

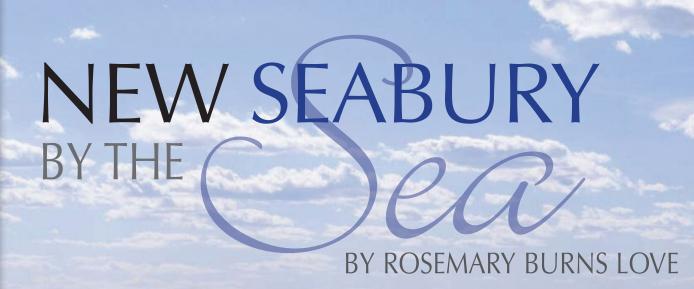
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### New Seabury by the Sea

Rosemary Burns Love, local historian and long-time New Seabury resident, has spent her summer rewriting her 2008 book, A History of New Seabury by the Sea. The current version, New Seabury by the Sea, is now up-to-date and includes additional history of Popponesset. The 36-page book contains many historical photographs and chronicles a wealth of information about our community starting in the 1700s in Mashpee, and then focuses on Popponesset and New Seabury beginning in the 1920s up to the current day. NewSeaburybytheSeaisinterestingandinformative-awonderful keepsake for every New Seabury/Popponesset homeowner. You can pick up your copy at Isaiah Thomas Book Store in Cotuit.



# President's Report

The summer is behind us and we seem to be settling into a very pleasant fall season. The crowds are gone, traffic is down, the pace a bit slower, the weather has been great and we can still



eat outdoors at our favorite restaurants. The latter will come to an end soon, probably by the time this edition of the *Peninsula Reporter* is out, so I hope you enjoyed it as much as possible.

There is nothing major to report in this edition. In my last communication I updated you on the dismissal of the Robert Paul/Kinlin Grover case against the Peninsula Council over signs. That, of course, was very important from both a legal and financial perspective. The dismissal saved us thousands of dollars in additional legal fees. Of course, it cost us thousands to get to the point of dismissal but it could have been worse. Most importantly, for now it is done! Why someone doing business in our community thought that was a good idea is beyond me.

The item that seems to be stressing the community most at this point is the construction of cottages in the final remaining section along Rock Landing Road. We have received complaints about noise, dust, and the change in the look and feel of that once beautiful entry roadway. Bottom line is that there is nothing we can do about it. The developer owns the land and has the legal right to develop. Mike Richardson has spoken to the developer about hours of work and the dust. From what I can see, they are doing all they can to mitigate. They have adjusted work hours and have made a significant effort to get water trucks to keep the dust down. It has not been easy given the drought. It seems to be something we will have to adjust to for now. Hopefully, the next phase of construction is less intrusive to the adjacent homeowners. Some of you have expressed concern over how the roadway will be finished. Based on how the other area along Rock Landing Road has been completed with fencing and landscaping, I have confidence that they will finish off the border between the new cottages and the road with a similar look and feel and at a minimum the areas will look consistent. After all, it is still in their best interests to make it look attractive to new buyers.

There is some good news here. The 185 new residents will be part of the greater New Seabury community. Although their neighborhood may be managed by a separate homeowner's association like other condo developments within our community, they will be part of Peninsula Council's Special Maintenance structure and contribute financially to the upkeep of our common areas. That is a good thing as it helps us maintain this community as we have come to expect and enjoy.

I hope this edition of the *Reporter* finds you healthy and enjoying preparations for your holiday season. Best wishes to all.

Dick Noonan

President of the Peninsula Council

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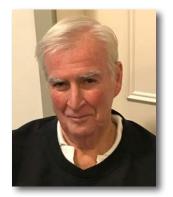
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# Executive Director's Report

Mike Richardson

Tell, here we are heading into another fall season at New Seabury, and what a season it has been. Can you spell COVID? Can you say COVID? Are you tired of saying and/or spelling COVID? Lastly, any guess for how long we will be saying COVID?

We have weathered the storm all summer maintaining "social distance," washing, and washing, and washing hands, wearing masks



of all sorts of colors and shapes, and keeping our hands in our pockets doing elbow bumps, or doing fist bumps. All of a sudden these things are common place...we just do them as a matter of course. How many of us always have a mask around our necks or in our pockets....they have replaced the small jack knife or special coin.

"Hey do you know that it's legal to wear a mask into the bank?" Seems a paradox to some degree, doesn't it? Also, it's Halloween every day these days except without the candy.

Okay, enough frivolity. We meet via Zoom these days. It's good technology and probably the way we will have to meet for some time to come. Pajama bottoms and fluffy slippers are the thing again since all you need is a shirt for the meetings.

The Peninsula Council is in great shape. All Villages, ARC, Special Maintenance and Membership are on their game as far as budgets are concerned. Villages have all done something a little different to accent their Villages and all with one exception are well within expense budgets.

From a Peninsula Council perspective, we welcome Richard Luskin (Sandalwood) as our new 2nd Vice President of the PC. We welcome Karen Joyce as the new Chair of PIA, and congratulate Steve and Pat Bell for their sale and potential move to Florida.

We have expressed our concerns during the last Zoom Board Meeting we held this past weekend. They are, in no particular order, the following:

- dangerous trees...keep an eye on pine trees that are leaning more than would seem appropriate. We expect more rain and winds this winter.
- drains that seem to be draining more slowly than before...we have more pine needles this year.
- line painting...we lucked out this year. All will be done in the spring.
- storm drains...we have a new vendor who we will get to do our more difficult ones.
- lighting...replacing gas with electric or solar where appropriate as the old gas lights are just about on their last legs.
- walking paths...we just built a bridge, and are working to further improve them all. More use this year than ever in the past.
- pest waste receptacles...an unfortunate need due to a lack of care on the

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part of some residents, leaving dog droppings everywhere

- cell coverage...efforts to secure commitment to the cell tower over on Red Brook Road are moving forward. Litigation in Barnstable Superior Court remains in process.
- increased traffic details...speeding has become the most popular sport in New Seabury, so we need to add more oversight.
- speed bumps...believe it or not, we are getting requests for more, not less-why? Yup, speeding.
- signs...let's all do our bit to keep them to a minimum. Both real estate and vendors.

We are in constant communication with New Seabury as a result of a lot of concern about their construction. All should recognize that as the Developer, they have privileges that others do not have. I am in constant communication with them over clear cutting, dust, lack of landscaping, and in general, much concern about the major changes to our community. They are responsive and have in place plans to make the end result look great. Let's give them time.

Home sales on the Upper Cape are up, value of sales are up, inventory is tight. Section V is selling pretty fast. We could have a couple hundred new neighbors by next summer. That only goes to show that we live in a very desirable community. Clearly that is a result of all my work at the Peninsula Council.....Well, okay, so maybe not!

Lastly, what has happened to our Patriots? Tom Bone and I are headed to Foxboro next Saturday for a short tryout. I know that both of us are faster than Tom Brady. That is when you know our world is changing...when the Patriots

have a losing record just barely into the season. It hasn't been a banner year for Boston teams for sure. Heck, I am into watching Family Feud these days!

Okay, as I end this nonsense for the November issue, I want to leave you all with some Mike's Meaningful Mentions...

