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# President's Report

Dick Noonan

For those of you who live here full time, we find ourselves right in the middle of the winter season. Not so bad thus far. Pickleball under the dome has been absolutely terrific and there has been enough snow in the mountains for some skiing. Both have helped to keep me moving.



In our last issue, I recapped our Peninsula Council Annual Meeting and talked about some of the things we are focused on. One of those items was our concern over the finances for the Architectural Review Committee. I indicated it looked like we would lose money this year, and we did; in fact, we closed out the year with a loss. Fortunately, we had the reserves to cover for us, but as I said in the last issue that is not sustainable long term. As a reminder our revenues for ARC come from the volume of home projects, such as expansions or raze and replace or when homes sell - the exception being that we do not get fees for New Seabury's new home sales of the Cottages. The volume for both were down this past year, and we do not see next year being much different. Therefore we are going to make some changes. We are moving the management of ARC back in house and effective April 1, the new ARC Manager will be Gale Pendergast. Gale is currently our Office Manager, but she has the background and now the experience with our Peninsula Council operations to take this on. So, congratulations to Gale on her new role! Distinctive Property Services did an admirable job, but we think we can save some money by managing it again in-house. Additionally, we will cut back somewhat on the use of our consultants while we streamline our processes. Can we cut out some administrative tasks? Do fewer things? Can we do those things more efficiently?

The other major activity we are ramping up this year is a Committee to lead the effort to get all homeowners from the original six Villages who are governed by the Universal Village Declaration to sign an extension prior to its expiration at the end of 2025. That sounds like a long time, but it is now less than two years. The hope is we can have enough support and signatures to get the paperwork completed by mid 2025.

Marjorie Clapprood, Chair of Bright Coves Village, has agreed to lead this important committee. It is a significant effort to communicate with over 1,000 homeowners, explain what is at stake, and secure the necessary signatures to extend our UVD. We should all thank her for taking this on. And if you want to get involved, Marjorie would love to hear from you. But I am sure one way or another you will hear from Marjorie.

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We cannot stress enough how important getting the Universal Village Declaration extended is to our New Seabury Community. Without this extension, the Peninsula Council loses the legal basis to collect the fees and manage this community; literally, to pave the roads, clear the drains, maintain the entrances, walking paths and keep the lights on. We are a private community and without this legal foundation, all of this is at risk. The Town is not going to come in and take this over. It is up to us to figure it out. I would ask all of you to take the time to understand the issues and what is at stake here.

Beyond that, Mike Richardson and I have begun conversations with New Seabury Corporation about working together to extend the Special Permit that will expire in 2026. That is the permit that allows certain flexibilities to New Seabury Development and the ARC. It enables both of us to better control our building activities and helps us bypass some Town processes that can be time consuming and expensive for our homeowners. We have had preliminary conversations with Mashpee town officials and hope to begin building some momentum. The good news is nobody knows how the Town works better than Mike Richardson. We will keep everyone apprised on our progress as eventually we will need resident support for this.

With that, I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the winter.

Dick Noonan

## *Treasurer's Report*

Richard Luskini

Invoices for 2024 have gone out to all residents. We appreciate your prompt payment. Please remember that it is the Peninsula Council that maintains the roads and drains, trims the trees, plants the flowers, maintains the walking paths and so much more so that New Seabury remains the wonderful community it is. We need everyone's support so please do your part.

We are reviewing the final financial statement for 2023. It was a difficult year financially. We will have a full report in the next issue of the Peninsula Reporter.

Rich Luskini  
Treasurer





## CAMI

### Common Area Maintenance and Infrastructure

Tom Caston

We are pleased to report that we did not have any major expenses this past year. Our budget for 2024 has been finalized and, hopefully, we'll be able to stay within budget. As you know, prices have increased, but we're still able to stay within budget with a balance in excess of \$600,000.00 in our reserves.

During 2023, we were able to replace a number of outdated gas lights with solar lamps, and we still have a few more to go. We spent a significant amount of time working on our walking trails - cleaning, and trimming back trees and branches. You might have noticed the new signage marking the trails. Thank you to Rick Deubert.

The drains are in good condition (for the

moment.) We're constantly monitoring them to make sure they continue to be clean and working properly.

We recently drove through all of the Villages to check the roadways. Most are in great condition. The areas where repairs are needed will be addressed in the spring.

Our community looks great! Looking forward to spring!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Please join us in welcoming Gale Pendergast  
as our new ARC Manager,  
effective April 1, 2024.**



# Executive Director's Report

Mike Richardson

Welcome to 2024 here in New Seabury as we continue the drive to our own Super Bowl ending whatever time frame we desire at the top of our game, living in a great community touting our own success. We seem to be able to show a continuing upscale look and feel in spite of being older than Bill Belichick or Tom Brady. It's not without some overtime games; however, nor without some challenging foes, nor without an imaginative game plan, and most importantly, we find the competition gets bigger and stronger every year.

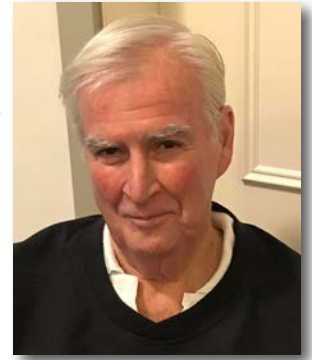
For example, Mother Nature, politics (world, national and local), the cost of living, taxes and other fees, and to a degree almost most important, differences of opinion. It's a challenge to be "up" every day and, to a degree, above the fray, as like the ocean, it keeps coming at you regularly, never ceasing, time after time, after time.

Yet, we are fortunate to have a sizeable group of volunteers that all contribute at different levels to our ability to stay the course. In spite of all the above, it seems that those of us who have made New Seabury our home remain focused on our success.

So, getting off my soap box, let's start the year. The ARC, created by our creator (New Seabury developer) continues to be the reason we have maintained our look and feel. In spite of increasing costs, we have maintained a very conservative structure, and it's been difficult to manage financially, so we are taking ARC back in house where we can continue to be effective at less cost. In essence, it's back in my seat with Gale Pendergast at the helm. The expectation is a smooth transition and more visibility with faster results.

Special Maintenance (now CAMI) is being revamped with specific assignments and more communication since that entire operation provides solutions to the entire community at large, not just those Villages that are part of the Peninsula Council. This occurs at the right time....just as the New Seabury Corporation is in the final months of its development. CAMI has the responsibility of all

common areas, not the New Seabury Corporation, so we will be over communicating in 2024 to ensure that all residents in New Seabury have a better understanding of where their funds are utilized.



All communities are guided by Declarations supported by Bylaws. It's simply how society works. There needs to be a foundation on which success can be built. The original six Villages of New Seabury are so governed by the Universal Village Declaration. It expires at the end of 2025...and we need to extend it. Our community has many professionals in residence, and all have thoughts and idea about how things should be. So, we will be coming out with our plan - now having a committee in place - to organize that approach. Marjorie Clapprood is at the lead, so provide her with your thoughts and PLEASE be accepting of our approach since it's to all our benefit to get this right. I can say the same thing several ways (as MJ has criticized me for doing) so, given we have a way to say things that work, let's be supportive instead of picking it apart.

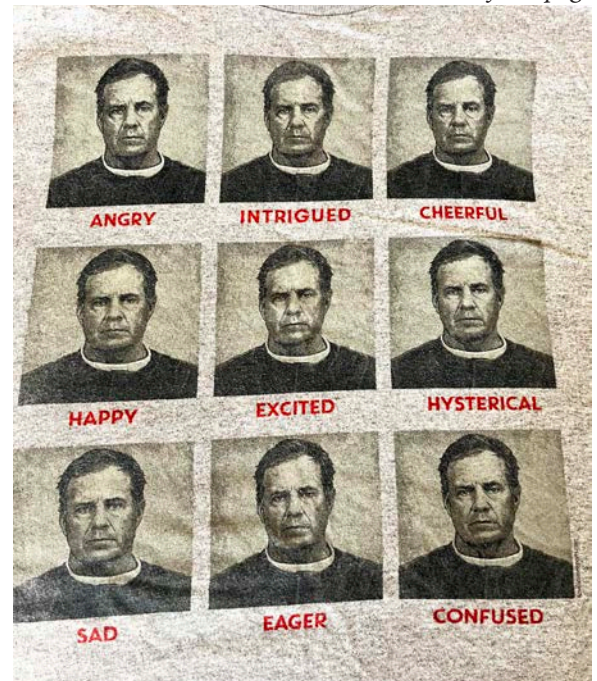
Our town has a lot going on as well (see separate article in this edition from yours truly) and it's more important than ever that you all read up, watch Mashpee TV, and/or attend some Planning Board, Zoning Board or Select Board meetings. Much of what is coming our way is being driven by a small group of folks with a mission. You all should get as involved as possible to determine if that mission is aligned with your thought processes and desires. Read about Tree Bylaws, Raze and Replace, Open Space, Affordable Housing, Seasonal Tax Differentials, Overlay Districts, etc. Lest you think it's time to relax ...sorry folks, it's time to get more involved.

