



**Beechwood Lakes Property Owners Association
Duck Pond/Mallard Trail Town Hall Agenda**

June 22, 2026 | 6:30pm
Mountain Home Fire & Rescue Meeting Room | 3710 Asheville Hwy.

The following items are on the agenda for the meeting:

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| I. Call to Order & Welcome | President |
| II. Introductory Remarks | President |
| III. Business Topic: Mallard Trail at the Duck Pond | |
| A. Speakers | |
| • Dianne Prohn | |
| • Anais Strickling | |
| • Mary Jo Miller | |
| • Joan Lesikin | |
| • Chris Beck | |
| • Norma Brown | |
| • Gino Vasta | |
| • Ken Prohn | |
| V. Closing Remarks | President |
| VI. Adjourn | |



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PRESENT:

- Larry Moore, *President*
- Gino Vasta, *Vice President*
- Melissa Auxier, *Treasurer*
- Erica Zoller, *Secretary*
- Chris Staton, *Board of Directors*
- Mike Burgess, *Board of Directors*
- Daniel Carpenter, *Board of Directors*

I. Call to Order & Welcome

President

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the President.

II. Introductory Remarks

President

President opened the meeting by outlining procedural rules to keep the discussion efficient and respectful, including:

- Maintaining focus on the topic (the trail and dam) and the process rather than on individuals.
- Utilizing a structured format where questions are held until the end of each speaker's allotted time.
- Aiming for a 90-minute limit to ensure efficiency.
- Providing attendees with distributed materials, including a map and documentation regarding previous evaluations and repairs.



III. Business Topic: Mallard Trail at the Duck Pond

The following residents spoke regarding the Mallard Trail and dam issues:

- **Dianne Prohn:** Shared historical concerns regarding the dam, including a 2015 breach and post-2021 observations of potholes and sinkholes. She emphasized that the road closure was intended to be a permanent safety measure for the earthen dam. She argued that if the road is to be reopened, it requires a new, professional structural assessment regarding vehicle weights and emergency access.
- **Anais Strickling:** Reiterated and emphasized the need to keep Mallard Trail closed for safety reasons. She walks regularly and noted potholes.
- **Mary Jo Miller:** Clarified that emergency access exists despite the barriers on Mallard Trail, as properties can be reached via alternate routes like Gosling Drive. She highlighted the risk of serious property damage to neighbors if the dam breaks and expressed concern over heavy vehicle traffic on the earthen structure.
- **Joan Lesikin:** Expressed wanting the safest outcome to protect all the homes involved.
- **Gino Vasta:** Recommended careful consideration and a proper assessment, highlighting potential state involvement and funding possibilities. He noted that he maintains the pond area and has not observed beavers or muskrats, though he acknowledged the need to evaluate the dam's condition.
- **Norma Brown:** Argued that the road closure is dangerous for emergency services and private property access. She asserted that the road historically supported heavy traffic without damage and requested the removal of all boulders to ensure access for fire, EMS, and heavy equipment.
- **Chris Beck:** Suggested drafting water from the lake for firefighting, but expressed concern that boulders block access for heavy trucks.



- **Ken Prohn:** Supported the need for a professional state assessment of the dam's structural integrity. He suggested that if the road is reopened, signage for "emergency vehicles only" could be used to limit general traffic.

IV. Closing Remarks

- President Moore concluded by outlining the potential options discussed, such as keeping the road closed, performing a geotechnical assessment, or implementing limited access solutions like a Knox box gate system.
- It was noted that while limited access could serve as a compromise, dam stability remains a concern, and no vote was taken, as the meeting was intended to gather input for board consideration.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Minutes submitted by: Erica Zoller, Beechwood Lakes Secretary