We live in a great community. We have the luxury of ocean, ponds, and golf. We have a strong suite of volunteers, and we have a very high percentage of fee-paying residents. We have quality vendors, and we have a a very well-managed town supporting us. We generally have good weather, and for the most part, a great bunch of residents all enjoying what we have here. We've been keeping things in in order for some time, through difficult weather, economic issues, extraordinary political circumstances and now the Corona virus. Let's all stay the course, do our bit for our fellow residents and look forward to a low key, well-managed winter and holiday season where we do the right things and help get through this present pandemic, seeing bright light at the end of this tunnel.

Stay smart, and stay safe.



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# Treasurer's Report

Darlene Furbush

The overall financial health of the villages is good. We are still seeing some yearly fee income slowly trickling into some of the villages; in fact, the average of maintenance fee income for all villages is 100+%. A review of the revenue versus the expenses for the villages show all but one village falling within their 2020 budget range. With three months to go in the year, the villages are in good shape. It's been a challenging year given Covid-19. With all the unknowns in forecasting what your villages may face, the normal expected day-to-day expenses and what surprises may hit, your villages have done a nice job.

With three months to go as I write this and looking at our history as to what will be needed, we do not expect any surprises, but we are prepared should some arise.

# **Special Maintenance Report**

Tom Caston

s we close out 2020, the Special Maintenance Committee is pleased to report another productive year. A number of our projects were completed, and our community continues to look great. There is always more to do, and this will be discussed with the committee next month.



One of our major concerns has been the overall growth we have experienced this year with shrubs and trees. There are a number of overhanging limbs, and diseased and leaning trees that must be removed before winter sets in. Our roads remain in good shape and we continue to repair them when



needed. Another area that needs attention are our aging (50+ year) storm drains. We clean them annually and repair and replace them when needed.

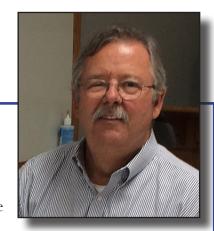
As we approach the new year, our finances are in good shape. Our operating budget is positive, and we have set aside \$625,000 in road reserves. With all the new projects we have completed this year, we are still within budget. Hope everyone is pleased with all we have done this year.

Stay well and enjoy the holiday season.



### ARC Update:

You've noticed: a lot of home improvement going on in New Seabury...in addition to The Cottages. If you have plans to renovate, upgrade, refurbish any exterior aspect of your property, home or landscape, please check in with The Architectural Review Committee. We will tell you if a permit is required and we will take it from there.



- You do not need to complete any forms. We do that for you.
- Due to COVID, presentations by contractors/home owners to the Committee have been suspended. We conduct the review/approval process via email. It takes effort; but, with your help, we do get it done. The Committee will meet, mask-to-mask, if a project requires dialogue.
- Know that the ARC works closely with the Mashpee Building Department. We send them digital notifications of ARC Permits. It is incumbent upon homeowners to follow up with the Town Bldg. Dept. in the determination if you require a Town permit (508-539-1406).

Most of the New Seabury Villages have Village Councils. These are comprised of your neighbors volunteering to maintain the look and feel, and value, of your neighborhoods. They can be very helpful. Contact them; no need to wait for a problem; get to know them. They can be very helpful. You can find your Village Chair near the front of this issue, under "Peninsula Council Homeowners Association Board of Directors."

ARC Guidelines can be found online, along with other useful information. You can find the site at: http://peninsulacouncil.com/arc/arc-guidelines-and-specifications/
Please contact me with any recommendations as to how the ARC can better serve you.
Thank you.

Tom

THEY SAY... that one person's trash is another person's treasure. While that may be true, the trash we see along the roads in New Seabury represents nothing more than trash, which in our case represents diminished values. Consider this the next time you see litter and pick it up!





# Village Reports

Bright Coves

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The fall is a wonderful time here in Bright Coves, even in the time of COVID. The weather has been exceptional, and we have been able to enjoy outdoor activities, while social distancing, well into October. I hope you take the time to relax and spend time outdoors with family and friends.

I would like to remind you about the webpages on The Peninsula Council's website for Bright Coves. The Bright Coves Village webpage is password protected, so if you have misplaced the password, please contact me at donahuec143@gmail.com. The directory is available and if you want your name, address and contact information published, please contact me at the email above. I had an instance this summer which will illustrate the need for the neighborhood directory. A resident called me recently and asked for a neighbor's phone number. Neither neighbor had participated in the directory. Apparently, the resident had observed his neighbor's dock loose from the pilings!!!!! He secured the dock and then called me for his neighbor's contact number. We reached out to the loose dock's neighbor and the problem was solved. THIS IS EXACTLY THE SITUATION WHERE HAVING A DIRECTORY WORKS IN AN EMERGENCY. Both residents have joined the directory. If you have asked in the past to be included in the directory, the directory page has not been updated yet this year, but will be in November and your information will be included at that time.

To keep our village looking beautiful, please review your landscaping, making sure that no runoff (mulch, sand, dirt, or pea stone) from your home will clog any drain nearby. I would like to ask that homeowners consider having a cobblestone apron at the end of their driveway and edging the rest of the property with grass or hardscape. This is one of the biggest expenses in our budget. Runoff is clogging our drains and forcing us to replace drains. One drain can potentially cost up to \$20,000! The committee will be contacting residents to ask that they fix their

landscaping issues. These fixes are usually quite inexpensive when compared to the money required to fix or replace a drain.

This summer we did have another incident where someone in another village had a cat missing in the area around Bright Coves. Every summer it seems some cat is missing and is found in Bright Coves! This was different. The posters looked like a pretty cat was missing but there was a sizeable reward. The neighborhood started buzzing with the news - this was not a regular domesticated cat - it was a hybrid cat - part domesticated cat/part African Serval cat! The Mashpee Animal Control was working with the owner to try to trap the cat and assured us that the cat was legal in Massachusetts and did not pose a danger to residents. This assurance did not, however, completely alleviate the fears of all. The final straw was when the cat, in full view of a resident, stole a raw RIBEYE from a plate next to a heating grill! Within a couple of days, the



The setting sun just catching a high cloud allowed this photographer to capture a magnificent view of a neighbor's boat.

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cat walked into a trap set by Mashpee Animal Control at that same house!! Rambo, as he is called, is now safe and sound at home!

We wish you and your families a happy and safe fall Season. Please remember to drive slowly on our narrow roads – we have a lot of people walking with children and dogs who deserve to walk through our beautiful village safely! And while you are out walking please carry a bag to pick up trash you might see. I was out walking and saw some trash which I started picking up – a resident stopped and suggested that I try the Blue Trail in the woods as there were enough cans for a cup of coffee!!!! Lets all do our part in keeping Bright Coves bright and go home for your cup of coffee!



This cat loves ribeye, and is now safe and sound at home.



Isolating in Bright Coves.

# Fells Pond

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Welcome to "October's Bright Blue Weather"! The foliage is in full color around the pond. However, because of the extreme heat and the lack of rain, it appears that someone pulled a plug in the water. Most abutters now have a big beach in front of their properties.

