

## **Committee Reports – December 2024**

### **Building Committee, Margie Cyr**

The Building Committee has approved a demolition with new house build on The Pine Side. The demolition is in process. We are expecting to receive application for another large project renovation. There are many active small projects. We are anxiously waiting for the completion of a few projects that have been working for more than a year and in one case, two years.

The Committee has begun its review of the Rules & Regulations for Construction and Other Work and will have a recommended revision for the Board's consideration at the January Board meeting.

### **Community Facilities, Don Deraska**

#### **General:**

Weather has turned cold & put a damper on outdoor work (at least for ME!).

#### **Roads/signage:**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Fencing:**

We are planning to replace the community fencing along route 1 by Eastern Shore Porch & Patio - hopefully in early January. The fencing will be the same as that we replaced to the north of Bridge Rd last year (shadow box style with tighter spacing that will provide a bit more privacy & slightly higher than the existing fence). In addition, the fencing at the west ends of Short and Errett Rd will be replaced.

In order for this work to be done, we will have to trim back any branches or other growth to allow for the new fence to be replaced. There will be some time (PROBABLY about a week) from when the old fence is removed and the new one installed so please make sure anything that could be stolen is secured. Feel free to contact me (781-367-1271) if you will not be around and need help in securing items.

#### **Drainage:**

Chester River Landscaping performed another cleaning of swales and distributed pine straw along the east side of Beach Plum Rd just this week. We're figuring that a Spring cleanup & two Fall cleanups (that include pine straw redistribution) should be adequate.

3 Short Rd backyard culvert has been fixed (break in culvert identified/being fixed & jetting out the entire culvert). This should improve the flow of water from the swale behind homes on the north side of Short Rd into the MBA system.

**Guard Shack area:**

Nothing new to report.

**Beach Walkways/Dunes:**

Planning to repair some of the dune fencing that's fallen.

I welcome any questions or concerns and wish everyone a Happy Holiday season!!

**Landscaping Committee, Barbara Friedman**

In our continuing effort to spruce up the appearance of Beach Plum Road, in the Spring, we plan to cut back/clear out some of the overgrown or volunteer trees and shrubs that have sprung up along the corners (which also somewhat obscure the views of the intersections) and in other places along Beach Plum, including a large expanse between Bridge and Errett Roads, which is completely overgrown. Once that area is cleared, over the summer the Landscape Committee will be considering ideas for fall plantings along that stretch of road, so if any community member has thoughts or preferences for deer resistant and low maintenance plantings or design in that location, please feel free to pass them along to [barbara.a.friedman@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.a.friedman@gmail.com). We are already working on landscaping the areas by all the Middlesex signage, but if anyone has ideas for landscaping in other common areas (for example, by the foot wash areas) please pass them along as well.