

Surfside Association Annual Meeting
Part 2
August 13, 2022

President Tom Szydowski opened the meeting at 10:00am at the 4 Fairgrounds Rd Community Meeting Room with approximately 40 in attendance.

Opening Comments

Tom Szydowski welcomed everyone and introduced Brooke Mohr, member of the select board of Nantucket.

Guest Speaker

Brooke Mohr gave a summary of her background on Nantucket, arriving in the mid 1980s, leaving the island and then returning in 2012. She has been a member of the Affordable Housing Trust and is now a member of the Select Board. Her passion is affordable housing and we are in a crisis. She spoke about the town's failure to address this issue and the consequence of that failure being unfriendly 40B projects.

Since 2019 the town has been in "safe harbor", meaning we have been creating affordable housing at a rate of 1/2 of 1% (24 units) per year or 1% (49 units) per 2 years. The town has been working with the Housing Trust and the Land Bank to create affordable housing.

Ms. Mohr mentioned many of the projects that are in process including: 35/37 Orange Street, 141 Orange Street with the Land Bank, 12 & 12R Bartlett Road, Tacoma Green, which has a shortfall in the funding, UMass/ Coast Guard/Fairwinds property on Vesper Lane, 31 Fairgrounds Road which is a deal made with the Coffin sisters and will be 100% year round and affordable, Richmond Great Point with is making the affordable units available sooner. She also mentioned White Street which is the first below market sale with the goal of affordable housing. Ms. Mohr knows the need is great as evidenced the 500 families who applied to the Richmond Great Point for affordable units. The town will continue to work on this housing crisis.

Ms. Mohr said she was concerned about the number of restaurants that have closed and worries that some may be replaced by "private" club dining - a worrisome trend. She mentioned more development on the island including mid-island near Downy Flake and Harbor Place. These continue to be discussed and modified.

Of interest to the Surfside area is the plan for the improvements on Lovers Lane. Ms. Mohr updated us by saying the cost of the improvements has gone up and the town will start the project at the Old South Road end. They will see how far they get with the available funds and then seek additional funds to finish the project. The improvements will include a multi-use path and traffic humps to keep the speed down.

There was a lengthy Q&A which included questions about a rotary at the intersection of Surfside Road and Fareground Road, Surfside Crossing, PFAS and extending town water to Skyline Dr., Monohansett, and Okorwaw, motorized bikes on the bike paths.

President's Report

Mr. Szydowski then shared some information from the July meeting. The DPW and airport complaint links are on the website. The DPW was very responsive to Tom's requests - trimmed the brush in front of the Boulevarde and Clifford Rd stop sign and fixed the hole at Nonantum by the end of the road. Also, the police have been posted on Boulevarde to help reduce speeding.

The board made some decisions - we will not supply dog waste bags, and next year we will advertise the annual meetings in the paper and other places. Next summer we will try to have activities for younger member and kids - any ideas and help would be greatly appreciated.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Tom Quigley attended the Civic League presidents' breakfast and reported that some areas of concern are the nonvoting taxpayers' inability to influence decisions of the town. Monomoy group is objecting to the Wannacomet Water Company's solar fields. Madaket is worried about the bridge and its strength. Area plans and wild fires are the other concerns that were brought up at the Civic League breakfast.
2. Social - Ned Fawcett reported that the Surfside Association golf tournament was held in early August at Sconset Golf Course and was a blast with 5 foursomes. The fishing tournament, which runs through Columbus Day, is in full swing. Various prizes are awarded for largest striped bass, heaviest bluefish and most fish caught in one day. Rules are on the website. Also, there will be an August cocktail party at Charlie and Alison Townsend's house on Thursday August 18th at 5:30. The Annual Surfside Labor Day party will be held on Sunday, September 4 at 5:00 at Didi Coyle and Tom Szydowski's house at 61 Pochick Ave. Members are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre to each of these parties.
3. Debbie Dubois, treasurer reported we have \$31,183.80, \$4,365.00 was from donations received over the past year. We have 158 paying members which is 3 more than last year. We voted to donate \$2,000 to each of Habitat for Humanity, Our House and the Boys and Girls Club.

Old Business: The association is still looking for a secretary!

New Business:

Several members would like to have a directory that only members have access to. This was discussed and will be looked into. Suggestions were made about using MailChimp.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15am.

Respectively Submitted by

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