It has been an extremely busy and sometimes unnerving season on Fells Pond. Our beaches were overcrowded. On occasion, there was no room for Fells Pond residents because people were coming from all over New Seabury to take advantage of a great swimming facility to kayak and paddle board. The cost of maintaining the pond and beaches are paid for by the Fells Pond village. Therefore, we have informed the other villages that it is for the use of Fells Pond residents only. Signs had been posted, and next year we will be issuing flags to each homeowner (when they pay their annual village dues) to be placed by their chairs when

using the beach. We will also have someone at the beach to monitor the usage.

Another problem that existed this past summer was with rentals. One home had 13 cars at their rental home plus a "party bus" with lots of drinking, etc. Another two homeowners allowed their "young adult" children to use the house, so we had to listen to kids who were drinking from 10:30 a.m. in the pond all day and night. The other family of "young adults" was drinking and screaming in the pond until 3:30 a.m. Noise curfew is 10:00 p.m. No one should have to listen to this. The police have been notified, so be aware!

On a more pleasant note, our finances are still in great shape. Trees will be trimmed and drains cleaned within the next two months. None of these services are free! There are still a few "special" homeowners that feel that they don't have to pay their dues.

We're very grateful to be living in this beautiful and safe community during these very difficult times. Enjoy the holiday season, stay safe, stay well, and be thankful for what we have.





We have, and are still experiencing, a different feel on the Cape and in the village this year. Even with all the new faces, walkers, runners, strollers and pets, summer came and went and people seemed to enjoy life here in Greensward. Many enjoyed the golf course, riding in individual golf carts, sitting on the beaches, social distancing there and during outdoor yoga and exercise classes. All in all folks seemed to enjoy life here on Cape Cod.

Our village as in the other villages has seen work being done. Just ask Tom Bone, ARC Manager. He has been busy with homeowners reaching out to request work permits. We here in Greensward have been seeing neighbors sprucing up their homes and properties - a fresh coat of paint here and there, landscaping being kept up, and with the maturity of trees, tree removals.

We also have been seeing homes for sale, old friends and neighbors moving out and soon-to-be new friends moving in. The change in residents has brought Mr. Bone requests for alterations and repairs, a small addition, work on decks to some of the homes, and maybe construction of a new house or two; time will tell.

Fall has arrived, and some of our residents have begun their winter journeys to other parts of the state, country and beyond. The leaves are beginning to turn color and fall as we await another Holiday season and the winter to move in. Stay safe and well and enjoy this beautiful time of the year wherever you may be.

# **HIGHWOOD**

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As I pen this article, autumn is displaying its wonderful color. The summer's drought has not affected the splendor of fall. Unfortunately, winter will soon be on our doorstep.

Highwood has been highly active this year. Covid -19 has brought many families to spend the entire summer on the Cape. People are escaping the big cities and searching for less populated areas. It will be interesting to see if this migration persists going forward.

The new light fixtures at the entrance of High Wood Way and Rock Landing Road are installed and operational. They are a noticeable improvement. The walking path at the end of Hacking Circle has had a boardwalk installed. Our gratitude goes to Rick Deubert, a resident of Hunt Circle and a new village committee member, for all his hard work in the installation of this fine walkway.

Most of the conversations in our village this summer have centered around the construction along Rock Landing Road. The dust and dirt have greatly impacted outdoor activities for the residents of Paddock Circle and Morgan Circle in particular. Complaints have been lodged with the developer, but we have received no satisfaction. The air quality is poor. We will continue to work on resolving this issue.

The Town DPW was seen surveying our roads in early October. For us to be plowed this winter, we must comply with town guidelines. Property owners are required to cut vegetation back two feet from roadsides, and overhead limbs must be trimmed to 12 feet above the road surface. Please review your property and comply with Town guidelines.

#### Winter checklist:

- Remember to update your contact information with the Peninsula Council.
- Drain the pipes to outside faucets, showers and sprinkler systems.
- Clean and inspect chimneys.



- Service your generator.
- Schedule a heating system service.
- Seal any cracks or holes on exterior of property.

We have collected 99.05% of our fees this year. Expenses are under budget currently. No vendor signs are permitted to be displayed in your yard. An ARC permit is required for any exterior work on your property.

Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season.



# The Mews

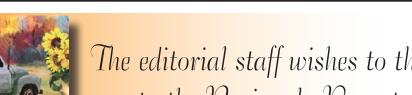


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Fall finds very busy Mews residents making improvements from painting to complete renovations inside and out. Several residents have added pavers to their driveways enhancing the overall look of the homes.

The committee continues to work on the new landscaping - adding more lighting and replacing some arborvitae at MidIron. It is a continuing work in progress!

A new subcommittee headed by Pat Frechette will be meeting to discuss rental properties. This topic is being looked at by several Cape towns as well as Nantucket. As this is a new endeavor, we will be talking with Mashpee Town officials, police and fire departments as well as residents of the Mews and Peninsula Council.



The editorial staff wishes to thank all contributors to the Peninsula Reporter over the years.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.





# Popponesset Island

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reetings from what appears to be the waning days of an eternal summer on Popponesset Island! On this late October sunny 70 degree morning, those of us herewoke up to the sounds of birds not yet migrated south and marveled at all, but a few boats still in the water. We happily noticed mid-weekkayakers and scores of walkers who previously packed up after Labor Day,but have instead taken up residence on the Island (and with no concrete plans to leave!).

But such is the silver lining that comes with the difficult circumstances around the pandemic. Our sincerest wishes of hope and healing go out to all of our families on Popponesset Island and beyond, whose lives and families have been altered by COVID-19.

We want to extend our best wishes to Steve and Pat Bell who after 20 years on the Island have sold their home. We are grateful for Steve's leadership at the Poppy Island Association and his participation on the Board of Save Popponesset Bay. Thank you to Pat who for many years represented Poppy Island on the Peninsula Council. We will miss seeing Pat walking the island with Sam! We wish them well in their new adventures in Florida and California, but hope they come back home to New

Seabury in the future. A warm welcomegoes out to Chris and Lisa Conti whose family has since moved in and is reconnecting with longtime friends and making new connections with neighbors.

Speaking of fall elections (no, not that one!), we wanted to share the great news that we have expanded the Board of Popponesset Island Association! We are grateful for the continued involvement of so many of you on the Island who donate their time and creativity to ensure Popponesset Island is maintained beautifully and

find ways to build connections among our welcoming community. Please share with us your email address and ideas so we may more easily reach you as we craft our short and long term plans for our neighborhood. Our Board includes the following neighbors:Karen Joyce-Marie: President (arrived 2018), Dave Gershaw, Vice-President (arrived 2018), Margie Ross Decter: Secretary (arrived 2016), and Joel Zeger: Treasurer (who arrived 1986 and never left!). Please email Karen (ksjoyce@gmail.com) to sign up for updates and share your ideas!

Speaking of community building, a huge thank you goes to Dave Gershaw, our new Vice President, who lead the first ever Labor Day boat parade fundraiser. The fundraising event raised over \$60,000 to benefit Save Popponesset Bay! The event attracted families with boats of all sizes and featured over 35 decorated boats, participating in various contests. The parade of vessels cruised the Popponesset Creek, around Popponesset Island, the Bay and around Sampson's Island in Cotuit before anchoring in Popponesset Bay where they were treated to icecream from the Ice Cream Boat!

