

Sprongs Bluff Landowners' Association
Annual Meeting
Minutes
July 4, 2009

The Sprongs Bluff Landowners' Association met on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the "Town Hall".

Present: Linda Bush, Rick Bush, Peg Cohen, Bob Colvin, Carol Colvin, Bob Cooper, Ellen Cooper, Nancy Fiorentino, David Fitch, Don Foster, Nancy Foster, Bev Garlipp, Tom Garlipp, Ruth Gaylord, Ellen Hobbie, Helen Kondolf, Bob Laird, Amy Lichti, Manfred Lichti, Barb Lucieer, Scott Lucieer, Sarah Parsons, Elizabeth Raynor, Chris Reithel, Doug Riter, Jim Riter, Ed Saphar, Gabriel Saphar, Jim Scardinale, Miriam Scardinale, Bill Smith, Mark Strodel, Frieda von Schiller, Norman Waterman, Barb Wilkins.

President Doug Riter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of July 5, 2008: Secretary Bev Garlipp reviewed minutes of the annual meeting held on July 5, 2008. 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, 2009. The report reflects activity during the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Balance on-hand July 1, 2008	\$2778.14
Receipts (dues paid)	4105.00
Expenses	1737.40
Balance on-hand June 30, 2009	\$5145.74

Ed reported that 32 landowners had paid their 2008-09 dues by June 30th and he thanked the membership for this excellent response.

President's Report: Doug briefly reviewed accomplishments of the past year including work done on the Sprongs Bluff roads and progress in the clarification of our relationship with New York State. He thanked the membership for their patience with projects taking more time than expected and for their support and assistance with work during the year. Doug encouraged members to volunteer for various committees and work crews that would be needed in the months ahead. Sign-up sheets were posted at the meeting.

Report on Road Project: Tom Garlipp gave an overview of the road work completed in the past year. He stated that the Town of Sodus supplied millings and applied them to the north/south road at no cost to the Association. The Town of Sodus put Sprongs Bluff on their regular snow plowing route. Additional snowplowing was provided by Jim Riter, Dave Fitch, and Chris Reithel. A letter of thanks was written by Bev Garlipp to Bill DuBois and his road crew. The letter was available at the meeting to be signed by landowners. Several winter residents expressed their appreciation for the good job done by all to keep the roads cleared this past winter.

The Town does have an issue with crossing the bridge on the east end. They will not take their snow plow across the bridge or scrape the road beyond the bridge. Tom and Bill will discuss this

with Bill DuBois and find out what exactly needs to be done to the bridge to satisfy the Town's requirements. Dave Fitch is assisting with recommendations about gravel similar to the gravel used previously on the east end.

Bill Smith gave an update regarding pot holes in the Sprongs Bluff roads. He stated that gravel used in the past did not work well and he filled four pot holes recently with asphalt cold patch as a trial. The cold patch worked well and the plan is to purchase asphalt in bulk and get a crew of volunteers to fill all the potholes on the north/south road. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to allow the Executive Committee to spend funds as needed to complete the road repairs up to a limit of \$5000. Bill asked those who were available and willing to help with the road work on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 to sign up. At the conclusion of the meeting the following members had volunteered for the Road Repair Crew:

Bill Smith
Tom Garlipp
Doug Riter
Mark Strodel
Rick Bush
Greg Heckler (Fitch)
Scott Lucieer
Gabriel Saphar
Manfred Lichti
Miriam Scardinale - lunch for crew

Ed Saphar reminded members that the long-range plan for the roads was to apply a more permanent cover of oil and stone. The Association is saving funds over a period of years to fund this project.

State Park Relationship: Ed Saphar reported that the Executive Committee had asked him to contact an attorney to request answers to specific questions the Association had regarding our relationship with the State of New York. These questions were:

1. What is the responsibility of NYS for maintenance of the roads and right-of-ways?
2. Who is liable in any legal issues regarding the roads and right-of-ways?

Ed reported that the attorney confirmed that New York State has no responsibility to maintain the roads or right-of ways. The use of these areas is guaranteed to us through deeded rights, however any maintenance is up to the decision of the Association . Ed stated that it does make sense for the Association to continue to improve the roads because that would give the Association stronger negotiation rights later if the State should decide to change or move the roads. Ed also stated that liability was really a "non-issue". The Association is not a legal entity and cannot be sued. It is unlikely that someone would sue all the individual landowners rather than the State.

