

# Otsego Lake Association

## Board of Directors Meeting # 1 Cooperstown, NY 8/28/02

Attendance: only absence was Karin Svahn

### 1. Boat Wash

#### A. Cooperstown

Presentation to Cooperstown Board favorably received, study authorized and subsequent meetings held with village department heads ( see Ted Peters' report). Objection of Lake Front Motel owners re impact on their business led to venue change of own garage. DEC concerns re run off addressed. Village advertising for positions to man wash station. Costs could be lowered if Americorps can be used.

ACTION: Carl to develop map (directions) to wash station.

#### B. Springfield

Bob E made presentation to town board 8/12 (minutes distributed at meeting). Although there was some receptivity to the need to take some actions to reduce the likelihood of zebra introduction the wash station was rejected. After much and varied discussion re how to proceed.

ACTION: Mary C, to contact Tom Armstrong and arrange a meeting to include Bob E. prior to next Springfield Board Meeting to update him on status of OLA efforts/ status of Cooperstown wash, and ascertain his concerns/ objections.

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ACTION: Dan and Mary to distribute Springfield launch information to local businesses.

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**3. By-laws** committee is in process of drafting. Draft will be reviewed by Board prior to being submitted to OLA membership for approval.

ACTION: Bob E. to ensure that Board review and comment is factored into bylaws and then schedule for the OLA membership meeting.

### 4. Meeting Frequency

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### 5. Communications

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ACTION: Directors to be prepared to discuss at next BoD meeting.

### 6. Land Use Variances

Concern re the varying regulations and application thereof between the 4 municipalities. Variances that are approved that allow greater density around the lake are of particular concern.

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ACTION: Burr S. to obtain copy of Middlefield law on land usage.

### 7. Treasurer Report

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#### **11. BoD Communications**

Addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, obtained for all Directors.

ACTION: Bob to have info typed and distributed to all Directors.

ACTION: Directors to advise Bob ASAP of any issues raised at town meetings, planning board meetings, etc that the Board should be aware of or that require action.

#### **12. Internet Capability**

Burr presented a proposal to use the internet for communications, meeting minutes, etc.

ACTION: Burr to finalize proposal.

*Submitted by Doug Willies, 9/3/02*

*Approved: RE*