

Glastonbury Landowners Association

Newsletter ❧ January 2014

Executive Officers / Committee Chairs

New GLA Board Officers were elected at the December 9, 2013 monthly board meeting. Standing board member Alyssa Allen will serve as board President, new board member Ross Brunson will serve as Vice-President, new board member Donna Lash-Andersen will serve as Secretary, and standing board member Sheridan Stenberg will continue to serve as Treasurer.

Road Management Committee

Rich Spallone, a standing board member, and Robert Wallace, a new board member, were appointed to serve as Co-Chairs of the Road Management Committee. Rich will coordinate immediate decisions on South Glastonbury roads and Robert the same for North.

Road and Weed Committee

Co-chairs for this committee, which functions under the Road Management Committee, are Rich Spallone and Robert Wallace. Other appointees are board members Sheridan Stenberg, Paul Ranttalo and Gerald Dubiel along with landowners Walter Wunsch and Charlene Murphy.

Project Review Committee

New board member Robert Branson will co-chair this committee with standing member Gerald Dubiel. Alyssa Allen, former chair of this committee, will work with them.

Election Committee

Sheridan Stenberg was appointed to chair this committee, a post she previously held, and standing board member Laura Boise will work with her.

Budget Committee

Sheridan Stenberg was also appointed to chair this committee, another post she previously held. She will be assisted by standing board members Scott McBride and Laura Boise and by landowner Regina Wunsch.

Governing Document Committee

This committee has been formed to review the GLA's governing documents and to propose possible amendments and revisions which would then be presented to the membership for a vote. Robert Branson and Donna Lash-Andersen were appointed to co-chair this committee. They will be assisted by board member Scott McBride and new member Ross Brunson and landowners to be appointed.

Communications Committee

Alyssa Allen and Donna Lash-Andersen will co-chair this committee, which is intended to link and coordinate the web site, newsletter, the former Community Committee and other correspondence as

needed. Ross Brunson and Laura Boise will also serve on this committee.

Janice McCann Appointed to Board

The GLA's newest board member is North Glastonbury member Janice McCann, who was appointed to fill a NG board vacancy (caused when Janet Naclerio resigned at the end of December, 2013) by unanimous vote at a special board meeting in January. The board cited Janice's relevant bookkeeping experience as an important skill-base for the board.

Thank you, Former Board Members

A formal thank-you to our former board members, Richard Bolen (former President), William Smith (former Co-chair of Executive Road committee), Ken Haug for his work on the new web site, and Sean Halling who served on the Road Committee. Your leadership and service is appreciated.

Plus a thank-you to our long-standing former Secretary, Janet Naclerio, who resigned in late December after serving our community for eleven years. Janet says it is time for her to volunteer her services in other ways. We wish her well.

Community-wide Road Meeting – Feb. 19

All landowners are invited to a community road meeting to be held Wednesday, Feb. 19th at St John's Church from 7 to 9 pm. Bring your questions and suggestions to share with neighbors and the Road Committee.

The GLA strives to clear roads when snow accumulates to 2" on pavement and 4" on gravel roads, and to mitigate slippery conditions by sanding when possible. Daytime melting and freezing can cause changing road conditions, and driving slowly and cautiously is recommended.

Landowners must do their part by having a winter-ready vehicle with adequate tires and clearance for the area in which they live. It is wise to carry a shovel and a bag of kitty litter or sand for traction. Warm clothing, a tow rope and emergency items are recommended for winter driving. Never drive in blizzard conditions, which can be life threatening. If you notice a road situation that needs attention, drifting snow, etc. please call the following road captains:

North Glastonbury – Robert Wallace: 333-4049

South Glastonbury, Arcturus Rd. – Dan Kehoe: 333-4222

South Glastonbury, Leo Dr. – Darryl Windorski: 223-5863

High South Glastonbury – Tim Brockett: 333-4688

Note: The GLA does not plow private driveways.

The GLA's official website is: www.GLA-MT.org

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Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend

The 2014 GLA board meeting schedule was finalized at the January 13, 2014 board meeting, and the Annual Meeting and Elections was set for November 8, 2014. With but a few exceptions the meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at St. John's Church (across from the Emigrant Post Office) at 7 pm.

Monthly Board Meetings:

February 10, 2014
March 10, 2014
April 14, 2013
May 12, 2014
June 9, 2014
July 14, 2014
August 11, 2014
September 15, 2014
October 6, 2014
November 3, 2014
December 8, 2014

Annual Meeting & Elections:

November 8, 2014

Lawsuit Update

The Supreme Court has now ruled in favor of the GLA on the 3rd and 4th lawsuits which have had to do with the issues of 1) Minnick Management being hired as an agent; 2) the Erickson's variance project; 3) guesthouses being assessed as dwelling units; and 4) voting practices. Shortly following the Supreme Court's decision, the O'Connells filed a petition for re-hearing, which the Supreme Court has denied. So these issues have now been put to rest.

The first lawsuit, which was initially dismissed by the District Court, has been amended and is still in process. Though all of these lawsuits are covered by our liability insurance, we anticipate an increase in our premium and our deductible as a result of these legal expenses paid by the insurance company, now totaling approximately \$50,000. The board has budgeted for these increases in our 2014 budget.

The lawsuit documents are posted on our website so that any of those interested may review the filings to see the details of the cases.

Policy for Length of Board Service

At the December board meeting, the board determined that in order to ensure a continuity of tasks being handled by board members and officers, it will not be until the first board meeting after the annual elections that out-going directors will relinquish their duties.

Animal Owner Reminders

A HEADS-UP to all animal-owners. Per GLA Covenant 4.02, "Landowners desiring to raise or keep animals of any kind, including dogs and pets, must restrain them within their own land to insure they will not trespass on other parcels or adjoining roads or land. Landowners are solely responsible to insure that none of the animals kept on their land shall harass or threaten humans, livestock or wildlife or shall cause a nuisance of any kind...."

We are citing this covenant with the expectation that reports of dogs running loose on our roads and across private property will soon become a thing of the past.

New GLA Website to be Functional Soon

The new GLA website is nearly ready to go on-line. Kudos to Ross Brunson, our Vice President and "technical advisor" who has been developing the new site. It is the board's intention to use the new website to significantly expand communications with landowners.

Immediate plans call for the board to enhance the previous site's set of information, reduce the steps needed to find information and add new features, functionality and information as appropriate. The board is considering how the site could be used for regular communications via blog posts or articles on the site, as well as encouraging landowners to sign up for e-mail lists that will distribute meeting notices, important updates and announcements.

At the committee level, the Governing Document Committee, for example, hopes to use the new web site as the vehicle to report to the landowners on their proposals and in turn receive input from interested landowners.

Board President Alyssa Allen calls this "one of the most exciting new developments for the GLA in a long time."

New Project Review Forms

The board is pleased to announce that a major revision to our project review forms has been completed. The forms have been re-designed to make the project review application process easier to understand and have been simplified. The new forms packet is posted on our website (www.GLA-MT.org) and may be downloaded as a PDF.

Please note that our Covenants require that all building projects, regardless of size, as well as improvements to property (such as divisions of land, boundary adjustments, wells, drainfields, driveways, etc.) be reviewed by the Project Review Committee and approved by the board prior to commencing work on the project. Applications should be turned in to the Project Review Committee at least two weeks prior to the monthly board meeting.