

GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes

March 30, 2010

The March meeting of the Glen Echo Improvement Association, Inc. (GEIA) was held at the Senior Center in the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report for September 2009 was read by Steve Frederico. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by John Phillips to accept the minutes as read. The motion *PASSED*.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was read by Patrick Lefebvre. A motion was made by Matt McCabe and seconded by Mark Doherty to accept the report. The motion *PASSED*

The balance for the General Fund is \$3,876.18, for the Weed Fund is \$20,735.29, and the Fidelity Fund is \$8,184.81.

Old Business

- ◆ *The 5 foot Drawdown Selectmen's Meeting*: A request was made by the Association to increase the drawdown from 4-feet to 5-feet at the town selectmen's meeting in November 2009. At the meeting, two (2) lake residents opposed the proposed 5-foot drawdown. The reasoning was they lose water pressure in their wells. Lee Lyman from Lycott Environmental was at the meeting representing the Association and he provided information regarding shallow wells and how drawdowns can affect them. He also recommended performing an assessment of these wells to see if the drawdown was the issue, however, the assessment could cost up to \$2000. Based on the information provided by the residents and Lycott the selectman decided to not allow the 5-foot drawdown.

A question was proposed by Frank Zappulla as to their wells being a board of health issue?

President Jackie Nowak indicated that she had talked with one of the residents and asked that they research available grants and get several quotes for well installation on their property for the Association to review and possibly help with.

- ◆ *Narrows Lawsuit update*: The Appeals court upheld the district court's decision of dismissing the lawsuit.
- ◆ *Lycott & Weed Control*: Lee Lyman sold his business to Will Stevens. We have 2010 under contract for weed control. We will need a new contract for 2011 and beyond. 2011 will also be a survey year.

- ◆ *Newsletter:* Looking for someone to take over writing the GEIA newsletter from Jackie Nowak. Proposed sending the newsletter via e-mail or to put on the website. The cost is \$240 per mailing. We do three (3) mailings a year. A suggestion was made to ask for a new “editor” in the spring newsletter.

Open Forum

- Mike Mantha motioned to keep the refill until March. Seconded by Andy McMahon. After discussions, the motion was amended by Mike Mantha to ask Lycott their professional opinion to keep the drawdown to Feb 6th and to start the drawdown on Oct 15th. Seconded by Nick Delegge. The motion passed.
- Membership: A question arose regarding the number of members for 2009 - 95 properties out of the possible 320.
- GEIA Shore Road Property and Gate: The proposal from the GEIA Shore Road Property committee was presented and reviewed. GEIA members will have the option to purchase a key to open and use the gate at the Association’s Shore Road Property. The cost of the key will be \$10, charged annually. The Association will continue to monitor the property. A motion was made by Donna Peters to accept the proposal as read. Seconded by Peter Roberts. A motion was made by Nick Delegge to accept the above proposal but to change the \$10 key annual fee to a onetime fee. He recommended we keep the same key and lock and barring any vandalism and that all the people with keys stay in good standing with the association, then there would be no need to change the lock and require members to purchase a new key every year. This motion was seconded by Andy McMahon. The amended motion passed. The vote for the overall proposal also passed by a majority vote. 12 yes 9 no.

A motion was made by Dale Robertson to allow any person (Association member or not) to purchase a key to the Shore Road property. Seconded by Marge Hewitt. Vote: Majority was NO. Motion was denied.

A motion was made by Rob Lemansky to have only the GEIA member be able to use the key. Seconded by Donna Peters. The vote: Majority was NO. Motion was denied. After much discussion it was agreed that the key owner would be responsible for the use of the key and that visiting family members would also be able to use the property.

When members purchase a key, they will sign an agreement with the Association which details the use and responsibilities of the key holder.

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Rob Lemansky to adjourn the meeting. The motion *PASSED*. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Frederico
Secretary, GEIA