

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, May 02, 2017

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Monday July 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm at:

**Villago's
Lake Road
Ballston Lake, New York**

Meeting called to order by President Pete Herman at 7:00 pm.

Members and Guests present: Greg Adams, Bill Bashant, Sue Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, Pete Gaylord, John Gill, Drew Hamelink, Pete Herman, Ed Hernandez, Ann Pierce, Dave Pierce, Paul Troidle, Nick Trotta, Pete Voss, and Gini Whetten

Sewer Project Status

Prior the BLIA Business Meeting, Ed Hernandez of Adirondack Mountain Engineering (AME) gave an overview of the status of the Ballston Lake Sewer Project. Ed noted that his engineering organization is doing the detailed engineering work for the project. Ed provided the following schedule of events:

- Three to four months of land surveys will be performed.
- An aerial survey has been performed.
- Ground surveys will commence in one or two weeks.
- Will be putting easement material together.
- Will get information to property owners by end of the summer.
- There will be independent trunk lines for the system on the East and West sides of the Lake.
- Hope to begin construction in 2018.
- Hopefully completed in 2019.
- Residents will be receiving a letter in the next thirty (30) days requesting desired location for sewer service line.
- AME may need assistance obtaining easements.
- AME is meeting once a month with the Sewer Committee.

- Plans are for all residents to connect to system within five (5) years.
- Plans are for a 30% discount from Environment One (EO) if residents connect during the first year. The discount will be less in subsequent years.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April 04, 2017 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

Treasurer Judy Brodeur reported the following and provided the Board with the Proposed 2017 Budget and the YTD 2017 Budget:

- BLIA Tax return was filled in March.
- BLIA books have not been audited this year. Judy indicated that she would request quotes for an audit.
- Judy will speak to BLIA Member Joel Prescott about developing appropriate "policies and procedures" for BLIA.
- Actual spending for 2016 will be reported at the Annual BLIA Membership Meeting.
- Decision has been made to not do the "neighbor to neighbor" Membership Drive this year. This decision will be evaluated in the future.
- As of March 31, 2017 BLIA has 162 paid members.
- Judy noted that the average Membership donation since January 01, 2017 is \$65.00.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

Clean Up Day

The Annual Clean Up Day will take place on May 06, 2017 starting at 8:00 am at the Ballston Lake Fire House. BLIA continues to partner with the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Business Association with Clean Up Day.

Boating Safety Course

Pete noted that he will be conducting a Boating Safety Course on May 09 and May 10 and on May 16 and May 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Ballston Lake Fire House. The cost is \$30.00 for the first family member and \$10.00 for each additional child. A course book will be provided. Pete also noted that a proctored exam will be given and a test score of 80% is required to pass. Pete emphasized that he is giving the course hoping that lake residents will participate. Pete

noted that twenty four (24) students have signed up for the course on May 09 with not many students from Ballston Lake.

Beaver Update

Pete reported that the bill of \$1605 for beaver trapping will be paid by the Town of Ballston Highway Department. Pete noted that this was being done because of the Town's concern about the very high water level at Outlet Road.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

1. Beaver Dams. Special thanks to Bill and Theresa Bashant for going into the outlet area April 5th to remove beaver dams. This was 3 days after the ice went out. On April 15th, Brian Smith, Dave Mc Donald, Sean Grant, and Bret Adams went into the outlet area and removed trees and several beaver dams. This now allows Ballston Lake to drain properly. Since Outlet Road has been closed in April due to high water, the Town of Ballston has reimbursed BLIA for the 2016 -2017 beaver trapping and dam removal by sending BLIA a check for \$1605.
2. Anyone wishing to attend the 2017 NYSFOLA conference May 5 and 6th should contact Judy for funding. A meeting agenda was passed around to spike interest.
3. Zoning changes. Nan is working on the final document. When it comes out I will send out a summary so BLIA members will know what is being presented. There will be a public hearing once it comes to the Town Board.
4. Abele Woods. David and Sue Gibson filed a court order to have this project stopped until it achieves an environmental impact statement. They state that the Planning Board acted in Non-Compliance.
5. I am in contact with Union College to obtain their data on core sampling during the winter.
6. The Ballston Town Board and BLIA are having discussions with Clifton Park to adopt a dock ordinance for the area of the lake in that town.

