

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, March 01, 2016

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday May 03, 2016 at 7:00 pm at:

Carney's Tavern
Main Street
Ballston Lake, New York

Meeting called to order by Greg Adams (for President Pete Herman) at 7:01 pm.

Members and Guests present: Greg Adams, Curt Alheim, Judy Brodeur, Dave Duglin, Drew Hamelink, Nancy Hausheer, Larry Hausheer, Pete Herman, Ann Pierce, and Dave Pierce

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 05, 2016 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

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

- Paid Membership for 2016 has shown an increase in the number of "Trustees, Stewards and Partners". Kindly refer to details in the "Membership" portion of these Minutes.
- Balance in Checking Account as of February 29, 2016 \$7,398.15
- Balance in Savings Account as of February 29, 2016 \$10,013.42

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

Pete Herman announced that long time Ballston Lake resident and BLIA supporter George Splain had passed away. A service for George was held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Ballston Lake.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

1. On Dec 17, 2015 Michael Martin from Princeton Hydro, Blue Niles, Joe Whalen, and I met to evaluate Sweet Creek's erosion issues. We are trying to develop a plan to mitigate the sediment flowing down the creek and entering Ballston Lake during excessive rain events and spring snow melt. In February we received the report from Princeton Hydro

that contained an outline for future steps in this process. We are now evaluating the cost effectiveness of continuing with this plan to address the sediment issue.

2. I conducted some stream sampling during Jan - March when we had a rain event. The purpose of this sampling was to evaluate the effect of manure spreading on frozen ground at the dairy farm on Sweet Road.
3. I have met with Dave Decker to resume working on the Ballston Lake Management and Protection Plan.

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+	9
*Steward \$100	25
*Partner \$75	12
Friend \$40	82
Business	
Honorary	
TOTAL	128

*Thank you notes were sent in appreciation.

The next renewal “appeal” will appear in the March Newsletter as a “mail in” form.

Future Activities:

- Neighbor –to- Neighbor Drive- Month of May Any volunteers?
- 2nd Flag Day BLIA Float –June
- 4th of July Boat Parade
- Ballston Lake Tour- Date to be announced.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our web site and Facebook page continue to allow us to share information and stay connected with members and the community.

2016 VOLUNTEERS

We have gotten many responses to our appeal for volunteers with the dues renewal mailing. I have emailed each one and thanked them for their interest. I want to share the names of those we have heard from with all Board members and I have tried to forward their information to the appropriate “contact” board member as it was received. Let’s make sure we involve and engage these people!

Website

Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Greg Adams

Greg Adams suggested that the next two Newsletters go out at the end of March and prior to the June BLIA Annual Meeting. Greg requested that all information be provided to him by March 20th. Following discussion, it was agreed that BLIA would attempt to send out the Newsletter via email to those members who requested emails and hard copy to the remainder of the Membership.

Old Business:

Sewer Committee Update: Drew Hamelink

Drew Hamelink reported that the following has occurred since the Sewer Referenda:

- Obtained approval three weeks ago from the State Comptroller’s Office.
- Town of Ballston has adopted a Sewer District.
- Town of Ballston has agreed to “bond” the Sewer Project.
- Town of Ballston passed a resolution to send 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. However, some projects above us may not go forward and our project could move above the cutoff point (bypass).

New BLIA Logo

Nothing to report.

Dolomite Asphalt Plant

Ann Pierce reported that the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on March 9th and address the site plan for the plant and the air quality permit. A vote on the plant is expected at the March 30th Planning Board Meeting.

BLIA Bylaws Review

Tabled.

New Business:

Clean Up Day

Pete Herman announced that this year's Clean Up Day will take place on May 07, 2016. Interested individuals will meet at the Ballston Lake Firehouse at 8:00 am. Pete noted that he will meet with two individuals from the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Professional Association on May 22, 2016 to discuss Clean Up Day details.

New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA)

At the last BLIA Board Meeting, a motion was approved to donate \$200.00 to NYSFOLA in recognition of their continued support of water testing at Ballston Lake. Pete Herman noted that a letter has been received from NYSFOLA thanking BLIA for the donation.

New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) Annual Meeting

Dave Pierce noted that he will be attending the annual NYSFOLA Meeting. This year's Meeting will take place on April 29th through May 01, 2016. It was noted that "social media" is on this year's agenda.

SUNY Oneonta Lake Management Program

Dave Pierce noted that he has been contacted by Dr. Harman about the annual Oneonta Lake Management Program. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the BLIA plan for updating the Lake Management Plan is more cost effective than going with the Oneonta Program.

Speaker for BLIA Annual Meeting in June 2016

Dave Pierce suggested that a speaker from Environment One would be very useful to residents in the new Town of Ballston Sewer District. Environment One is a manufacturer of the type of "grinder pump" that will be used in the Project. Dave agreed to speak with BLIA Member Bill Bashant about organizing a presentation. Bill is an employee of Environment One.

Town of Ballston Board Meeting on March 09, 2016

It was noted that the issue of the "density bonus" will be addressed at the Town Board Meeting on March 09, 2016.

Ballston Lake "Fly Over"

Treasurer Judy Brodeur requested that Larry Hausheer pick a number from 1 to 128. Larry selected the number 1. Judy noted that a list had been made with the BLIA

members for 2016. Number 1 was for Joanne and Wes DeVoe. By selecting their number they were the winners of the “fly over” drawing.

Beaver Fund

Greg Adams noted that he has seen a large beaver “house” in the PLAN area of the outlet. Greg questioned the existing finances for the beaver situation. It was noted by Pete Herman that \$700.00 has been proposed in the 2016 BLIA Budget for beaver control.

NYSFOLA Lake Steward Award

Greg Adams noted that NYSFOLA has an award giving recognition to an individual who goes “up and beyond” with efforts in support of their lake. With the BLIA Board’s agreement, Greg agreed to write a letter to NYSFOLA recommending BLIA Lake Management Committee chairman Dave Pierce for the award.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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Future BLIA Meetings:

- **Annual Meeting June 21, 2016**
- **August 02, 2016**
- **October 04, 2016**