

BCA Directors & Officers Meeting – June 12, 2021

This meeting was conducted at the Brantingham Golf Club.

ATTENDANCE: Pam Brewer, Kent Martin, Polly Peterson, Gail Roes, Phillip Stark, Gary White, Stephen Widrick, Doug Hunt, Karin Hennigan, Bob McQueen, Sue Lorenzini, Mike Leviker, Marilyn Patterson

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

President Stark opened the meeting with public/membership participation.

Greig Township Supervisor Marilyn Patterson spoke about concerns related to the proposed campground. She stated that everything has been done by the book and that if the campground was denied, the owner would proceed with legal action via article 78. She understood that there are concerns about protecting the lake and she expressed that she shares those concerns and that township meetings are open to the public for concerns to be shared.

Supervisor Patterson commented on the water fund through the town. It gets collected when the town collects taxes and that money goes into a fund in case the Brantingham dam goes out. They have roughly \$12,000 in the fund right now.

President Stark asked what rating the Brantingham dam is currently rated as.

Supervision Patterson said it is currently rated a "C" which is low.

Supervisor Patterson spoke about concerns brought up in the community regarding the boat launch. She provided a surveyors map for the board members to view. The town plans to widen the boat launch and place concrete blocks to separate the launch from the A Frame property.

Kent Martin stated if the campground is approved, there is a chance the owner will allow the BCA to place the boat washing equipment on their property and that the campground could mandate boats be washed before they are put in the lake to prevent invasive species.

Mike Leviker stated the BCA should look for grant money for the boat washing station through Pratt Northam.

President Stark said the board pursued grant money with Soil and Water, but it was not chosen a few years ago and that it was worth looking into more options. He also said

that the current steward contract was through Paul Smith's College and that we went with them because the association is not currently set up to employ staff for any reason.

Supervisor Patterson told the board that there have been questions relating to noise ordinances. She stated there are no laws other than if you hear noise coming from inside a home between the hours of 10pm-7am that is distributive, you can call the sheriff.

President Stark asked what the town's response to the boat launch not being owned by the Town of Greig.

Supervisor Patterson said it is a town road and appeared on the survey.

Doug Hunt said on the Lewis County TIS cloud server it shows up as a town property.

Supervisor Patterson said the land the launch is on was at one time private property and that the property was left to the town of Greig upon the owners passing.

President Stark also asked if the lake is private or public and if the Army Corp of Engineers owns the lake.

Supervisor Patterson said it is owned by DEC and that the town of Greig only owns the Lily Pond.

Pam Brewer said that Carl Rizzo shared with her extensive research that DEC, APA and the town of Greig do not own property on Brantingham Lake. She told the group that Mr. Rizzo is willing to talk to the town or board about it.

Stephen Widrick asked who is in charge of the stimulus money.

Mike Leviker said Thomas Osborne is your county legislator for the town of Greig and that the BCA should get in touch with him as he should be able to provide more information.

Supervisor Patterson said that she encourages people to attend the township meetings and that they can come in person. The building seats about 35.

Mike Leviker said he looked up the definition of a boat launch vs a boat ramp. He said that a boat ramp is defined as a facility maintained and operated for the launching and retrieval of a boat. He also said there is no public dock at the boat launch. He said that if Brantingham Lake were to ever become private that navigation rules would not apply which would be dangerous.

President Stark thanked both Mike Leviker and Supervisor Patterson for attending and sharing information. He also stated that the BCA is not looking to make Brantingham Lake private and that the BCA is focused on it's normal activities of carrying on the aerial spraying, water testing, boat wash steward program and holding community events with the help of our volunteer directors.

Gary White asked Supervisor Patterson if the town would allow the BCA to control the hours of the boat launch.

Supervisor Patterson said she did not believe that was possible legally and that the town's job is to make it accessible and safe.

Mike Leviker said you need to talk to Tom Gunn about these questions. He also mentioned that the only "No Parking" signs at the boat launch that are enforceable are the ones the town put up at the launch.

Supervisor Patterson said those "No Parking" signs were being removed by someone.

Mike Leviker said the BCA might want to look at using a banner at the boat launch to replace the outdated BCA sign.

President Stark asked Supervisor Patterson and the board if they had any information on Pleasant Lake being very low this year.

The group said that the water levels seem to be low this year.

Gail Roes said she heard the water level of Pleasant Lake was still low.

Supervisor Patterson said that at one time they were talking about running a pipe between Brantingham and Pleasant Lake to help control the water level, but that it never happened. She said that Pleasant Lake's water level is not impacted by Brantingham Lake.

Kent Martin stated Pleasant Lake is more dependent on natural water tables and it can't be regulated by a dam.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: President Stark made a motion to approve minutes as presented from the May 1st meeting. Polly Peterson seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Stark motioned that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. Bob McQueen seconded the motion. The motion was so approved by a voice vote.

BCA DINNER MEETING 2021: Mr. Stark states that the 2021 annual dinner meeting will be held virtually as the Brantingham Golf Club will not be able to accommodate. The meeting will be held on Zoom at 10am on July 10th. The Zoom link will be posted on the website, the Brantingham NY Facebook page and a flyer will be made to put up in the community.

BOAT WASHING STATION REPORT: President Stark said we have a new steward that is employed by Paul Smith's College.

Gary White stated that the steward has a key for the equipment, but that the nozzles can't be located.

President Stark stated we need to replace them as soon as possible. A new committee was established for the steward/boat washing station made up of Gary White, Stephen Widrick and Polly Peterson. He stated we need to make sure that the new steward is fully aware of how to properly use the equipment.

AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING REPORT: President Stark stated that we have been fortunate to have two on-time sprays this year. Depending on need, we will have two sprays prior to the 4th of July, but will have at least one more the weekend of the 4th.

NEW BCA DISTRICT: President Stark said there was discussion last year of setting up a new BCA district. He said he spoke with Jeff Duflo and he had some thoughts about where that district should be. His idea was to focus on the areas with the most homes which may be from the Coachlight out to the cemetery. President Stark said that Mr. Duflo did confirm that he can expand the spraying if the BCA approves the district.

Kent Martin asked if Mr. Duflo can supply us with a map.

President Stark said that he will do so and that Roger Abbey has been working on this project and he will coordinate with him on a map and cost.

Stephen Widrick asked if this had to be approved at the annual meeting.

President Stark said there is nothing in the bylaws that prevents us from doing do, but decisions like this are usually made at membership meetings.

Sue Lorenzini asked if we could make a motion at the membership meeting that gives the board the chance to create the district if they can.

President Stark said that if the board wished to take that route and the membership present at the meeting agreed it would work.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Stark
BCA President