

Sprongs Bluff Landowners' Association
Annual Meeting
Minutes
July 3, 2010

The Sprongs Bluff Landowners' Association met on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the "Town Hall".

Present: Janice Axman, Mary Berkelman, Laura Bulau, 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, Greg Heckler, Ellen Hobbie, Adrienne Kllic, Mike Kllic, Karen Kondolf, Bob Knorr, Bob Laird, Amy Lichti, Manfred Lichti, Barb Lucieer, Scott Lucieer, David Mitchell, Julie Mitchell, Sarah Parsons, Betsy Raynor, Jon Raynor, Donna Riter, Doug Riter, Jim Riter, Ed Saphar, Gabriel Saphar, Bill Smith, Mark Strodel, Freida von Schiller, and Norman Waterman.

President Doug Riter called the meeting to order. He welcomed all to the meeting and introduced new residents, Julie and David Mitchell, who purchased the former Phil Freeman property at number 7329.

Minutes of July 4, 2009: Secretary Bev Garlipp reviewed minutes of the annual meeting held on July 4, 2009. 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, 2010. The report reflects activity during the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Balance on-hand July 1, 2009	\$5145.74
Receipts (dues & snow plowing fees paid)	3760.00
Expenses	3787.13
Balance on-hand June 30, 2009	\$5118.61

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. Ed reported that as of today all active homeowners at Sprongs Bluff have paid their 2009-2010 dues in full. This fact was greeted with a round of applause. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Landowners Association dues remain at \$100.00 per household for 2010-2011. It was also moved, seconded, and carried that the snowplowing fees remain at \$15.00 per household for seasonal residents and \$30.00 per household for full-time residents. Mark Strodel reminded all that snowplowing was a concern for seasonal as well as full-time residents in the event that access was needed by an emergency vehicle.

Ed asked residents to pay their 2010-11 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 Highway Superintendent, Bill DuBois approved the bridge on the east end for passage of town trucks. The Town of Sodus included Sprongs Bluff on their regular snow plowing route. A letter of thanks to Bill DuBois, and his road crew was written by Bev

Garlipp and signed by landowners at the meeting. Tom reported that five tons of cold patch were used by the volunteer road crew to patch pot holes.

Tom also reported that he met with Bill DuBois, and Steve LeRoy, Town of Sodus Supervisor, to discuss future maintenance of the roads in Sprongs Bluff. The Town of Sodus has leased the entire Beechwood State Park (the old Girl Scout camp and the former Reithel farm) for 15 years. This fact may lead the Town of Sodus to provide improvements to the roads. No commitments were made, but Tom did feel that the meeting was a positive step and further discussions will be held. Doug announced that Amy Thatcher had obtained a copy of the lease signed by the Town of Sodus and State of New York. Any interested landowners may contact Doug to see a copy of the lease.

State Park Relationship: With the announcement that the Town of Sodus will be leasing the state park, several questions arose regarding the type of usage planned. Doug stated that the lease included a clause that the Town of Sodus was required to submit a plan for usage within 6 months of the date of signing. Tom stated that at his meeting with Steve LeRoy it was discussed that some not-for-profit organizations would be using the camp area, but there were no other details at this time.

This summer ALASA Academy is using the area of the old Girl Scout camp for sessions. The Academy's brochure states, ". . . *the Alternative Learning Academy for Student Achievement, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the nurturing and development of Wayne County, New York children. It was started by a small group of educators, parents and community members to build personalized, creative, challenging, hands-on learning experiences for children in a bully-free, natural environment. At ALASA Academy we strive to ensure that every child's life will be a success story no matter where they live or what school they attend.*"

Sharon Maher, Director of ALASA Academy, attended the meeting and explained that small groups of children would be at the Academy sessions and there would be no activity outside the area of the old Girl Scout camp. She encouraged landowners to view the improvements that her volunteers had made to the camp and offered to answer any questions that landowners had. She stated that ALASA Academy wanted to be a good neighbor to Sprongs Bluff. Doug thanked Sharon for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide this helpful information.

Appreciation for Volunteers: Doug thanked the many volunteers who helped with Sprongs Bluff projects this year including those who plowed snow, repaired the directory sign, constructed the new Sprongs Bluff sign at Lake Road, planted flowers and maintained the flowers by the directory sign, filled pot-holes, organized the community dumpster, maintained the web site and blog, served on the Bylaws Committee, and produced the fireworks display.