As the old saying goes..." My grandmother decided to take up walking and is up to two miles a day. Unfortunately, we don't know where she is now" ... we simply can't afford to sit back and wonder where Mashpee is going since we will wake up one day and say, "Where the heck are we, and how did this happen?"

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As we finish up our collective look at our 2023 work as connected to expenses, we had a challenging, but good year. All our communities spent a tad bit more on a couple of things. One was landscaping and, clearly, you would have to be totally out of it to not recognize the enormous amount of leaves we had this past year. As you can imagine, it's not just leaves, but pine needles, and the drains that need to be kept open. Trees are plentiful, and we have had more than the normal issues with branches and dead trees. That will only get more dangerous. While we are destined for less snow here on Cape, which comes with increased wind and rain...shallow roots and all make for some serious potential problems. Drains are being constantly looked at for issues. We have had several that required substantial work and we are categorizing them more closely again this year. Many drain slowly; slower than the torrential downpours we are now getting more frequently. If there is no pipe associated with a drain, i.e., it's a leaching pit, it will drain slowly. We can clean them out weekly, but they will still drain slowly. If that occurs to a point where it's too slow, or backs up too far, we need to add basins to collect the rainwater until it seeps into the ground. We will identify all drains that are potentially headed in that direction but recognize that can only be done when it's raining, i.e., watch and time it.



The many faces of Bill Belichick.  
Source unknown.



Mike's IPA! Can you tell?

We spent a little more on decorations this year, and that's a double-edged sword. On the one hand, it's for such a short time frame, on the other, it's nice to get here and see how bright and joyful things look for that short time frame. From a personal perspective, there is a lot that we see and read that is not much fun to see, so the little extra to make our community bright seems to be worthwhile.

We've been fortunate to have a few individuals that are willing to sit as officers and work through our challenges (it's nice to have pictures), and our challenges are going to get more and more challenging (talk about redundancy) so, if you are up for the challenge (once again) let us know. We don't know everybody out there, so please step forward... so I don't have to use pictures.

Like Belichick, I want to win those next 14-15 games before I drive off into the sunset. I see 2024 as the year in which those wins are possible with the help of all of you out there who chose this place to live. Then, all I want is one last beer at the bar (IPA, please) and then, I will go for that walk to find grandma, wherever she may be.

Mike R

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# ARC Report

**G**et a head start on your spring projects and send in your ARC requests early!

Don't wait until the spring rush to kickstart your home improvement project. By completing your ARC request early, you not only increase the chances of a swift approval, but also pave the way for a stress-free project.

The ARC's job is to assist homeowners in the community with their projects, from start to finish, and help guide you through the process of gaining the required approvals and permits. With fewer applications to process during the winter months, the approval process can be quicker, which allows you to start construction or renovations without delays. Please remember, if you are making any changes to the exterior of your home, such as painting, roofing, siding, window/door replacement, decking, major landscaping, additions or removing trees (over 6" in diameter), please contact our office ([arc@peninsulacouncil.com](mailto:arc@peninsulacouncil.com)) to confirm if a permit is needed. If you are undertaking a project that requires a Mashpee Building Permit, please contact our office right away as the Town will not issue a permit until you have an ARC permit on file.

**Please be sure that you always have your yellow ARC permit in an area that is easily visible for us to see!**

As a reminder, the ARC meets the 2nd Wednesday (barring no committee member conflicts) of every month, so if your project needs Committee approval, please have all completed documents emailed to our office by the first of the month. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

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# Village Reports

## Bright Coves

Marjorie Clapprood  
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This has always been a favorite season for me.... celebrating the turn of the year along with one or more celebrations of Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza, all matter of Thanksgivings that bring the whole family together...and looking forward to spring... the start of a new beginning, opening windows, cooking out on the deck!

Things this year didn't go exactly as planned for us, and in the process of "dealing" with family happenings, flu breakouts sprinkled with COVID (more than one kind!), transportation issues.... and all kinds of challenges, I discovered that many of you - our neighbors - were dealing with the same things. So we shared "coping" strategies. Some neighbors invited more friends and guests to accommodate changes in location - "Chuck can't host the family this year, what do we do now?" - so the guest list goes to Karen who has the biggest house to accommodate overnight guests. A neighbor includes you in their dinner plans and you get to make your favorite dessert to a new audience. A few grandkids take a stab at cooking a turkey and ham - and discover it is fun and guess what? Delicious! Travel and college dates turned on their head requiring a cancellation altogether, so in comes a family zoom....and what was planned as a half hour "catch up", turns into an hour and a half party with tons of laughs, photos, poems and memories shared, and the agenda for the summer reunion is already planned!

Bright Coves is like the annual letter some send to family and friends, only in person. We pivot. We roll with it. So, I highly recommend you listen close, talk more, meet new peeps in the neighborhood, and do everything you want to do, just do it a different way if necessary. Somebody out walking the dogs wanted to know why Wading Place Road was blocked for a couple of weeks, which led to a group discussion on street lights, Eversource poles, and two new volunteers to our

Bright Coves Committee! Six new friends! For some of you who usually only come down in the summer months, this year the holidays called you back to the "beach house", and you loved it! Somebody's kid got accepted to their favorite college, a neighbor's granddaughter turns 21 and gets engaged! Your son (or grandson) moves to the west coast and you miss them so much, but end up talking and texting more than ever. The recipe for those ribs becomes a new family favorite, your "gift list" morphs from online shipping to homemade candies and gets you out to UPS for the big "send". On and on. Add your examples! ;-)

We're all more alike than we might've originally thought.... we're looking forward to the spring, planning a gathering at a reserved area, doing a "trash clean up" day, attending the Peninsula Council monthly meeting to learn more about changes in management of our neighborhood, and maybe coming to a town meeting to learn about, and vote for, changes in how we deal with clean water initiatives. If you come up against a bump in the road, ask a neighbor for help, or offer to help yourself!

This newsletter is such a great resource for what's happening....so get out there and make it happen....! Now, I have to go drop off some brownies for a couple that's celebrating a BIG anniversary, and on the way, stop off to see another neighbor who's on her way back from a big health challenge....and so on, and so on....maybe I'll see you out there on my next walk! Hoping so!

Marjorie Clapprood  
Chair, Bright Coves Committee

p.s. For updates on some of the projects you may want to get involved with, see Mike Richardson's article in this edition, ranging from our organization - the Peninsula Council - and how we're governed as a "Village" and have to update our Universal Village Declaration (UVD) by 2025 - to the Special Permit that empowers us to organize separate and apart from the Town of Mashpee - and where they all overlap - and what it means to us as homeowners - tons to know and it's a tad complicated to explain in short order. You're welcome to join any number of meetings to learn more, just call or email me; we'll point you in the right direction!

# Fells Pond

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*Hello Fells Pond residents,*

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. Rick and I wish you well in this new year.

We have been working on several projects with Mike Richardson over the past couple of months. The projects are as follows: we have requested to have Vail Lane, Broomstick Way and both Fells Pond Circle gas lanterns replaced with solar lanterns. It turns out that this is not a quick endeavor, but it is in the works. Also, we have requested to have a quote to pave Fells Pond Road up to the second speed bump - approximately one mile. We are collecting quotes, as many of the catch basins need to be repaired as they are sinking and making our road quite bumpy. We also are looking into repairing Fells Pond Circle due to tree roots heaving the road surface.

