandon Orr and Jordan Metz upon their graduation from John Jay High School. They worked together as lifeguards at our lake for many summers.

This spring they were awarded their bachelor degrees. Congratulations again! Jeremy completed his work at McGill University and will

be attending Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons to study for a combined MD/PhD. Brandon graduated summa cum laude from Goucher College and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

**Commemoration Week**

August 10, 2014 – August 16, 2014

Almost a year ago, at the July 4th barbecue Emil Shatner and Nat Yalowitz inquired of me what plans the community had for recognizing the events of 50 years ago: the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom being the main event. After learning that we had no plans, they insisted that we commit to some sort of appropriate and meaningful event to take place sometime that summer. They eventually came to realize that it was too late to do something during the summer of 2013. A committee was formed and began planning an appropriate commemoration to take place during the summer of 2014. After many meetings and a multitude of ideas and opinions, the community has arranged a week of activities during the middle of August. This week has been named Commemoration Week. If you take a quick look at the August social calendar you can't miss it. We are excited about it and are looking forward to three evenings of memories, entertainment and community.

There will be three events spanning Sunday, August 10th to Saturday, August 16th. The purpose of the week is threefold: first is the recognition of the courageous actions and sacrifices of those who fought for their civil rights as Americans during the 1950s & '60s. This will be the theme of the film on August 10th, Freedom Summer. This film is appropriate for colony residents of all ages, and it is hoped that the barn will be filled with a large cross-section of our community, the young and old, newcomers

and long-time residents.

The second event is a book discussion on Wednesday night concerning the well-researched book by Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*. The theme of this evening could be titled "here we go again!" The so-called war on crime has resulted in the incarceration of over two million Americans, mostly people of color. We now live in a country that has the largest portion of its population locked up than any other country in the world, and possibly any other country in history. This get-tough-on-crime approach has produced a large unemployable underclass and may actually have led to an increase in crime. Combine this with the new restrictive voting laws to combat phantom voter fraud and it is easy to see that Jim Crow is alive, healthy and living in America today. Ms. Alexander offers her ideas for a way out.

Finally, on Saturday August 16 we will have the Civil Rights Commemoration Celebration. The theme of this evening is two-fold. First is the recognition of the part the colony played in support of the movement. As part of this we would like your assistance in compiling a list of Colony residents at attendance at the rally in Washington in 1963, and the event at the colony in the summer of 1964. The second theme is a reaffirmation of the Colony's commitment to justice, freedom, fairness and compassion for our fellow citizens. There will be a speaker from a civil rights organization, singing, a few stories and more. A fast-paced, entertaining and thought-provoking evening is planned.

Other events or activities related to the commemoration are civil rights theme movies that will be shown on movie nights during the summer. And we are hoping that the camp counselors will take advantage of the quotes from MLK

speeches, which will be posted on the interior walls of the barn, to enlighten the campers about this wonderful man.

*If you took part in the events of 50 years ago please let us know. As part of the commemoration we are compiling an honor roll of colony participants. Please contact John Bergherr (232-9404, j.bergherr@att.net) or Martha Levites (232-4456) with the names of people who participated in these events.*

### The Roads

This was a particularly difficult winter for our roads. Our Roads Committee chair, Fred Margolies, has suggested that if you identify a problem that needs correction, a call to the Lewisboro Highway Department may have more impact than just adding your complaint to Fred's list of requests for repairs.

Peter Ripperger is the Highway Superintendent He can be reached by phone at 914-763-3166 or by email at [highway@lewisborogov.com](mailto:highway@lewisborogov.com).

It has been noted that the driving habits of many residents have added to the problems. Racing across pot holes may cause additional damage to the roads as well as one's car, and crossing holes filled with water when there is pedestrian traffic is unacceptable. Below is an article from an English newspaper noting how a community found a solution.

The following is an article, from a British newspaper. Submitted by Maggie  
**Driver In Court For Puddle Drenching Children**

A motorist is being taken to court after he allegedly drenched children walking to their primary school by driving through a puddle.

He has been summonsed to appear before magistrates for driving without reasonable consideration, after the incident was witnessed by a passing policeman.

The man faces a charge under a little-known provision covered by the Road Traffic Act, which makes it an offense to "drive through a puddle causing pedestrians to be splashed".

Debbie Pugh was walking her children, David, eight, and Emma, 11, to St. George's Junior School in Colchester, Essex, when a motorist allegedly ran through a pool of water in the road.

