

# **Glen Echo Improvement Association**

**May 26, 2026**

**141 Sunset Drive**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Jackie Nowak President at 6:05 pm.
- II. The DRAFT minutes of the August 26, 2026, meeting were reviewed as posted. A motion was made by Deane Olmsted, seconded by Deb Roland, to accept the minutes with one correction (PO Box bill of \$188). The motion carried unanimously.
- III. Peggy McCarthy, Treasurer, reported bills paid since the August 2025 meeting (see attached), leaving a balance of:

\$90,439.92 in Savings  
\$2,196.65 in Checking  
\$10,001.32 in Fidelity Fund

A motion was made by Steve Schur, seconded by Deane Olmsted to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **IV. Agenda**

### **1. Dock O Treat Results**

- ◆ Best Decorated Dock - The McGinn's with Wizard of Oz
- ◆ Best Decorated Boat - The Burkitt's with High School Musical
- ◆ Best Costume - The Grinch

### **2. Assn Property Update**

- Earth Day Cleanup: A big thank you to Deane, Paul and Jodi McManus, Frank Z, and Wayne and Pat Fitchett. Additional mulch is needed. A motion was made by Peggy McCarthy, seconded by Helene Doucette to purchase 5 yards of mulch and to hire someone to spread it. The motion carried unanimously. The motion was amended by Peggy, seconded by Helene, not to exceed \$750. The amended motion passed unanimously.
- Swale work: There has been an extension to our Order of Conditions so that this work can be performed. Jackie will ask the Town about providing the material for the project. Currently flooding continues to occur. The plans have been approved by the Conservation Commission and DEP, and work will be done this fall.

### **3. Lakes and Ponds Recap: A bylaw is being developed to prohibit wake surfing on Charlton lakes. Frank Zapulla reported that Vermont has**

passed a state law prohibiting wakesports (e.g., wake surfing) on lakes smaller than 100 acres. A bylaw is being drafted to prohibit this activity on all Charlton lakes as it causes lakes beds to be churned up, endangering the natural habitat, in addition to damaging shorelines. The article should be on the October Special Town Meeting Warrant.

#### 4. Water Testing

- Testing was conducted earlier in the month. All levels were in the “good” to “excellent” range. (see attached report) The results will be posted to the GEIA website.

#### 5. Boating Safety

- On 5/17/2026 there was a boating accident on the lake. It involved a single boat, causing physical injuries to the driver and the driver agreed to go to the hospital for evaluation. The boat was damaged and had a hazardous leak. The Fire Department positioned a boom cordoning off the area. The boat was pulled from the lake the following day. The accident remains under investigation.
- Several days later, another resident, upon launching her boat, had a minor hazardous spill. The Fire department responded to the incident to isolate the spill and indicated that the DEP was not concerned.
- Denise Fogarty has spoken with Environmental Police and has offered to host the required course for boaters at her house this fall. Courses may be done online or in person at a site on their website.
- Due to this recent accident, the Environmental Police will now be monitoring our lake. Boat registrations must be on the boat as well as USCG Safety Certificates for all drivers. A fine of \$50-100 could result for violators. Any boat with a motor must be registered.

### V. Correspondence/Announcements/Upcoming Events

- a. Adaptive Ski Day: June 9
- b. Townwide Yard Sale: Saturday, June 13, contact Hilary Lee if interested in participating
- c. Fourth of July Parade: Saturday, July 4, at 4 pm. Rain date: Sunday July 5  
There will be prizes for first, second and third and most Patriotic.
- d. Dock to Dock Raffle: Sue to have packets at the next meeting and will be sending out a request for prizes shortly. Date of raffle TBD.
- e. Dock o Treat: Saturday, September 26 (rain date, September 27)
- f. Corn Hole Tournament: hosted by Bob Deane and Terry Buron - date TBD

VI. Open Forum

- The Fire Dept drove over the gate at the boat ramp when they responded to the boat incident at the ramp (see above). In doing so, they stretched out the spring. Frank had an extra spring and was able to fix the gate.

Next meeting will be June 23 at the Schur's at 6pm.

A motion was made by Deane Olmsted, seconded by Steve Schur to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Schur  
Secretary, GEIA

