

**Brantingham Community Association Dinner Meeting – July 31, 2015**  
**Brantingham Golf Course**

The dinner meeting was followed with a presentation of the Town of Greig Survey Analysis by Professor Joel Lalone of SUNY Jefferson. The publication of these results, “Town of Greig Comprehensive Planning Survey – Analysis of Data” is posted on the Brantingham Community Association (BCA) website.

Post dinner meeting was called to order at 8:27 pm

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Copies of the minutes the BCA dinner meeting of August 1, 2014 were distributed prior to the meeting and members were asked to review. **Dave Fisher motioned to accept the minutes to the meeting. Leslie Tietze seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was so approved.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Copies of the treasurer’s report were distributed to tables prior to the meeting. Gail Roes, BCA Treasurer, reviewed the report. Gail acknowledged the hard work of the area directors and thanked members who take the initiative to read the newsletter and turn in their dues with the Membership Form. Gail reports the fish fund is down by \$600 in donations as compared to last year. Brantingham Golf Club has paid their reimbursement for their share of the cost of insect spraying.

**Gail reported total income as of July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$12571.48**

Income includes membership dues, Memorial fund, Fish Fund and reimbursement from the Brantingham Golf Club toward insect spraying of their property.

**Gail reported total expenses as of July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$11,201.93**

Expenses include printing the directory and newsletter, annual donation to the 3-G Fire Department and liability insurance for the BCA Directors and Officers. (This insurance was discussed and approved by the board at previous meetings. Please see [www.brantingham.org](http://www.brantingham.org) for archived minutes to prior meetings.)

Gail reports that the Memorial plaques are being moved to the “4 Corners Sign” when construction is complete.

Gail summarized that spraying is our biggest expense each year. We have lost our surplus funds because of the cost of liability insurance and it appears income and expenses will break even this year. Gail reminded us that the Fish Fund and the Memorial Fund are not expendable monies.

Judy Wenner asked if it was possible to add the library to the membership form for donations.

Judy Wilson reminded the membership that the annual poster sales of fish, tracks, animal, etc partially benefit the fish fund.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2015:** Gail Roes reports that paid membership to date is slightly ahead of last year at this time by 20 memberships. Gail offered kudos to Cindy Andre and Susan Bailey for helping to prepare the newsletter for mailing.

**Polly Peterson motioned that the Treasurers Report be accepted as is. Pat Dowling seconded the motion and the motion was so approved.**

**INSECT SPRAYING:** Eric Martin, BCA President reports that a number of officers and directors met with Jeff Duflo of Duflo Chemical Spray in Lowville, NY. Eric reports that insect spraying is our largest expense. Notes to the meeting are currently posted on the [www.brantingham.org](http://www.brantingham.org) website.

Eric reports that spraying was planned for this evening dependent on wind and temperature.

**INVASIVE SPECIES/BOAT LAUNCH:** Eric Martin reports that he contacted Town of Greig Supervisor Marilyn Patterson about funding a program through the town recreation department that would allow the town to employ an individual to work as a boat steward at the Brantingham Lake Boat Launch. BCA would provide the funds and facilitate the training through Paul Smith's College. Eric reported that he presented the concept to the town board at the May 2015 meeting. Mr. Martin reported that he left that meeting feeling very optimistic about the discussion.

Please see the following minutes from the May 2015 Town of Greig Board Meeting per the [www.townofgreig.org](http://www.townofgreig.org) website

*“PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Patterson introduced Mr. Eric Martin, President of the Brantingham Community Association. He spoke on the idea presented last summer about the need for a launch steward. It is an increasingly discussed issue within the Adirondack Region because of the potential of invasive species being introduced into our lake. If this were to happen, it has been demonstrated that assessed asset values would drop by 10 to 20 percent. Mr. Martin will speak to the BCA Directors at their board meeting next week about funding a steward for a number of Saturdays this coming summer. If this happens, he is asking if the Town would handle the employment issues for this person. The Board generally agreed this would be a doable action. The County Soil and Water Department has a “materials collection” box that could be placed at the launch and the steward could make use of this item. We will continue to discuss this action at the next board meeting.”*

Comments from the minutes of the Town of Greig Board Meeting June 2015 per the [www.townofgreig.org](http://www.townofgreig.org) website

*“Mr. Gunn presented a sign from the DEC website. A new law requires it be posted no later than September 23, 2015 at all public launches in New York State. Signs encourage boat owners to wash their boats after each use. Sign must be 18 inches by 24 inches in size. Mrs. Patterson said she could have the sign laminated and ready to post. Mr. Watson indicated he could have the sign placed at the launch. Board agreed this was a good plan.*

*Mrs. Patterson made the Board aware that the Brantingham Community Association will sponsor a launch steward this summer. The person they have chosen is already working for the Summer Youth Program. BCA will move funding to a Town special fund to pay the employee at the rates BCA has agreed to. This leaves the Town with the responsibility to account for the pay, including withholdings and liability. Mr. Mallette questioned if the Board should be included to approve this action, but no motion was made.”*

There is no mention of the proposal during the July 2015 Town of Greig Board Meeting.

Eric reports that we will need to re-address the issue for the 2016 boating season. Eric reports that in May he attended a meeting of the New York State Federation of Lake Association (NYSFOLA) in Hamilton, NY. The meeting provided information about grant funding that will become available to lakes that have an existing boat launch steward program.