She said: "We got soaked. My son was crying his eyes out. I was yelling obscenities at the driver."

A police car stopped and the officer spoke to her about what had happened. Mrs. Pugh said: "He said the puddle could have a stone in it that could have hit us. I can laugh about it now because I have got a sense of humour, but it wasn't funny when I was trying to get many children to school and keep them warm and dry."

Pc Mark Hercules, of Essex Police, the officer who witnessed the incident, said: "The vehicle was driven through the puddle at a relatively fast speed, making no attempt to slow down or avoid it. As a consequence, a large wave of water absolutely soaked the children and their parents.

"We could hear the screams from the children as they got drenched in the cold, dirty rainwater. The motorist drove off. Fortunately, I was able to witness the whole incident."

Pc Hercules stopped the motorist and told him he was reporting him for careless driving. "His actions caused distress to the young children. In addition, I pointed out the hidden hazards that lie in large puddles and the fact he could have lost control of his vehicle and caused a danger to other road users," he said.

Essex Police said a 22-year-old man from Colchester had been summonsed to appear in court for careless driving an offense with a maximum fine of 5,000 pounds, as

well as between three and nine penalty points.

His first hearing is likely to be in March.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS COURTESY OF THE LEWISBORO LEDGER, HERSAM ACORN NEWSPAPERS

### Town Split Over Boway Paving

By Jane K Dove on May 24, 2014

A standing-room-only crowd of South Salem residents packed the Town House Monday night for a public hearing on the pros and cons of paving a portion of Boway Road, located in the heart of the hamlet.

The dirt road has serious drainage issues on the hilly section that runs down to the intersection of Spring Street. Clogged drains cause serious runoff on the road itself, and underground drainage pipes installed many years ago deposit washed out dirt and gravel into the southern end of nearby Lake Truesdale, creating what officials describe as an "ever-growing delta" in the already shallow water.

As a result, town officials are considering paving approximately one-tenth of a mile of Boway Road, from the junction of Spring Street to house #25.

All who spoke are residents of either Boway Road or the immediate surrounding area. Opinion on whether to pave the road or leave it dirt was split almost evenly. The hearing was opened with comments from Highway Superintendent Peter Ripperger and Town Engineer Joe Cermele of Kellard Sessions.

Fifteen residents shared their views and Town Supervisor Peter Parsons read several email messages sent to him in advance of the hearing.

### Officials Speak

Mr. Ripperger said a lot of concern had been expressed about the condition of Boway Road over the years because the runoff situation is bad and growing worse.

"Each year the cost of materials

is about \$1,000 and cleaning of pipes and drains another \$3,000," he said. "The problem is the pipes clog up again with the next rain. The shoulders also wash out."

Mr. Cermele said the amount of dirt and gravel being carried into Lake Truesdale through the piping system was "exorbitant."

"The section of the road we are considering paving is about 1,000 feet long with a 10% grade, which is a lot for a dirt road. The sediment washes down and out, and the catch basins can't keep up."

Mr. Parsons said, "Our existing drainage system simply doesn't work. We have practically created an island at the south end of the lake."

Mr. Parsons said he had received several emails from residents on the issue, which he read into the public record. Jane and Howard Epstein, owners of Sassafras Farm on Boway Road, and Tom Christopher are against paving. Michael Knox Beran, George Rickert, Pam Santara and the Lewisboro Stormwater Committee favor paving.

### Public Opinion

When the time came for the residents filling the room to voice their opinions, they were courteously divided between paving and not paving. Those in favor of paving cited safety and prevention of further sedimentation in the lake as their main reason.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gorman of Truesdale Lake Drive said the amount of sediment being deposited was substantial. They agreed that unless a way could be found to reduce runoff, the road should be paved.

Ruth Ossher of Boway Road said she had noticed a huge difference in the amount of runoff after the construction of two new houses.

"Now when there is a heavy rain, huge gullies form in front of our driveway," she said. "The town is doing as much as they can but the drainage system just can't handle

it. We believe the road needs to be paved."

Her husband, Harold Ossher, agreed.

"I sympathize with local horse owners," he said, "but I have seen nearly as many on the road recently."

Another Boway resident who did not give her name said that she was also unable to get into her driveway after a heavy rain, and pointed out the large number of Connecticut drivers that use the road as a cut-through.

