



Committee Reports

Fall Community Meeting, September 4, 2021

Beach Committee: Mark McCulloh, Nancy Glasgow, Fred Eisenbrandt, Jr.

As of late July, Beach Patrol was running UNDER budget. Based on actual data plus projected hours we are looking to come in 6% under budget. We all know things can change but that is the picture as of late July. We had a Lieutenant step down from full-time in July due to family commitment issues; but he will still be with us but on a part time basis. Another full-timer was promoted to fill this vacated position. Depth is one of our strongest virtues, as a patrol. Our team has executed flawlessly this summer. Attending to the needs of our patrons with about 10+ saves, multiple lost kids returned, and courteous interactions w visitors. There have been no issues that I am aware of. We put numbers on the stands this year to help provide context for patrons in the event of a lost child. Our patrol competed well in all events this summer placing in high rank at all the events. Our All-Women's competition (the only one on the beach) was a huge success. It will please you to know that our young men and women represent MBA well. As we come to the end of the season, we are working through manpower issues. We are losing a fair amount of manpower to schools being back in-person; but we believe we will manage to finish out the season.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to address the tragedy in OC last week. A 17-year-old was lost to the sea during the Nor Easter last week. It was during patrol hours, which is very, very rare, and underscores the massive responsibility and danger that our team faces. This board has been very supportive of our guards (which I appreciate); and realizes just how important they are. It is easy for one to stereotype the whole lifeguarding thing, but the demands and the risks are real/ always present. The situation last week had an appropriate response from the OC Guards (from what I understand) but it was just too much for them, at the time. They will have to live with that for the rest of their lives, this is heavy stuff for a young man or woman. How many saves have there been over the years that have prevented the unimaginable suffering that this poor family is going through over the loss of their only child? It's important stuff those guys do out there, please let them know you appreciate it, next time you walk by.

Thanks for your support this summer of '21!

Beautification Committee Report: Tris Kruger, Kathy Lyons, Holly Fluty Dempsey

The Beautification Committee has met several times with different folks. Nancy Glasgow and Holly Dempsey have been very active especially with ideas for a butterfly garden. Marty Shecter is working with us on a beautification plan for the south end of Dune Road. We planted eight trees along Beach Plum Road. Keeping these watered has been a challenge. The soaking rains have been helpful to this end. Margie Cyr has been helpful in identifying areas of concern. We interacted with Ruppert, and Hope, and achieved better accountability with regards to our contract for plantings, mulching and grass cutting. We look forward to our future goals of improving the looks of our great community! Thanks for everyone's often unheralded contributions to keeping up the place! I frequently see neighbors picking up trash, doing other things to help out! It is noticed! and appreciated!

Budget/Finance: Alex Sella, Jeff Sella, Jeff Rivest

Building Committee Report: Margie Cyr, Marty Shecter, Alvin Ross

The Building Committee has received two demolition permits for new home builds on the Pine Side. We are anticipating two more to be submitted soon. Several large projects were put on hold over the summer, and these will resume after Labor Day. Over the summer Emergency Permits were approved for leaking roofs and windows and AC failures. We are anticipating another busy building season.

Commercial Committee: Carol Paul, William Gay

We have worked with Seaside Village to get the rear parking lot cleaned up so that it is free of debris and not as unsightly.

Community Facilities Committee: Ron Thomas

Typically, Community Facilities has some breathing space during the summer months; but this summer has been a little different. These are projects that have been accomplished since May's Community Meeting: replaced hot water heater element in the Guard Shack; worked with 30 Dune's contractor to place MBA's flagpole; moved the dog bag station from Bayberry and Dune to Short and Dune; replaced four locks and fixed six gates; removed two dead trees; replaced a stolen stop sign at Beach Plum and Bayberry; removed an 8 ft long 'piling' log (creosote covered) from the beach at Evergreen; spray painted white parking lines at East Errett; removed posts and dry rotted wood from old split rail fence Addy beach walkway; installed mobi mat at Addy and filled in ruts under same; trimmed a tree on Beach Plum that was blocking the view of the stop sign at Addy. We will be repairing a broken section of fencing on Beach Plum between Bridge and Addy. We have a group of six dedicated community members who help with a variety of projects. We need two volunteers to serve on the Community Facilities Committee. Please let me know if you are interested in this service.

Community Patrol Committee: Steve Larsen, Mark Reilly, Jeff Sella

Legal Committee: Ellen Throop, Paul Bradley, Bob Aberbach

Social Committee: Nancy Glasgow, Peggy Taylor, Virginia Liddle

The Social Committee got off to a great start this year with a Summer Solstice Social held on June 19th on the beach. The food was wonderful, the company was great, and the orange crushes were flowing. It was very well attended, and a good time was had by all! Our second event was a Happy Hour hosted by Jeff and Michele Rivest (29 Dune) at their beautiful home on July 10th. Again, well attended and lots of fun! Our next Happy Hour will take place on Friday, August 20th at 5:00 PM. This will be a Block Party on East Bayberry on the ocean side. Immediately following the Happy Hour will be the first-ever Candidates Forum for all candidates running for the MBA Board. PLEASE plan on attending this event if you're in the neighborhood. We are also working on a Zoom option if you cannot attend in person. Details are forthcoming. Lastly, our September Happy Hour will take place on Friday, September 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Lazorchak home, 62 Dune Road. Details forthcoming.