Membership and Social Media: Suzanne Bishop, Judy Brodeur, and Joanne DeVoe

We currently have:

Membership Level	# of Members as of April 30, 2017
*Trustee \$100+	9
*Steward \$100	36
*Partner \$75	23
Friend \$40	88
Honorary – Paid in Kind	7
Reciprocal (BH-BL BPA Southern Saratoga Chamber)	2
TOTAL	163

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 6 - Annual Clean-Up Day *
- June 8 - Flag Day Parade *
- June 20 - Annual MEMBERS' MEETING
Election of Officers
- July 4th - Annual July 4th Patriotic Boat Parade
- July 31 - Board Meeting at Villago's at 7
- August 1 - Annual Picnic at Lakeside Farms at 6 *
- August/September – Historic Event - Under construction TBA
- Oct. 3 - Board Meeting at Carney's at 7
- October – Annual Social Event at Carney's - Under construction
TBA

Social Media / Website

Our Website and FaceBook page continue to allow us to share information and stay connected with members and the community. “Friends” and “friends of friends” are supporters of our organization.

We plan to feature our “Business Sponsors” on our social media outlets as well as in the Newsletter.

Like us on FaceBook Visit us at www.ballstonlake.mylaketown.com

Business Memberships

The Membership Committee has formally decided to acknowledge the local businesses who have either joined BLIA as paid members or donate services to us (Paid in Kind) as BUSINESS SPONSORS. We will list these businesses as such and feature them in our Newsletters and on FaceBook. (We will explore posting them on our Website in the future.)

Newsletter: Greg Adams

Greg Adams reported that the next Newsletter will be June 01, 2017. Greg noted that he will need inputs by May 15, 2017.

The BLIA Picnic date has been set for the first Tuesday in August (August 01, 2017).

Old Business:

Sewer Committee Update: Drew Hamelink

Drew Hamelink reported that Environment One (EO) has extended an invitation for BLIA members to tour their facility. The tour will last approximately two hours. Friday June 09, 2017 was selected as a desirable date. Information on BLIA member signups will be provided in the next BLIA Newsletter.

Boating Safety Committee: John Gill

John Gill reported that the Safety Committee met last week. Minutes from the Meeting were handed out by Gini Whetten. John provided details for the first “BLIA Boat Safety Inspection” to be held on June 11, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be two or three individuals from the Saratoga Sail and Power Squadron at the event to be held at the south end of the lake at two dock sites. The inspection process will take approximately twenty minutes. Inspectors will check that all items necessary to be onboard (flares, fire extinguisher, floatation devices etc.) are present and will inform owners about what, if anything is missing. If approved, the boat will be provided with a green sticker to be placed on the boat windshield. All final information regarding this day and a list of items necessary to be in your boat will be included in the June BLIA Newsletter, on our Website, and sent out as an email “blast”.

Joanne DeVoe will coordinate reservations. With two individuals from the Power Squadron, four boats per hour can probably be inspected.

John Gill noted that Sargent Jim Leonard of the Saratoga Sheriff’s Office will speak about boating safety at our Annual Membership Meeting.

Nominations Committee

Ann Pierce reported that the process has gone very well. At the Meeting, BLIA Member Nick Trotta agreed to be nominated for a Board position.

Bylaws Committee

Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to form a Committee to review the existing BLIA Bylaws. The Committee will be headed by Wes DeVoe. Members of the Committee are Pete Herman, Judy Brodeur, Bill Bashant, and Dave Duglin.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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Future BLIA Meetings:

- **October 03, 2017**