Boway resident Mike McLafferty described the road as "a bloody mess. It is as hard as rock. If it can't be redone with new dirt I am in favor of paving."

Truesdale Lake resident Ray Morse, a member of the town's Lakes Committee, also supported paving.

"The delta that is forming could potentially cut off that end of the lake," he said. "The problem is getting worse."

Those speaking out against paving were equally vocal.

"I have lived on Boway for 27 years," said Larkin Glazebrook. "Paving would increase its use as a cut-through. I think we need to look at other options."

Howard Epstein, owner of Sassafras Farm on Boway for 30 years, asked why this issue was being raised now.

"I think paving will only accelerate water flow," he said. "I don't think it's going to work. At least with a dirt road you get absorption."

Mr. Ripperger replied that things had changed on Boway over the years because of the fact that more rain is falling than ever before.

"We are now coping with major storms and even hurricanes on a new basis," he said.

Tom Christopher said he viewed the possible paving of Boway as "a campaign to chip away at all of the town's dirt roads. Where are the

horses going to go? And I think the runoff issue is nonsense. The road has not been properly maintained. I resent your pitting residents of Boway against residents of Truesdale Lake. People are getting angry. This proposal is putting a Band-Aid on cancer."

Colleen McLafferty said she was "not comfortable with the road being paved without some strict parameters, including road width."

Horseman and hamlet resident Liza Travalino came down in the middle of the argument. "It will be an inconvenience to pave it but we can deal with that," she said. "My feeling is that our dirt roads are no longer in good condition for riding. We would like to keep the dirt roads but if runoff is a big problem we can ride on asphalt."

At the end of the public comment section officials agreed there were a lot of considerations.

"I agree that dirt roads in town are as hard as rocks," said Town Board member Peter DeLucia. "And I wonder if there is a different way of handling them. On the other hand, the Chapel Road paving has worked out really well."

Town Board member Dan Welsh said the town's Master Plan calls for preserving as many dirt roads as possible, "But you have to look at other concerns," he said. "We will keep dirt roads that are flat and well-maintained as dirt roads and examine what to do with others that present problems."

After closing the public hearing officials agreed they would investigate all aspects of the issue very carefully before taking any action.

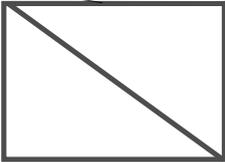
"This is only the beginning of the process," Mr. DeLucia said. "We want to serve the best interests of the town and have no vested interest of our own in reaching a decision."

Mr. Parsons agreed.

"We held this public hearing for one reason — to get your opinion before making a decision," he said. "Thank you for your input."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday <i>Please Note....</i> <i>Friday Nights:</i> <i>\$15.00 for non-residents</i> <i>Saturday Nights:</i> <i>\$15.00 for non-residents</i>	Thursday 3 <i>G.B. Chorus</i> 7: 30 <i>at the Barn</i>	Friday 4 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) <i>@ the Barn</i> <i>with Jim Gold</i>	Saturday * 5 <i>Opening Night BBQ</i> 7:30 <i>@ the Beach</i>
6 <i>preliminary schedule</i>	7 <i>Movie Night</i> <b><i>"Power of Song"</i></b> 8:00 <i>@ theBarn</i>	8 <i>Children's Movies</i> ( <i>to be announced</i> ) 7:00 <i>at the Barn</i>	9	10 <i>G.B. Chorus</i> 7: 30 <i>at the Barn</i>	11 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) <i>@ the Barn</i> <i>with Jim Gold</i>	12 * <i>Hudson Valley Sally</i> <i>folk music</i> 8:30 <i>@ the Beach</i>
13	14	15 <i>Children's Movies</i> ( <i>to be announced</i> ) 7:00 <i>at the Barn</i>	16	17 <i>G.B. Chorus</i> 7: 30 <i>at the Barn</i>	18 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) <i>@ the Barn</i> <i>with Jim Gold</i>	19 * <i>Sue &amp; Chris B'way</i> <i>@ the Barn</i> 8:30
20	21 <i>Movie Night</i> <b><i>"Mississippi Burning"</i></b> 8:00 <i>@ the Barn</i>	22 <i>Children's Movies</i> ( <i>to be announced</i> ) 7:00 <i>at the Barn</i>	23	24 <i>G.B. Chorus</i> 7: 30 <i>at the Barn</i>	25 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) <i>@ the Barn</i> <i>with the Beers</i>	26 * <i>folk-rock with Gathering Times</i> 8:30 <i>@ the Barn</i>
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# July 2014