Speaking of catch basins, it would be a great help if we all could “adopt” a catch basin. This would entail just clearing leaves and debris from the grate and ensuring it is doing its job, especially in the fall. If there is one in front of your house or if you are like many who walk Fells Pond Road, take a minute to clear the debris. It would be a big help. If your property has recently had some work done and this resulted in your landscaping being disturbed, please make an

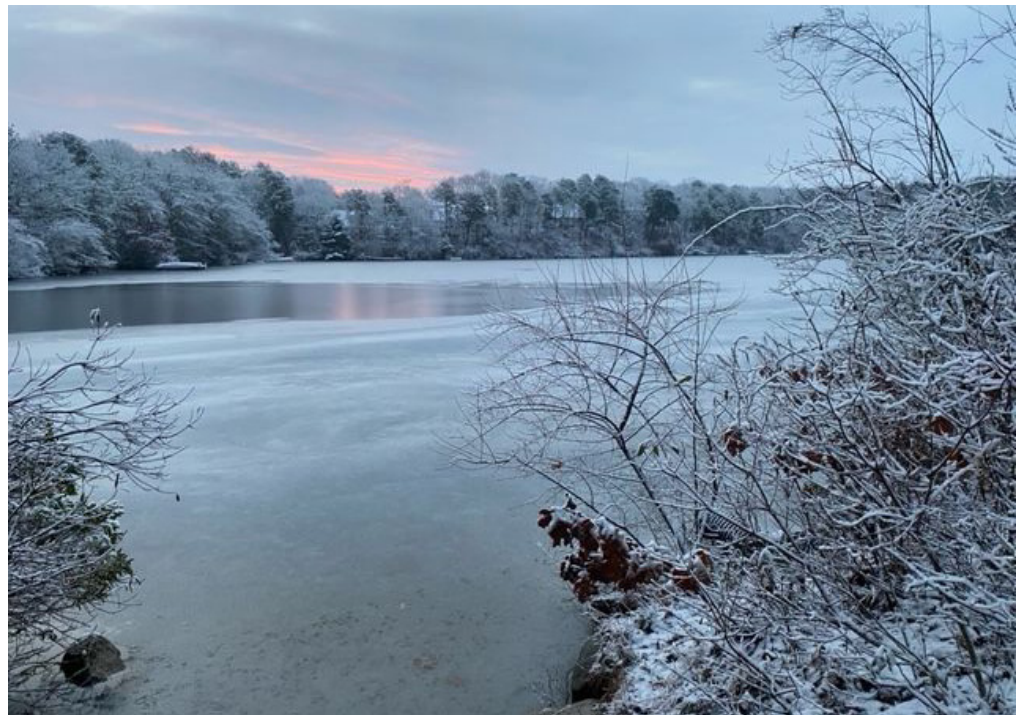


Be on the lookout for yard debris and sand in the street after doing landscaping. Keep the drains clear. Photo by Chris Avis.

effort to be sure your yard doesn't end up in the street and ultimately in one of the catch basins. We do clean them out, but this additional debris results in them not working properly.

Rick and I are part of a committee working on the expiring Universal Village Declaration. More to come on this important document which will ensure we keep our Villages as they are today and managed by us. Please forward any questions or concerns our way.

Thank you,  
Chris and Rick



Serenity can be found at Fells Pond on a wintry day. Photo by Chris Avis.



# GREENSWARD

Darlene Furbush

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. 2024 has arrived like a lamb. A little snow, a lot of rain and very high winds. But, as I write this article, we've had some snow, so we woke up to a white golf course, trees and roadways. Hurray. Don't worry folks, it didn't last long. By early afternoon most of it was gone, but ... the winter isn't over yet.

This past year was a good one from a budget standpoint. We didn't have any surprises; things in our Village ran well and our Village looked great. For that to happen, our yearly dues are used to keep the Village running. Many of you know and understand why we receive the once yearly bills and what is done with the money; however, some of you may not know or are new to the area. First, welcome to Greensward Village. We are the largest Village with a little over 300 homes. Our New Seabury community, while called New Seabury, is not owned or run by New Seabury. The golf club, golf courses, Popponesset Inn, The Lure, Athletic Center and the Beach club are. The vast majority of the roads, road repairs,

drains, signage, the beautification of the landscape, snow/storm cleanup, and much more are the homeowners' responsibility. To be clear, the roads are private roads, belonging to us. The roads are not owned by the Town of Mashpee, hence the Town is not responsible for them either. This is all taken care of and paid for by us as homeowners as part of the Peninsula Council.

To give you perspective, here are three examples of the cost of three projects over the last few

years: \$5,000.00 for brush and tree pickup one year; \$13,000.00 for one drain repair, and then \$130,000.00 was spent to resurface Glenneagle Road. These are just a few examples to give you an idea of what it takes to keep our Village running and remaining beautiful.

So, when you sit down to write your check and wonder what this money is used for, think about this once-a-year bill and how far that money goes to make our Village a lovely place to live. And, it's a place you are proud to have your family and friends spend time with you enjoying life here in Greensward

Village and Cape Cod anytime of the year.

Enjoy the rest of your winter wherever life finds you. We look forward to seeing everyone back come spring. Safe journeys.



No golf today! Photo by Darlene Furbush.

# HighWood

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And it is 2024! Happy New Year to everyone from your High Wood Village Board! We hope this year brings good health, prosperity and joy to you, your families and your neighbors! At the time I write this, we have survived some unseasonably crazy weather with temperatures skyrocketing to the mid 50s and then dropping to the 30s the next day. Mother Nature seemed a bit ferocious and confused sending high winds and torrential rains ...we are not in the tropics! Luckily, our Village weathered these quite well. We still see mild temperatures which are good for our plants, but the frosty bites are just around the corner.

On the business side, you probably noticed a significant increase in traffic (including trucks) through our Village in November- December of last year. This was due to closure of a part of the Wading Place Road by Eversource who moved power lines underground in that section to reduce electricity outages for the surrounding communities. The Eversource work delayed the road repairs we planned to do in the fall. The Eversource project is now complete, and the High Wood Village Board with Peninsula Council administration is taking a fresh look at conditions of our common areas: roads, drains, trails, etc., to develop appropriate maintenance plans for 2024 and beyond. Once we have them defined, we will provide you with updates.

We were able to responsibly manage our 2023 finances, secured a surplus of \$15,000 for future Village needs and ended the year with a reserve fund of \$129,000. We are taking advantage of the current high interest rates and are reallocating our funds accordingly. There is no increase in the annual dues for High Wood this year; we kindly ask you not to forget to pay them by March 1, 2024 to avoid penalty charges.

Please enjoy the quiet winter time in High Wood and we hope to see you all energized for the spring in just a few weeks. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,  
Julia Gershkovich



Snowed in at Fish Hook Pond. Photo by Julia Gershkovich.

## 2024 NEW HOMEOWNERS

### GREENSWARD

Mark and Lauren McClure  
Susan Tilden and Deborah Pleasic  
Jon and Eileen Klapman

### The MEWS Village

Robert and Jennifer Gillooly  
Linda and Roger Robitaille



# The Mews

Chair: Wayne Luther  
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Hello Fellow Homeowners,

We hope this message finds you well. If you're a year-round resident or spend the winter somewhere else in the northeast, we hope you're staying warm. For those of you who travel to warmer climates off-season, please think of us!

It's a relatively quiet time in our neighborhood with most homeowner projects completed or waiting to begin in spring. Our Brassie Circle project will continue shortly with the electrical hook-up for the irrigation (the well is already in place) and the cobblestone apron happening next. This project requires multiple vendors with many bids and configurations to sort through.

By now, you've received both email and paper mail regarding our proposed amended Declaration. They contain a cover letter that explains why we need to do this and what the specific changes will be (our apologies for signing the letter as HOA Committee without listing our actual names). Also included was a ballot, our proposed The Mews Patio Homes Amended Declaration, and the complete existing The Mews Declaration (only in the email).

Although we discussed this proposed amendment during our 2023 Annual Meeting, we know you may have further questions now that the voting is really

here. We don't intend any of these amendments to be controversial... we consider this necessary housekeeping.

Please get back to us by April 1st with questions regarding the amendment. We hope to obtain your signature prior to our 2024 Annual Meeting, and use the meeting to announce the results and perhaps acquire any last-minute votes. If our amended Declaration is not voted in, we'll need to continue with our current Declaration.

Speaking of our 2024 The Mews Patio Homes Annual Meeting and Neighborhood Party, please save these dates:

- Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. We will meet at the New Seabury Country Club.

- Our Annual Party is scheduled for Sunday, August 4, beginning at noon and ending around 3:00 p.m. The party will be in the Gazebo at the New Seabury Country Club. Lunch will be served accompanied by a cash bar. There will be a small fee per person which we'll finalize as the date gets closer.

We're looking forward to seeing you at both events, although we're sure we'll see you before then.

The Mews Patio Homes HOA Committee  
Wayne Luther -Chairperson  
Rob Bogosian  
Pat Frechette  
Patty Donohue (Alternate)  
Anastasia Efstratios (Alternate)

## SAVE THE DATE

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NEW SEABURY HOMEOWNERS

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MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!



# Popponesset Island

Karen Joyce-Marie  
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Happy New Year!

Writing this looking out over Popponesset Bay, there is a light snow coming down giving a white dusting to the trees. While Poppy Island is a beautiful place in the “season”, it is equally captivating in the winter with sunrises of vivid reds and crisp, nippy air. Yet, spring is right around the corner! Here’s hoping 2024 is a year filled with lots of family memories and boating adventures in Popponesset Bay, around the Spit and beyond, hopefully, thanks to a strong dredging effort in the spring! Last year’s dredging was carried out in late September, but we still have our spot on Barnstable County’s spring schedule, assuming additional dredging is needed.



