

Glastonbury Landowners Association

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Amendments to Bylaws Pass

Thank you landowners for bringing GLA communications into the 21st Century! The GLA Board is pleased to announce that the vote to amend the Bylaws allowing meeting notices and other communication via e-mail has passed. The Special Meeting for this purpose was announced in the March 14 mailing and held on April 14 in Emigrant. In order for the proposed amendments to pass, a quorum of 74, which is 25 percent of the membership eligible to vote at the time, first had to be reached, and then 51 percent of the votes cast would need to be in favor of the amendments. With a total of 86 votes cast, quorum was reached. 80 landowners voted in favor with 6 opposed to the amendment allowing notice to members by e-mail, and 78 votes were in favor with 8 against allowing notice to the board via e-mail.

As a result of the approved amendments the board is developing an e-mail opt-in form that will be sent out to all landowners in the near future. Ross Brunson will be developing the backend processes to handle this ambitious program.

Note: Only those who submit their hardcopy form will receive the type of communication they select by e-mail.

Any e-mail addresses provided to the Association will be kept as confidential information and will not be distributed to other parties.

Dan Kehoe Appointed to Board

At the April Special Meeting of the Board, Dan Kehoe was elected to complete Rich Spallone's term that ends in November 2014. Dan has previously served on the Board and his many years of experience are appreciated by all.

North Glastonbury Board Opening

Donna Lash-Andersen has resigned from the board effective April 10. The Board will be appointing a person to complete the remainder of her term, which expires in November 2015. We thank Donna for her service and wish her the best. NG landowners interested in serving on the board should address a letter of intention to the GLA. In particular, there is a strong need on the board for secretarial and administrative skills. Candidates are encouraged to attend the May 12 board meeting.

Sheridan Stenberg Appointed Secretary

Sheridan Stenberg has agreed to temporarily fill the vacant officer position of Secretary.

Help Keep Glastonbury Beautiful

Spring is a time we realize how beautiful Glastonbury really is, and as the winter snows recede, the opportunities to cleanup trash reveal themselves. We can each help beautify our community by considering what we can do to improve our own property and then extending our clean-up efforts to the edges of our community roads. Inoperable vehicles can be removed by Park County at no charge. Contact the Park County Extension office at 222-4156 for more information.

Committee Developments

The **Governing Document Committee** is continuing to meet on a regular basis, and some adjustments have been made to its structure in order to ensure its success. The newly-elected Chairperson for the committee is NG resident Chad Stone, with Jerry Ladewig of SG filling the Vice-chair position. Board member Dan Kehoe has been appointed as the board representative for the committee.

Meetings for this committee are held every 2 weeks on Thursday evenings at the cafeteria room in Spectec, thanks to Walter and Regina Wunsch who have generously made this location available at no charge. All landowners are encouraged to attend these meetings and contribute their ideas. Please check the GLA website regularly for ongoing developments and input opportunities.

The Board recently formed the **Website Committee** as a Sub-Committee of the Communications Committee. Ross Brunson serves as committee chair with Scott McBride as member.

Robert Branson has been added as a member to the **Communications Committee** and will co-chair the committee with Alyssa Allen.

Please check the website for a complete listing of committees and personnel.

More Website Developments

The Website Committee has been hard at work continuing to expand the information and links on the GLA website, www.glamontana.org, in addition to keeping existing information up-to-date. Enhancements include new contact options for voice and e-mail, a constantly-updated "Calendar of Events," downloads of legal case files, and a "Latest News" section.

Weed Spraying Information

The Association is responsible for weed abatement in the platted road easements and on Common Land, and spraying generally occurs each year in June. Some landowners are concerned about the application of chemicals on their property, and do not want the easement portion of their parcel sprayed. Please keep in mind that it is each owner's responsibility to remove weeds, and if you are handling weed abatement yourself, you may place "no spray" signs visibly along the easement areas of your property. If the weeds are not removed prior to the time of spraying, the weeds will be sprayed.

As a natural approach, Stuart Shilling, whom we have contracted for weed spraying, recommends spraying a soap or vinegar solution directly on weeds, or pulling them. Cutting them can be effective if this is done before they go to seed. All methods of removal should be followed by planting grass seed.

The much-requested information about what chemicals are currently used by the County to spray the roadsides will be posted soon on the GLA website.

The GLA's official website is: www.glamontana.org