



August 6, 2024

Dear Homeowners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the resident volunteers who, at the September 2023 Annual Meeting, stepped forward to accept challenging roles as Seabrook Village Association, Inc. Board Members. Their commitment of many long hours and personal sacrifice helps keep Seabrook Village a well-maintained and desirable neighborhood.

In addition to our board members, we discovered that past administrations relied heavily on “nonofficial” volunteers** who provided valuable transition information. These “folks behind the curtain” prevented the loss of valuable information and saved time during administrative transitions. The following resident volunteers, both official and “nonofficial,” deserve our thanks and praise:

- Carmen DiSanto, VP
- Astrid Brandt, Clerk
- Paul van Gogh, Treasurer
- Lynette Barbee, Director
- Jeanette Vernon, Director
- Debbie Kirkland, Bookkeeper **
- Billy Krylowicz **
- Ken Klint **
- Dave Sherry **
- Nigel Heaton **
- Jim Corcoran **

As we enter the 2024-2025 fiscal year, we face several challenges. To maintain Seabrook Village as a desirable neighborhood, we need new volunteers to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors. Our Treasurer, Paul van Gogh, will be stepping down due to his full-time job commitments. Additionally, while Astrid Brandt will remain a board member, she will no longer serve as the Clerk of the Seabrook Village Association.

Please consider stepping up to volunteer; without community support and involvement, the few cannot continue to carry the load for the many. Fortunately, five members from the 2023-2024 administration, including myself, will continue to serve as directors of the Association board. Without continued community volunteers and involvement, the Seabrook Village Association, Inc. cannot thrive. Volunteers are needed...consider joining the SVA board.

When the present board transitioned from the previous administration, we were tasked with renewing the 2004 Seabrook Village Association, Inc. Covenants and Bylaws. This renewal requires Boston Land Court and Town of Barnstable approval. The attorney representing our Association from 2020 to late 2023 was unable to gain Land Court audience and ultimately announced her retirement. Faced with a looming deadline and lack of legal representation, the current Board found excellent legal representation

and secured an audience with the Land Court. Unfortunately, our renewal application was rejected due to flaws in the 2004 renewal.

Our current task is to reapply with new Covenants and Bylaws, a process presently in motion. Join us at the Annual Meeting for additional details regarding this process and the 2004 Covenants and Bylaws renewal.

At our Annual Meeting, the Board will request an increase in annual dues from the current \$200.00 to a figure that covers projected expenses. Presently, the annual dues do not cover our annual costs. Inflation and increased costs affect the Seabrook Village Association as well as all of us individually. A projected modest increase of \$35.00 per property will be presented for a membership vote. The current annual fee of \$200.00 has not changed for the last seven years. Additionally, we will present our 2023-2024 Financial Statement and seek approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes.

It has been a challenging and interesting year as the Seabrook Village Association President. My goal is to achieve Land Court Approvals for the new Covenants and Bylaws, as this will be my last year (2024-2025) serving this community.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's Annual Meeting at the Mashpee Library on September 14, 2024. Refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,

Chris Geatrakas
President, Seabrook Village Association, Inc.