**GEIA MEETING - 26 May 2026  
ATTENDANCE**

**Officers**

President: Jackie Nwach

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

|    | NAME                      | ADDRESS                | PHONE        |
|----|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1  | Gail + Dean Olmsted       | 37 Ash Rd              | 413 726 7969 |
| 2  | Susan Braddy              | 141 Sunset Drive       | 617-834-6859 |
| 3  | Steve + Alison Sene       | 1 Sunset Drive         | 508-277-7647 |
| 4  | Debbie + Paul Roland      | 125 Sunset Dr          | 508-341-5418 |
| 5  | Peg + Sean McCarthy       | 82 Stevens Park        | 508 654 6485 |
| 6  | Marty C. Goble            | 78 Stevens Park        | 774-230-0989 |
| 7  | Paula + Jimmy             | 38 STEVENS PARK        | 617-460-9503 |
| 8  | Delene Doucette           | 96 Glen Echo Shore Rd  | 508-208-8156 |
| 9  | Wayne + Patricia Fitchett | 211 Sunset Drive       | 518-588-6833 |
| 10 | John Phillips             | 135 Sunset Drive       | 860 202 8313 |
| 11 | Tim + Julie Pastre        | 21 Hollywood Dr        | 860-995-6548 |
| 12 | Jeffrey (AVANE)           | 40 STEVENS PARK RD     | 774-253-0487 |
| 13 | Frank Zappulla            | 78 Glen Echo Shore     |              |
| 14 | Terry + Bob               | 27 Sunset Dr           | 508 868-8391 |
| 15 | Steve James (Farmer)      | 112 Glen Echo Shore    | 508-735-3282 |
| 16 | Heidi Wagoner             | 110 Glen Echo Shore Rd | 508-612-4221 |
| 17 | Jared Blumhertz           | 61 Hollywood drive     | 508-221-1914 |
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## Treasurer's Report

Bills paid from September through May 26,2026:

|            |                         |            |
|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 9/2/2025   | KRD Landscaping         | \$ 700.00  |
| 10/4/2025  | Randy White (tree work) | \$ 2000.00 |
| 10/6/2025  | RE Tax                  | \$ 316.87  |
| 11/11/2025 | Anderson Bagley         | \$ 798.00  |
| 11/11/2025 | Philadelphia Insurance  | \$ 634.00  |
| 12/3/2025  | Tracy Merchant          | \$ 1806.25 |
| 1/6/2026   | RE Tax                  | \$ 325.76  |
| 1/6/2026   | Commonwealth of MA      | \$ 105.00  |
| 1/6/2026   | Guerriere and Hanlon    | \$ 150.00  |
| 2/28/2026  | Guerriere and Hanson    | \$ 519.00  |
| 4/24/2026  | RE Tax                  | \$ 325.26  |
| 5/6/2026   | Tracy Merchant          | \$ 2026.61 |

### Glen Echo Water Testing (May 2026)

**Date:** May 12, 2026

**Weather:** Partly Cloudy High 59 F Low 42 F, winds gusting to 17 mph

| Site             | Depth (M) | Secchi (M) | Temp (C) | Temp (F) | RDO (mg/L) | pH   | Cond. (uS/cm) | Turb. (NTU) |
|------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------|---------------|-------------|
| Dam              | 0.5       |            | 16.41    | 62       | 10.20      | 8.30 | 204.6         | 0.48        |
| Dam              | 1.5       |            | 15.75    | 60       | 10.54      | 8.08 | 204.5         | 0.91        |
| Dam              | 2.5       |            | 15.65    | 60       | 10.60      | 7.95 | 204.4         | 0.96        |
| Dam              | 3.5       |            | 15.62    | 60       | 10.63      | 7.90 | 204.4         | 0.79        |
| Dam              | 4         | 2.8        | 15.36    | 60       | 10.61      | 7.85 | 204.4         | 0.92        |
| RT 31 Outlet     | 0.5       |            | 16.51    | 62       | 10.42      | 7.74 | 205.2         | 0.94        |
| 2 Sunset         | 0.5       |            | 16.29    | 61       | 10.43      | 7.73 | 204.6         | 0.87        |
| 83 Sunset        | 0.5       |            | 15.70    | 60       | 10.36      | 7.75 | 204.5         | 1.13        |
| Narrows          | 0.5       |            | 15.59    | 60       | 10.35      | 7.63 | 203.8         | 0.87        |
| Red Buoys Narrow | 0.5       |            | 16.18    | 61       | 10.42      | 7.68 | 202.1         | 1.08        |
| Jackie           | 0.5       |            | 16.20    | 61       | 10.34      | 7.63 | 204.7         | 0.97        |

|                    | Secchi (M) | Temp.C  | RDO mg/L | pH         | uS/cm  | NTU      |
|--------------------|------------|---------|----------|------------|--------|----------|
| Excellent Readings | > 4.5      | <25.0   | >= 6     | 6.5 – 8.0  | <120   | 0-1.0    |
| Good Readings      | 3 to 4.5   | <= 27   | 5 to 6   | 6.5 - 8.5  | >120.1 | 1.1—5.0  |
| Fair Readings      | 1.2 to 3   | <= 28.3 | 4 to 5   | 6.0 - 9.0  | >240   | 5.1-- 10 |
| Poor Readings      | < 1.2      | >28.3   | <4       | <6.0, >9.0 | >360   | >10      |

Secchi and Turbidity (NTU) – Measure of the cloudiness in the water, can be caused by soil erosion, run-off, waste discharge, algal growth, boat traffic and pollen.

Temperature (C) – Measure of the temperature of water which has an impact on the dissolved oxygen, weed and algal growth, and the fish.

Dissolved oxygen (mg/L) – Measure of dissolved oxygen, colder water holds more oxygen, fish become stressed at levels below 4mg/L. At 10C – 11.3 mg/L, at 30C – 7.5mg/L

pH - Measure of the acid/alkaline relationship in a water body.

Conductivity (uS/cm) – Measure of dissolved inorganic solids such as road salt, fertilizers, or contaminants from a failed septic system.