

**Middlesex Beach Committee Reports**  
**February 2021**

**Beach Patrol, Mark McCulloh, Chairman.**

- We are working jointly with Community Patrol to recommend Beach Rules to be considered by the Board for the summer.
- I am working with Justin to develop the projected budget for next year.

**Beautification Committee, Tris Kruger, Chairman.**

**Budget Committee, Alex Sella, Chairman.**

- Initial meeting held on 2/13/2021
  - Aligned on the budget process
  - Reviewed initial draft budget
- Missing information required from CAS
  - CAS contract value for 2021-2022
  - Trash contract value for 2021-2022
  - Insurance costs for 2021-2022
- Items to review with Committees
  - Legal
    - Review where costs are to date and if there are any outstanding bills from Mary
    - May be able to reduce budget depending on actual cost to date and forecast
    - Currently included at \$20,000, last year was \$30,000
  - Beach Patrol
    - No budget received to date, cannot complete budgeting process
  - Community Patrol
    - No money was included in the initial budget for equipment, should carry some cost for golf cart repairs
    - No money was included for a cell phone
      - If using employees' personal phones is there an allowance to give for that use?
- Board Direction Required
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  - Facilities Project List - Pending Board Approval
    - Currently all additional requested projects total approximately \$70,000
    - This is approximated 8-9% of the proposed assessment
    - We need to decide which projects should be included in the budget for this year
- Current Draft Assessment w/all requested projects
  - Currently an increase of approximately 16%. Without any projects listed above the increase would sit at approximately 7% increase (removal of **all** \$70,000 of additional projects).
  - General Assessment - \$599,305.00
    - \$2,322.89 per property
  - Capital Reserve - \$69,869.00
    - \$270.81 per property
      - 5% increase, reserve is now \$309,090 & should be \$616,176
  - Beach Reserve - \$64,203.00
    - \$248.85 per property
      - 5% increase

**Building Committee, Steve Larsen, Chairman.**

**Commercial Committee, Carol Paul, Chairman.**

The fences behind 20 Beach Plum and 26 Beach Plum have been repaired.

**Community Facilities, Jeff Sella, Chairman:**

MBA Facilities Projects (all costs, where provided, are estimates)

Projects completed:

- Ditches are being cleared of new plant growth
- Repaired culvert grates
- Removed cinder blocks on beach plum
- Repaired Beach Plum fence
- gathered scrap wood from the Pine storage and put in the trailer for next dump run
- cut back all over grown trees and limbs in and on the Bayberry storage area
- worked on the guard shed
- installed bollards on Short and Route 1
- Hauled accumulated debris to the dump
- cleaned beach again of all washed up debris from most current nor'easter
- blocked off Bridge walkway in case of falling construction debris
- second coat of paint on storage container

Tasks for Contractors:

- Route 1 median signs (\$3,500 plus DelDot fee \$7,000 total)
- Bridge Road entrance signs \$3,500 plus DelDot fee \$7,000 total)
- Landscaping Maintenance (Ruppert?)
- Flower Bed maintenance (Ruppert?)
- Pine straw, pruning, maintenance for Beach plum (between Evergreen and Bridge (\$1,425)
- Kent Ave gates and fences (Quotes pending) (All 3 companies contacted have failed to submit a quote)
- Replace flag pole at 30A Dune (will be paid by 30 Dune)
- Blow out culverts on Pine side (\$250 per hour---Not a fixed fee)
- Correct ditch at 17-19 Short \$5,000
- Clean all ditches (an add-on to the current Ruppert contract, waiting for cost)
- Replace two Culverts 21 Errett \$3,600
- Jet Seal
  - Dune Road & side streets \$10,785
  - Bayberry \$4,580
  - Short \$3,460
  - All Streets between Route 1 & Beach Plum \$5,880
- New Bike Racks \$800 (per Marty)
- 13 Short Culvert \$2,900

Tasks for Facilities:

- Tarp for Polaris
- Sandblast and recoat Polaris
- Finish guard house interior (sheet rock & paint)
- Repair guard house from accident
- Repair and maintenance of Route 1 fences and gates (east side of Route 1)

- Remove organic growth from ditches
- Turn on water to guard house
- Turn on water to foot washes

Asks for volunteers:

- New plantings for flower beds
- Trash enclosures (discussion about keeping or not) (estimate provided by Marty \$2,000)
- Dog waste station maintenance (have two committed volunteers)
- Paint speed bumps
- Paint stop lines
- Clear dune walkways, add clay base and prepare final grade (\$10,000 with volunteers)
- Sweep pavers on Dune walkways (not to remove clay base from pavers on the east side)

**Community Patrol, Kerry Hall, Chairman:**

- Draft budget was submitted last month, I have received no comments or feedback to date.
- We are working on the process to determine staffing needs for the summer and the hiring process.
- A quote has been received from the current uniform vendor. It is within amount currently budgeted.
- We are working jointly with Beach Patrol to recommend Beach Rules to be considered by the Board for the summer.

**Legal Committee, Ellen Throop, Chairman:**

We have been working on an agreement for the new culvert located at 123 Evergreen. And modifications on the proposed new Ruppert Landscaping Contract.

**Social Committee, Nancy Glasgow, Chairman:**

Craig Kellerman submitted photo #7 which is the winner of our First Annual MBA Photo Contest. Craig's beautiful photo will grace the cover of the 2021/2022 MBA Directory. Amazing photos were received from so many community members. We thank everyone for their creativity and participation.

The Social Committee is currently planning a community yard sale to be held in May. We are still working on the details but the event would take place outside, include socially distanced tables, and masks would be required.

Another idea that is being considered is that the Social Committee present new neighbors with a "Welcome" basket. This would include a few local goodies along with the MBA Directory, packet of rules and regulations, volunteer opportunities, etc. If you think of other items to be included please let us know.