

## ***Surfside News: June, 2009***

### President's Message

It has been a busy fall and winter for your Association. We finished the Surfside Area Plan and presented it to the NP&EDC, the culmination of 2½ years of hard work by many of our area dedicated members. The NP&EDC picked up several of our ideas and presented to the Town as Warrant Articles for the April Annual Town Meeting. All of them passed. We will cover them in our meetings this summer. Some examples are the extinguishment of a "paper road" with the land going back to the abutters, "yard sale" of small lots to abutters, and the Sale of Town owned land.

As for the deteriorating roads in our area, we have continued to bring the issue to light with ever increasing success. Articles in the I&M have been written, Town Boards and commissions are keenly aware, and a new approach to solving the funding of the repairs has been offered. We will keep up the pressure to have these roads fixed.

Again we are your voice, and with your help and support we will continue to speak out on issues involving our neighborhood. See you at our meetings.

*-Tom Quigley*

### Communication

This year we are reducing our printed version of The Surfside Association Newsletter. We feel that the most efficient and effective way to send you local news and updates about Surfside is to post information as it becomes available right here on our website: [www.Surfsideassociation.org](http://www.Surfsideassociation.org). Check the "News" tab on the main page frequently for updates. This way you don't have to wait for six months to read a newsletter. See below for further information about the status of the Town of Nantucket assuming ownership and corresponding maintenance of certain roads; a note on the status of Sherburne Commons; beach management plans; paper road takings; the Surfside Clean Team proposal – and more! We will be emailing everyone when there is a particularly important bit of information posted on the website, so please send your email address to [plnsurf@comcast.net](mailto:plnsurf@comcast.net) or drop it off at 10 Pequot Street.

### Town Meeting Articles Relating to Surfside:

At the Nantucket Annual Town Meeting in April several Articles were passed concerning the Surfside neighborhood. Most of them stem from the recommendations of the Surfside Area Planning Work Group. Recommended by the Group was the disposal of unused Town land to raise funds to repair roads in

the area, and to try to extinguish “paper roads”. The Articles can be viewed, with maps, by going to the Town Website [www.nantucket-ma.gov](http://www.nantucket-ma.gov). Go to the Residents section on the Home Page, and click on Town Meeting and Elections. Next look for the 2009 ATM and click there. A list of the Articles will be displayed and below that a section for maps.

Some of the Articles of interest are # 77,78,79 Articles # 85 & 90 and Articles # 92 & 93. The first two groups are authorization for the Town to dispose of Town owned parcels of land by sale or other means near Masaquet Avenue and Clifford Street. The last is a test program to extinguish unused “paper roads” using a small portion of Uncatena Street.

To extinguish a “paper road” the Town would notify the abutters, take the road, and then return each portion to the abutter via the “Nantucket Yard Sale Program”. This program has been used in the past successfully and we hope it will be used extensively going forward.

#### Update on the Status of the Roads:

There is also news about our crumbling roads. The Roads and Rights of Way Committee has held meetings on the issue and sent a report to the Board of Selectmen recommending action. There have been articles in the newspapers and we have held conversations with the BOS. All are aware of the deplorable conditions of the roads and wish a fix, but money seems to be the major block. To find a solution to funding repairs, a proposal to use the proceeds from the sale of the Surfside properties was made. It seems simple but in fact it might not be so easy. Yet we continue to push all for answers and actions.

#### Sherburne Commons:

We are interested in what progress has been made in changing the zoning at Sherburne Commons to permit a purchase of the property. This requires a special Town meeting vote. We will keep you posted.

#### Cleaning up our byways:

Through Sybille Andersen’s efforts, Bill Connell’s Clean Team arrived at 8:00 am, Saturday, June 13 with many of his regular volunteers, as well as several of our Surfside folks, to pick up roadside trash throughout the Surfside area. In one hour, a DPW truckload of glass, tin, plastic, wood and other trash was taken to the Town dump. It was an easy task, and very successful, so much so that the idea has been presented to have our own Surfside Clean Team meet at various Surfside locales on a regular schedule. More on this at our July 11 meeting.

#### Beach Management News:

After last year's trashing of Nobadeer Beach on July 4, the Beach Manager and the Beach Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) have worked out an agreement with several town agencies to provide better supervision of that beach on that holiday. More ATV patrols will assist beachgoers and monitor parking, dumpsters will be temporarily set up for recycling lots of trash as well as porta-potties to keep people out of the dunes. The Airport has offered to assume some of the expenses for this coverage, and the Town Manager has now established meetings before and after the summer of all agencies involved in beach operations.

Because of severe erosion along the South Shore, Cisco Beach may be closed. In addition, Beach Manager Jeff Carlson is watching Madaket closely for the emergence from the beach of parts of houses which have collapsed and been buried there.

The erosion also make difficult rapid responses from ATV's which must now frequently go up to the roads to reach another beach area or answer a call. Police Chief Bill Pittman asks that beachgoers call 228-1212 directly when needing the help of a beach officer.

Maureen Beck, Chair, BMAC