

President's Message

BY KENT MILLS

We are through another year, and as of now all is running smoothly from a board perspective. We have the 10,000 gallon tank installed and full of water and we plan on pursuing another tank install in the future. We have some turnover on the roads crew, so if you have an interest in working on the roads with our current equipment operators, please call Cody Sanders. We as a board will make every effort to respond to members concerns. Please use the board email if you have a need.

-Kent Mills Board President



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November 3rd 2019 Meeting Minutes

Retreat Landowners Assoc. Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2019, 9:00am – K. Mills Residence

Board Members Present: Kent Mills, Heather Gooch, Rachel Balduzzi, Ron Spurlin, Dave

Stookesberry

Others Present: Mandy Gordon, George Brelig

Treasurer's Report:

Thirty four landowners have not paid assessments yet. Letters will be sent shortly as a reminder. Currently, there are liens filed against 3 landowners who have not paid past year's assessments. Awaiting resolution of a possible IRS tax penalty. Taxes were prepared, but due to a miscommunication, not filed on time.

Roads Report:

The year's goal for laying recycled asphalt was completed. The backhoe has a blown hydraulic hose requiring repair before use. The grader has an electrical issue preventing use of front wheel drive (needed for our steep roads). Due to difficulties with finding parts and keeping the grader in repair, several options are being investigated for maintaining our good roads (and property values).

ACC Report:

Plans for two new homes, a fence, and a garage have been approved. Recommend that landowners use Next Door to search for contractors (Board cannot recommend individual contractors).

Environmental:

The site has been prepared for the new water reservoir on Copper Hill and the tank should be in place within the next week or so. The purchase of a storage shed for RLA files and materials currently stored in the pole barn and member's homes was discussed and go ahead given.

Old Business:

Currently, 104 landowners have not voted on the Short Term Rental amendment from June 2019. A list of those who haven't voted will be contacted and urged to vote so that there is a resolution of the amendment proposal.

Minutes Continued...

New Business:

Our insurance policy was updated to cover current equipment operators. Insurance quotes are being solicited before the the current policies expire at the end of the year. The newspaper boxes that haven't been used in quite a while and have become an eyesore will be removed.

Motions Approved (from Aug 19, 2019 Executive Meeting):

- 1) 18% annual interest on late assessments.
- 2) Continue retainer with Altitude Community Law P.C.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Next Retreat Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm, February 3, 2020 at Heather Gooch's residence.

Amendment Proposal Ballots

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In order for either revision to pass, 67% the membership must vote in favor of the changes. This ballot item voting period is open for 11 months or until the number of votes received clearly identify a decision so it isn't too late to vote.

At this time, we have received just over half of the votes from the membership. We urge you to please take a moment and send those ballots in to the office using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided in the mailing. These an also be scanned or emailed to us. If you need these to be sent to you again, please contact our the RLA office at office@glen-haven.org.



Environmental and Membership Update

BY MANDY GORDON: ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR

Water reservoir update:

Our contractor, Matt Luce, managed to install the new underground tank in a break between jobs. The reservoir still needs a few finishing touches, but is mostly operational. Come by the corner of Copper Hill and Fishermans to take a look at our new community asset (you can't miss it). Many thanks to all the residents who made this possible by approving the special assessment last summer!











Russian Olive update:

All but two of the Russian Olives in the Retreat have been destroyed; however, we still need to keep an eye out for new sprouts, mostly in areas where the parent trees were removed. But since birds like to eat the "olives," it's possible for the seeds to pop up anywhere, so don't think you're safe just because you haven't had any so far. This thorny alien species has the potential to take over our drainage areas if we aren't diligent.

Winter is the time to prune or cut down trees...

There are no leaves in the way, and no beetles to be attracted by running sap. Since Team Rubicon was unable to clear the marked trees along Fishermans, Copper Hill, Miller Fork, and Bulwark Ridge, it's on us to drag them to the slash pile instead. Do you have a tree with a ribbon attached to it or marked with the "blue spot of death"? Then it's been identified by the fire dept as a potential danger and should be either removed or trimmed up.

Hiking along the Miller Fork Trail in the winter

Don't forget to brush the snow off the bridges before stepping on them. If you just tramp across the new snow, your footprints compact into ice that can take a long time to melt, making the bridge hazardous for those who follow later. Brushing it off allows the bridge to dry much more quickly, which will also help our bridges last longer. They cost \$120 and considerable effort to replace. Also for those hiking the trail, please avoid parking within the curve of the Miller Fork Road at the trail head. This could impede the fire truck from being able to maneuver around the corner in an emergency or make it difficult to access the dry hydrant. And if you park particularly badly, you might even block regular contractor trucks like Waste Management or propane deliveries.





