

**Bowman Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026 – 6:30pm – Taborton Fire House & via Zoom**

In attendance: Joanne Ingham, Janice Kullman, John Losee, Barb Mark, Colleen Masters, Elaine Merguerian (via Zoom), Jenn Schmitt, Bill Shulman (via Zoom), Tip Simons (via Zoom)

Call to Order : John Losee, 6:37pm

Special BOD Meeting called to address two issues:

1a. Do we hold a vote on whether revisions to the Dam Policy, Constitution and By-laws are voted on by BLA members or by BBP riparian owners?

Discussion: Michael Ingham, attorney, indicated that, first, anyone on the lake can use the lake. In 1976, Mr. Woodward transferred the dam to the BLA. The BLA has control over the dam. The legal issue at hand is a real property issue, not a riparian rights issue.

1b. Do “water quality” issues include lake water level?

Discussion: Addressing serious water quality issues falls under the jurisdiction of the DEC. Any intervention to address water quality issues requires a DEC permit (herbicides, pesticides). If such a permit is needed, the DEC contacts every riparian owner (including those who have riparian rights to the swamp) for input.

A vote was taken as to whether a vote should be held at the BLA Membership Meeting at 7pm to address the motion at hand regarding revisions to the Dam Policy. The motion is as follows:

Barb made a motion to leave the dam board in year-round. If the lake level rises to more than four inches above the dam board, the dam board will be removed. Further, should there be a significant rain/flooding event, the dam board will be removed. Jenn seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The vote result was unanimous – the vote will take place at the Membership Meeting to follow.

2. Does the BLA need insurance for the dam to protect the BLA and the Adamos?

Discussion: John told the Board that the Adamos sent him a letter they wished to have read to the Board/Membership meetings regarding this issue. However, the feeling among the board members was that since our time was short, and we already know what their issue is, that we should just get to discussing it.

The outcome, after some discussion, came when Janice Anne Kullman, attorney, shared that this issue is covered by negligence law. The Adamos are not liable as they did not breach any duty. We also have to assume that they have home owners’ insurance that would cover them should an issue arise. In New York State, it is assumed that the easement holder is a good Samaritan. So, there should be no issue.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm