

# GLEN ECHO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## *Minutes*

September 8, 2007

The September meeting of the Glen Echo Improvement Association, Inc. (GEIA) was held at the Senior Center in the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. President Jackie Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

*Secretary's Report* – The Secretary's report for August 2007 was read. A motion was made by Bernie Lizotte and seconded by Skip Bellerive to accept the minutes as read. The motion *PASSED*.

*Treasurer's Report* – The Treasurer's report was unavailable at this time.

- Bills - One (1) bill was submitted for payment.
  1. A bill from Smashmouth for the latest Glen Echo Wear order was presented by Marge Hewitt. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Donna Petters to pay the bill. The motion *PASSED*.

### *Old Business:*

- ◆ *GEIA Property – Committee Update:* The committee met over the proceeding months and has come up with several items which needed to be discussed.
  1. Boulder installation: President Jackie Nowak is going to the 5 September 07 Conservation Commission with a request for determination for the installation of the boulders.
  2. A discussion followed regarding adding two (2) large pylons on either side of the entrance to the property. These pylons could be used in the future for a gate, if needed. A motion was made by Bernie Lizotte and seconded by Donna Peters to install two (2) large pylons at the entrance to the property, one on each side, at the time of boulder installation, for future use. The motion *PASSED*.
  3. Two different signs will be installed on the property to let people know the rules of the property. The committee provided the sign verbiage for review. The larger 30 x30 sign will be installed on the side with the boulders which will contain property use, parking rules and trash policy. The smaller 12x18 "private property" sign will be placed at the entrance to the property on the opposite side. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Pete Roberts to accept the two signs and to install them on the property. The motion *PASSED*.

4. A discussion followed regarding problems with the beach, e.g., trash on the land, tires and chairs thrown in the water, unauthorized after hours parties, etc. Donna Peters indicated that she had checked on installing a light on the property to help light up the area and make it more visible. She indicated that the cost of installing a 50 Watt street light would be ~\$10/month, while a 250 Watt spotlight would cost ~\$30/month. The membership decided to wait on the installation of the light.
  5. Donna Peters indicated that she was able to gather some information regarding the cemetery that is located on the property. It is a burial site for Major Daniel Williams, dated 1791. The Major and his wife are now buried there. Donna indicated that she is looking to get a grant to install a wrought iron fence and headstones at the site.
- ◆ *Lawsuit Update:* A motion to dismiss was filed by the State. The GEIA and the town attached memorandums to the State's motion. The hearing date has not been set yet.

#### ***New Business:***

- ◆ *Drawdown/Lycott/Weeds* – Lycott received a response from the Division of Wildlife and Fisheries regarding our drawdown. They do not have any issues as long as we adhere to a set schedule and refill by 1 April. President Jackie Nowak will go before Conservation Commission regarding the drawdown and subsequent refill by the end of the month (Sept 07) with a request for a 4-ft drawdown to begin 15 Oct 07.
- ◆ *Tax Exemption for GEIA (510c3 Status)* – According to Rob Lemansky's research, GEIA is exempt for the state of Mass as we are registered, incorporated and have a charter. Rob Lemansky said he has not gotten together with Judie Benedetti and Helene Doucette on this yet.
- ◆ *Beavers* – The beavers are still active in the lake. They have been taking trees down along the Rte 31 side of the lake and have a sizeable nest in the North end of the lake. Residents are still having problems with them. President Jackie Nowak said she would check with the Board of Health regarding water quality and if there is anything THEY would do.

#### ***Announcements/Reminders/Open Forum:***

- ◆ *Senior Center Donation* – A motion was made by Bernie Lizotte and seconded by Pete Roberts to make a \$100 donation to Senior Center for the use of their area for the Assn meetings. The motion *PASSED*.
- ◆ A request was made by Frank Zappula to put an article in the fall newsletter reminding residents to maintain their docks. Pieces and entire portions of docks have been found floating in the lake creating hazards to boaters, skiers, etc. A reminder will be included regarding the ice's destructive powers and for residents to be diligent.

- ◆ *Dues increase* – a discussion ensued regarding raising the yearly dues rate to help cover increasing Association costs. The dues have remained at \$15 per year for a long time. A motion was made by Rob Lemansky and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to raise the dues to \$25 for 2008. The motion *PASSED*.

*\*\*President's note: an increase in dues WILL require a change to the bylaws before it can be implemented. This was not discussed at the Sept 07 meeting, so the increase in dues will have to be re-opened at the May 2008 meeting.*

A motion was made by Donna Peters and seconded by Bernie Lizotte to adjourn the meeting. The motion *PASSED*. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nowak  
President, GEIA

For  
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Secretary, GEIA