

Minutes
BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 = 7 PM On-Line ZOOM

Attendance: W. DeVoe, D. Pierce, A. Pierce, D. Hamelink, J. DeVoe, B. Bashant, T. Sorrentino, R. Lind, L. Hausheer, G. Adams, B. Duncan, B. Wilson, D. VanDerwerker, P. Herman, G. Adams, B. Bashant

Call to Order: President, Wes DeVoe

- **Sewer Project Status** – Drew Hamelink presented a very comprehensive update on the Ballston Lake Sewer Project as of 1/4/21. The full report will be sent out via Constant Contact and is already posted on the BLIA web site www.ballstonlake.org and on the Town of Ballston Sewer page <http://www.ballstonsewers.org/>. In short all contracts have started. Some aspects like Buell Heights are on hiatus until spring. Directional drilling (to reduce disturbing lawns and the roadway) will begin on the Hill & Dale end of East Side Drive within a few days.

Secretary's Report: Joanne DeVoe

- **Minutes from October 7, 2020 Meeting** - (Sent to Board by Email not to be read unless changed were notices). Motion to accept by Larry Hausheer; Second by Tim Sorrentino. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Hausheer

- Year End Report (sent to all board members for review) was approved on a motion by Dave Pierce, Second Greg Adams
- Proposed Budget 2021 (sent to all board members for review) Passed on a motion by Bill Bashant, Second by Dave Pierce
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Membership: - Bob Wilson January membership campaign will be composed of two specifically targeted letters and incentives for early responders including gift certificates to Hydes Boats, Mohawk Valley Marine and Carney's Tavern. Targeted letter categories:

1. Standard renewals to current & prospective members
2. Lapsed Members

The solicitation will be via e-mail (Constant Contact) and by "Snail Mail" for those for whom we don't have e-mail addresses. The content will include bulleted "What Does BLIA Do" information along with the necessary administrative information for renewals and new memberships. The February newsletter is timed to support the membership campaign. Appropriate follow up will occur in the spring. Many people traditionally pay their dues at the annual meeting and / or at one of our special events. That there were NO "in person" events & meetings likely contributed to a dip in membership numbers. Bob reported that there were a total of 120 member households in 2021.

BLIA Calendar 2021 Joanne DeVoe Adjusted – attached to back page of these minutes. Please notify Joanne as changes and significant calendar items crop up.

Lake Management: Dave Pierce Ron Lind has been sending me lake level readings since November since his dock is free of ice. Upstate Freshwater Institute has been on the lake twice this fall to collect data needed to produce a Lake Management Plan in 2021. I met with them and gave them a file of past reports and data that BLIA has compiled since 1990. UFI is doing this work with a grant of \$39,000 from DEC that BLIA obtained with the Towns of Clifton Park and Ballston.

Oct 16, 2020 CSLAP preliminary report: Water temp was higher this year than the past average. CSLAP reports Lake reached a temp of 82 degrees at the end of July. Clarity was greater than in past years. It was between 3 and 4 meters in early July and again in September. Perception parameters were more favorable in 2020 than in prior years.

Projects for 2021;

- Develop plan to intercept sediment entering the lake from the larger feeder streams especially during heavy rain or snow melt events.
- Work with Saratoga Storm Water Chairman and the Town Highway Department to develop a plan to improve drainage of Ballston Lake thru Ballston Creek.

Newsletter: Greg Adams – Membership renewal / recruitment focus - Deadline and mailing adjusted to be in synch with Membership Campaign. Stories to Greg by January 20, 2021. Mailing February 1, 2021.

Social Media

- **Web site, Instagram,:** **Bob Duncan** 128 people visited BLIA web site during December. Bob recently added the most current Sewer Report to BLIA and BL Sewer Web Sites.
- **Face Book: Joanne DeVoe** We have 763 current “fans” (participants). The FB page covers BL lake news, BH-BL-community news, environmental news and other popular topics.
- **Constant Contact: Janice Nicoll** – No report; but things seem to be perfectly in order.