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<p><i>August 2014</i></p>		<p>Please: Check Bulletin Boards for Schedule Updates</p>		<p><i>G.B. Chorus 7: 30 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>1 <i>Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with the Beers</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Volleyball Tournament BBQ 7:30 pm @ the Beach</i></p>
<p>3 <i>preliminary schedule</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Movie Night "The Book Thief" 8:00 @ the Barn</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 <i>G.B. Chorus 7: 30 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with the Beers</i></p>	<p>9 *</p> <p><i>Jerry Sokolov Jazz with Friends 8:30 @ the Barn</i></p>
<p>10 <i>*Commemoration* Movie Night "Freedom Summer" 8:00 @ theBarn</i></p>	<p>11 <i>G.B.C. Book Club "Orphan Train" by Christine Baker Kline 8:00 @ the Barn <b>*Commemoration Week*</b></i></p>	<p>12 <i>Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Book Discussion: "The New Jim Crow" By Michelle Alexander 8:00 @ the Barn</i></p>	<p>14 <i>G.B. Chorus 7: 30 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with Jim Gold</i></p>	<p>16 *</p> <p><i>*Civil Rights Commemoration Celebration* 8:30 @ the Barn</i></p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Movie Night "12 Years a Slave" 8:00 @ theBarn</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 <i>G.B. Chorus 7: 30 at the Barn</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with the Beers</i></p>	<p>23 *</p> 
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Please Note: Friday Nights: \$15 for non-residents, Saturday Nights: \$15. for non-residents.

**From:** Peter Ripperger lhd15@optonline.net  
**Subject:** RE: Goldens Bridge Road  
**Date:** May 28, 2014 at 6:58 AM  
**To:** Aaron Kroun akroun@me.com

We are working on it. Due to lack of resources and 12 miles of dirt roads all needing work. It will take time. Please bear with us. Thanks Peter

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Aaron Kroun [mailto:akroun@me.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:34 AM  
**To:** highway@lewisborogov.com  
**Subject:** Goldens Bridge Road

Help! Main St. and many other roads in our community need urgent maintenance. The Highway Dept. did a stellar job with snow removal and salting our roads this past winter. However because of the heavy rainfall this spring, many of our roads are dangerous. I know the Highway Dept. worked hard this past winter. Now gullies and ditches have formed on some of our roads. Your attention to this matter will be appreciated. Thank you.

Aaron Kroun  
Goldens Bridge

**Above:** email sent to Town Supervisor, Peter Ripperger, and reply. Within several days of sending email, work was done on the roads.



**Looking for a home ASAP**  
Brother & Sister found in North Salem. Healthy, Happy, Rambunctious and very attached to each other. Feel free to come over and see if you bond with them  
*Hannah Yates*  
310.344.0098 mobile

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### A Piece of the Rock

Photo showing Avi Shulman holding up a 75 lb. rock he dug out of Mera Eisen's garden while helping her do preparation and planting for her garden. Mera thought the size of the "boulder" staggering, considering Avi and she dug it out themselves with crowbars and shovels!

### Turpe

Drizzling on the grass,  
Filtered water flows.  
Gazing at the glow,  
Will, my turtle basks.  
*by Abey*  
*grandson of Judy & Dan Fast*

## Pat Killeen May 24, 2014

*PAT KILLEEN—A Man for all seasons  
from Ron Arnstein*

It seemed that Pat was everywhere in this community and it seems everyone knew him.

I met him more than 40 years ago and spent the last 20 years working with him on our water system until he retired a few years ago.

His was a long life working with his hands; a life that was filled with Irish tunes and dancing and devotion to his family.

It seemed that whenever someone needed to fix something in the colony, it was always "call Pat." He loved working in the colony and never liked leaving it. He made the colony his "habitat" and was rewarded with an endless supply of tea.

But Pat also had a hard side. He said it was the Irish in him that held a grudge long after he forgot why, but I don't think I ever met a more sensitive or giving man.

Pat was much more than a self-taught fix-it man for the community. It's hard to describe, but I always felt

better when he was around.

Pat's 45-year history in the colony is also the history of the water system. I never fully understood the close relationship he had with Chaim until I formed that same relationship with him. These relationships defined the essential Pat, forgiving and loyal.

