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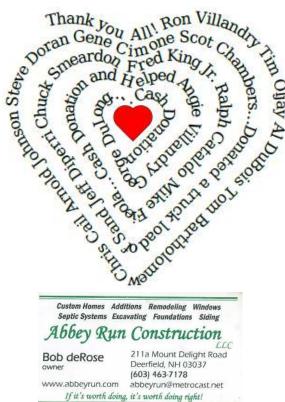
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# Thanks to the PLAY GROUND GANG!!!!





Thanks to Ron Villandry for stepping up to oversee the playground project! His time and dedication to the success of this project will be seen on the faces of our kids for many years to come! You may have noticed that the playground equipment will be around for a long time! We can also throw in a donation from Ron for a truck load of sand, his equipment and his expertise. Thank you Mr. Villandry!

Thanks to Tim Oljay who jumped in fulltime on this project, (Took a day off to make sure this was built correctly!). Tim was instrumental in the operational needs to put it together correctly!

Thanks to Al DuBois for his help with delivering materials, his expertise, his continued whatever I can do for the campground work! Top Shelf Al!

Talk about a volunteer effort!!!

# Baxter Lake Recreation Area

### August

Sat. Aug 1- Roast Pork Dinner 5-6PM @ Lodge

Basket Raffles – Basket Donations Welcomed

DJ John Cox 6:30-10:30 @ Lodge

Sat. Aug 8 - Halloween Crafts on the Beach 3PMTrick or Treat 5-7PM

Country Roads Band 7PM @ Pavilion

Sat. Aug 15 - Yard Sale @ Pavilion 9AM

Sat. Aug 22 - Scavenger Hunt @ Beach 124PM

Sat. Aug 22 - DJ Barry 7PM @ Pavilion

Sat. Aug 29 - Kids Candy Bingo 10AM @ Lodge

Sat. Aug 29 - Car Races 7PM @ Pavilion

## September

Sat. Sep 5 – BOD Cookout 12-2:30PM @ Beach

DJ Roy @ Beach, 12-4 & 7-11PM.

Sun. Sep 6 - Enjoy the day with Friends and Family!

## PLEASE REMEMBER....

Association Members, their families, and guest(s) that they must not dispose of any items such as sanitary napkins, baby wipes, tampons, applicators, and such items that will cause the septic system to clog up. Putting these items into our septic system will put our system into the risk of causing the pumps to malfunction in which we may have to shut off the water to be able to

## **For Sale**

2 Sites: 217 + 218 (CCw-19 + 20), Trailer, Florida Room, Roofed Deck, 2 sheds, Golf Cart, 3 Wheel Scooter. \$59,900 Call 508-736-1254

Site A-24/295

Trailer (Furnished), Lot, Golf Cart, Canoe Asking \$33,900.00 Call Glen 978-210-3338

Site 176 Park Model w/Addition Completely redone inside and out \$55,000.00 firm.







#### BLRAA Happenings

<u>Bulletin:</u> We have been advised that Kathy Galvin has <u>withdrawn</u> as a BOD candidate due to personal reasons. Do not vote for her.

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#### Saturday Activities 8-22-2015

Scavenger Hunt at 12:00, at the Beach

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#### Reminder

Meet the candidates - August 22 - Has been cancelled

<u>Scot Chambers</u> ......225-A098

Raymond Grace .....194-CCV046

John McSheehan .....244-CCV061

Write in - Maria LaLumier.....265/A109

Write in - *Ron Villandry*...... 272/273 - A67/A68

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Weekly Activities: Game nights @ lodge

Tuesday @ 6:30pm Cards & Dominoes - Thursday @ 6:30pm Cards & Dominoes

Bingo every Friday night @7:30pm Horseshoes 10:00 am Saturday @ horseshoe pits

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Road Supplies at the holding area is for the use of the road crew only

It is not for the use of individual owners for any reason

Thanks to Mary Cieslik for donating gardening books (for learning/reference) for people to borrow.

Cat & Charlie assembled a bookcase at the lodge for the books.

