

Minutes
BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 1, 2021 = 7 PM – 9 PM On-Line ZOOM

Attendance: Wes DeVoe, Joanne DeVoe, Larry Hausheer, Drew Hamelink, Dave Pierce, Bob Wilson, Ron Lind, Tim Sorrentino, Dave VanDerwerker and Greg Adams.

Call to Order: President, Wes DeVoe at 7:03 PM

Sewer Project Status - Ed Hernandez, Project Manager – the project is ahead of schedule and under budget (this because \$1.3 million from the grant was received meaning that the project could pay current contractor invoices without having to tap into the loan fund. Residents along Lake Road and the east side lanes to France Lane may be the first to be allowed to hook up to the system and may do so before the total project is complete. Drew and a committee are working on a manual to educate residents on the finer points of hooking up including a list of contractors. Significant efforts have been made to keep the language “non-engineer user friendly”. Tim Sorrentino has helped proof read the document. David VanDerwerker has offered to provide assistance with the readability and Drew will also send it to contractors for their review. The manual will be ready for the public by the BLIA Annual Meeting on June 16, 2021.

Secretary’s Report: Joanne DeVoe the Minutes of the January 5, 2021 Meeting were approved. Motion by Ron Lind, Second by Tim Sorrentino. Bob Duncan’s contact information was inadvertently missing from the roster. Corrected and will be sent as an addition to these minutes.

Treasurer’s Report 2021: Larry Hausheer We are in good shape. The report has been sent to board members for their review. Approved Tim Sorrentino and Greg Adams.

Membership: - Bob Wilson Current membership status for 2021 - 5 In-kind or reciprocal memberships, 7 Business members, 9 Guest members (Ballston and CP Town Board significant community members), 85 General memberships, Total = 106. The 85 general memberships consist of 6 new members, 25 former members from prior to 2019, and 54 members from 2020. There are 55 2020 members who have not renewed yet. We have 350 contacts in our database. 2021 membership letters were sent out by email and mail (People without email address or requesting paper) in mid-January. Membership drive also communicated in newsletter and on social media. Bob propose we extend the deadline for our raffle until 3/17/21 (St Patrick’s Day) and send 1 more email via Constant Contact only to our email distribution who have yet to join. There are about 226 homes around the lake. There are about 350 contacts in our Constant Contact account.

BLIA Calendar 2021 –Joanne DeVoe – It’s a living breathing document. Changes are added as they occur.

Clean-Up Day currently planned for Saturday May 1, 2021. Wes DeVoe reported that the necessary details: permission to use the firehouse, permission to have the TOB dump truck on site for disposal of bags of trash, contact with the BPA (Immediate President Chris Newell will co-chair representing BPA), Tee Shirts ordered and delivered from previous year, Banner will be updated and hung on Carneys porch in April. Fliers and publicity will be in place. Due to Covid-19 the board recommended that “stations” for volunteers to secure their street assignments, trash bags, plastic gloves etc. be set up in the parking lot at the BL fire house to keep things outside and safer. Rather than refreshments volunteers will each receive a Stewart’s ice cream cone coupon. Rotary has asked to join with our Clean Up Day efforts – Board consensus – sure – the more the merrier.

Annual Meeting Tuesday 6/16/21 - Ballston Lake Firehouse has been reserved. During board discussion, a new approach was arrived. Annual Business Meeting Protocols (Committee Reports and Election of officers) will be held as normal. Two speakers will be booked. Tim Sorrentino to present a generic Power Point presentation to explain about Sewer Hook Up for residents' information. TOB Supervisor Eric Connolly will be invited to speak at the Annual Meeting on June 16. His topic will particularly be about the new parks committee initiative and other items of concern to lake residents including the Comprehensive Plan.

An additional meeting with more sewer hookup details will be booked SEPARATELY from the Annual Meeting – Contractors will be invited to chat with interested participants as part of the second meeting). Wes will arrange date, time and location

Lake Management - Dave Pierce wanted to thank Ron Lind for collecting lake level readings s December 1. He has received 16 readings in 6 months from Ron. Good data to keep track of. Recently, Dave met with Blue Niles, MJ Engineering and Joe Whalen to discuss the New York state grants relative to decreasing sediment entering Ballston Lake from the Sweet Road Sub watershed. This issue was identified by DEC to issue the 303 Impaired Waterbody designation for Ballston Lake. This project needs some definition and direction prior to being ready for a grant application. He also spoke with Joe Whalen and a representative from Saratoga Plan about installing a large beaver deceiver in the north end of Ballston Creek. This device also called a “Beaver Baffle” would permit more even outflow from the lake and prevent flooding on Outlet Road. Mr. Skip Lisle will do a site visit in the spring to determine if this site is feasible for this project. The projected site is on land owned by Saratoga Plan.

CSLAP – Wes DeVoe added to the Ballston Lake CSLAP contingent.

Nominating Committee - Ann Pierce will continue to chair Nominating Committee. Wes suggested Patrick Whitton for a Director Position. All board members were asked to suggest additional nominations

Newsletter Deadline: Greg Adams - 2nd 2021 **Newsletter** deadline May 15. Circulation June 1. Will contain Summer Events, Slate of Officers, Updates on Sewer, etc.

Social Media / Communications all is well re: Social Media and Constant Contact

Announcements: BH-BL Rotary will not be doing a Polar Bear Plunge due to safety and liability concerns, Rotary will be doing an “Ice Out” fund raising event using video cameras to determine the time the ice is gone. Stay tuned for further details

Joanne will use FB to warn about erosion from springs under the ice following a report about a woman who broke through the ice at Saratoga Lake and had to be rescued

Lake Residents are reminded: The TOB Dock Ordinance reads that there can be only one dock per lot and one mooring per lot. Dave Pierce will apprise new town building inspector of the dock ordinance.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday April 6, 2021 7pm - Zoom?/Carneys?

Respectfully Submitted

Joanne M. DeVoe, BLIA Secretary March 3, 2021