Bylaws: Gabriel Saphar gave a brief overview of the proposed bylaws which had been sent to all landowners previously. Discussion was held regarding the statement that each "household" would have one vote. Gabriel stated that the issue of how to count votes was discussed at length by the committee. The fact that some landowners own 2 or 3 properties and some properties are owned by several people makes this issue more complicated. It was decided that the most fair way to count votes was to consider each owner (or in the case of shared ownership, the "group") as a household. Brief discussion was also held regarding the proposed rule that only one family member at a time could serve as an officer. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the bylaws be accepted as proposed. Bev will send copies of the approved bylaws to all landowners.

Garbage Pickup: Manfred Lichti reported that use of the community dumpster was successful last year. Landowners who participated were pleased with the service and cost savings. He reported that K&D Disposal would provide the dumpster for next year (September 2010 through August 2011) for a cost of \$1101.60. He asked all landowners who planned to use the community dumpster to sign up and indicate which months they would use the dumpster. When sign ups are complete, Manfred will divide the total cost by the number of months requested and let participants know what the monthly fee will be. It is estimated that it will be around \$7.50 if the sign up is as large as last year.

Manfred reminded residents that large trash items and construction debris are not to be put in the dumpster or left outside the dumpster. Basically the dumpster is for bagged garbage. Bev will send an email to residents announcing the town clean-up days and residents can dispose of large items then.

Doug reminded residents that there are town regulations regarding the burning of refuse. These regulations will be posted on the Sprongs Bluff web site and all residents are asked to check them.

Bev reminded members of the recycling pick up available in Wayne County. She had copies of the recycling information available at the meeting. Residents are encouraged to participate in recycling.

Landowners' Concerns: The following items were brought to the attention of the Executive Committee during the year:

- **Dogs:** Doug reminded all dog owners that it is expected they follow the town ordinances regarding dogs. All dogs should be under the owner's control at all times. Especially with young children visiting during the summer months, it is important that dogs be kept on the owner's property and under control.
- **Beaver dam:** East side residents in the path of flooding if the beaver dam should be destroyed or washed out in a storm expressed concern regarding control of the dam. Tom advised that the DEC has authority regarding beaver dams and the issue should be brought to their attention. Freida stated that Bill DuBois has a good relationship with the DEC locally. Doug will follow up on this issue with Bill and/or the DEC.
- **Drainage:** Some residents have reported increasing drainage problems on their property. Doug reported that a drainage system was put in place at Sprongs Bluff in the 1960's. Most likely this system has become blocked and deteriorated. Other changes such as road repairs which have changed the slope of the road may be contributing to drainage issues. Doug asked for volunteers to investigate what drainage system is in place and the condition of the system and to also investigate other factors that may be causing drainage issues. The following members volunteered for the drainage committee:

Cindy Dodge
Manfred Lichti
Freida von Schiller
David Fitch

Nancy Fiorentino

Additional Concerns/Announcements:

- Speed limits: Sarah Parsons asked all residents to make sure that their guests follow speed limits posted on Sprongs Bluff roads.
- Bob Cooper announced the first annual Sprongs Bluff Open golf tournament and asked all interested to sign up for the tournament to be held on July 24.
- Betsy Raynor announced that she and Jon had Sprongs Bluff tee-shirts printed and they were available for \$7.00 each. All wishing to purchase a tee-shirt after the meeting should contact Betsy or Jon.
- Mike Klle announced that he would be willing to update names on Sprongs Bluff mailboxes. Some mailboxes remain from previous residents and are not being used. These could be relabeled for use by current residents who wish to receive mail at Sprongs Bluff. All residents are asked to let Mike know if they currently are using a mailbox, have discontinued using a mailbox, or wish to have a mailbox.

Officers for 2010-2011:

Doug reported that the current officers were willing to serve another year until the nominating procedures can be put into place under the newly approved bylaws. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the officers remain the same for the 2010-2011 year. The officers are:

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

Parade and Fireworks:

Doug reminded members of the 3rd annual Sprongs Bluff 4th of July Parade to be held on Sunday, July 4, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. He announced that enough money had been collected to produce another great fireworks display and thanked those contributing. All were invited to watch the fireworks beginning at dusk on Sunday, July 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Garlipp