Our roads have improved and it is now very easy to exceed the speed limit (by a lot), like 20, 25 mph

The speed limit is 5 mph - everyone please obey

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden. :-)

Visit the BLRAA web site http://www.blraa.com

Contact <u>blraa ray@outlook.com</u> to be put on the Happenings email. list

We have a bulletin board at the lodge for owners use - to sell, give away (free) or wanted items including Sale of Site. Use the 3x5 cards only for listing your items.

August, 2015

From: Finance Committee

To: BLRAA Members

Dear Members,

The Finance Committee would like to seek your opinions for projects and/or upgrades you would like to see completed over the next 1-5 years.

In 2009, a similar finance committee led by Paul Carter put together a similar request. The response was instrumental in finding out what you wanted in your campground for years to come! As a result projects you prioritized were completed and finance appropriately.

Our plan is to get your responses, compile the information and report back to you the results, hopefully at the September BOD meeting.

Let's find out what direction and your ideas how to get there! Please mail your responses back to

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Or Email to

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As a team, let's continue to improve our facilities and improve the great thing we have going.

Thank You,

The Finance Committee

Dues increase	Assessment					What do you think is the best way to pay for increased operational costs?
Dues Increase	Have an Assessment	s	Rease write in a different amount if you wish!	No	Ϋ́α	Our present Capital Account has been depleted due to Water and Sewer Projects. Would you like to re-fund the Capital Account to 2014 levels of \$80,000?
		I Don't want it Done	Not a Priority	Three to Five Years	Priority one year	Explore a Management Company for Baxter Lake
		I Don't want it Done	Not a Priority	Three to five Years	Priority one year	Explore Paving Project on Baxter Lake Roads
Dues increase	Have an Assessment	I Don't want it Done	Not a Priority	Three to five Years	Priority one year	Add Additional Items to the Playground/\$8,000.00
Dues increase	Have an Assessment	I Don't want it Done	Not a Priority	Three to five Years	Priority one year	Re-Build the Bee Hive Grill /\$15,000
Dues increase	Have an Assessment	I Don't want it Done	Not a Priority	Three to Five Years	Priority one year	Complete the Lodge Kitchen / \$15,000
e Fund?	How Do We Fund?					
Dues Increase	Don't want it Done   Have an Assessment	I Don't want it Done	Not a Priority	Three to Five Years	Priority one year	Example Build a Dog Park
e Fund?	How Do We Fund?					

Most Important
Rese list all items you would like to see or not see that
is not listed above and list its priority.

| One Year            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Three to five years |
| At Some point       |
| News                | Never               |

10:10 A.M.: Meeting called to order by Pres. Sahrbeck.

Rollcall : Tim Proctor, Al Dubois, Don Williams, Deb. Sahrbeck, Tony V. , Kevin Johnson, Carol Colella, Brenda Kenney, Kevin Yeaton.

Secretary's Report: Sec Johnson presents typed minutes of previous BOD Meeting, held July 26, 2015. These are audio recorded and transcribed into type form by Sec. Johnson. Pres Sahrbeck asks for motion to accept the Sec report as is. Motion to accept report by Kevin Yeaton, seconded by Brenda Kenney. All in favor none opposed. Accepted as written.

Treas. Report: Tim asks that the treas. Report be deferred until the audit is completed which will be conducted first week in August. Tim does however ask the financial statement presented for the month of June be accepted by the BOD. Motion to accept financials made by Director Johnson, seconded by Don Williams. All in favor, non-opposed. Accepted as presented.

#### Committee Reports:

Activities: Brenda Kenney reports the Pork Dinner will be held at the Lodge next Saturday. Brenda reports the Pancake Breakfast did not do as well as it could have. Attendance at the park has been down and could have been the reason for poor attendance. Door prizes will be given out at the Pork Dinner on Sat. next. Donations for dessert baskets are being accepted for the Pork Dinner as well.

Const. Committee (Bldg & Maint.) Al Dubois reports nothing new, playground is being constructed by Ron Villandry and many other volunteers. The swing set at the playground had been painted and cemented into the ground. New seats and chains will replace the old ones presently hanging. New sand will be raked into the playground area. Al personally thanked Ron V. who was present at the BOD monthly meeting which drew great applause from members in attendance.

