



**Seabrook Village Association Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, September 10, 2022, 10 am**  
**SVA Tennis Courts, 203 Surf Drive, Mashpee MA 02649**

Call to Order: 10:05 am

Our guest speaker from the Mashpee Conservation Department, Drew McManus, was unable to attend due to illness. He provided a brief summary concerning the Red Brook Impounded Bog and Road Culvert to be shared in his absence. The conceptual report was prepared by the Horsley Witten Group and recommends that the towns work together to replace the existing culvert with an 8 ft. wide box culvert with no water control structure. Continuing to impound the water at the location would likely continue to compromise road safety in this area over the long term.

Some of the benefits of an open box culvert include: improved fish and wildlife passage, increased opportunity for salt marsh migration in the face of sea level rise, reduction of flood damage to Red Brook Rd, increased resilience of Red Brook Rd. to climate change, and increased tidal flow to help reduce invasive phragmite infestation to the south of the existing culvert.

We will contact Drew to have him share the link to the conceptual study so that we may post it. It should also be found on the Conservation page on the town's website. Both towns concur with the recommendations in the report and will seek grant funding for final design, planning, permitting and construction. The report includes suggestions on restoring other areas of the old bog to wetlands, however, as they are privately owned (including 14.35 acres by SVA), it would require discussion with the Association and other landowners.

Please see additional discussion on this topic later in the notes.

**Certification of Quorum & Reading of 2021 Minutes**

Article V, Section 6: Clerk's tally for a quorum – total – 65: 40 proxies, 25 attendees

Article V, Section 5: Verify 30 day notice of meeting – mailed on August 8, 2022

Reading of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes - waived reading, approved by acclamation

Prior to the Officers' Reports, Ken thanked all of the Board members for their efforts to manage the affairs of the Association. Their willingness to volunteer the time and the work effort associated with being on the Board is greatly appreciated. Ken also thanked a few residents who also volunteered their time. They include:

Debbie Kirkland – Who does an amazing job keeping our books

Nigel Heaton – Who has helped us each year with the proxy cards and updating our SVA Map

Dave Sherry – Who maintains our SVA website

Bill Krylowicz – Who provided the sound system this year and past years

Treasurer's Report – Sue Regan (presented by Ken)

### **Bank Accounts – August 31, 2022**

\$7,656.24	1001 Checking
\$21,246.09	1002 Money Market
\$22,019.19	10021 CC5 CD1 33-1
\$12,495.00	10023 Money Market – Tennis Court Fund

### **\$63,416.52 Total Bank Accounts**

On 9/1/22; \$5,714.17 was transferred from 1001 Checking into 1002 Money Market; this amount represents unspent FY 22 operating funds.

In January 2022, CD1 33-1 was up for renewal. This CD was renewed at a rate of 0.03% for 3 months and renewed again in April and July at 0.08% for a 3 month period. We will evaluate the interest rates and renewal periods in October prior to renewing.

A copy of the August 31, 2021 SVA Financial Statements, reviewed by Fitzgerald, McGrath & Associates, LLC, can be found on the SVA website ([www.seabrookvillageassociation.com](http://www.seabrookvillageassociation.com)).

### Architectural Compliance Committee – Mike Feeney

Mike thanked Bill Krylowicz and Sue Regan who assisted on the review of the new construction plans for 12 Leeshore. No new construction requests have been received. Please submit a request form to the ACC for any changes to the exterior of the property. The form can be found on our website.

### Common Grounds – Mike Rafuse

We will continue our contract with Landscape Architectures for snow removal this winter. We solicited bids for landscape services and Landscape Architectures was the lowest bid by far. They have done a good job in the past and we believe that their staffing issues have been resolved.

### Real Estate – Bonnie Strunin

Three houses sold this past year for an average of \$804,100. There is one home listed for sale at this time – 106 Surf with an asking price of \$749,000.

## Old Business

- Restatement Progress: The letter that you all received provided a review of the process for more than 3 years and indicated a total cost to date at \$21,518.25 for this effort. I won't repeat what has been stated in the letter but will provide you with some additional detail.
  - o \$16,820.00 (held in escrow by attorney)
  - o \$4,437.17 in Legal Fees
  - o \$240.65 in postage costs for mailings
  - o \$20.43 in office supplies
- The latest word from our attorney is that the Land Court in Boston is still in the process of examining our documents. We hope to have some decision from the Land Court in the next few months.

Appointment of Tellers — Bob Savage and Ray Ehrlich volunteered as tellers for the election of the Board of Directors. There were no additional names offered to serve on the Board, therefore, the 6 volunteers named in the annual meeting materials (Ken Klint, Sue Regan, Mike Feeney, Mike Rafuse, Bonnie Strunin and Mary Ellen Blundell) were approved with 59 votes (40 proxies, 19 attendees).

## New Business

- Lynn Barbee alerted that there will be a special election for the one vacant seat on the Select Board. It will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>. All of the usual voting methods are available. She also said that the Town will be releasing a survey online seeking input on the Local Comprehensive Plan. Paper copies will be available at the library.
- The owners of 185 Surf asked if the Board had an official position on the pond/brook situation. The Board does not have an official position but has requested that the town keep us apprised of developments and involved in the process. Drew asked the Town Counsel about any legal exposure that SVA has in this process and was told that we don't have any legal exposure. This led to further discussion about whether the pond should be restored to its original brook or restored to a pond as in the recent past. It was decided that we will again ask for volunteers to work on this project. The owner of 26 Leeshore volunteered to draft a letter to the town requesting greater involvement and consideration of restoring the pond. The Board will be reaching out for volunteers for this effort.

A Motion to Adjourn was put forth, seconded and received universal approval at 10:50 am.