



Surfside Association

Dedicated to the protection and preservation of our lands and homes and of lands contiguous to Surfside; and to the advancement and beauty of the place and its informality, which we have cherished over the years.

Dear Surfsider,

June, 2010

Last summer after three years of work the Surfside Area Planning Work Group sent its recommendations to the NP&EDC. Since the acceptance of the report The NP&EDC took some of the recommendations and presented them at the Annual Town Meeting for Voter approval. Several passed and can now be implemented. A brief description of the articles can be found below. We will also talk in detail about them at our meetings this summer: July 10 and August 14. The Surfside Association was able, through your dues, to sponsor the independent Work Group.

Additionally the Association has been asked to assist the Town in obtaining voluntary easements from the abutters to the Boulevarde, Lover's Lane, Monohansett, and Okorwaw. This is the first step for the Town to formally "take" these roads, a goal we have had for years. During the summer we will meet with abutting property owners about these proposals, and ask them to grant easements in order to cut down design and reconstruction costs of the roads.

The Surfside Association is your advocate, watchdog, and representative for our neighborhood. We thank you for your continued support and remind you it is Dues Time.

See you at our meetings.

Tom Quigley

President

TOWN MEETING RESULTS:

Property Sales:

The Town voted to dispose of several surplus properties in the Surfside area. Two of these did sell recently with the proceeds going to the Town's "free cash" account. We are discussing with the town the proposal that a portion of the sale be set aside to begin the process of "taking" the Boulevard and some other roads. This process involves the granting of voluntary easements from the abutters along these roads as well as surveying and legal costs. It is one of the Town's prime concerns that roads be attended to when funds are available.

There are still other properties available for sale which should bring additional funds to the Town and hopefully assist in the taking of the roads.

Zoning Changes:

There were several zoning articles passed by voters affecting Surfside. One changed the lines if a lot was found to be in two different zones. Another changed two acre zoning to one acre zoning to more accurately reflect the surrounding neighboring housing including recent real estate developments.

Paper Roads:

The authority to extinguish unused "paper roads" in the Surfside area was approved. The "Yard Sale" program will be used for this process where the joining abutters, if they wish, can absorb the unused road into their lot for a minor cost. The "paper road" would be extinguished and could never be opened.

Rental Tax:

An article designed to impose a rental tax on vacation homes was defeated. Voters indicated support for those year round residents who need to rent their homes to obtain extra income.

BEACH REGULATIONS:

The Beach Management Advisory Committee, with Surfside residents Maureen Beck (Chair), Chris Magee and Tom Quigley as members, made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for more stringent beach regulations following a public hearing in April. The recommendations included a ban on glass bottles and a Board of Selectmen prohibition of people entering the water if a lifeguard or other town agent determines the water unsafe. In addition, there were new regulations aimed at beach drivers: new fees for vehicle access on certain dates, the right to limit the number of vehicles on a public beach per day and a mandate that vehicle operators leave a right of way along the beach at all times. The Board of Selectmen approved these regulations. Most of the proposals stemmed from the beach bashes with mountains of trash left behind at Nobadeer the past two July 4th holidays. Beach Manager Jeff Carlson stated he hoped he would not have to use the new regulations, but was glad to have them available if needed.

A REMINDER:

The Association Annual Meetings will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, July 10 (first half) and Saturday, August 14 (second half) at the Star of the Sea Youth Hostel. Reports will be given on topics such as the status of the Roads (Boulevard et al), beach management, paper roads, zoning, and others. It is a time for you to ask questions. Information updates, as well as names of the Association's Board and the Association's email address, can be found on the Association website: www.surfsideassociation.org.

The advocacy, educational and social activities conducted on your behalf are dependent on the financial support of all Surfsiders. Enclosed is an envelope for your 2010 dues. The Surfside Association dues are *still* only \$25.00, one of the lowest of all Nantucket area associations. Thanks for sending your dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Malcolm, Box 1205, Nantucket, MA 02554.

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Emergency ----- 911
Fire -----508-228-2323
Police----- 508-228-1212
State Police----- 508-228-0706
Sheriff----- 508-228-7263
Hospital----- 508-228-1200
Coast Guard----- 508-228-0388
Selectmen----- 508-228-7255
Airport----- 508-325-5300
Airport Noise Complaint----- 508-325-7531
Steamship----- 508-228-3274
Hy-Line----- 508-228-3949