Meet the Ciesielski's:

We're Paul and Terry and have lived at 120 Wild Elk Court for the past 8 years on a part time basis. Terry's parents, Tom and Carol Fulton who are originally from Michigan, were one of the first buyers when the Retreat opened. They lived happily for 25 years. They left their beloved home to their 3 children. Terry currently lives in Fort Collins. We've been hiking, climbing and running in RMNP for 45 years. Paul is an atmospheric scientist and Terry is an entertainer.

We would love to feature your family!

Please send a photo & quick blurb about yourselves, where you came from, why you chose to live in the retreat and any other fun facts you'd like to share and you can be the next neighbor we meet.

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Upcoming Meetings SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 6:00 PM

RLA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Gooch's residence @ 1557 Dunraven Glade Road



SAVE THE DATE!



GHAVFD CHILI COOK OFF

The GHAVFD Auxiliary Chili Cook Off is coming up on Saturday, February 29th (2020!) at the Glen Haven Town Hall.

Bring your favorite chili recipe for judging by the Firefighters and your neighbors. There will be 2 categories (traditional red and all others) and 2 chances to win (department favorite and people's choice).

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.



Spot the Wildflower: Mariposa Lily



ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REMINDER

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES YET?

Annual Dues: \$300

GHAVFD: \$100

Water Reservoir: \$100

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BY KEVIN ZAGORDA

The Glen Haven Firewise Committee has been formed and has representatives from The Glen Haven Association, GHAVFD, Colorado State Forest Service, and the Estes Valley Fire Marshall. They are eager to get started but still need a Retreat member representative. This request has been on the GHAVFD Facebook page and Next Door, but crickets so far. In order for the Retreat to be certified as a Firewise community, we need a representative on this committee. This does not have to be a board member and ideally it's just someone from our neighborhood. The purpose of the committee is to lead the efforts of the Glen Haven Association, Retreat Landowners Association, and GHAVFD to obtain and maintain Firewise USA certification for the community. This will be on ongoing effort over multiple years.

Responsibilities of the committee include:

- Identify the boundaries of the certification and determine number of dwelling units
- Develop an implementation plan for Firewise USA certification actions



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- Develop a community communication and outreach plan
- Identify potential partners (Big Thompson Watershed Coalition, Team Rubicon, etc.) and engage them in this work
- Obtain a written wildfire assessment from GHAVFD and ensure 5 year updates are provided
- Review Revision to the Glen Haven CWPP and integrate with Firewise community action plan
- Develop a community action plan and update every 3 years
- Assist GHAVFD with planning and execution of annual Wildfire Preparedness Day
- Track volunteer hours and dollars spent on mitigation activities
- Submit a Firewise USA application
- Ensure replacement committee members are provided by GHA, RLA, and GHAVFD when necessaryAdd a little bit of body text

If this sounds like something you are excited about, please reach out directly to Kevin at: kzbruins@hotmail.com as soon as possible so their important work can begin.



RETREAT BOARD MEETING February 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Gooch Residence-1557 Dunraven Glade Road

- Call to order: Kent Mills, Kristen Berg, Ron Spurlin, Bunny Beers, Heather Gooch and Rachel Balduzzi (arrived at 6:05 pm) were in attendance. Committee members present were Mandy Gordon and Jim Boyd.
- Adopt agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented by consent.
- Special Presentation: Glen Haven Fire Dept. Chief Kevin Zagorda gave a presentation regarding Firewise Certification for the Retreat. Criteria for the program was discussed. It was decided that the chipping and hauling done throughout the year counts towards the monetary criteria for this mitigation. Chief Zagorda would like to do this for all of Glen Haven, an estimate of about 400 homes. The GHAVFD will be holding a June event that focuses on Wildfire preparedness day.
- Residents email and written correspondence. The board has been asked recently about many issues happening with the Glen Haven Post Office and the Estes Park Postmaster and staff that manage the Glen Haven post office.