The colony owes Pat a debt of gratitude for a long and committed career here.

Chaim isn't here to say it, so I'll say it for both of us—Goodbye old friend.

(Pat died on May 24th at the age of 87 of a failed heart)

*Posted on Facebook by Ken Weinstock*

RIP Pat Killeen. An icon of my youth. Gregarious, gruff, friendly. Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.

Irish brogue, thick-fingered working man in faded blue jeans overalls who could and did fix everything. Old school Goldens Bridger. Lives on in my memories. Thanks for keeping it all ship-shape all those years Pat. My thoughts are with your family.

# BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

## Membership Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2014

A quorum of 20 voting members was attained at 11.39 A.M.  
 The minutes of the 10-27-2013 membership meeting was read and accepted unanimously – motion to accept by Mera seconded by Maureen.

1. The following financial report was presented by Martha:

Operating funds	\$ 76,632.
Water capital fund	“ 21,426.
Capital improvement fund	“ 62,716.
Camp funds	“ 9,504.
Total	\$170,278. =====

2. Hicks Lawsuit - Dan stated that Ron, Mera and Dan gave depositions but no judicial decisions were made yet.
  3. Ron gave a Water Report and stated that a rebuilt third distribution pump was failing and advised that a new replacement pump will be purchased for \$1,500., to be taken from the water capital fund.
  4. Camp – Maureen advised that staffing and lifeguard hiring was in progress. Looking to hire pre-college lifeguards to cover the after camp requirements.
  5. Beach – Mera advised their first meeting is February 17th, 2014.
  6. Roads – Fred advised that individuals should call the Highway Department for local problems. Might be more effective than calling Fred.
  7. Sales – Dan advised a contract for the Brennan House is on the way at a price of \$245,000.
  8. The community sadly acknowledged the recent passing of Adriana Kulczysky (Broberg) and congratulated Dorothy Gorden on her 100 Birthday.
- Adjourned at 12.10 p.m. Unanimously.

## GBCA Board meeting minutes February 9, 2014

Present: Dan Fast, President; Ron Arnstein, Secretary; , Mike Brown, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, Martha Levites, Fred Margulies, Rina Slavin, John Bergherr, Ken Finkelman and Jay Martin

Absent: Joel Forbes, Joy Radulavic, Mera Eisen and Dorothy Shulman

The minutes of the E.B. meeting 01-12-2014 was read and was passed unanimously – Motion to accept- Gerry; second by Rina

The following reports were presented:

1. Financial Report:

Operating funds	\$113,292.
Water capital fund	“ 21,426.
Capital improvement fund	“ 62,716.
Camp funds	“ 9,504.
Total	\$206,938. =====

Those in arrears: (through 2013):	19 Pond	(includes 2012)	\$ 4,008.
	Camporeale		“ 946.
	Goldner/White		“ 773.
	Hom-Manfield		“ 2,915.
	Rios		“ 10,743.
	Soultanian		“ 806.

New York State income tax issue was resolved without penalty.

The E.B. Continues to discuss, without resolution, the large sum of money that is collected each year from campers and ends up under the sole control of the camp treasurer.

Although the Association Treasurer and other E.B. members do monitor these funds, a few Board members thought the funds should be placed under the control of elected members but this was not the sense of the entire Board. The Finance Committee will continue to address these concerns in discussions with the Camp Committee. The E.B. made no motions and no action was taken on this issue.

2. Legal Committee – Dan reported Hicks lawsuit – After a length proceeding, Hicks lawsuit was dismissed in it's entirety – Hicks will have 30 days to appeal this decision.

3. Camp Committee – Rena reported – There is moldy carpeting that has to be removed and replaced with a new floor under the teen center – Drew will advise but \$1,000. will be set aside.

The new deadline for hiring returnees is March 1st, 2014.

4. Lake Committee – Jay reported – L.C. will get a quote from a structural engineer to assess cracks in the dam structure and to advise correction options.

Still trying to pin down funding for our lake projects from the “East of Hudson” grant.

5. Social and scholarship – Martha stated that a short essay question will be requested possibly tied into the March on Washington anniversary from scholarship applicants.

John offered that planning for the social season is underway.

Meeting was adjourned 11.17 A.M.