## BUILDING POPPY

As Poppy Island continues to welcome new folks and family homes are passed to the next generation, our neighborhood is evolving and thriving. Three more new home constructions have broken ground with other home and dock renovations underway! Another 2-3 new homes are on the drawing table...an exciting time! Walking the island, you will see foundations being poured to take advantage of our stunning views while positioned to protect our community’s natural resources. Both the Peninsula Council’s Architectural Review Committee (or ARC) and the town of Mashpee Conservation Committee work closely with residents to

maintain the environmental health and beauty of our neighborhood.

While builders are making progress over the winter months, construction will certainly pick up in the warmer months, so be mindful of the trucks. For all of us who use vendors for yard maintenance, construction and general work, please emphasize our 15mph speed limit to your vendors as well as plan for parking as our narrow streets must remain clear for our neighbors and emergency vehicles. Most importantly, please review any plans for bringing heavy equipment and building materials onto Poppy Island. Our bridge is a wooden structure and is rated for a max of 15T for trucks and 27T for tractor-trailers (see sign on the bridge). Loads may need to be divided between trucks to stay within the limits. In addition, tractor-trailers could get stuck on the bridge hump, so offloading to smaller trucks may be needed.

## BRIDGE SIGNALS

Please continue to proceed with caution as you cross our bridge, even in the less busy winter months! Too many vendors and some residents/visitors are not stopping and just driving over the bridge even though they have a red light. While it takes a bit more time (lights are set

at a 30 second timer), it is safer for all, especially during this heavy construction time.

## BEACH EROSION

Beaches are dynamic and erosion is an ongoing natural process with continued movement between the ocean and the sand. However, rising sea levels and powerful storms are accelerating that natural process. A recent storm in late November brought wind gusts of 60mph causing severe erosion at Mashpee’s South Cape Beach. Roughly 1,000 tons of sand are needed to repair the beach and dunes! Additional

storms in December have further exacerbated the erosion, including on Popponesset



Weight Limits for the Poppy Bridge. Photo by Karen Joyce-Marie.

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Spit and the Osterville shoreline. High winds even

snatched an Adirondack chair from a neighbor's yard. Carried by the current, the chair landed on the shore of the Spit! Check out the work of "Save Popponesset Bay" on page 32 and please consider supporting their work to combat the erosion and sustain and nourish the Spit for our families today and the generations to come!

Interesting fact- the US began to use female names for storms in 1953 and by 1978 male names were added. Prior to this, they were identified by names such as the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 and the Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944. Interestingly, the Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944 was during WWII and had sustained winds of over 100 mph as it made landfall on Cape Cod. It caused great damage in Osterville and the Wianno Beach where over 60 feet of coast washed away. In the aftermath, the cleanup was helped by German POWs who were housed at nearby Camp Edwards. For the 2024 season, the first five named storms will be: Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby and Ernesto.

## CAPE COD TIPS FROM NEIGHBORS

While winter and early spring may be a bit chilly, add a few layers and check out the wonderful hiking areas in and around Mashpee. An updated Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge guide and trail map may be found on the town of Mashpee's website under Conservation.

A past article highlighted



Snowy Sunrise over the Spit. Photo by Madeline Kruzel.

the seasonal "live cam" positioned at the osprey nest at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Hopefully, the cam will return for a third season. As we await the ospreys' arrival, check out the amazing highlights from last season's live cam on the "Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge" website. As a quick timeline, in 2023, the ospreys returned to the nest in March, eggs were laid in April with hatching in May/June followed by feeding and watching the little guys grow in July/August. The season came to an end when

they left the nest in October.

See you in the spring as we await the March return of the ospreys to Poppy Island to lay their eggs and raise their young!

Your PIA team,  
Margie, Dave, Joel and Karen



Winter Sunset over Popponesset Bay. Photo by Margie Ross Decter.

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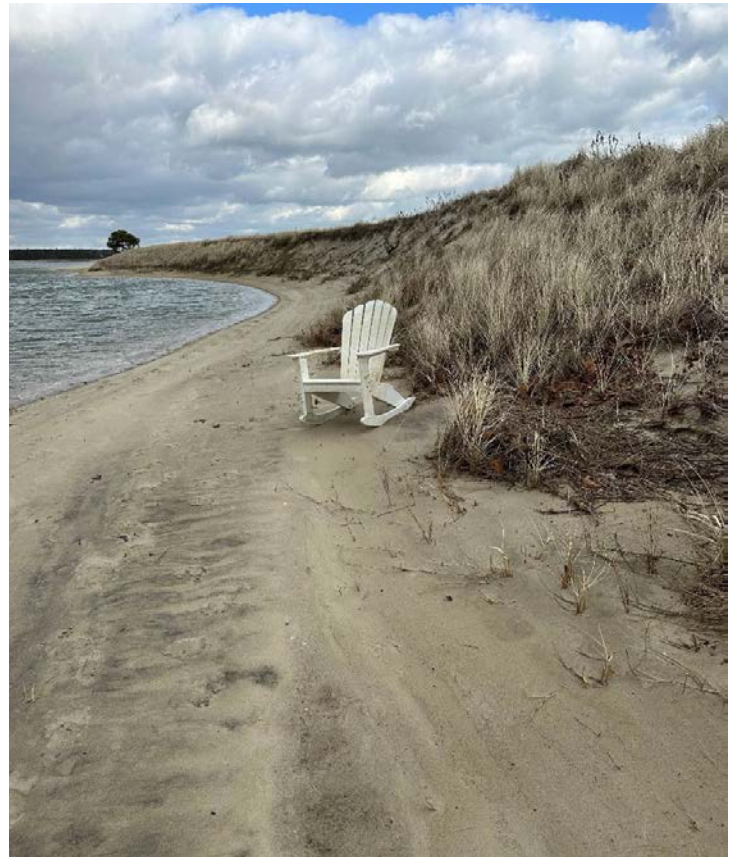




Poppy Island Bridge. Photo by Margie Ross Decter.



Winter Wildlife on the Spit. Photo by Margie Ross Decter.



A lone Adirondack arrived on the Spit. Photo by Meg Hovsepian.

## Poppy Place

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### Winter in Poppy Place

As winter embraces our community, we bring you the latest updates from our beloved Poppy Place. There's much to share, so let's dive in!

**A Hearty Welcome to New Residents** First, we extend a warm welcome to our newest residents, Katherine and Matt Cannan and their family. We're thrilled that you have joined our community and wish you countless happy and memorable moments in your new home.

**New Hands on the Property Management Wheel** In other significant news, as of January 2024, we've transitioned our property management responsibilities back to the capable hands of the Peninsula Council. After an 8-month period, this change marks a new chapter in overseeing our beautiful community's upkeep and management. For any community-related issues or queries, please reach out to Gale or Mike at Peninsula Council. You can contact them at 508-539-0028.

**Common Area Fence Repair and Replacement Plans** We followed up this summer's Annual Meeting with a productive homeowners Zoom meeting in December. The meeting's focus was on the aging common area fences which border our roadways and have been a staple of our community for the past 17 years.



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The decision was to continue maintaining these fences and to increase our reserves by \$10,000 in the 2024 budget. This increase anticipates the eventual need for replacement with similar wooden fences. We are also looking at opportunities to test natural barriers where amenable to the homeowners.

**New Rental Policy: A Community Consensus** In a remarkable display of unity, the community has unanimously agreed to an amendment in the PP Declaration, setting a minimum two-week rental period. This development is nearing its final stages, with the attorney working on recording the documents at the Registry of Deeds. It's a significant step towards maintaining the quality and harmony of our community living experience.

**2024 Budget Insights:** The Board is establishing the budget for 2024, covering the numerous services that make our community special. The budget would be similar to last year without the increase for the Fence Reserve, which translates to an additional \$714 per homeowner. You most likely have received the budget and billing packet.

Wishing You a Wonderful Winter Last but certainly not least, wherever you may be this winter, the entire Poppy Place community wishes you a joyful and healthy start to 2024. Let's make this year one filled with warmth, community spirit, and memorable moments!



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# Sandalwood

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Sandalwood got into the holiday/new year spirit with some great decorations at the front entrance. Many thanks to Carl MacDonald, Artie Schneider, Tom Rullo and Marsha Harris for putting up (and taking down) the lights and displays.

We start the year with a newly elected/re-elected

## Board of Directors:

**Rich Luskin** - President

**Artie Schneider** - Vice President

**Dick Hayes** - Treasurer

**Tom Rullo** - Secretary

**Tony Bolton** - Clerk/Director

**Carl MacDonald** - Director

**Tim Dooling** - Director

A special welcome to Tom and Tim who are joining the Board for the first time.

Financial results for 2023 are complete and I am pleased to report that we had an operating surplus which will be added to our reserves. We are anticipating some significant expenses in 2024 to



replace another of the road drains along West Way. Fortunately, we have reserve funds for this purpose and Village dues for 2024 will remain the same as the past few years.

Removal of dead trees and pruning of overhanging branches are now complete. This removes potential safety hazards and provides a clear path for the Town to plow our roads. Careful observers will also note some updating to the stop signs around the Village. All signs are now the same size and have new backings that will be more resistant to damage. Again, thanks to Carl MacDonald for putting his carpentry skills to work to help complete this project.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year.



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# Summer Sea

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Hi Everyone,  
Greetings from Summer Sea. The days are getting longer and that means we are moving closer to summer time. We can't wait!

As you know, our Summer Sea dues went up slightly this year. We have received a few calls from neighbors asking why the dues have gone up and what the dues cover. For those of you new to our Village, the dues cover many things including road maintenance and repair, maintaining the integrity of our sewers and drains (that is why we ask everyone to remove the fallen leaves from their properties, so they do not blow into the streets clogging the drains causing expensive repairs), landscaping at the front and back entrances to Summer Sea and common areas throughout New Seabury, pruning trees and bushes, mowing and treating the field for ticks, our summer social, and so much more.

Speaking of our summer social, last year's "ice cream social" was a big hit and we are planning a similar event for this summer. Many neighbors have requested that we have the event earlier in the summer as a kickoff to the season. We are aiming to have our first social in late June so that we can all have the opportunity to socialize and perhaps have another get together later in the summer. A big shout out to Doug for starting the planning process! We will keep you posted about the date.

If you have not done so, please join our Summer Sea Facebook Group.

Please be a good neighbor and clean your fallen leaves, clear a drain, pick up after your dog and pick up refuse as you see it!

As always, if you have any questions please be in touch. Enjoy the rest of your winter. See you soon.  
Fredda, Bill, Julie, Larry, Doug, Judy, Brenda, and Risa

## Winter in Summer Sea and Ockway Bay



Photo by Julie Silva



Photo by Doug Nahigian



Photo by Barbara Gubitose



# TRITON SOUND

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## Happy New Year, Triton Sound!

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and were able to spend time with friends and family. It has been a fairly wet winter so far this year, with too much rain and some snow. We lost a tree along Shore Drive West and had to do some quick repairs to the path along Marjorie's Way from one of the larger rainstorms. As always, we appreciate the swift work of our vendor partners who help keep the neighborhood looking great. We expect to add some fresh gravel to that path in the spring. As a reminder, please continue to have your homes checked to avoid freeze-ups and damage. Also, please try to clear any drains in the road if you notice they are blocked. And if neighbors notice anything unusual, please reach out to our fellow homeowners, or directly to me.

Our financials ended 2023 close to expectations. We have begun the planning process for the upcoming year, and are looking forward to keeping the neighborhood looking as beautiful as ever. Invoices for this year were sent out in early January, so please make your payments promptly! For those of you who have already done so - it's much appreciated.

As always, please stay safe everyone, and feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.



The most amazing sunrise over Triton Sound captured by Jackie Baudanza on January 23.



The dredging process at the Spit in late fall left some interesting patterns in the sand created by the wheels of the huge vehicles. Photos by Fredda Zaiger



# Vineyard Reach

Connie Strait

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Vineyard Reach, while off to a great start in 2024, is enjoying a sleepy winter, yet making preparations for the spring cleanup and some deferred maintenance around our properties. We were happy to renew our contract with 3Sixty Property Management and Pelican Landscaping and look forward to keeping our team together.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our neighbor, Jean Connors, and send our condolences to her entire family.



A snowy day on the Dunes Course.  
Photo by Connie Strait



## MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB *at New Seabury*

Joe Fisher

In keeping with our Mission, the Men's Club will be awarding six scholarships to Mashpee High School students this spring. This will be our 33rd year providing financial assistance to students in our community which is totally funded by the generous contributions of our members. Many thanks to Mike Milbury of Bruins' fame who was our guest speaker at this past November's reception. Our Steering Committee is currently working on our event schedule for this coming year. Details will be emailed to all. Lastly, the Club would like to welcome our newest members from the Cottages community.



Former Bruin Mike Milbury and Sam Rowe at the Men's Club reception this past November.



The Mashpee Environmental Coalition, a non-profit organization, has been advocating and educating on behalf of Mashpee's natural resources for over 25 years. Our history began in the early 1990s when a few residents - concerned about the Mashpee River, rapid growth of the town, and apparent lack of active ecological concern - met informally with the aim of developing a grassroots awareness of the environmental problems facing our town. While these informal meetings grew into the Mashpee Environmental Coalition (MEC), our transition to an organized group began with its 501(c)(3) incorporation in 1996.

To this day, MEC continues to be an organization made up exclusively of volunteers - residents who are concerned about the environment and our town. Many of us currently serve on town and local committees and boards in an effort to encourage policies that support responsible stewardship of our natural resources. Two of our upcoming activities include:

- A Textile Drive during Earth Day weekend (weekend of April 20, 2024)

Now that Massachusetts has banned the discarding of any/all textiles from the trash, this is a great opportunity to legally get rid of your ripped, soiled or threadbare items such as bedding, towels, clothing, shoes, accessories (scarves, belts), and even stuffed animals, all while donating to a good cause.

- Mashpee Environmental Coalition Scholarship to again be awarded

For the fifth year in a row, a scholarship will be awarded to one or more Mashpee Middle High School seniors who have demonstrated a concern for the environment.

To learn more or to help us in our efforts, additional information can be found at [www.mashpeemec.us](http://www.mashpeemec.us); or <https://www.facebook.com/MashpeeEnvironmentalCoalition/>; or by email at [info@mashpeemec.us](mailto:info@mashpeemec.us).







# Culinary Corner

Christine Mone

*A delicious winter meal with friends.*

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## Beef Bourguignon

3 pounds chuck meat/stew beef

2 medium onions

3 carrots

6 strips of bacon

2 tablespoons olive oil

4 cloves of garlic

Parsley

2 bay leaves

4 tablespoons of butter

2 tablespoons of flour

1 pound of small mushrooms

1 bag of pearl onions

2 tablespoons of tomato paste

3 cups of red wine – Cabernet, Burgundy, Shiraz, Merlot (either one)

2 cups of beef broth

Salt and pepper to taste



Chop bacon and sauté in pan for 3- 4 minutes (browned not crisp).

Set aside bacon (on paper towels).

Add olive oil.

Salt and pepper the beef, brown all sides (I do this in sections, not all at once).

Remove beef, put in bowl.

Add chopped onions, carrots and garlic, sauté till onions are soft, sprinkle in the flour, and mix well.

Add the beef, bacon, tomato paste, beef broth, wine, and salt and pepper (to taste).

Simmer.

Separately, sauté the mushrooms in 2 tablespoons of butter until browned, put aside.

Sauté onions in separate pan with 1 tablespoon of butter and a splash of water until browned, put aside.

I cook everything in a large pot on the stove, then transfer to a crock pot and slow cook it. You can keep it in the pot and simmer for a couple hours. I prefer the slow cooker.

Before serving, add the mushrooms and onions to the recipe, stir in for a couple minutes.

Top with chopped fresh parsley.

\*Serving is for 6; I double the recipe for a larger dinner party.

This is a delicious recipe for winter time. It is usually served over egg noodles. I like to make it better!! Serve over homemade mashed potatoes with warm bread and a side salad.

## Christine's Mashed Potatoes\*\*

1 bag of potatoes (boiled, drained)

Add:

1 stick of butter

1 block of cream cheese

1 cup of sour cream

Milk (enough to make it smooth with hand mixer)

Salt and pepper to taste

Garlic (optional)

Chives (optional)

\*\*the above is for a whole bag of potatoes

If doing a roast or another meat dish, a nice side is to put the mashed potatoes in a casserole dish and top with shredded cheese and heat it up in the oven!!!