 Residents are being charged for post office boxes that should be free per USPS policy, have been having their mail returned to senders even though their address is included, and have been unable to get clear answers on policy for postal delivery for the Retreat. Correspondence surrounding policy and complaint procedures have been drafted by various Glen Haven members to help fellow residents pursue the problems they are having. The board agrees to share information and support and encourage the membership to speak up as individual citizens. A resident has asked for clarification on the Livestock/Poultry policy in the RLA covenants. The board discussed that the reason for prohibiting poultry in the Retreat is unknown and can be researched within the Larimer County guidelines to see if this is something that can be changed.
- Board and Committee Reports: Treasurer: Current update for assessments are-4 residents on payment plans, 1 lien, 2 outstanding assessments (one owner has been in contact, one has been unresponsive to the notices). The board discussed the leftover Special Assessment Monies after the installation of the Copper Hill Water Reservoir. The final amount will be held in an isolated budget line to be calculated and brought to the annual meeting for next steps. Current Liens-Working with our legal team, we have been able to clear all liens in the past 6 months with the exception of a remaining one.
- Committee Updates: Roads- Jim Boyd attending the meeting on behalf of Roads Chair, Cody Sanders. The current condition of the roads is poor. The breakdown of the grader and delay in getting it operating are at fault. The board needs to look at budgeting and a plan for the roads. The roads committee and board liaison, Dave Stookesberry, will plan to meet to discuss options for the future of the RLA roadwork. It was agreed that we need to look at all options, including contracted labor for road maintenance. Replacement of the equipment we have (grader, water truck, etc.) won't be discounted, but is not something that the RLA can afford. Research will need to be conducted.
- Environmental Chair, Mandy Gordon, attended the meeting. She gave an update on the water reservoir, seeding and ground cover laid over the site. There is a large pile of slash that is left over, but it is frozen and can't be easily disposed of until it thaws. If the board agrees, they can communicate with Cody to give direction on whether or not to come break it up with the backhoe, paying operator labor hours. She mentioned that we will want to start looking for a new Environmental Chair.



- Old Business: Amendment Update: Approximately 95 residents haven't voted yet on the amendments for the short term rentals and the Right of Way. The large majority of members who have voted are in favor of passing both (approximately 85/15 % split). It was agreed that there have been many new sales in the Retreat and new residents may not want to vote because they don't fully understand the changes and history behind the amendment changes. The board can send out the information and offer a Q&A opportunity for anyone seeking clarification. Ultimately, if the amendments don't pass, our board has agreed that we will continue to hold the Retreat residents to Larimer County's guidelines and policies regarding both items.
- Ron Spurlin gave an update on our renewal of insurance policies. He worked very hard on obtaining quotes for all of our insurance needs and evaluating coverage. Overall, insurance premiums for 2020 are \$1,305.91 lower than 2019. (Thank you Ron!)
- New Business: The board will research Larimer County regulations on livestock and poultry and discuss
 updating the policy.
- Adjourn: 8:17 p.m.

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At this time, we have not received votes from 95 members. We urge you to please take a moment and send those ballots in to the office using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided in the initial mailing. These an also be scanned or emailed to us. If you need these to be sent to you again, or your have any question as to if your vote was received, please contact our the RLA office at office@glen-haven.org.

For further clarification on the amendments or to discuss the history behind them, please reach out to the board at RetreatBoard@gmail.com.

Environmental and Membership Update

Mowing update: As you may have noticed, we didn't mow the sides of the road last summer as planned. The contractor was unable to deal with the berms along many of our roads and elected to turn us down. There are spots he could have tackled, but it wasn't economical for him to scour our 12 miles of roads looking for the odd stretch he could do. We may consider this at a later date if road conditions change.

We are currently looking for a new Environmental Chairperson. It saddens us to share that Mandy Gordon will be moving to Estes Park this year, so we will need a replacement for her position. Mandy has been a huge asset to the Retreat community during the time of her residence here. Her insight and dedication will be missed. Thank you Mandy.

The duties of the environmental chair include: Identifying and removing invasive species, coordinating with GHAVFD on fire mitigation, attending board meetings, and educating Retreat members on environmental conditions affecting their lots. Contact the Board at retreatboard@gmail.com if you are interested in serving.

Remember, the Retreat doesn't work if people don't step up!!



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MEET THE GOOCH'S:

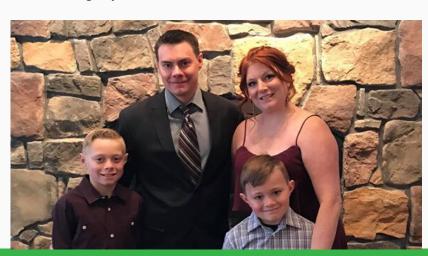
If you have been here a while, you may think that name sounds familiar to you. There are two Gooch families in the Retreat, and our featured family is one of them.

Nick has lived in the Retreat since he was in 2nd grade (his parents still live on Streamside Drive), and he and his family of four moved into their dream home in the Retreat in 2016 to raise their boys because they love the area just as much as his family did when they chose it.