**GBCA Board extra executive meeting minutes – February 23, 2014**

Present: Dan Fast, President; Ron Arnstein, Secretary; , Mike Brown, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, Martha Levites, Rina Slavin, John Bergherr, Dorothy Shulman and Jay Martin

Absent: Joy Radulavic, Joel Forbes, Ken Finkelman, Mera Eisen, Fred Margulies

Motion by Martha – that the G.B.C.A. Waive the option on the Brennan property since we had no response from our list of prospective buyers.

Second by Dorothy – Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned 10.15 A.M.

**GBCA Board meeting minutes – March 9, 2014**

Present: Dan Fast, President; Ron Arnstein, Secretary; , Mike Brown, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, Martha Levites, Fred Margulies, Rina Slavin, John Bergherr, Dorothy Shulman, Joy Radulavic, Ken Finkelman, Jay Martin and Mera Eisen

Absent: Joel Forbes

The minutes of the E.B. meeting 02-09-2014 and Minutes of special E.B. meeting 02-23-2014 were read and was passed unanimously – Motion to accept- Rena; second by Mera

The following reports were presented:

1. Financial Report:

Operating funds	\$125,024.
Water capital fund	“ 21,427.
Capital improvement fund	“ 62,721.
Camp funds	“ 8,215.
Total	\$217,387.
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Those in arrears: (through 2013):	19 Pond	(includes 2012)	\$ 5,842.
from previous years	Camporeale	( \$946.) total owed	\$ 2,780.
from 2013	Goldner/White	(\$773.) total owed	“ 2,607.25
	Hom-Manfield	(owes 4 years)	“ 3,907.
	Rios	(7 years)	“ 12,577.26.
	Soultanian	(owes 3 years)	“ 1,195.50.
29 members without a payment plan and not yet paid.			

2. Insurance – John advised a significant increase in our Directors and Officers policy (as much as 56%). Possibly as a result of the Hicks lawsuit. Our broker will look for better terms but the projected increase won’t be prohibitive since liability coverage is separate from the D & O policy.

3. Legal Committee – Hicks has filed a notice to appeal which gives him 6 months to actually institute the appeal.

4. Sales – Dan proposed some changes to the “selling property in our community “ document.

Ron made a motion to accept these changes, second by Mera. (This document will be appended to these minutes)—10 in favor, 1 opposed 3 abstentions – passed

5. Camp & Beach Committee – Continue joint effort to fully staff the waterfront for both camp and community.

6. Social & Barn Committee – Nelson Figueroa (a martial arts expert) proposed doing a fitness class in the barn on the weekend. This was very preliminary, many details need to be worked out from insurance to fees to cleaning up. Also preliminary is a suggestion to have a cafe kind of setting on weekends featuring home baked good.

7. Miscellanea – Fred advised the fire department will set up temporary at the G.B. Community House and suggested G.B.C.A. speed up and possibly increase its annual donation.

Meeting was adjourned 11.25 A.M.

**Minutes of GBCA Executive Meeting – April 13, 2014**

Present: Dan Fast, President; Ron Arnstein, Secretary; Mike Brown, Gerry Sircus, Martha Levites, Rena Slavin, John Bergherr and Mera Eisen

Absent: Joel Forbes, Drew Orr, Joy Radulavic, Ken Finkelman, Jay Martin, Fred Margulies and Dorothy Shulman

The minutes of the E.B. meeting 03-09-2014 was read and was passed unanimously without modifications – Motion to accept - Mike; second by Gerry

The following reports were presented:

1. Financial Report:

Operating funds	\$139,409.
Water capital fund	“ 21,429.
Capital improvement fund	“ 62,731.
Camp funds	“ 43,065.
Total	\$266,634. =====

Those in arrears: (through 2013):	19 Pond	\$ 5,842.
from previous years	Camporeale	“ 3,580.
from 2013	Goldner/White	“ 2,607.
	Hom-Manfield	“ 3,907.
	Rios	“ 12,577.
	Soultanian	“ 1,195.
	29 members without a payment plan and not yet paid.	

No Response to second notice:

Owing \$ 1,417.	Owing \$ 1,834.	Owing \$ 917.
Cubides	Burgun	Sherwood St. John
Decaudin	Fekete	Simoncini
Delgado		
Dressler		
Leathers		

Firdman \$ 1,724. -, Gecaj \$ 2,834. -, Pinetti \$ 992. (for purchased Elias Property)

2. Chuck Gohn – Our Insurance broker went through the annual “Insurance Review” dated 04-11-2014. He provided a handout summarizing valuation of our three buildings (Barn, Pump House and Beach House), general liability, workmans comp., crime coverage, D&O liability and our umbrella policy. He advised that paper files with personal information for the camp and community be kept under lock & key as well as credit card information. Any member wishing details of our insurance policies should contact the GBCA Secretary. Our premiums for renewal will follow in about two months.

3. Water Report – by Dan

Dan stated that the “update” program requires some additional funding such as providing more flexibility by modifying the inlet water piping and installing a flow meter to assess well pump capacity. These changes will cost about \$2,000. and is probably within the initial funding authorized. The capacity of the Branch Street well pump is suspect and if replacement is required it will be an additional \$7,500.

4. Lake – The Board had many questions for the Lake Committee: such as cost of new permits and expiration dates, what projects are being submitted for funding, what is the status of the \$2,000. the GBCA already paid for permits. Dan and John will coordinate with Jay to hold a meeting with the Lake Committee to clarify our lake program.

5. Barn – Nelson Figueroa is already running a cardio-fitness class at the barn on Saturdays at 12 P.M., free to members of the GBCA.

Mike advised the purchase of four tables would be under \$500. and a spare bulb for the projector is \$ 75. Both are within the barn budget.

Mike and an acoustic expert tried various directional microphone schemes on the barn stage to get voice enhancement from camp children so they could be heard when the camp performs. This was not successful, other schemes will be looked at.

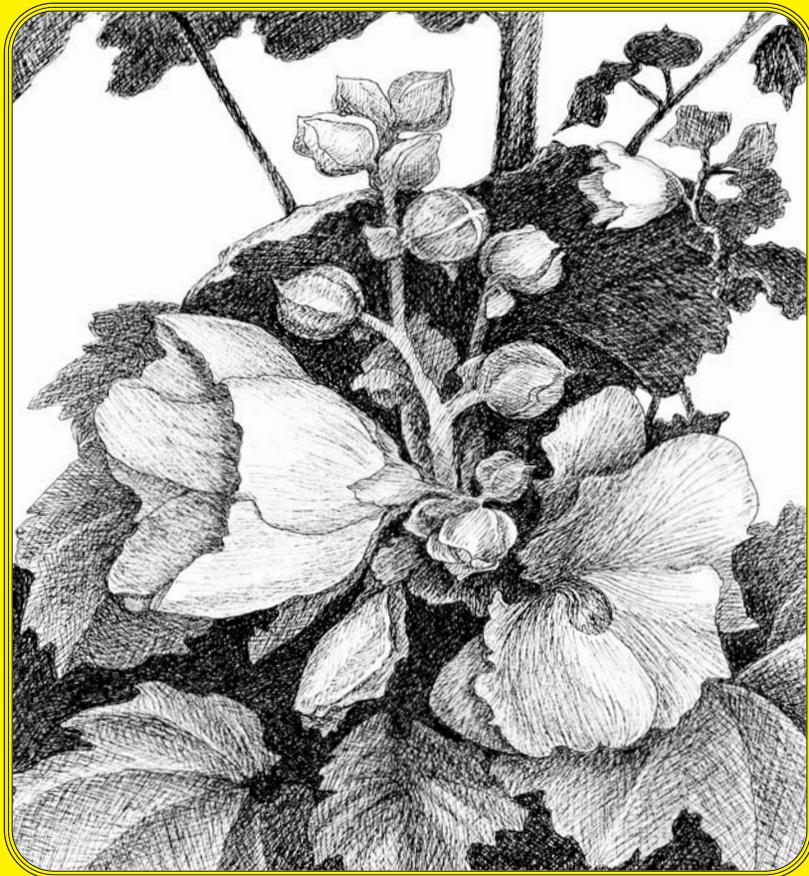
6. Camp – Rena reported and submitted the following requests:

- Ceiling lights and tiles in teenage center require repair
- Double swing at the nursery has to be moved back
- Nursery carpet has to be removed
- Fire extinguishers require inspection
- Mulch should be ordered by the end of May 2014
- June 14th will be the orientation day

7. Road 4 – Gerry requested a calendar of events with narrative for the June 2014 issue.

8. Dumpster - Martha will try to arrange the dumpster at the barn for our Membership Meeting on April 27th, 2014

Meeting was adjourned 11.30 A.M.



*Road Four Summer 2014*