

Surfside Association
Annual Meeting, Part 1
July 11, 2009

President Quigley opened the meeting at 10:05 am at the Star of the Sea Youth Hostel. As President, his opening remarks included the announcement of the final draft conclusions of the Surfside Area Plan. It is hoped the Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission will approve it and incorporate it into the Town's Master Plan.

President Quigley introduced the first speaker, Cormac Collier, Exec. Director Of the Nantucket Land Council, Inc., a private, charitable conservation organization that advocates strict environmental protection. Several pamphlets were made available exploring the Land Council and its reach, its goals and how landowners can conserve their own land. A motion was made to "recommend to the Board of Selectmen they transfer town owned land along the former railroad bed property to the Land Bank". The motion was seconded and carried.

President Quigley introduced our second speaker Andrew Vorce, Director of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission (NP&EPC) who said our Surfside Area Plan is on the agenda for approval August 3. Mr. Vorce said the Town's Master Plan has also been approved.

Mr. Vorce explained the process of the sale of Town owned lots. He mentioned two local properties, one on Masaquet and one on Weweeder, which must be compatible with neighborhood properties which have one acre zoning and one on Clifford Street with the same restrictions. He has heard the abutter(s) are interested in buying this land.

Mr. Vorce went on to talk about the "Yard Sale" process whereby the Town offers to dispose of certain parcels of land called "surplus property". He also talked about "Paper roads" and the process of removing them. It was decided an article explaining all of these processes, including contact names, would be written for posting on the website.

President Quigley reported on his attending the Civic League's meeting of area association presidents. He said the big topic seemed to be the fact that the Town is not spraying mosquitoes because of budget costs.

President Quigley spoke with Libby Gibson, Town Manager, recently on the town taking over some of our roads. She is figuring out how this process works, as it is complicated...it will probably drag on for a long time. In the meantime, our massive potholes are going to be filled in by mid-July by an anonymous person who is in that business. If police are needed to control traffic on those roads during the process, a motion was made to pay police up to \$2,000 for this effort. It was seconded and approved.

President Quigley spoke about July 4th at Nobadeer Beach and mentioned the picture of the crowd taken by Ned Fawcett being on the front page of the Inquirer & Mirror newspaper. Tom met with Libby Gibson about how better to handle the traffic, crowd and trash next year. Beach Management will try to work out a plan. The Clean Team was thanked for helping clean up the trash on Sunday morning, July 5. Sarah Oktay was introduced. Sarah is Co-Chair with Bill Connell of the Clean Team, and also President of the Civic League. She said there are now over 400 members of the Clean Team, and was grateful we, in Surfside, wanted to set up an adjunct team and would be glad to help us purchase the necessary equipment such as gloves. The Clean Team cleans specific locations around the whole Island every Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00am. Their website is www.cleanteam.org. A motion was made to donate \$200 to the Nantucket Clean Team to help cover their expenses. It was seconded and passed. Sybille Andersen will be co-captain of our Surfside Clean Team, and announced that the first effort will be conducted Saturday, July 18, from the Public Beach Parking lot beginning at 7:45. She urged all to attend, and also asked for someone to volunteer to be her co-captain.

Treasurer Barb Malcolm distributed copies of her financial report and all items were reviewed. We have 91 paid members to date.

Lisa Todd told the members about the "Surfside Time Capsule Committee", the STCC, of which she is chairperson. The capsule is a sealed tubular container, 16" x 4" dia., which will be placed inside a vault in the Atheneum garden on Columbus Day weekend, along with 99 other capsules that have been distributed throughout the Island. Our capsule will be filled this summer with items that depict present day Surfside; all capsules will be opened at the Atheneum's 200th anniversary in 2034. Further details about filling the capsule can be found on the website www.surfsideassociation.org.

President Quigley reported the airport has been given money to build a security building near Monohansett Road which will house fire engines and rescue equipment. He hoped this structure would help reduce airplane noise. He further stated it seemed to him there was less airplane noise this year with apparently more commuter planes complying with requests not to fly directly over the island on take offs and landings.

Maureen Beck, for the Donations Committee, reported \$300 will be given to the Youth Hostel, as is custom, as well as \$200 to the Clean Team.

Glenn Stewart gave a report on the "Only Footprints" campaign which he said is only focused on educational aspects of maintaining clean beaches and is not connected with the Clean Team. Its aim is to create a mind set. There is an Adopt a Beach program on the West Coast which he is trying to bring to our East Coast. That program has received an anonymous \$10,000 donation. Only

Footprints will donate \$5,000 to get Adopt a Beach started in Nantucket working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors Bureau.

Nominating Chairperson, Maureen Beck, read the proposed slate of officers and members at large for 2009-2010. A motion was made to approve the slate as stands; it was seconded and approved. The slate will be voted at the second half of the Annual Meeting, August 8. Hugh McGowan thanked the Board for all their hard work and for "keeping us all together". An announcement was made telling of a four-handed piano concert to be given July 20 at the Methodist Church by Surfside residents Liz Digney and Susan Jarrell.

Membership Chair, Pat Newton, pointed out that except for the annual printed and mailed dues notice, all communication with members will be disseminated via the Association's website. She urged residents to send their email addresses to her, if not having done so before, to plnsurf@comcast.net, so notices can be emailed when pertinent information is posted on the website.

Chairman of the Social Committee, Ned Fawcett, announced the annual Golf Tournament will be held August 10 at 4:00pm at the Miacomet Golf Club. He is hoping we will have our own barbecue at the Club after the golf to which families of players are invited. He also reminded everyone of the fifth annual Fishing Tournament which will end at our Labor Day party. This is for surfcasting from the beach from Nobadeer to Point of Breakers. The President's party will be held July 25 at 5:00pm at the Quigley's, 35 Nobadeer.

President Quigley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am until Part Two August 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Fay Fawcett, Secretary