

NPA Presidents' letter to the membership for year 2010

2010 was a challenging year for your Board. We were able to reaffirm the requirements of our Covenants that no accumulation of trash is allowed in and around homes. We had to go to Court to enforce the Covenants in this respect. We obtained a Court injunction enforcing Nantucket Covenants signed by the property owner who was in violation.

Dr. Fran Gelwick of Texas A&M and her class in marine biology conducted studies of the lake. They made some specific recommendations to clean up our lake aesthetically, improve the water quality, and enhance the fishing. Your Board was given two choices. Add many tons of Gypsum to the water or add vegetation such as aquatic grasses and water flowers. Your Board voted to clean up the water with plants. The money is already put aside. The planting will be this spring. During the Annual Meeting Paul Dorsett of Total Lake Management will give a pictorial presentation of the grasses and flowers that will be planted to clear up our lake.

The membership voted at the 2008 annual meeting that no major investment was to be made on existing fencing. At the 2009 annual meeting membership requested planning and possible construction of new fencing begin. The current fence has reached the point of no return without spending major money on repairs. Your Board and the Strategic planning committee has spent the past year contacting fence companies, looking at different types of fencing and getting bids for construction. The process is now complete. Construction will start in a few months. New fencing will be constructed in phases. Vandalism and safety are major issues around the lake. The new fence will address these issues. Construction of the new fence around the park will be phase one. All funds will come out of money put aside for capital improvements without additional cost to the membership. Samples of the fencing will be available at the meeting.

There is now a posted speed limit on all Nantucket streets of 35 MPH.

Your Board set May 15 as the date that grass cutting must be commenced in all public areas. This was necessary to settle controversy surrounding wildflowers. Cutting will start earlier than this date if necessary but no later than May 15.

The State bureaucracy has mandated we provide an emergency action plan for our dam and other "paperwork". This is being completed in an expeditious matter.

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