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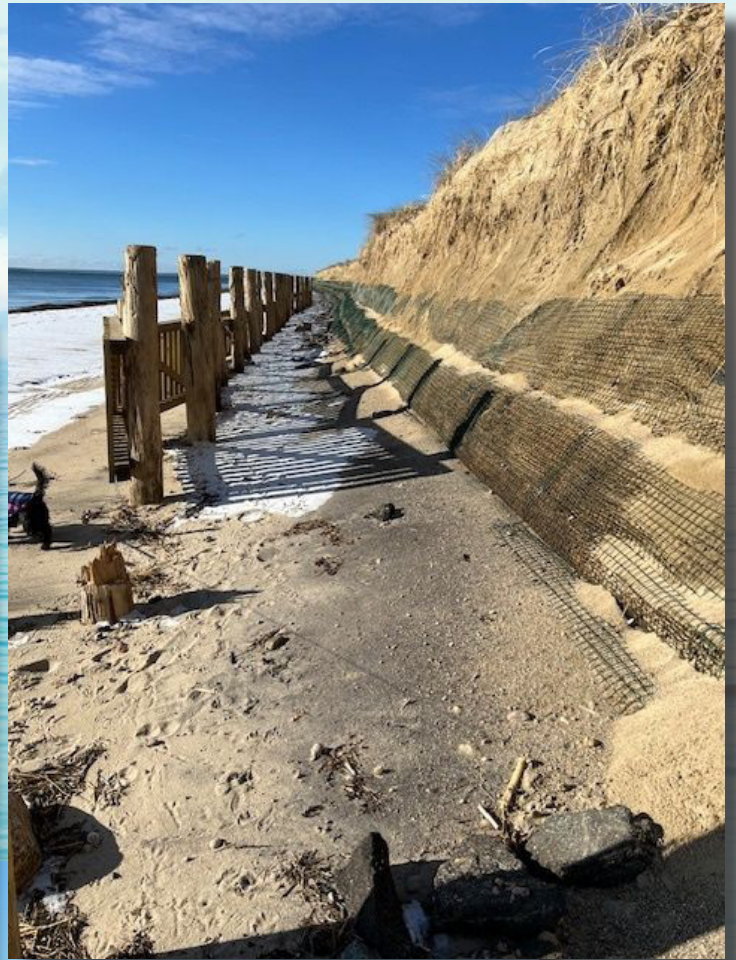
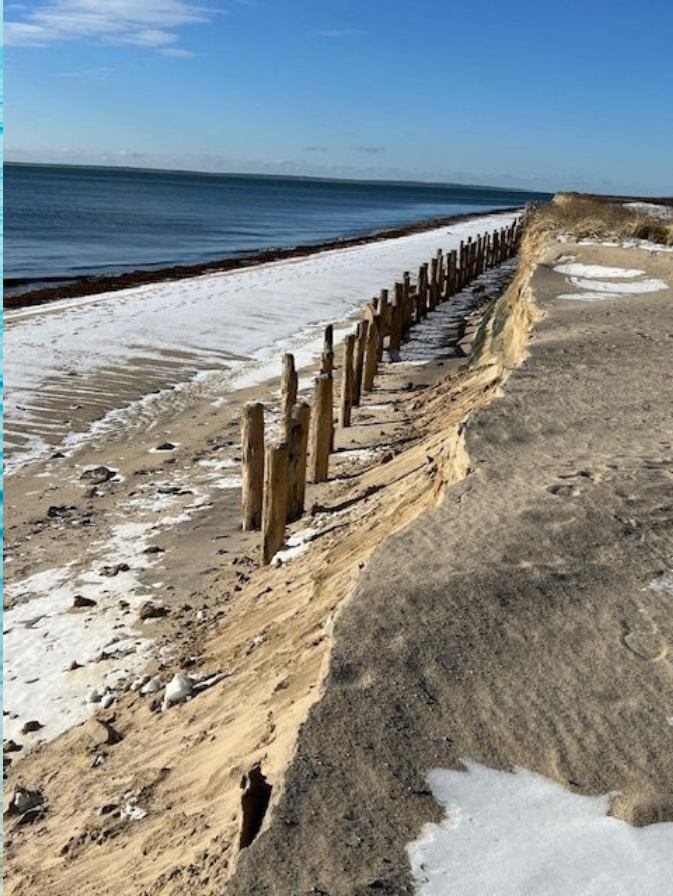
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# BEACH EROSION



Talk about a bunker! The beach along the Ocean Course this winter. Photos by George Bell.



# On The Lookout For An Early Spring

I woke up the other day (whew) to the 1965 sound of Sonny and Cher's "I Got You, Babe", and I realized it was Groundhog Day. What was happening? Was I actually in that movie with Bill Murray or was I losing it after all these years? Perhaps it was MJ singing to me? Nope, I guess it was just one of those things, knowing it was Groundhog Day, and my mind started racing with all that is going on here these days.

Punxsutawney Phil, alive and well 138 years later (well, maybe not the same one), didn't see his shadow this February 2nd. That means an early spring here on Cape Cod. As we all know, Phil is 100% accurate about 39% of the time; however, have no fear of there being a problem as Staten Island Chuck, (their groundhog who has been 90% accurate since his first prediction at the Staten Island Zoo in 1981) also did not see his shadow.

To make you even feel more safe to dig out those t-shirts and shorts (mine are already out and on), Sand Mountain Sam, Alabama's predicting possum, also did not see his shadow, thus more confidence about an early spring.

I wonder if New Seabury's Carlo Coyote saw his shadow?

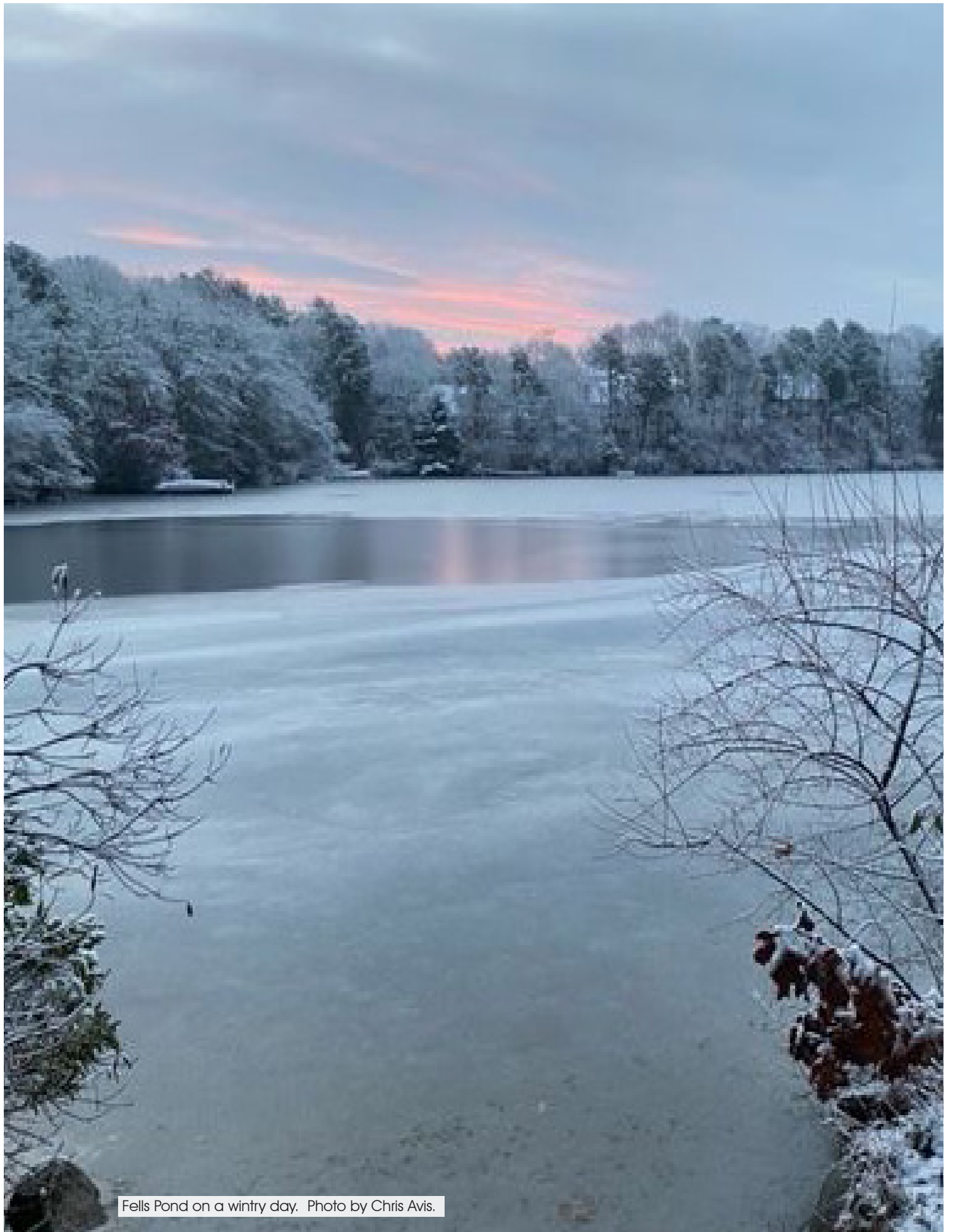
Mike Richardson



Photo by Nancy Karp

**When you're out enjoying  
our community,  
for your safety, make note  
of the following:**

- Ride your bike on the side of the road with the traffic.
- Walk or jog on the side of the road facing the traffic.
- Use the walking paths as much as possible.



