## SUMMARY OF AUGUST 28th, 2016 New Seabury Country Club ANNUAL MEETING

Darlene Furbush, Board of Managers (Board) chairperson, opened the meeting with about 250 members present. She introduced herself and the other members of the Board: Bill Blaisdell, Jane Goubeaux, Bruce Lehman, Bill McCormack, Joe Pedula, Mike Richardson, Mary Schwartz, and Paul Stenberg.

Darlene then thanked Mary for her contributions to the Board over the past 6 years, and for her special work with the Club's tennis program/venue. She has been a very effective force for members and particularly for Tennis members. We will miss her on the Board.

Darlene discussed some of the events that have dominated the Board's activities over the past several months:

- Creation of the Member Rights Committee (MRC) in response to Ownership's efforts to strip members of their court ordered or contractual rights.
- Creation of an email list, so that the MRC could communicate with members. [Darlene explained that the Club had refused to allow the Board to use their email list.]
- Creation of a membership "map" that allowed the MRC and Board to understand the existing membership categories, and the access those categories included. [Again, the Club refused to provide this information. It was not until very late in the process that they relented and provided this requested information.]
- The Board met numerous times with the MRC to review progress and discuss strategy with the view to avoid litigation. As time passed, it became clear that Ownership would only respond to litigation.
- Additionally, the Board continued to focus discussions with Club management on issues such as overcrowding on the beach, inconsistent food quality, excessive fees, condition of both golf courses and the new greens, tennis programs, kids' programs, and so forth.

Darlene then read an email she received from General Manager Paul Kruzel, in which he notified the Board that he and his staff would not be attending this meeting. She noted that General Managers have attended and participated in this meeting in the past, and Mr. Kruzel did attend and participate in the 2015 meeting.

## Mr. Kruzel wrote:

"There's a lot currently going on at the Club, and my team and I really need to focus our attention on operations and successfully closing out the season. To that end, we will not be attending the Board of Managers meeting on August 11 or the meeting of members on August 28. Please convey to the Board of Managers that my door is always open for the Board or any member who have questions or views they wish to share, and my team stands ready to respond to any inquiries

or feedback submitted by the Board of Managers to membership@newseabury.com. In addition, I look forward to input from the Board of Managers this fall with respect to the Club's plans for 2017."

Darlene then introduced the members of the MRC: Bruce Lehman, Ralph Lepore, Joe Pedula, Mike Richardson, and Don Siegel. On behalf of the MRC, Bruce Lehman reviewed in detail the MRC's efforts to date to protect all members' rights. By now, you should have received a summary of the MRC's activities.

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

Bill Blaisdell and Bill McCormack were reelected, and Richard McGrail was elected to the Board for the first time. All will serve a three-year term.

## ENHANCED COMMUNICATION

Following is a list of Board members, their official positions on the Board as well as their Club function/venue assignments. We have also asked former Board member Mary Schwartz to continue to serve as the Board's liaison to the tennis function/venue. We encourage you to address your questions, suggestions, or concerns to Board members or to Mary via newseaburybom@gmail.com. Your email will be directed to the appropriate person(s) for response.

Bill Blaisdell - beach and pool
Darlene Furbush - Chair; youth programs
Jane Goubeaux - Treasurer
Bruce Lehman - fitness
Bill McCormack - golf
Richard McGrail - golf
Joe Pedula - fitness
Mike Richardson - Secretary; food & beverage
Paul Stenberg - food & beverage

Our next email will be in mid-October following our meeting on October 13 with Club management. If you have questions or concerns you would like us to discuss at that meeting, please do not hesitate to forward them to newseaburybom@gmail.com or directly to one of us.