

NPA PRESIDENTS LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP FOR YEAR 2009

2009 was a year of progress for Nantucket. A major capital project was brought out of the planning stage and construction completed. The new Nantucket Front Entrance is now a reality. A special thanks to all members of the Front Entrance Planning Committee and chairperson Suanne Pledger for producing an entrance of which we can all be proud.

Other projects completed include the removal of the sewer treatment plant that was located on the grounds near the dam. Dr. Fran Gelwick of Texas A&M conducted a comprehensive study of the lake water quality and the health of the lake fish population. Final results and recommendations will be forthcoming shortly after the end of the fall semester.

The Nantucket Dam was inspected by the state this year. The state demanded we do several repairs. We have completed repairs on the metal overflow structure, removed trees and brush on the dam, and have either contracted, or are in the bid stage, on pouring extra concrete on the spillway base and sealing cracks on the spillway. This will fulfill their structural repair demands.

We have had one major legal challenge to our new Policy Statement of no commercial activity. The challenge was successfully concluded and the integrity of our neighborhood upheld. Currently, there are three challenges to the Covenants in various stages of complexity. These challenges, all located in one area of Nantucket, center on accumulation of vehicles, garbage, trash and unapproved items on homeowners property, all in violation of our Covenants and Bylaws.

Your Board instituted a bid policy last year. As a result of this new policy we saved over \$10,000 on our expenses this past year. All savings on expenses are transferred to a capital improvement reserve fund for future projects.

The newly redesigned Nantucket web site allows the Board to post or send out emergency messages, membership and committee announcements. Judging from the average of at least one hit per day it has been a very popular and useful addition. Special thanks to Paul Morris for keeping the site updated.

Your Board needs your direction to determine the wishes of the membership in replacing the fences. Replacement was recommended by the membership at last year's annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will dedicate a large section of time in obtaining this direction from the membership.

Jim Maness
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