We were excited to learn that Save Popponesset Bay was recently awarded a matching grant of \$426,000 to help restore the Spit which continues to have several areas in critical condition including the area abutting



Is that a paddle board or a paddle bird?

SPB on land belonging to Mass Audubon. If we don't shore up these and other areas, we risk potential breach which would imperil our homes, upset the ecosystem of the barrier island of the Spit and impact the water quality in the Bay. In order to take advantage of this state grant, we must raise \$186,000--- by January 2021. Please join us in DONATING generously to savepopponesset bay.org. All donations are tax-deductible and will go towards restoring the Spit, dredging the channels and maintaining water quality in the Bay.

We wish you and your families the best in health and safety in the coming winter months. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us if you have any ideas or concerns in the days and months to come.



What a beautiful day for the Boat Parade!



Happy Halloween!

# Poppy Place

Nancy Haven

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s fall settles upon our community, we reflect on the dramatic changes observed in our village with the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic which started in the early spring, fast forwarded thru the summer, and now into fall. In fact, by April more than half of our homes were "shelter -in-place" occupied with owners, adult children, grandchildren and friends seeking a safe place to physically distance. Many neighbors shared a feeling of safety, gratitude and blissfulness. A feeling that simply living and being here is and was a delightful "Silver Lining" to a dreadful 2020 as we marked our 14th year as a community. For many, spending time at Poppy Place is the calm away from the storm, more so this year than perhaps past years. While we are experiencing a "new normal" many neighborly hellos have been shared and both new and old acquaintances acknowledged. Our planned "Welcome Back to Summer & Farewell to Fall" was

canceled. Our residents got creative and got outside. Stargazing, outdoor movies, socially distanced happy hours kept our community together. Neighbors walked about and greeted one another and welcomed new neighbors (Andrew and Barbara Pearlstein) in a higher level of engagement than in years past. All noted and enjoyed the flood of activity, visitors and explorers to and through Poppy Place.

From an operational perspective, the community is performing well. Perimeter fences have been repaired and repainted, the first phase of light post replacements has been completed, and the walkway repaired. As we move into cooler weather and the upcoming winter months, a reminder that anyone who wants fall cleanup performed should get in touch with our landscaper, Linhares, if you wish to take advantage of their discounted rate. Also, our HOA-funded weekly rubbish pickups have ended, and 3Sixty, our provider, has agreed for a nominal weekly fee to continue with weekly rubbish disposal. In addition, 3Sixty will be plowing our street when three inches or more of snow accumulates, and should you plan on being here over the winter months, arrangements may be made with them for snow removal services on individual driveways and walkways.

As a general reminder, our Board meets via ZOOM conference call on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30PM. The lines are always open to anyone interested, so please tune in. For details on access, please contact the Peninsula Council, our property manager, Mike Richardson at Mike@peninsulacouncil. com.

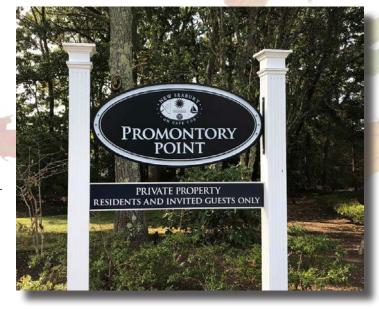
# Promontory Point 6A

Betty Barrett

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A summer like no other is coming to a close. A summer season that started early—for some as early as mid-March, bringing our usually quiet community to life earlier than usual. And a summer that is ending later than usual as some schools and businesses delay their start. We are fortunate to be able to de-stress and stay safe in such a beautiful place.

It was also a summer of firsts—our first Zoom Annual meeting where 100% of unit owners participated. It was great to reconnect with old friends and welcome new own-



ers. A new Board of Trustees was voted in at the Annual Meeting. Many thanks to the outgoing Trustees for their years of dedication.

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It was also a summer of change-- we bid farewell to two long-standing homeowners and welcomed three new homeowners to our community. We are looking forward to a time when we can all greet our new neighbors in person. Neighbors also used this extended time at home to work on a variety of home improvement projects.

Fall is such a wonderful time to be on the Cape. The weather has been exceptional and we've been able to continue to enjoy the beaches, long walks, and golf-watching! The quiet and calm of the fall and winter months is starting to return to New Seabury and work moves forward to get us ready for winter. The fall cleanup work is underway to make sure that our lawns and landscape are healthy and ready for the spring. As weather starts to get colder, be sure to make preparations for winterizing and storm readiness.

We wish you and your families a happy and safe autumn and holiday season!

# Sandalwood

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and alwood's real estate is looking extremely fresh and lovely this fall after a lot of our neighbors worked diligently on upgrading their homes over the summer. Painting, paving, pools and plantings were the major property improvements made.

We are busy preparing for the winter season by inspecting our drains and roads for any signs of maintenance needed before the cold air and potential snow comes our way. The Peninsula Council is overseeing any work that is necessary. As usual, we may have some tree trimming that needs to be done to keep us on the town's plowing list.

The temporary speed bump on Amos Landing has probably been removed as of this reading – the BOD solicited feedback from residents on the effectiveness of the speed bump. The consensus seems to be that it did slow down traffic as they went over the bump, but then the speed immediately resumed! The BOD has decided to purchase a few more temporary bumps for installation next spring. These speed bumps will be strategically placed on Amos Landing to keep the traffic at a slower pace for the entire length of the street.

There's been an increased number of complaints about people not picking up after their dogs. Common sense would say that if you walk your dog you should be expecting "what comes next", so please leave your house prepared with a bag to pick up and dispose of the droppings properly. No one should have to clean up after YOUR dog except you. We've also seen a greater number of dogs roaming free – off leash. Whether these dogs are breaking free or let to roam free, please remember that there is a leash law in Mashpee.

There is no village-wide fall cleanup done by our landscaper. Each homeowner is responsible to clean up and dispose of their own leaves and debris. Our landscaper will only be cleaning common areas and will not remove any resident's debris even if it is raked to the easement area. Please don't rake leaves or dump debris into the woods.

The village has also lost three of our neighbors over the past weeks, and we'd like to offer sympathy and condolences to the families of Joe Gormley from Amos Landing. Barbara LaBella & Valerie Lee, both from West Way. They will be missed. May they rest in peace.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season.

# Summersea

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Hi Everyone,

We hope this finds you all well. It was one interesting summer and we are sure many of us are nervous about the fall and winter indoors. Hopefully, Summersea was, and will remain, a bright spot for us all. Even now with the colder days, the paths and beaches provide a nice diversion from the world at large. Many residents have asked for information about the development plan for the Cottages and other open land around New Seabury. We have been told that the building plans are on file with New Seabury. They are available for anyone to see. Unfortunately, the owners, Bays Water Development, has "developer privileges", so we have absolutely no control over any development. If you have concerns, as many of us do, you should address them directly to John Falacci (508-539-1400).

