

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, August 01, 2016

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday October 04, 2016 at 7:00 pm at:

**Carney's Tavern
Main Street
Ballston Lake, New York**

Meeting called to order at Villago's by President Pete Herman at 7:01 pm.

Members and Guests present: Greg Adams, Bill Bashant, Sue Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, Joanne Frame, John Gill, Drew Hamelink, Pete Herman, Jim McGuire, Pat McGuire, BJ Pierce, Jamie Pierce, Dave Pierce, Lorraine Sharpe, Gary Sharpe, and Pete Voss

President Pete Herman welcomed new BLIA Board Members Bill Bashant, Wes DeVoe, Joanne Frame, BJ Pierce, and Jamie Pierce.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 03, 2016 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

Treasurer Judy Brodeur reported the following and provided the Board with copies of the 2016 Budget:

- Balance in Checking Account as of July 31, 2016 \$6,746.05
- Balance in Savings Account as of July 31, 2016 \$10,015.91
- Judy reported that the Budget is on track to set aside sufficient funds this year to help fund a significant project.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

Pete Herman thanked Board Member Bill Bashant for organizing the BLIA Annual Meeting presentation on sewer systems given by individuals from and associated with Environment One. Pete also asked Bill to personally thank the individuals involved for their efforts. Pete noted that it was an outstanding presentation and very informative.

CSLAP

Pete reported that we are half way through the annual CSLAP program. Pete noted that the lake water is very clear. Pete attributed the clear water to a combination of low rain flow and zebra mussels.

Outlet Investigation

Pete noted that a week ago Saturday six (6) individuals went into the outlet stream near Curtis Lumber. A large beaver dam (four (4) feet high) was found. It was not disturbed for fear of lowering the lake water significantly.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

1. We have conducted bacteria tests of lake water on June 29th and July 20. The results of these tests indicate that the levels of fecal coliform bacteria were in the single digits of colonies/100 ml of water. The NYS critical level is 200 colonies/100 ml.
2. The Ballston Lake Management and Protection Plan development group met July 11th. To date we have an outline for the plan. Dave Decker will apply for a second grant to help fund this effort. CDRPC is offering to do some data gathering that will support this plan.
3. On July 23rd a group of BLIA volunteers went into the outlet to remove beaver dams. About 7 small dams were taken out but a large 4 foot high dam was left alone due to the rain shortage we have had this summer and the low lake level.

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

At this time we currently have:

Membership Level	# of Members
*Trustee \$100+	10
*Steward \$100	31
*Partner \$75	21
Friend \$40	122
Business	1 (Villago)
Special	2 (Chamber + BHBL PBA)
TOTAL	187

*Thank you notes were sent in appreciation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- August 2 (Tuesday) Annual “Potluck” Picnic at Lakeside Farm. 6-9 pm
- August 16 (Tuesday) Ballston Lake Historic “Flotilla” Tour. – Joanne DeVoe has all the exciting details!
- November 14 (Monday) “Hello Snow! Bye, Bye Birdies” Carney’s. – Details TBA

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

Our web site and Facebook page continue to allow us to share information. They also allow us to broaden our reach and grow support for our organization. Alice Rubin is working with Sue Bishop to improve the Website.

Newsletter: Greg Adams

Greg Adams reported that a large (10 page) Newsletter went out in June. Greg suggested that BLIA have a regular schedule for Newsletter submittals. Following a discussion, it was decided that the Newsletters would go out three times a year as follows: March 01, June 01, and October 15. Pete Herman noted that the BLIA Annual Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in June every year.

Greg also noted a “minor glitch” with the Annual Picnic. This year’s picnic will be held on the Lakeside Restaurant patio rather than at the Barn.

Old Business:**Sewer Committee Update:** Drew Hamelink

Drew Hamelink reported the following:

- Town of Ballston sent an application for the Project to the “Clean Water Revolving Fund” in an effort to obtain a 50% reduction in loan rate.
- The Ballston Sewer Project does not presently make the approved list on the Revolving Fund. The “bypass” is not going to happen.
- The selection committee looked at the project rankings and moved the Ballston Sewer Project up the ladder from 43 to 103.
- Now looks very favorable for getting the low interest loan.
- Town of Ballston applied in June for a grant for Sewer Project construction. Drew indicated that we might hear soon. It is Federal money administered by the State of New York (State Clear Water Revolving Fund).

New Sign at Villago's

A new sign at Villago's (which is presently temporary) was built by Dave Pierce, Pete Herman, and Wes DeVoe.

Joanne DeVoe noted that the sign will be a welcoming sign with plans to include a map, land marks, identification of the narrows, boat cleaning, etc. Joanne noted that Wayne from AJ's Signs in Burnt Hills is working on the details. They have agreed to charge only for materials.

Villago's (Sandy) has noted that they have a problem with jet skis. They will have a sign noting that jet skis are not to be launched from the Villago launch.

Dave Pierce suggested that he check with the DEC about possible reimbursement for the cost of the sign.

Boating Safety

BLIA Member Lorraine Sharpe introduced herself to the Board. Lorraine indicated that she was at the Meeting on behalf of the residents of Hickory Lane. Lorraine indicated that her neighbors were concerned with boat safety on the lake. Among the concerns she noted were the following: boats traveling on the wrong side of the lake, boats operating above five (5) miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, and boats creating very large wakes. She noted that the wakes are creating problems with lakeshore erosion.

BLIA member John Gill then provided his observations of the boating occurring in the south end of the lake. John noted that skiing and tubing really should not take place in the south end since it is too narrow. He suggested that individuals go to the wide waters to do their skiing and tubing.

President Pete Herman indicated that he would form a committee to investigate the subject of boating safety on Ballston Lake.

Historic Ballston Lake Regatta

Joanne DeVoe gave a detailed overview of the Ballston Lake Regatta scheduled for Tuesday August 16, 2016. Joanne noted that plans are for a scenic evening cruise with historic commentary by Town of Ballston Historian Rick Reynolds. Supper will follow at Villago's.

Dolomite Asphalt Plant

It was reported that the Town of Ballston Planning Board had granted approval for the plant. The only open issue is the need for an emergency exit from the plant. The only possibility is through Curtis Lumber property. That access has not yet been given by Curtis Lumber.

BLIA Bylaws Review

A Motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold a BLIA Board of Directors Meeting on September 06, 2016 to discuss revisions to the BLIA Bylaws.

New Business:

Keep Ballston Rural Vision for the Town of Ballston

Copies of Town of Ballston Board Member Bill Goslin's recommendations to meet the visions of the Town's comprehensive plan were handed out to the BLIA Board.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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Future BLIA Meetings:

- **January 03, 2017**
- **March 07, 2017**
- **May 02, 2017**
- **Annual Meeting June 20, 2017**
- **August 01, 2017**
- **October 03, 2017**