Nick and Heather both work year round for the Estes Park School District and love being able to help make an impact in education. Nick is the Technology Manager and works specifically with educational technology, and Heather works as the Superintendent's Assistant and handles communication for the schools. They enjoy being involved and giving back to the surrounding community. Nick is a volunteer firefighter for the Glen Haven Fire Department and Heather is our RLA Treasurer, serving on the board since 2017.

The Gooch's have two young boys, Carter (age 10) and Brayden (age 7), and you can often find them outside playing baseball in the yard, hiking and biking, or just enjoying the nature of our wonderful neighborhood.

They also love spending time with friends and family, as well as hanging out at home with their dog, Lily, and their two cats.



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Upcoming Meetings

MONDAY, MAY 11TH 6:00 PM

RLA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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WILDFIRE PREPARNESS EVENT

On <u>Saturday June 13th</u> we are planning a Wildfire Preparedness Day. We are looking for volunteers to help with fire mitigation work that day and we'll be having fun kids activities at Town Hall. The day will include educational events and guest speakers. We'll wrap it up with a pot luck dinner at town hall.



Spot the Wildflower: Pasque Flower



WINE & CHEESE

Stay tuned for info on the upcoming 2020 Wine & Cheese Social and Annual Meeting!

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After much discussion, your Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting and Wine & Cheese event for this year due to the restrictions surrounding COVID-19. Finding a venue to accomodate our numbers safely would not be possible if restrictions continue. The three members of the Board that had expiring terms this year have agreed to remain on the Board until the 2021 Annual Meeting, when at that time we will fill those positions as well as the positions expiring next year. The year end financial statement as well as the 2020-2021 budget will be available upon request to the treasurer and will be posted on the website prior to the new year. Special Amendment Update: Approximately 90 residents abstained from voting on the amendments for the short term rentals and the right of way. The large majority of members who did vote are in favor of passing both (approximately 85/15% split). The 11 month open voting period has expired on May 10, 2020. Since the amendments did not pass or fail, the board will continue to hold the Retreat residents to Larimer County guidelines regarding short term rental restrictions and licensing and existing RLA policies for right of way issues. We sincerely hope that you and your family are doing well, and we look forward to seeing you all at next year's Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at retreatboard@gmail.com.

Kent Mills Board President-Retreat Landowners Association

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RETREAT BOARD MEETING May 11th, 2020 at 6:00 using ZOOM (virtual) Meeting

Call to order: Kent Mills, Kristen Berg, Ron Spurlin, Bunny Beers, Heather Gooch, Rachel Balduzzi and Dave Stookesberry were in attendance. Committee member present was Jim Boyd. Resident Ian McBride also attended.

Adopt agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented by consent.

Residents email and written correspondence:

- The board has received several complaints regarding damage caused by the recent grading/plowing of the roads and also concern about the the apparent increase in potholes this year. The grader/plowing damage is being addressed along with its cause. More than anything, the increase in potholes was due to the weather and the inability to grade or patch them while temperatures were low.
- Two additional residents asked for clarification on the livestock/poultry policy in the RLA covenants. The board discussed and concurred that hens/chicks for household use only (no commercial use) would be regarded as household pets. All Larimer County rules regarding their upkeep would apply.

Board and Committee Reports:

Treasurer:

- The board discussed the leftover Special Assessment monies after the installation of the Copper Hill water reservoir. The final amount will be held in an isolated budget line to be calculated and brought to the next inperson annual meeting for final resolution.
- Current Liens- 3 residents are currently on payment plans. 2 residents currently have outstanding assessments. There is currently only 1 lien. The board voted unanimously to have our legal team move forward with the remaining lien (outstanding for several years).
- Bookkeeping will be updated to have individual line items for the various road expenses (this seemed to have disappeared when using our previous administrative services company).
- The board voted to move \$15k from the current budget underrun into the equipment reserve fund.

Roads:

Cody Sanders resigned as Roads Chair effective April 27th. Jim Boyd attended the meeting representing the Roads committee and operators. Jim apologized for the damage that occurred during the last big snowstorm. He is working to address the damage. Since the last meeting, several outside contractors were contacted for info about grading services. Only one company (Four Seasons Roadwork in Drake) responded positively. They (Four Seasons) provided a proposal for road grading and answered several questions the board provided to them. Ultimately, it was seen that using a contractor for grading would be more expensive at this time (it would significantly reduce the amount of road material that could be purchased). A significant amount of information about road maintenance options and history was compiled for the board meeting.