During the summer months we added some road signs, reflectors and line painting near the back entrance to Summersea. Despite those efforts, the small fence around the big rock continued to be hit by drivers going quickly around the curve. We can't put a speed bump there for numerous reasons. Please let us know if you can think of a way to make the back entrance safer. We always welcome your feedback. We also added an additional solar light to the cul-de sac at one end of Summersea Road. The solar lights seem very effective. We cannot have the gas lights wired for electricity. Hopefully, the improvements have made Summersea safer. As you know from our annual report, our community has a drain issue. The major cause of the drain failure, aside from age, is mulch/leaves washing into drains during rainstorms. With the abundant leaves of autumn this can be a problem. If you see a drain that is covered with mulch/pine needles/leaves, please take a moment and remove the debris with a shovel or a handy stick. Some other issues that our neighbors have brought up include the use of the field, storing cars on the "eyebrows", noise late at night, and AirB&Bs. Due to the complaints about the use of the field we checked into the by-laws that govern the use of the field. There are several, including:

- The field is only to be used for recreational purposes, not for business purposes
- The field may not be used for recreational activities prior to 8:30 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
- Any activity that creates a disturbance or is bothersome to abutters will be prohibited
- Parking cannot interfere with the use and enjoyment of other peoples' land and/or create a hazard

Please adhere to those guidelines. Also, please move any cars that are on the eyebrows to your own property; the eyebrows, believe it or not, are public property. While I think most of the late night noise is from AirB&B renters, owners please keep our neighbors in mind during the summer months when windows are open. Sound seems to carry here. We wish we could tell you something helpful about AirB&Bs, but we can't. We all have several houses near us that are rented. Owners can make it clear that they will not tolerate noise/parties. They can leave messages to that effect in their homes and even attempt to tie security deposits to noise prohibitions; however, it all comes down to the owner who is renting the house, and we cannot control that.

On a bright note it seems like New Seabury was home to many people this summer who fell in love with our little corner of heaven. Home sales are through the roof.

We wish you all a good "off season" with health and harmony.

Larry, Fredda, Bill, & Risa



Sitting at the dock of the bay.



October at the Marina

### **TRITON SOUND**

Jarred Sherman

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Summer has given way to fall on Triton Sound. The months continue to roll by, and we all are still making the best of it. The neighborhood is looking beautiful with the fall colors as the weather turned a bit cooler.

One notable change in the neighborhood has been the increased visibility at the corner of Triton Way and Shore Drive West. We removed a large rhododendron and other shrubs blocking sight lines, and added back some nice flowers and plants that will grow in over time. We also moved the stop signs closer to the corner



Nature's beauty.

of the intersection, so that everyone can make better eye contact into the rotary. Lastly, these changes enabled us to slightly lengthen the path along Shore Drive West, almost all the way to corner, to help with pedestrian crossing. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

We had no unplanned expenses over the last few months and our financials remain on track to our budget. Also, as the weather starts to get colder, be sure to make preparations for winterizing and storms.

I also want to welcome Ken Bring as a new alternate member to the Triton Sound committee, and thank him in advance for his assistance. With this, I also need to thank Gene O'Donnell for his many years of help on this committee. It has been much appreciated.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. Please stay safe everyone, and enjoy the fall.

Jarred Sherman

# Vineyard Reach

Connie Strait

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reat things happening at Vineyard Reach this fall! Our Board has a new President, Steve Pogorzelski, and we are delighted to have him step up and take over the position. We are working on forming many committees to help support the board in the planning and maintaining of our grounds and homes here at Vineyard Reach. The Landscape Committee is the first to start and has been working all summer coming up with plans to keep the backdrop to our lovely grounds as outstanding as ever. We welcome new homeowners to our neighborhood as well. The Board is working on the budget for 2021 and we look forward to the close of 2020, like so many people, and the hopes that 2021 will bring back some normalcy to our lives.



Spectacular fall color in New Seabury.

# Women's Club of New Geabury

Susan Finkle, President

Fall 2020 found WCNS members and nonmembers ready, willing, and able to attend, take part, and enjoy luncheons and programs.

"In The Wake of The Mayflower" was presented on a beautiful September day. Following a socially-distanced lunch on the Gazebo, guests enjoyed listening to artist Karen Rinaldo and lecturer Kevin Doyle speak on the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower landing, and the fifty years that followed. Karen's beautiful artwork was displayed and her method of research explained in order to give a visually correct historic depiction of "The First Thanksgiving- 1621", currently on display at the Museums on The Green, Falmouth. For Women's Club members who were unable to attend, Mashpee TV provided a link for viewing the presentation.



Katherine Perrone introducing author, Kathryn spoke of her new books at the Poppy.

Kathryn Perrone, aka author Kathryn Knight, intrigued October's luncheon guests, on a wet, wild, dark and stormy afternoon.
Kathryn's writing genre is Romance, spiced with paranormal events that take place in various
Cape Cod locations. A
USA #1 author and a
#1 Amazon best-selling

her journey to become

a writer, her interest in the paranormal and her writing process, followed by questions from the audience. Her book, Dangerous Currents, loosely takes place in Mashpee. At the event's conclusion, Kathryn signed a variety of her books purchased by audience members.

Other fall activities included an invitation to take part in a Zoom Lecture by Larry Tye on the subject of his latest book, Demagogue: The Life



A spooktacular event.

and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy, sponsored by the Hyannis and Centerville Public Libraries. A current New York Times bestselling author, Larry is also a former Boston Globe reporter. In addition, a two hour, 1.5 mile walking tour of Falmouth,

"Around The Green" was

presented to members as another chance to learn more about the local community and its history.

As we concluded the season, we thought of the words Thanks and Giving. In that spirit, a food drive was sponsored, asking our members to donate a shopping bag full of non-perishable items for donation to local food pantries. Members were able to drop off their donations at The Club before and during our November event, Trivia Time: How Well Do You Know New Seabury?

Has it been eight months since we began canceling our events and meeting over Zoom? We have been able to persevere with a bit of patience, flexibility and a desire to work together in order to continue our goals of lasting friendships and public service. We invite all the women of this supportive community to join us in reaching future goals. Go to our facebook page or website to learn more.

www.womensclubofnewseabury.com



Book browsing.

### Women's Club of New Seabury

# **SPECIAL OFFER TO JOIN US!!!**

And the friends you haven't met yet!









Join us and experience how fulfilling it can be to support our community and have fun at the same time. Current or past residents of New Seabury, Little Neck Bay, Popponesset, Popponesset Island, Daniels Island, or members of the New Seabury Country Club are welcome to join. For over 50 years, members have contributed their time, talents, and financial support to numerous civic and charitable organizations in Mashpee and the broader Cape Cod community. The Women's Club has donated over \$205,000 to local nonprofits over the past decade.

WCNS meets monthly and offers a variety of programs and events that promote fellowship, fun and philanthropy to support the needs of our community. For further information, please visit our website: www.womensclubofnewseabury.com. Please return the form below with your dues of \$50.00 to WCNS, P.O. Box 906, Mashpee, MA 02649.

### July1, 2020- June 30, 2022 Membership Form

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City, state, zip code			
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Please check off or write in y	our areas of interest t	to keep our club vibrant.	
Philanthropy (scholarships;	distribution of funds	) Membership (w	relcome new members)
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Suggestions for activities or	programs are appreci	ated	
For new members, we are in	terested in how you l	earned of the Women's Club.(	Please check all that apply)
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## ALL VETERANS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE



We celebrate them all, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Pictured are two of our own: Tom Caston (Special Maintenance Chair) who served in the Korean War, and Tom Bone (ARC Manager) who served in Viet Nam.

# MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

at New Seabury

Joe Fisher, President

This December marks the 42nd anniversary of The Men's Social Club and deducation fund. A lot has changed over that time and, especially, this last year. But, what has not changed is our goal is to create fun social events and to provide financial assistance to exceptional and deserving Mashpee high school seniors. Certainly, the Pandemic has altered our lives and activities. Looking forward, we're anticipating a vaccine with mass production in early 2021 that will allow us to return to normal, albeit a new normal.

Anticipating this, we're developing a list of social activities modified to reflect the new normal for personal contact. In the interim, our Education Fund campaign moves forward. You can participate by joining the Men's Club or by sending a check to The Men's Club at New Seabury Education Fund, P.O. Box 1093, Mashpee, MA. 02649. One hundred percent of your contribution goes toward scholarships.

We hope you have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Bill Blaisdell, Tom Caston, Joe Fisher and Mike Richardson.

# Out on the Town





Melissa Jankowski, (Owner) and Dana Evans energetically welcome you to The Buttercup Cafe.

#### Breakfast/Lunch/Take Out/Treats

friendly face and place recently opened in Barnstable not very far from home - The Buttercup Café. For those of you who have enjoyed Siena in Mashpee Commons, Melissa Jankowski, one of Siena's managers, has decided to reach out and try something on her own.

The café is warm and inviting, and full of friendly faces. Located in the middle of a busy area on Barnstable Village's Main Street (6A,with the court house across the street), it's a great way to start your day with a cup of coffee, a little breakfast or lunch, or a treat from the counter.

We stopped there today for breakfast, to say hi to Mellissa and to see how it was going. From what we could see, it was going so well that we just had to put together this introductory article for the November *Peninsula Reporter*. Coffee, and "The Go To" (eggs, bacon, home fries) for MJ and the Eggs Benedict (poached eggs, grilled black forest ham, hollandaise, English muffin, home fries) for Mike got us started with energy for the day. The breakfast offerings are many, the atmosphere is relaxing and what better way to get off and running. On our way out, we passed Bessie, the bakery case, full of fresh cupcakes, muffins and cookies. We couldn't resist the carrot cupcakes, a family recipe from Melissa's mother, and they did not disappoint!

Melissa is full of energy and one can't help but feel welcome, so when you wake up a little groggy and want to get your day started, consider a jaunt to the Buttercup Café, and say that Mike and MJ sent you there. We're heading back for lunch next week.

(The Buttercup Cafe is open year round, Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

# The Buttercup Café

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PROMONTORY POINT

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**POPPONESSET BEACH** 

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SEASIDE

Spacious 5 Bedroom home. In-ground pool, Detached garage with guest suite. 5 Bedroom, 6.5 Bath 4570 sq. ft. Selling Price **\$2,100,000** 

# If you are thinking of selling, now is the time!



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Spectacular Waterfront home. Panoramic views, finished lower level, Deep water dock, 5 BR, 3.5 Bath, 4402 sq. ft. Selling Price **\$1,895,000** 



**HIGHWOOD** 

Spacious Contemporary Cape, meticulously maintained on landscaped wooded lot 4 BR, 4.5 Bath, 4455 sq. ft. Selling Price **\$892,000** 



**GREENSWARD** 

Spacious golf front home overlooking the Ocean Course. 4 BR, 3.5 Bath, 4100 sq. ft. Selling Price **\$1,225,000** 



**MAUSHOP** 

Seaside Cottage with Ocean views, open floor plan, brick patio, 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath 890 sq. ft. Selling Price **\$760,000** 



**GREENSWARD** 

Designer's own showcase golf front home Finished lower level. 4 Bedroom, 3 full & 2 half Bath 3240 sq. ft. Selling Price **\$975,000** 



MAUSHOP

Oceanfront end unit Seaside condo. Beautiful ocean views, deeded beach rights. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 902 sq. ft. Selling Price \$630,000

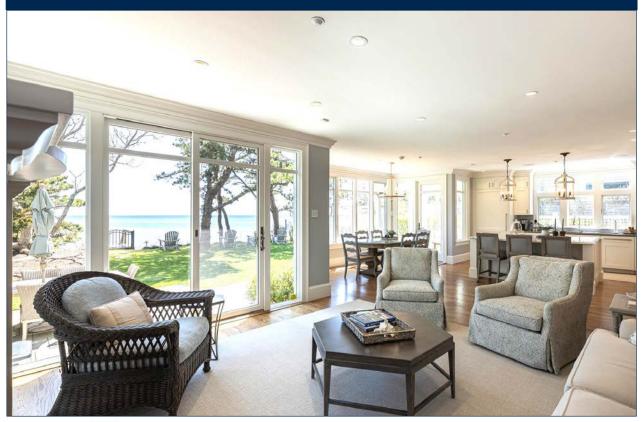
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#### TOWN OF MASHPEE

# BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS VACANCY LIST UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2020



The Town of Mashpee is looking for individuals interested in serving on the following:

#### Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

(1 Vacancy – 1 Alternate Member)

#### Appeals, Zoning Board of

(3 Vacancies – 3 Associate Member)

#### **Barnstable County Coastal Resources Commission (CRC)**

(1 Vacancy – 1 Alternate Member)

#### Community Advisory Council (CAC) of the

#### **Environmental Management Commission**

(2 Vacancies – 1 each in Precinct 4 and Precinct 5)

#### **Community Park Committee**

(1 Vacancy – 1 Member-at-Large)

#### **Conservation Commission**

(1 Vacancy – 1 Associate Member)

#### **Council on Aging**

(2 Vacancies – 2 Member-at-Large)

#### **Cultural Council**

(1 Vacancy – 1 Member-at-Large)

#### **Economic Development Industrial Corporation**

(1 Vacancy – 1 Commercial Rep.)

#### **Environment Oversight Committee**

(2 Vacancies – 2 Member-at-Large)

#### **Historic District Commission**

(3 Vacancies – 3 Alternate)

#### Mashpee Cable & Advanced Technology Advisory Board (MCAT)

(4 Vacancies – 4 Member-at-Large)

#### Mashpee Inclusion and Diversity Committee

(1 Vacancy – 1 Member-at-Large)

#### **Planning & Construction Committee**

(2 Vacancies – 1 Engineer, 1 Real Estate)

#### **Shellfish Commission**

(2 Vacancies – 1 Recreational Rep., 1 Associate Member)

#### **South Cape Beach Advisory Committee**

(2 Vacancies)

#### **Special Events Committee**

(1 Vacancy – 1 Member-at-Large)

