

Civic Association of Smallwood
General Membership Meeting of May 29, 2010 at the Lodge

Present: Pat Roggero, Patsy Canavan, Peter Conroy, Frank Wolf, Bob Barrett, Bob Rothermel, Dale Borris, Mia Schober-King, Tammy Ierardi, Marge Cola, Mary Ann Burke

Pat opened the meeting at 10:05 am with a pledge of allegiance to the flag, and then introduced the Board members present.

Treasurer: Frank reported that we have: \$10,476.29 in the Civic account; \$19,746.45 in the lake account; \$89,269.30 in the lake capital fund; \$7,321.33 in the building account; \$7,326.33 in the legal fund; and \$1,838.68 in the playground account.

Beach: Patsy reported that the beach will open June 26. T shirts will be available. Peter announced that Sat. June 5, will be clean up day at beach. Chips will be available to be spread under play equipment. Also need help with delivery of Tim Quick's play equipment.

Building Frank said that partitions are up in toilets, and a drop ceiling. Men's toilet not working yet. A building committee will be held, and then hope to start working on outside walls.

Peter announced that the cracks on the tennis courts have been sealed. Hal Saltzman is bringing a team on June 6 to paint the lines.

Lake Pat announced that Paul Martin will organize a lake patrol. She then introduced Paul, who was present, and he asked for volunteers. Dale is the Board member overseeing the committee.

A gentleman has had a problem with his kayak being overturned at the boat launch and stuck between two heavy boats. There is also a problem with overflowing trash cans there. Frank asked for volunteers to help maintain the boat launch.

Peter explained that the beach sand looks so good, because Matt Cooper did such a good job raking the sand back from the water.

Anthony Di Prima complained about the possibility of being harassed about over having a life jacket on board, but that is our requirement for using the lake.

Entertainment Pat had copies available of all the planned activities for the summer.

She then introduced Daniel Sturm, Town of Bethel supervisor, and David Sager, our county legislature. Dan spoke of the new zoning regulations, giving Smallwood a special status. Also after nonpayment of taxes, the County now owns the Smallwood golf course and has taken it off the tax auction. Working with Denise Frangipane and the Open Space Institute, they hope to provide a conservation development.

David Sager spoke of Sullivan County's motion to intervene in regard to FERC's possible transfer of hydroelectric license from Alliance to Hudson Energy Partners. There is concern that Alliance is not in compliance with the license and strong concern

that Hudson Energy Partners might use the reservoirs and land for gas drilling.

Bob spoke of attending Town of Bethel board meetings, plus planning and zoning boards when relevant. Urged members to attend these meetings to show concern for what is happening here. He said that it is encouraging to hear, after 8 years of trying, that the town and county are now speaking up for the second access at Toronto dam, as required by the FERC license. The comment period has been extended to July 7.

Mary Ann spoke for friends of Toronto and Nino Nananarone, who could not attend. She has copies of letters to be signed or sent individually to FERC, asking to deny transfer of license until in compliance.

David Sager also said that the County had offered to buy the hydroelectric system from Alliance, without success.

Bob also spoke of the Iroquois Hunt Club lawsuit against Woodstone, etc. and the County over property rights.

Bob R. will be checking the water in the lake on a regular basis, for swimming safety.

Cynthia La Caprucia asked about the possible Renaissance grant for the playground. The playground committee no longer existed, was not communicating with the Board, and we did not have the resources available to pursue it. Jonathan Hyman recommended starting over with a new committee. Anthony Di Prima was invited to lead it. Denise Frangipane spoke of the kind of help with grants that is available, and said at present one can apply for a youth initiative program. Which depends on someone organizing the youth.

Patsy won the raffle.

Closed at 11:15 am.

Mary Ann Burke, secretary