Water & Sewer Tony V. reports hydrants have been replaced and new install of water connections throughout the campground. 15 active requests were submitted and to this time most are completed. Brad will continue to install the services and hydrants until all are completed. The sewer project is complete and in full operation. Minor electrical work stills needs to be done. Sewer pump filters are on hold due to inability to purchase them for financial reasons, and requests members to be careful not to throw anything into the toilet that could jam up the pumps. Tony reports a Dehumidifier is needed at the well house and should be installed ASAP. The well house interior is extremely wet from the extreme humidity. Water is drinkable should members choose to. Chlorine is no longer in use and the tank will be removed and returned.

Newsletter: Tim informs the BOD the newsletter will be released within the next few days. Hopefully by July 7, 2015.

Roads & Grounds: Don Williams reports, Nothing new to report. Pres. Sahrbeck asks Don about the snowplowing contract bids for 2015/2016. Don states he has 3 quotes are being submitted and will be presented to the BOD for review prior to approval. No further questions.

Safety: Brenda Kenney, There are safety issues with ATV's throughout the campground. Brenda reminds all members that rules are in place for safety reasons for all who use them. OHRV. Under 16 no license can't have passengers on their ATV. Brenda is concerned that due to the increased operation of them, accidents could occur.

Site Control; Carol Colella & Kevin Yeaton: Carol reports that for the month of July, 13 permits were issued and granted. Crush stone, tree removal, garden plots, curb valve install to name a few of the permits granted. No questions by BOD.

Boat Docks: Kevin Yeaton, Nothing to report. Cameras will be installed at the docks because vandalism is ongoing. When asked about the vandalism, Kevin remarked that boat owners are complaining about water in their gas. Kevin believes vandals are pouring water into the fuel tanks of boats.

Finance Committee; Tim proctor indicated he and his committee will be asking camp members of their desires throughout the campground for improvements and how these will be funded. The present capital fund has been depleted and its balance is under \$ 10, 000 (ten thousand). It MUST be increased! Decisions are needed by the association as to how the financials are to be raised. Motion to accept the financials (Treas. Report) made by Kevin Johnson, seconded and accepted by the BOD, none opposed.

Motion to open the floor to members for discussions; Made by Tony V. seconded by Kevin Yeaton. All in favor, none opposed.

John Mcsheehan site 244, Because I am running for the BOD, I have asked Ron Mazzolla and Paul Carter to accept the responsibility of overseeing the elections. Those two have accepted the request and will conduct and supervise the elections being held soon. Thank you to Ron and Paul for their assistance. Ron will supervise the ballots. The Buzz will include ballots to ALL BLRAA Members, and include the vote for the new install of bathrooms at the Pavilions which will be paid for by a special assessment.

Questions were asked by BOD of validity of motions made and agreed upon by Members at the Yearly Meeting of Members. Ron Brown made it clear that by way of the covenants and Bylaws by which this association is governed the meeting by members and what association members agree upon must be carried out by the BOD of BLRAA. Members were reminded by John Mcsheehan that the original vote for the install of the bathrooms for the Pavillion was defeated due to not enough votes, not NO votes. John Mcsheehan feels the vote should remain on the ballot regardless of the financial situation of the association because an assessment will pay for the project if all vote for the new bathrooms. Ron Mazzola site 276, why not put the project on hold for financial reasons even if it passes a ballot vote. Tony V. informed Ron Mazzolla that the word of the people was spoken at the annual meeting and the members voted to have a vote for the Pavillion Bathrooms with an assessment to pay for the project. The entire assessment must be collected prior to construction to avoid borrowing, however costs will incease as time passes to collect the assessment in full to pay for the bathroom installs is included in the ballot and is clear as what will be done. The cost WILLNOT exceed \$50,000 (fifty Thousand). Kevin Johnson informs the BOD and the Members that he will make a motion to move forward to put the vote for the bathroom project/exsessment with the ballot for new BOD Directors, and mail it out to the membership. Much discussion by BOD and Members about putting a money limit on the construction of the bathrooms could hinder the cost to actual construction due to time construints to raising the funds. Ton V. suggests that as the assessment monies come in, then purchases can be made and stored. Carol had questions about soap dispensers and hand dryers as part of the construction of the new bathrooms at the Pavillion. Paul Cardinal site 232, Questions about roads being narrow and power lines / cablelines being too low. Carol Colella informed

Submitted, Kevin Johnson Sec. BLRAA

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