#### **Subdivision Board of Appeals**

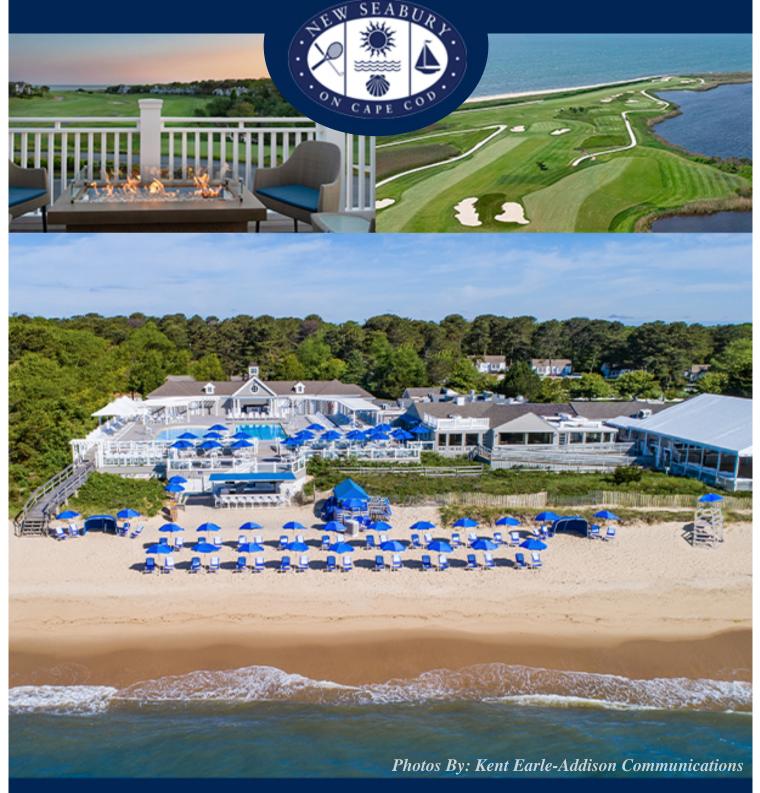
(3 Vacancies – 3 Associate Member)

#### Waquoit Bay Research Representative

(1 Vacancy)

Please submit a letter of interest and a resume to
The Office of the Board of Selectmen,
Mashpee Town Hall,
16 Great Neck Road North, Mashpee, MA 02649.
Please contact the Selectmen's Office at (508) 539-1401 with any questions.

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## **Mashpee Environmental Coalition**



Have you ever heard of the Mashpee Environmental Coalition? Perhaps you are aware of things like Water Quality Monitoring, Conservation Land Stewardship, Watershed Nitrogen Management Plans, Mashpee Wildlife Refuge, Mashpee Community Garden, or the Greenway Project.

All of the above are efforts to help protect our fragile Cape Cod environment and natural resources. We are a volunteer group of folks who try to work with various Town Committees on key issues impacting life on Cape Cod, and in particular Mashpee.

If you are environmentally concerned, if you have a few minutes monthly to hear about issues, and if you have a little time to impact future generations, check us out. Small efforts on a regular basis generate large impacts, all for future generations who would like to have what we presently enjoy.

Contact us at: info@mashpeemed.us or by mail at the Mashpee Environmental Coalition, P O Box 274, Mashpee, MA. 02649.

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Thank you for your support!

THE MEC Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month (January – November) at 4p.m. at the Mashpee Library.

(revised 11/19)

**All are welcome!**The Mashpee Environmental Coalition is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization; all donations are tax-deductible.

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### FALL 2020 NEW HOMEOWNERS FALL 2020

#### The Bluff

Brady Otey and Melissa Lackey James W. Flanders

#### **Bright Coves**

Sujata Bhatia Christopher and Lisa Conti John and June Lucivero Pascal and Elisa Nicolle Michael and Liza Petrone David Skinner Jay and Kristy Willadsen

#### **Colony Villas**

Sarah Bartlett-Cahill

#### The Cottages

Peter and Susan Cannone Jesus Morales Siordia

#### Fairway Homes at Seaside

Richard and Susanna Gallant Ali Jadbabaie and Nikroo Hashemi

#### **Fells Pond**

Vladimir and Irene Belsky

#### Greensward

Alexander and Polina Alber Michael and Sandra Bonacorso Robert and Lea Caggiano Kevin and Lauren Ebert Robert and Debra Friedman Brian Gorin and K. Tina Choe Aaron and Melissa Grossman Barbara Kidd John and Ann McManus James and Mary McCann

#### Highwood

James W. Flanders Michael Kauffman and Sharon Shacham Raphael and Huong Wolf

#### Little Neck Bay

Konstantinos and
Kristen Andrikopoulos
Haley Kaplowitz
John and Carolyn Murray
Richard and Robin Riley
Chad Sears &
Thomas McMennamin

#### Maushop

Wallace and Deborah Berger Amee Desjourdy Amy Hundert Thomas Jacquel Scott and Ruth Lopez Patrick and Grace Maraghy Petros and Meghan Parpos Paul and Caylen Sepe Thomas Shihadeh and Madison Murach Carlos and Kathleen Vargas

#### Mews4A

Daniel Caverly

#### Mews 4C

Kevin and Susan Durfee Neil Hollis Donna M. Sullivan

#### Mews 5A

John and Judith O'Neil

#### Preserve at Flat Pond

Bennett and Jill Alpert

#### **Promontory Point**

Robert Prifti Philip and Barbara Robidoux Stuart Segel

#### Sandalwood

Wagner Braga Mark and Judith Johnson

#### Seaguarters

John and Katharine Doherty James W. Flanders Jeanne M. Gould Roy and Nancy Meyer Daniel and Elizabeth O'Brien Robert and Donna Tito Leslie and Sherrie Woodard

#### Summersea

Lawrence and Judith Pelletier Michael Spiegel and Viera Muzithras

#### **Tidewatch**

Kevin and Lisa Hall Kevin Moon and Kristina Powers

#### **Triton Sound**

Haydar Diab and Nadia Diab-Shamari

#### **Vineyard Reach**

John and Jean Conners

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Tom Caston, Alicia Morrow, Catherine Power, Fredda Zaiger

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# Save Popponesset Bay: Update

Marlene Perkins

SPB Wins MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM)Coastal Resilience Grant! Save Popponesset Bay (SPB) is the proud recipient of a Coastal Resilience Grant from MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM). This generous award for \$426,000 will fund up to 15,000 cubic yards of trucked sand and beach grass for the Spit to be completed over this coming winter.

A condition of this Grant is that SPB MUST provide \$186,000 in matching funds. We need your support NOW. This grant supplements donor contributions, but does not replace your donation. Your annual donation is critical to our implementing this project as this grant work must be complete by Spring 2021, but the funds must be raised before the end of the year. Please donate and support our initiatives. Please visit our website www.savepopponessetbay.org today to make your annual donation so that we can capitalize on this exciting Grant opportunity CMZ has provided us.

SPB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1987 for the purpose of protecting and enhancing Popponesset Bay and the Popponesset Spit, the barrier peninsula and wildlife preserve that protects the Bay and surrounding communities in Mashpee and Cotuit. For more than 30 years, SPB has been managed and operated by a Board of neighborhood volunteers and supported by a wide range of stakeholders and partners including local government, businesses large and small, Mass Audubon Society, and many valued consistent donors.

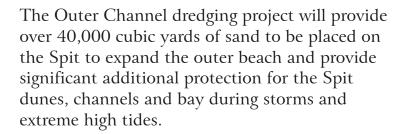
Due to our strong partnerships and community relationships, SPB has worked to dredge sand to keep key navigation channels open, improve water quality, and protect and restore the Popponesset Spit. This dune restoration project will help mitigate barrier beach storm damage protection, help protect Popponesset Bay and surrounding properties, protect the inner channel system, enhance habitat for endangered species such as piping plover and least terms, and improve recreation.