Bill Smith reported that the New York State Park Police have been patrolling at Sprongs Bluff which is an added security for residents. A request was made to get the phone numbers for the park caretaker and the park police. These numbers will be posted on the Sprongs Bluff website.

Sprongs Bluff Sign: Doug reported that the Executive Committee is pursuing the purchase of new signs designating our 15 MPH speed limit. It was also decided to purchase signs indicating "dead end" and "private" to discourage curious drivers from entering Sprongs Bluff. Quotes are being gathered to purchase a "Sprongs Bluff" sign to be posted near the entrance off Lake Road. George Reithel has given the Association permission to use one of his existing sign frames. Doug explained that this sign would be "low key". The purpose is not to draw attention to Sprongs Bluff, but to be a direction indicator for our visitors and emergency vehicles.

Doug suggested that repairs be made to the Sprongs Bluff Cottages Sign until a decision is reached regarding a new sign. Bill Smith reported that he and Rick Bush had already gathered materials necessary for repairs. Bill asked members interested in helping with the sign repairs to sign up. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following names had been gathered for the Sign Repair Crew:

Bill Smith
Rick Bush
Sarah Parsons
Mark Strodel

Beautification Committee: A sign-up sheet was posted for those interested in being part of the Beautification Committee for the 2009-2010 year. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following members had signed up:

Miriam Scardinale
Barb Lucieer
Carol Colvin
Bev Garlipp

Dues and Fee: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the annual dues remain at \$100.00 for the 2009-2010 year. A second motion was made, seconded, and carried that the fee to assist in paying for fuel used for snowplowing and mowing be assessed at \$30.00 for full-time residents and \$15.00 for seasonal residents. The fee and dues may be paid together and given to Ed Saphar.

Bylaws: Manfred Lichti reported that the Executive Committee had reviewed a set of proposed Bylaws that Manfred had written and also a set of Bylaws that Ed Saphar uncovered which appear to have been completed around 1985. Frieda von Schiller acknowledged that she had written the mid 1980's set. It was agreed that it is time to review the Bylaws and determine what changes might be needed to insure that they are up-to-date. Doug will appoint a committee to do this task. Members who are interested in serving on a Bylaws Review Committee should contact Doug.

Garbage Pickup: Bill Smith reported that the usage of a centralized dumpster has been very successful. It reduced garbage collection costs considerably for those participating and cut down on the number of large trucks driving on Sprongs Bluff roads. He asked landowners who are interested in participating during the July 2009-June 2010 year to sign up indicating how many months of the year they require the dumpster. The cost will be determined by how many residents use the service, but should be around \$10.00 per month payable annually. Bill reminded participants that only bagged garbage is to be put in the dumpster.

Officers: Ed Saphar suggested that in keeping with the terms of office stated in the current Bylaws, the present officers serve for another year. The motion was made, seconded, and carried that the following officers serve for 2009-2010:

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

Landowners' Announcements/Concerns: The following items were brought up by members attending the meeting:

1. Chris Reithel reported that the State is planning to burn down the old house and migrant camp on the State Park property.
2. Bob Cooper expressed interest in having a Sprongs Bluff Directory. It was decided that Bev will once again try to collect information from those members who wish to be listed in the directory.
3. Dave Fitch reported that the weed Swallow-Wort is overtaking several areas at Sprongs Bluff. He showed members an actual sample of the weed and stated that it is toxic to deer and monarch butterflies. It is important that residents be on the lookout for this weed and eliminate it. Links to more information about Swallow-Wort have been posted on the Sprongs Bluff website at www.sprongsbluff.com
4. Amy and Manfred Lichti have created a great website for Sprongs Bluff and are interested in including more history. Any landowners who have old photos, memories, or written histories of Sprongs Bluff are asked to please share them with Amy and Manfred.
5. Mark Strodel reported that he and a few other landowners are having some shore line work done by Dave Lancaster. If other landowners are interested in having shore line work done, please contact Mark. There might be some cost savings in doing projects at one time. Ed Saphar checked on the permit process for having shore line work done. It is the Town of Sodus' responsibility to issue the permits.

A reminder was given to all attending that the second annual Sprongs Bluff parade would start at 2:30 and fireworks would begin at dusk.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Garlipp