

**Sprongs Bluff Landowners' Association  
Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
July 2, 2011**

The Sprongs Bluff Landowners' Association met on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the "Town Hall".

**Present:** Linda Bush, Rick Bush, Bob Colvin, Carol Colvin, Bob Cooper, Ellen Cooper, Cindy Dodge, Jon Ferry, Nancy Fiorentino, David Fitch, Don Foster, Nancy Foster, Bev Garlipp, Tom Garlipp, Ruth Gaylord, Sue Gaylord, Adrienne Kllic, Mike Kllic, Helen Kondolf, Bob Knorr, Bob Laird, Amy Lichti, Manfred Lichti, Barb Lucieer, Scott Lucieer, David Mitchell, Julie Mitchell, Sarah Parsons, Betsy Raynor, Jon Raynor, Chris Reithel, Donna Riter, Doug Riter, Jim Riter, Ed Saphar, Jim Scardinale, Miriam Scardinale, Bill Smith, Mark Strodel, and Freida von Schiller.

President Doug Riter called the meeting to order. He asked all present to introduce themselves.

**Minutes of July 3, 2010:** Secretary Bev Garlipp reviewed minutes of the annual meeting held on July 3, 2010. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes be approved as printed.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer, Ed Saphar distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2011. The report reflects activity during the fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Balance on-hand July 1, 2010	\$5118.61
Receipts	5435.50
Expenses	3324.60
Balance on-hand June 30, 2011	\$7229.51

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. It was agreed that the Landowners Association dues remain at \$100.00 per household for 2011-2012. The snowplowing fees will also remain at \$15.00 per household for seasonal residents and \$30.00 per household for full-time residents. Ed asked residents to pay their 2011-12 dues as soon as possible. It is fine to combine the dues and snowplowing fee into one check. Checks should be made out to Sprongs Bluff Association.

**Report on Road Projects:** Tom Garlipp gave a brief overview of the road work completed in the past year. He reported that the volunteer road crew used six tons of cold-patch to fill potholes in the north/south road. Doug thanked all members of the road crew and the "refreshment crew" who supplied coffee and donuts. The Town of Sodus included Sprongs Bluff on their regular snow plowing route and residents expressed their appreciation of this help.

**Drainage Committee:** Doug reminded members that a Drainage Committee had been formed last year to explore what drainage systems had been put in at Sprongs Bluff in

past years. Doug asked that any information residents had regarding drainage systems be given to him or a member of the Drainage Committee. The committee members are: Cindy Dodge, Manfred Lichti, David Fitch, Bill Jeffers and Nancy Fiorentino.

**Overview of Ownership of Road and Common Areas:** Doug announced that it had been determined that the Sprongs Bluff roads and common areas remain under ownership of the Sprong family. These were not sold to the State of New York as previously thought. The Sprongs Bluff landowners' use of the roads and common areas is a deeded right and will remain so.

**Town of Sodus Supervisor, Steve LeRoy:** Doug introduced Supervisor Steve LeRoy and thanked him for his willingness to attend the annual meeting to answer any questions that residents had regarding the relationship between the Town of Sodus and Sprongs Bluff. Steve announced that the new caretaker for the Beechwood State Park is Trevor Davey.

A question was raised about having town water in the park. Steve said that this is being studied by the town and it is planned that water will at least be piped into the old dining hall building in the camp. When asked if it might be possible for interested residents to obtain an extension of the water system to their cottages, it was stated by Steve that the system could not go from state property to private property. Also the cost would be extremely expensive.

In answer to questions about the use of the park, Steve replied that overnight campers would be allowed only in the existing lean-tos. Campers must register and no motorized vehicles are allowed in the park. There is not a fee for camping, but donations are accepted. Groups camping in the park overnight must provide proof of insurance and sign a contract. The person to contact regarding park usage is Trevor Davey. The Town of Sodus does not have specific plans at this time to use the orchard.

The Town of Sodus Beechwood Committee designed a master plan for usage of the park for the 15 years of the lease. Steve stated that the park will remain a walking park and no motorized vehicles including snowmobiles will be allowed. The Association will get a copy of the master plan.

**Snowplowing of Sprongs Bluff Roads:** When asked if the Town of Sodus will continue to keep the Sprongs Bluff roads on the regular snowplow route, Steve replied that this decision is made by Bill Dubois, Highway Superintendent. Steve thought it was likely that the Sprongs Bluff roads would be plowed again this winter.

**Pennie (Reithel) Dodge:** On behalf of the Reithel family, Pennie stated that there was no change in the use of the Sprongs Bluff roads and common areas since the settlement of the Reithel estate. The residents have deeded rights to use this property. Pennie and her husband now own the fruit stand at the entrance to Sprongs Bluff. They request that materials for recycle pick-up not be left on this property.

**Nature Issues:** Bob Cooper, resident naturalist, addressed concerns that residents had regarding the beaver dam. He stated that he had checked out the activities of the

beavers and the beaver dam is excellent flood control. There is no reason for concern at this time. Bob addressed the problems residents have had with mosquitos this year. He suggested the best solution would be the installation of bat boxes on residents' properties. Mike Kllc offered to help residents build bat boxes. Additional information will be emailed to interested residents and also will be on the Sprongs Bluff website.

**ALASA Academy:** Sharon Maher, Director of ALASA Academy, attended the meeting for the second year and explained that small groups of children would again be at the academy this summer. This year there would be overnights on July 11 and 18 as well as August 1. There will be no activity outside the area of the old Girl Scout camp. Sharon invited residents to view the improvements at the camp and walk the cleared trails.

**Birding at Sprongs Bluff:** Jim Riter introduced David Mathiason who is one of the people responsible for the current bird banding project on the state property. He gave an interesting presentation on the project and how the group is monitoring the migration routes, lifespans and populations of raptors. Watch the Sprongs Bluff website for more information on this project.

**Garbage Pickup:** Manfred Lichti researched companies for garbage pick-up for 2011-2012. He received three quotes it was decided to use the services of Town and Country. Their service will begin on September 1, 2011 and run through August 2012.

Town and Country will pick up recyclables at the dumpster site. They will also pick up larger household items by appointment and there will be free electronics and appliance pick-up once or twice during the year. If you have large items to be scheduled for pickup, let Manfred know and he will try to coordinate a convenient time for Town & Country to collectively pick up the items. Garbage will be picked up weekly on Monday during the summer months and every other week on Monday during the rest of the year. Recyclables will be picked up every other Thursday. Please check the website for the recycle schedule.

Manfred will determine the monthly cost after all interested residents have signed up for use of the dumpster and bills will be emailed to participating residents. From now until the new service begins in September, residents are asked to put recycle bins and bags at the end of the driveway east of the fruit stand.

Manfred reminded residents that large trash items and construction debris are not to be put in the dumpster. The dumpster is for bagged garbage.

**Nominating Committee:** On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Betsy Raynor presented the following slate of officers for nomination:

President:	Doug Riter
Vice President:	Manfred Lichti
Secretary:	Bev Garlipp
Treasurer:	Ed Saphar

A motion was made and seconded to cast one vote to elect this slate of officers for the 2011-13 term. The motion was carried.

Betsy thanked the current officers for being willing to serve for another two-year term. She stated that in 2013 it will be time to replace some of the officers. Residents who are interested in serving as an officer should express this interest to the nominating committee. Interested residents are encouraged to attend executive committee meetings and work with current officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Garlipp