There was comment that perhaps some of the tax dollars could be used to fund a boat launch steward program.

Pat Dowling suggested that Brantingham property owners attend the Town of Greig Board meetings and express their desire to protect the lake, “we need property owners to pressure on the Town to generate a sense of urgency to protect the lakes”. Mr. Dowling recommended more owners contact the board to consider these issues.

Polly Peterson asks if contact information for the Town of Greig Board could be placed on the BCA website.

Pat Dowling states that the Town of Greig Survey and its analysis provide good information, but what actions is the town going to take in regard to the survey results supporting protection of lakes and streams.

A member asked if there was any discussion from the town about installing equipment to clean the boats. Eric Martin responded that the 3-G fire station was approached but the concept was

not plausible. The boat launch cannot be used because any debris would wash into the lake. Mr. Martin suggested perhaps a location on Brantingham Road.

Pat Dowling, former BCA President, reports that he has proposed these ideas to the town and there were significant concerns from the town board with respect to potential environmental impacts, location, and cost. He reported that the town board was hesitant to take on additional financial burdens for a boat steward and refused to accept liability for the buoys. Mr. Dowling also stated that it is important for homeowners to let the Town of Greig Board know how you feel about issues and suggested the BCA provide guidance for a clear message to the town.

Polly Peterson stated that we need local people to run for the town board.

Bob Hindman states that it is important to speak to all members of the board and try to sway each vote individually.

Dave Rider asks if a petition would be in order and if it would carry any weight.

Eric Martin responded that the board seems lackluster in their response to anything. He reminds us that it is important to attend the Town of Greig meetings to ensure your voice is heard.

Judy Wilson commented that the Town of Greig Planning Board may be more receptive and “I say that as a member of the town planning board”.

Pat Dowling asked if there should be a meeting between the BCA and the town planning board.

**TOWN OF GREIG MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM. Minutes to all board meetings are posted at [www.townofgreig.org](http://www.townofgreig.org)**

**TOWN OF GREIG PLANNING & ZBA BOARD MEET 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY at 5:30pm and 6:30pm RESPECTIVELY.**

Mrs. Predmore asks if there is a way to encourage those who rent to post documentation regarding invasive species. Eric Martin responded that there was a flyer distributed in the past designed to be posted for renters use, but we have not distributed anything recently.

Vicky Fisher suggests that we distribute information door to door and educate property owners. Polly Peterson offered to update the information. Vicky Fisher stated she would be willing to laminate it

**4 CORNERS SIGN:** Eric Martin reports that the sign is new, not done, but larger and will have solar lights. The map is being printed and the signs should be completed in the next few weeks. 1/3 of the sign will be dedicated to the Brantingham Arts Council and the remainder will be for BCA information. Hopefully, it will all be completed by Labor Day.

**SHERIFFS REPORT:** Eric Martin reports that there has been a reported incident of possible illegal dumping on Lily Pond of what appeared to be asphalt shingles. Eric reports that the witness viewed a red canoe, a couple (male and female) dumping the items and then pushing them down into the water with their paddles. Mr. Leviker reports that illegal dumping is taken very seriously by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Leviker asks that anyone who saw anything please contact him.

Mr. Leviker reports that the Lewis County Sheriff's Department offered several New York State Safe Boating classes this year. Attendance was down this year and he believes this is due to the availability of online safe boating classes. The courses typically cost \$30.00 and take several hours to complete. However, Mr. Leviker states that the hands-on courses are more effective.

Mr. Leviker asked the membership if they would be interested in having a planned boat inspection event on the lake this Saturday from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Mr. Leviker reports he could check the boats for required equipment and no tickets would be written.

Several issues were reported including cars blocking a driveway at the boat launch. Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker encouraged members to call the administrative line and report any issues with as much detail as possible. Take picture if possible of boat registration number, etc.

Deputy Sheriff Leviker reports that he has issued 6 tickets this year. He states it can be difficult to catch infractions as boaters are aware when he is on the lake. One member reported that she was taking a picture of boat coming close to her lakefront and now they are staying away from her camp.

**BCA BY-LAW REVISIONS:** Eric Martin reports that parts of the by-laws may no longer be necessary and need to be revised. However, after reviewing the minutes, it was determined that there were only two sections to be revised. The BCA board members will address the changes at the next BCA Directors and Officers Meeting.

**BCA BOARD ELECTIONS:** Eric Martin reports that according to the BCA By-laws the President and Treasurer are up for re-election in odd numbered years. Eric announced that he has accepted a liaison position with the New York State Federation of Lakes as an Adirondack Park Representative. Because of this Eric request to be appointed for one more year rather than elected to a two year term.

**Pat Mooney-Loucks motioned that Eric Martin be appointed for a one-year term as BCA President. Dorry Boni seconded the motion. The motion was so approved.**

Eric Martin announced that the Vice President position remains open and needs to be filled ASAP.

Treasurer Gail Roes and the odd numbered area directors are also up for re-election on odd numbered years. These directors include Gary White, Polly Peterson, Karl & Pat Keiffer, Bob Hindman, Collette Vanyo and Chris Murphy. **Judy Wilson motioned that Gail Roes and the current area directors as listed on agenda be re-elected for a two-year term. Sue Lorenzini seconded the motion and the motion was so approved.**

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Murphy  
BCA Secretary

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**LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**376-3511**

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and give as much information as you can.**

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