Fells Pond on a wintry day. Photo by Chris Avis.



# TOWN OF MASHPEE

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS VACANCY LIST - UPDATED JANUARY 22, 2024

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

**Affordable Housing Committee** (1 Vacancy - 1 Member At-Large)

**Americans with Disabilities Act Committee** (2 Vacancies - 1 Member At-Large; 1 Alternate)

**Barnstable County Dredge Committee** (1 Vacancy - 1 Alternate Member)

**Bylaw Review Committee** (1 Vacancy - 1 Member At-Large)

**Capital Improvement Committee** (1 Vacancy - 1 Member At - Large)

**Community Garden Advisory Committee** (2 Vacancies)

**Community Park Committee** (1 Vacancy - 1 Member At-Large)

**Conservation Commission** (4 Vacancies - 1 Member At-Large; 3 Associate Member)

**Cultural Council** (2 Vacancies - 2 Member At-Large)

**Historic District Commission** (4 Vacancies - 1 Member At-Large; 3 Alternate)

**Human Services Committee** (2 Vacancies - 2 Member At-Large)

**Mashpee Cable & Advanced Technology Advisory Board (MCAT)** (3 Vacancies - 3 Member At-Large)

**Planning & Construction Committee** (5 Vacancies - 1 Construction, 1 Engineer, 1 Real Estate, 1

Architectural Design, 1 Architecture/Construction) **Sewer Commission** (1 Vacancy - 1 Member-at-Large)

**Shellfish Commission** (1 Vacancy - 1 Associate Member)

**Special Events Committee** (1 Vacancy - 1 Member-at-Large)

**Subdivision Appeals Board** (3 Vacancies - 3 Associate Member)

**Zoning Board of Appeals** (2 Vacancies - 2 Associate Member)

Please submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Select Board at Mashpee Town Hall, 16 Great Neck Road North, Mashpee, MA 02649 or email to [bos@mashpeema.gov](mailto:bos@mashpeema.gov) Please contact the Select Board's Office at (508) 539-1401 with any questions. *Source: Town of Mashpee website (mashpeema.gov).*



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*What You Need To Know*

Mike Richardson

There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns. There are things we don't know we don't know. (George W. Cecil Quote)

When it comes to local town politics and issues, the number of knowns are truly an unknown number, though there are those in the know or we think we know that there are. (See page 29 for the list of Board Vacancies in the Town of Mashpee).

At any rate, in an effort to avoid confusion by stating the obvious, there's a lot going on in our little Town of Mashpee that needs attention and involvement. Let's start with Boards, Committees and Commissions of which we have many. At this point there are approximately 40 vacancies. I would submit that it's hard to get things done if you don't have the volunteers on board. Perhaps some of you readers will see an opportunity here to spend a few hours helping our Town help all its residents.

Additionally, we seem to have an abundance of things going on, being studied, grants being applied for, meetings taking place, budgets being reviewed and revised, projects underway in various stages of completion, and it appears that there is conflict everywhere. It sets the stage for delay in getting things done, and in many instances, it seems the one thing that all agree on is the next meeting date. That is not to say all things are easy as they are not, but it does speak to moving the ball further down the road. Perhaps, another quote is important to state...."On the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the dawn of decision, sat down to wait, and waiting died". Maybe overstated; however, have any of you heard about a thing called the Cell Tower? 'Nuff said...

There are a lot of things being studied, discussed, proposed, and considered for action. They all are to a degree complicated in and of themselves, and each will have an impact on residents. We all should do whatever we can to make sure we understand the impact of these things; how they will play out, what they mean to us for our future, and do we in fact support their direction.

**Residential Tax Exemption:** There are 16 cities/towns in Massachusetts out of 351 who have Residential Tax Exemption. There were five (now six) on Cape Cod with Mashpee joining the ranks of Barnstable (at 20%), Wellfleet (at 20%), Nantucket (at 25%), Tisbury (at 18%), and Provincetown (at 25%). Mashpee has set theirs at 5% for the second year in a row. Essentially, this adds tax dollars to seasonal residents and reduces tax dollars for full time residents. The term gentrification has been touted as rationale behind the implementation of this exemption, and to some, it's fair, to others not so. It appears to not be something that is important to the vast majority of cities and towns in Massachusetts; however, it applies to six of the 15 cities and towns on Cape Cod, and based on the % presently being used in our five neighboring towns, one has to wonder at how long it will remain at 5% in Mashpee.

**Special Permit:** A Special Permit may be used to vary dimensional requirements set forth in a bylaw or ordinance. In a dimensional variance, the petitioner is excused from lot area, frontage, yard, or depth requirements. The Special Permit held by New Seabury and used by the Architectural Review Committee is slated to expire in October 2026. How will that impact you and your decisions moving forward?

**Overlay District:** An Overlay District is a type of land zoning district that lies on top of the existing zoning and potentially covers many underlying districts or portions thereof, and an Overlay is a procedure that estimates the attributes of one or more features by superimposing them over other features and figuring out the extent to which they overlap. Say what?

**Tree Bylaw:** Every city and town in Massachusetts has some form of Tree Bylaw, and either a dedicated Tree Warden or a person assigned to that task. Tree Bylaws include things like Street Tree Ordinances-for planting and or removal of trees within the public way; Tree Protection Ordinances-protection of native trees, View Ordinances-to resolve conflict between neighbors relative to views, and Landscape Ordinances-dealing with required landscape provisions. Mashpee has one that reads some ten pages long (how many trees does it take to.....).

**Open Space:** Open Space is land that is not intensively developed for residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional use. It serves many purposes whether it

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is publicly or privately owned. It includes forest land, undeveloped shore land, undeveloped scenic land preserves. In Mashpee, it's like gold in them thar hills.

**Affordable Housing:** 40b is Mass Law that went into effect in 1969 (widely known as the Comprehensive Permit Law or Chapter 40b) that establishes a mandate for all communities in Massachusetts to have a minimum of 10% of their housing stock be affordable to middle and lower income households. Only 71 of all Mass cities and towns have been able to meet this requirement at present. In the instance where the 10% is not met, Affordable Housing developers can submit a comprehensive permit which affords certain waivers to local zoning requirements making it harder to prevent certain development. The chess match continues.

**Local Comprehensive Plan:** This is a process to engage all members of a community to create a more prosperous, convenient, equitable, healthy and attractive place for present and future generations. A fundamental responsibility of local government is to plan for future growth and development of the community. The guidance document that results from the planning process is the comprehensive plan. I have been working with/on the Planning Board for a couple of years on this plan led by the Town Planner. This is going to be our bible for many years to come. Go to the meetings, be heard and get familiar with it.

**Waste Water-Sewers:** \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink, or swim, or fish, or.....We are playing catch up and it's going to be expensive, but this is our place to either save or lose.

**Raze and Replace:** Currently, the Mashpee Raze and Replace bylaw allows homeowners to demolish and replace a non-conforming structure if the Zoning Board of Appeals finds the project is not "substantially more detrimental" than what exists prior to removing the

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existing structure. Raze and Replace has become the canary in the coal mine...there's lots of discussion about it and its interpretation. It's a battleground for some, a rallying cry for others, and it's not going away. It surely again will be a warrant article on an upcoming town meeting. Read about it.

There is a lot going on that will impact us all. There is a financial impact to all of the above and much of it may be discussed at the upcoming Town Meeting in May of this year. Not to speak of an election for Select Board Members and others.

Suffice to say that time stands still for nobody, and as we age it seems the clock ticks faster than ever. There is no time like the present to get involved in your town. Let's not all wait until it's too late, and we are left standing by saying "what happened?"

The list of things that are in play in our little town of Mashpee is long. The above is but a little piece of that effort, and requires a bit of study to get comfortable with it all. In and of themselves individually is complicated and time consuming enough; looking at them collectively can be overwhelming. Progress is a moving target and requires time, effort, and focus. Take a little time to think about these and ask yourself, "do I understand enough to take a stand, or can I speak intelligently about the topic?" If not, then get involved by joining a committee or board, or run for election. I first ran and got elected in 2009, months after moving here full time, and have been on some committee or board ever since and there is more going on than ever today. This is your town, and you all need to have some say in our future, and to a degree involvement is fun... sort of.

So, in conclusion (for now), this is but the tip of the iceberg about "What You Need To Know".

Just sayin'.

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*the*  
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MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**

# Save Popponesset Bay: Update

Eric Brandt

It's a balmy 32 degrees outside today. Considering last week was in the teens for highs, it feels like beach weather today! Think I'll hit the Spit for a quick dip... NOT!

