

GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes

May 14, 2007

The May meeting of the Glen Echo Improvement Association, Inc. (GEIA) was held at the Senior Center in the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary's Report for September 2006 was not available and was deferred to the June 2007 meeting.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for August 30, 2006 thru May 1, 2007 was read. Ending Balances were \$4,020.45 in the General Fund, \$17,988.95 in the Weed Fund and \$7,494.52 in the Fidelity Fund. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Skip Bellerieve and seconded by Stan Regis. The motion *PASSED*.

It was noted that the books still need to be audited. Helen Doucette will turn the books over to John Hewitt to perform the audit as she has the books all up to date. This should be completed prior to the June 2007 meeting.

- Bills - Two (2) bills were submitted for payment.
 1. A bill from BT Copy for printing and mailing of the spring 2007 Newsletter in the amount of \$167.56. A motion was made to pay the bill. The motion *PASSED*.
 2. A bill for the filing of the annual report for 2006 in the amount of \$18.50 was submitted by President, Jackie Nowak. A motion was made to reimburse the President for the filing cost was made. The motion *PASSED*.

Old Business:

- ◆ *Article 32, Private Roads* – Petitions for the private roads around the lake were available for signature in the fall. More signatures are needed (51% of the property owners) on the petitions for the Town to be covered “legally” to perform maintenance on the roads around the lake (excluding Sunset Drive). The petitions are available for signature after the meeting.
- ◆ *Drawdown/Lycott* – The lake level “stepped” refill was not accomplished this spring because of the lack of precipitation during the early months. Full refill was accomplished on time (by 1 April) due to ice melt and subsequent run-off.

There was discussion about adjusting the spillway if there was a heavy rain but Skip Bellerieve says the spillway worked as it was supposed to. Downstream on Cady Brook there are beavers damming the brook and some old boats blocking

the stream. Skip indicated that he will contact the Conservation Commission regarding the beavers in Cady Brook.

- ◆ *Lawsuit Update:* The lawsuit remains unchanged from the fall of last year. The attorneys are waiting for filing to dismiss the suit. No payments have been made. The legal time spent to date is approximately \$1000 but we have not been billed.
- ◆ *Jet Ski for Charlton Police:* At the Fall 2006 meeting, the Association voted to investigate obtaining a jet-ski (either thru lease or purchase) for the Charlton Police Department to use for patrolling the lake. President, Jackie Nowak contacted Hank's Marine regarding a lease. Unfortunately, Hank's Marine does not lease jet skis. There was discussion about contacting Action Marine, or donating a used jet ski to the Police Dept for their use. It was decided to contact the other town lake associations and see if they would be interested in jointly purchasing a jet-ski for this purpose.
- ◆ *GEIA Property – Committee Update:* The committee submitted a draft statement of work to the association and will be meeting to discuss the best way to preserve the property's intended use and any necessary upgrades to the site. Donna Peters will contact the Charlton cemetery department regarding a fence or some way to protect the gravesites that are located on the property. There was also discussion about whether our present permit with the conservation commission would cover beach ramp improvements. Jackie Nowak will check with Conservation to see what material, if any, can be used for a "quick fix".

At the fall 2006 meeting, it was decided to remove the large trash bin and initiate a "carry in – carry out" trash policy. A sign will be posted on the property indicating the new policy. Jackie Nowak will call about a sign after the committee has met and has presented their recommendation(s).

There was discussion about the effectiveness of the "no parking cite flyer" placed on vehicles last fall. Ken Blackman volunteered to continue as the focal point for issuing the "citations".

- ◆ *Sewer Update* - The question was asked if anyone had installed meters to measure sewer usage instead of the flat rate. Marge and John Hewitt have had one installed and will report on the results as soon as it is available.

New Business:

- ◆ *Weed Fund \$\$ from Town* - \$2000 is available to Glen Echo Lake for weed control in the Town Budget. After some discussion, a motion was made by Rob Lemanski and seconded by ?Peddiford? to take the funds. This motion *PASSED*.
- ◆ *Beavers?* - The Board of Health gave permission to a homeowner to trap and remove the beaver(s) that is in the small end of the lake. They have done substantial damage to the homeowner's dock and water front.

There is a bill in the Mass House to reinstate trapping them.

The beavers are also below the dam. As mentioned earlier, Skip will be talking to Conservation, Board of Health or the Selectmen regarding them.

Announcements/Reminders/Open Forum:

- ◆ *Boat Parade* – The annual Glen Echo Lake Boat Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at 4:00 pm. Meet in the North end of the lake in front of Bernie Lizotte's house.
- ◆ *Glen Echo Wear* – Another order will be placed this spring. Deadline for the order is 17 June 2007.
- ◆ *Worcester Tornados* – Tickets are available for group outings, with or without a picnic. A notice will be put in the next newsletter to see if there is any interest.
- ◆ *Lions Yard Sale* – The local Lions chapter is holding a yard sale. If you are interested in donating any items, please contact Helene or Bob Doucette.

A motion was made by Judie Benedetti and seconded by ?? to adjourn the meeting. The motion *PASSED*. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Hewitt

For
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Secretary, GEIA