This CZM Grant marks a major milestone in SPBs 6-year initiative to rebuild the Spit and expand the Outer Channel. Since 2014, the Spit has been in a dangerously critical condition. This funding will allow SPB to make significant progress towards expanding the Spit in advance of the Outer Channel expansion project. This is the second grant SPB has secured from MA CZM



Outer Channel Expansion Project - Longer, Deeper, Wider

SPB continues to make progress towards our goal of expanding the Outer Channel leading from Popponesset Bay to Nantucket Sound. The goal is to extend the Outer Channel 250 feet while making the channel 2 feet deeper and 50 feet wider while also adding a catch basin to extend the channel life during the summer season. We hope to receive the final permit approvals by year end.



This dredging project will benefit all aspects of SPBs mission! Maintenance of the Spit with the dredged sand, safer waterways navigation, support for the Mashpee clean water initiative, and increased habitat for endangered species.

Thanks to our supporters, we have already received contributions earmarked for this dredging project, but we need to raise much more. If you would like more information about becoming a part of our Outer Channel Project, or are ready to become a contributor, please contact Bob Hughes @ rwhughes00@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your continued support as we enter this exciting next phase of our mission.







# Mashpee Clean Waters

Contributed by Mary Adams Oleksak Reprinted from Mashpee Clean Waters Facebook Group: Actual post by Jake Angelo

I am a commercial fisherman out of Barnstable and the water quality on the Cape is something I'm overwhelmingly concerned about. Many people don't understand why their true green lawn is offensive to others. Responses I get include "not everyone likes clover" and "I'm 80, I'll let the next guy save the cape." Hopefully they have simply not been educated properly on the subject.

As someone who spends up to 30 hours a week physically underwater scuba diving for your dinner, what I am about to show you does not begin to depict the seriousness of the situation.

The water quality has reached a point where we have lost 90%, maybe more, of the bottom in the three bays to muck and decay. The three bays are not alone and this problem is well documented across the world. The root of the degradation is nitrogen loading of our aquifers. Everyone's septic, lawn chemicals (even organic), car soap, etc., is washing into the ground and out to the estuaries and bays. As a result, algae grows suspended in the water, blocking the bottom from photosynthesis, and killing eel grass and other naturally abundant seaweeds. They have been replaced with less advanced native invasives such as mung, sponges, and bacteria. Supplied with perpetual amounts of nitrogen, these organisms proliferate to the point that they choke everything out including themselves. In the heat of the summer there are massive anoxic areas in the bays and estuaries which kills everything including fish, crabs, and clams. The decaying organic matter accumulates on the bottom resulting in the black muck everyone hates to walk in. We are at a point where I can confidently say the south side of Barnstable will never naturally produce any abundance of shellfish again.

How does your grass play a role? The grasses that are grown for their "aesthetics" require chemicals to maintain their appearance. It really doesn't matter if your nutrients is organic or not because they both contain the same chemicals that contribute to the water quality issues.

These grasses also require lots of water. What's the big deal if you only water your lawn and don't use any chemicals? Here on Cape Cod most of the water from our tap comes from the ground. The water from the ground is the same water that keeps our wetlands happy and healthy. These wet lands absorb nitrogen on its way to the ocean, but if they are dried up and stressed, they



are not functioning properly and the nitrogen flows right through those areas unabsorbed. True green lawns have become a social/political statement for many people. What are you afraid of? Your neighbor will complain if your grass is a different tone than his? Not using fertilizers is the first step to a communist country? You don't want to throw away chemicals you spent good money on?

A big problem, I believe, is that most of the water quality issues are, out of sight out of mind, hidden under the impermeable brown water you navigate through on your way to Sampson, Washburn, and Egg Island every weekend. I take people out all the time to show them first-hand the severity of the situation. If anyone is interested in learning more, feel free to reach out.

Note from Mary Adams Oleksak: Jake focuses on the Three Bays, Barnstable in his post. Popponesset and Waquoit Bays in Mashpee are in even worse shape. Everything we put in our yards and down the drain ends up in our waters.

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- Frappes are made with ice cream milkshakes are not.
- If it is carbonated and flavored, it is tonic.
- Tonic means Soda.
- When we want Club Soda we ask for CLUB SODA.
- When we want Tonic Water we ask for TONIC WATER.
- Pop is another name for Dad.
- The smallest beer is a pint.
- Scrod is whatever they tell you it is, usually fish. If you paid more than \$7 per pound, you got scrod.
- It is not a water fountain... it is a bubblah.
- It is not a trash can... it is a barrel.
- It is not a hero, or a grinder... it is a sub.
- It is not a shopping caht... it is a carriage.

- It is not a purse... it is a pockabook.
- They are not franks... they are haht dahgs.
- Franks are money used in Switzahland.
- Police do not drive patrol units or black and whites...
  - they drive a crewza.
- If you take the bus, you're on the looza crooza.
- It is not a rubber band... it is an elastic.
- It is not a traffic circle or round about... it is a rotary.
- "Going to the islands" means going to Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket.

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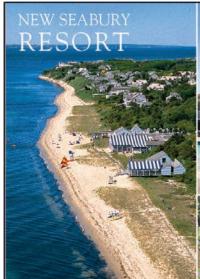
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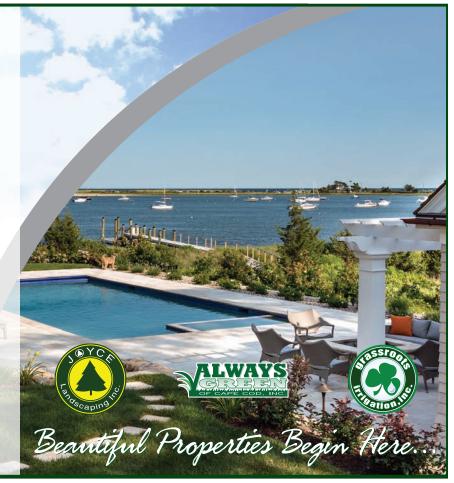
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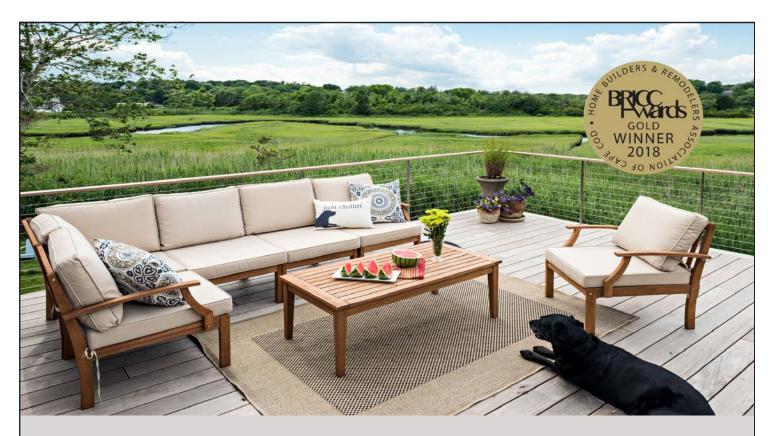


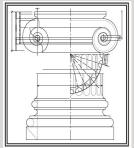
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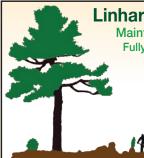




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