New Business –

- On January 13 there will be a planning board meeting to do with a minor residential subdivision on Lake Road. Dave Pierce will review the dock ordinance.
- Ron Lind and Dave Pierce will meet with Sandy Foster’s business partner to do with an idea that BLIA pay the fee for the porta potty at the Villago Boat Launch from May – September in exchange for offering free boat launch services to lake association members as a benefit of membership.
- Discussion on vendors / contractors as business members/sponsors. A Business membership drive format will be studied. Checking on Saratoga Lake Association’s protocols re conflict of interest.
- BH-BL Rotary is considering two fund raisers that involve Ballston Lake. Rotary would run the events – our role would be promotion and consultation.
 - Polar Plunge to end world polio (the iconic Lake George Polar Plunge has been cancelled due to COVID – stay tuned for details –
 - Ice Out Lottery – Logistics need working out – do we have a record of annual “ice out” dates – seems it might range from mid-March to early April.

Clean-up Day Saturday 5/1/21 (tentative)

Annual Meeting Tuesday 6/8/21 Ballston Lake Firehouse (tentative)

Next Board Meeting Tuesday March 2, 2021 7pm - Zoom? /Carneys?

Motion to adjourn by Bob Wilson second Bill B at 8:44

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne M. DeVoe, Secretary

To Be Added to Minutes – 2021 Calendar

Ballston Lake Sewer Project Update January 4, 2021

The Town has issued a Notice to Proceed to each Contractor. This started the contractual “clock” wherein contractors must complete all construction within 24 months. The first contractor to start was Tech Industries. They are doing the section along the East side of the lake from the end of Eastside Drive Clifton Park boundary along the various lanes, then Lake Road, and connecting to the Stonebridge pump station. They started construction on 10/26. The general plan is to start at the pump station and lay the main line first. The final step, probably in the fall of next year, would be installing the resident connections. At this time, **they have completed Lake Road and are proceeding down Hickory Grove Lane.**

A second contractor, Vacri Construction has completed the directional drill under the bridge on **Outlet Road**. The pipe has been installed, terminated in manholes on each end and successfully pressure tested. Easement clearing has been completed in preparation for work in the spring. The contractor has demobilized for the winter and Outlet Road is reopened.

The contractor who is working in Buell Heights, Trinity Construction, has completed working on **Buell Ave and North Street** and has demobilized for the winter.

The contractor who will be working on **East Side Drive** has staged material and equipment and is ready to start. They plan to work through the winter, weather permitting. They will be mostly directionally drilling which will reduce impact on yards and streets. They will first install the main line which will take approximately 3 months and then install the individual resident service connections which will take another 3 months.

The **planned connection locations** specified by the residents will be delineated with stakes. The project team will work with residents to finalize or move these points if needed. Contractors will be providing timely notice to residents when they will be working in their area to assure any temporary blocking of driveway access is coordinated. As work is performed **driveways** may need to be cut and ground in the path disturbed. Pictures are taken of the “before” condition to document the condition for restoration. This protects both the residents and the contractor. Straw will be used to temporarily cover the trench area and prevent erosion. Seeding will be done in the spring when conditions are favorable for germination. Driveways that are cut will be repaired. It isn't effective to do these one at a time so the contractor will wait until there are a sufficient number and then get a full load from the asphalt plant and do all the repairs.

Each month the project engineer will provide an update to the Town Board and Sewer Committee. The project engineer will provide project updates at the Town Board Agenda meeting. Now that residents see construction underway there has been an increase in questions concerning “What do I have to do now?” The sewer Committee is developing **a manual for residents of the sewer district to assist them** in understanding the connection process. It will contain material such as a list of contractors, explanation of the two town's and county's processes including links to the application forms and any permits that may be required. The earliest that the sewer system could be ready would be the end of next year and contractors have until the fall of 2022 to finish so **residents don't need to do anything in the near term**. It will take a few more months to compile this information from a number of sources but the team will get it out as soon as it can.

The Town of Ballston is developing a **formal deferral request process**. As soon as this is completed it will be posted to the sewer website and provided to the Town Clerk.