As this article is being drafted, SPB leadership is meeting to discuss strategies for how best to raise the necessary funds for the Longer, Wider, Deeper effort. The Longer, Wider, Deeper Project is a capital campaign to enhance the infrastructure of Popponesset Bay's Outer Approach Channel - improving the sustainability of our waterways and barrier beach against coastal erosion. Yes, we NEED your help; we are estimating this program to cost \$2M+! Please support us by:

- Pledge a gift to SPB specifically for Longer, Wider, Deeper
- Double the impact of your own gift by helping to solicit other members of our community
- Speak with your friends and neighbors about the importance of Longer, Wider, Deeper - have them follow us on Facebook & Instagram
- Urge Town officials to support this program as we need the Town to assist with State & Federal grants to help fund this project
- If you have relationships

with Town officials, or are willing to be a liaison to the town, please let us know via [info@savepopponessetbay.org](mailto:info@savepopponessetbay.org)

- If you have expertise in grant writing, website maintenance, or fundraising, please let us know via [info@savepopponessetbay.org](mailto:info@savepopponessetbay.org)
- **PLAY A ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BY HELPING SPB to SAVE POPPONESSET BAY!!**

In addition to dredging and working on Longer, Wider, Deeper, SPB continues to work with Mass Audubon on the wellbeing of our ecosystem. Please keep off the dunes at all times. Also, a friendly reminder when the birds return to the Spit NO DOGS are allowed. This is typically around April 1,



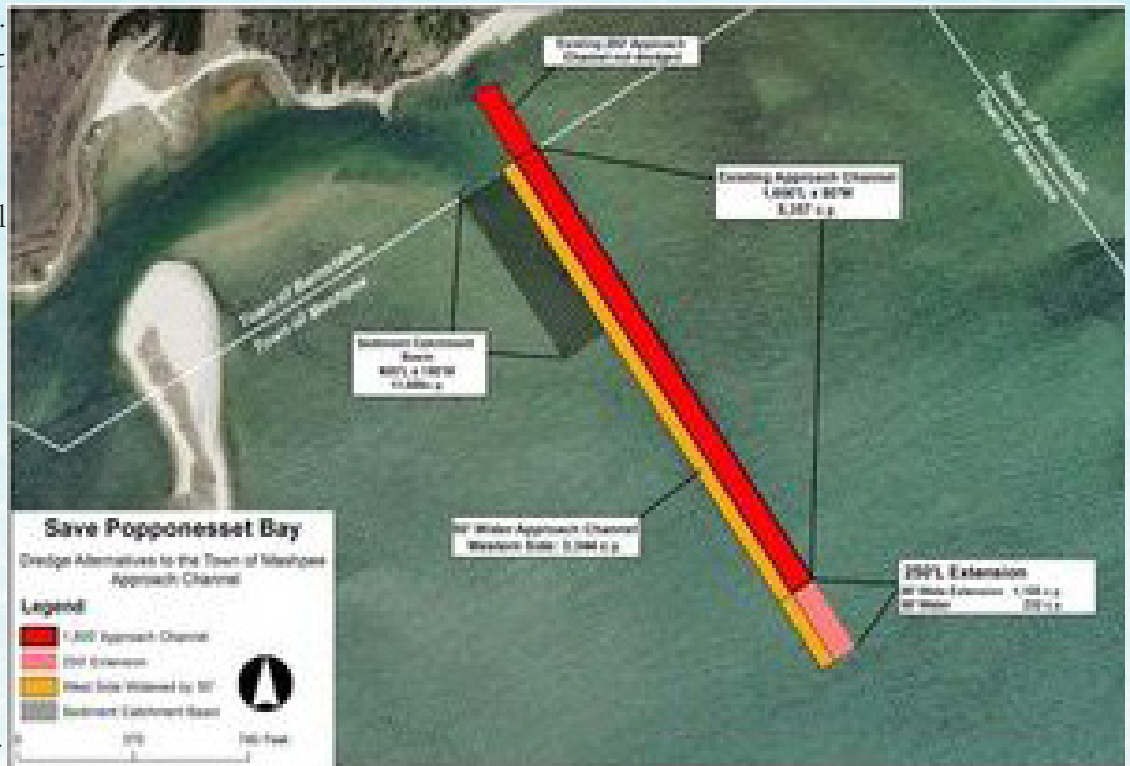
Channel Ownership

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but if Mass Audubon observes bird habitats prior to then, dogs will no longer be allowed. This is per our agreement with Mass Audubon to help maintain and grow the many federally protected birds which call the Spit home.

We are also working on plans for our summer events, including our annual bash. Save the date of Friday evening, July 12th, for this annual gathering. And keep an eye out for other programs and news by visiting our website (savepopponessetbay.org).



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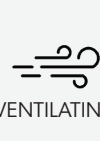
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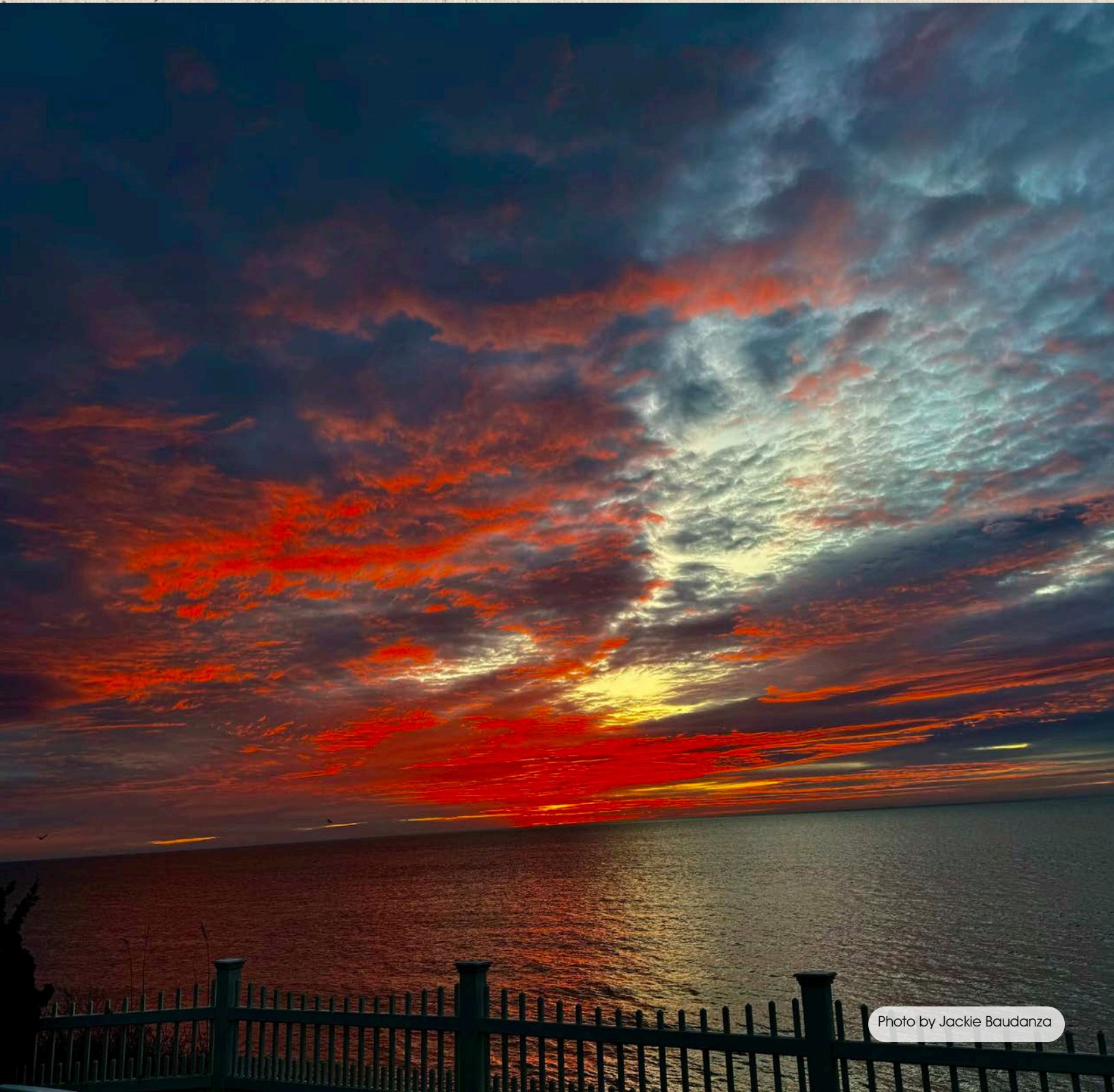


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