The grader has been repaired and is in fairly good condition. The biggest problem is finding spare parts. If taken care of, it should work well for several more years. The backhoe and snow plow truck are in good condition, but need some maintenance. The water truck has an engine problem and is unsafe to drive. The board agreed that the water truck should be sold/scrapped and that a rental would probably be the best option for now when when a water truck is needed. The roads committee will be meeting soon to plan road maintenance for the next few months along with several work days. It is felt that landowner involvement in road maintenance is a win-win. An insurance policy for volunteer accident coverage was discussed (~\$300) and approved once some questions are resolved.

Environmental Committee:

Kent Mills will be the board liaison for environmental issues as Mandy Gordon will be moving out of the Retreat this summer.

ACC Committee:

A resident having difficulty finding a suitable well location close to their house has asked permission to have a water line laid for ~150' in the road right-of-way (5' deep) from a well drilled a significant distance from the house. The board had several concerns especially regarding liability on both sides and has requested more information.

Old Business:

Amendment Update: Approximately 90 residents didn't voted on the amendments for the short term rentals and the right of way. The large majority of members who have voted were in favor of passing both (approximately 85/15 % split). The 11 month period to receive votes has expired. Ultimately, since the amendments didn't pass, the board has agreed that we will continue to hold the Retreat residents to Larimer County's guidelines and policies regarding both items.

New Business:

Due to the uncertainty about the virus and the inability to find a suitable venue that would be safe, it was decided that both the Annual Meeting and the Wine & Cheese event would be canceled this year. Due to the difficulty in holding an election for new officers/directors, the current 3 directors with terms expiring this summer will continue in place for an extra year resulting in 5 terms expiring in summer 2021. The current 2019-2020 budget amounts will remain in place for 2020-2021.

Adjourn: 8:08 p.m.



Roads Report

This past winter brought heavy snows and cold weather for extended periods of time resulting in a significant number of potholes. We thank you for your patience while we waited for the weather to warm enough to grade/smooth them out. The roads are the Retreat's most important asset and we try to keep them in good condition within the allotted budget. With more full-time residents and their associated services (delivery/utility...) the roads take quite a beating. You can do your part by driving slowly and using 4-wheel or all-wheel drive when possible (especially on inclines and corners). Over time the road has flattened out and berms have formed on the sides. This year we will be attempting to add more of a crown on the road to shed water and also reduce/eliminate the berms when possible to allow rain to shed more evenly/naturally over hillside rather than run down and cut into the side of the road. A series of work days is planned for the next few weeks (a separate email is being sent with info). As part of the work days, tree limbs that pose a hazard to the road grader will be trimmed. To speed up the trimming, the limbs will be laid beside the road and will be chipped a few weeks later. When the limbs are chipped, the material will be broadcast near the road. If you would rather the chips not be broadcast on the property, please take the limbs you see to the slash pile. A final note: In recent years more and more driveways have been constructed that extend out into the road making it difficult to grade the road. To be effective, the road grader needs to have clear access to the full width of the road otherwise driveway damage may result. Please consult with the Architectural Control Committee if planning to construct or pave a driveway~ Dave Stookesberry

FIREWISE Community Update

Glen Haven Wildfire Preparedness Day is postponed to Saturday August 15th due to the current health restrictions. Postponing this event to Saturday August 15th will hopefully mean that we can hold all of the events as planned by then. Activities include: Volunteer work day clearing roadside trees on Miller Fork/Copper Hill. Educational speakers and a workshop to prepare your own personal wildfire plan. A potluck dinner at Town Hall would wrap up the day. Remember to turn in any hours or dollars you spend on mitigation work, including grass cutting to glenhavenfirewise@gmail.com. These will help us meet our targets for our Firewise Application. Hours are starting to be reported now that the weather has finally improved ~KZ

ACC Report

ACC Report Activity for new building in the retreat the last six months has seen two new proposed dwellings. A new home at 1608 Elkridge Road is under construction. The house is one of the more visual dwellings in the Retreat, as the site is at a fairly high elevation. Another structure is breaking ground at 977 Miller Fork Road. Other activity includes a one horse stall, a garage addition and a few homes being upgraded and or repainted~George Brelig

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

A friendly way to get to know each other a bit better

MEET THE PHILLIPS:

Hi Neighbors,

The Phillips family couldn't be more thrilled to call "Glentuckey" home! Having lived in the Estes Valley for more than 10 years we are loving our new home and neighborhood in The Retreat. Katie and Shawn both work for Rocky Mountain National Park. Shawn is a Captain on the Alpine Hot Shots and Katie manages the school field trip program. Our two boys, Kai and Remi, are enjoying exploring their new backyard with their two border collies, Tank and Tugg. In our free time we like to hike, hunt, cut firewood, and spend time with friends and family. We look forward to making our house known as "The Phillips".



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