

July 12, 1998

Big Sandy Association 1998 Annual Meeting

The 1998 Big Sandy Association meeting was held on July 12, 1998, at the Mattiello Cottage, Lot #9, at 3pm. The meeting was originally planned to be held at the Civita home, but due to the untimely passing of Marie's father, it was relocated. Certainly our condolences to Marie and her family.

Those present were: Bruce Maeder, Joe & Pauline Walsh, Bob & Jayne Fraser, Jim & Adele Forman, Sandy Prince, Dick & Judy Yost, Sandy Pasquale, Claudette Dailey, Biff Prince, Bill Webster and Bonnie & Warren Mattiello.

Following are the minutes of that meeting:

1. Warren Mattiello opened the meeting with the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as presented. A copy of same is attached. There is approximately \$1500. in the bank account. Expected further expenses include approximately \$100. for a second grading of the road about August 1 and \$622. for the "liability" insurance, for the Association, due in August.
2. Dick Yost brought up for discussion, whether it was actually necessary for the "Association" to have "liability" insurance. That policy was taken-out two years ago, when there was concerns of having docks at Big Sandy beach (which was eventually voted down - again). The discussion culminated in a recommendation (that was unanimously approved) that Warren would contact at least two attorneys (with Maine law background) to ascertain their reading on the necessity of the "Association" having their own liability policy. Many members expressed their beliefs that each member's own "homeowners" insurance policy would be sufficient. After reviewing that subject with those attorneys, Warren will then send a summary of those reviews to each member, with a proxy vote, so that ALL members can vote on that subject.
3. This springs' rebuilding of the top portion of the main hill, coming down the Big Sandy roadway, was discussed. Warren explained how the complete roadbed was rebuilt, with a tremendous amount of large rocks being removed during that work. There was unanimous approval of the finished job.
There was then considerable discussion regarding what should be done next, with regards to the maintenance of the roadway. Warren explained that there are two remaining areas of the roadway that will require major expenditures, as they are areas that really need to be paved - due to their incline. One being the section just below the portion that was just done, this

spring, on the main hill and the second being that portion just below the middle, flat section, that was redone two years ago, with crushed-pavement type fill (which has held-up very well).

Discussion ensued regarding the prudence of doing nothing next year - maintaining the \$200. annual dues or whether to get those two section done for good over the next two years. All subsequent road maintenance would be upgrading sections with the crushed-blacktop type gravel, which will be considerably less expensive than paved areas. The point was made that paving will only be going up in cost over the years and the longer we wait to due that work, the more costly it will be.

It was then brought to a vote and it was a unanimous voted, to maintain the Big Sandy Annual Association dues at \$400. for the next two years and to have those two sections of the hill repaved, over that time and to have the annual dues of \$200. resumed, after those two years.

It was clearly the feeling that all members present were not pleased with the extra assessments but that that in the long run, it was more important and less costly (no spending more monies on the patching of those older sections), to get that work completed as soon as possible and to put it behind us.

4. The topic of keeping the roadway open in the winter was then voted on and it was unanimously voted that the roadway should be keep open during the winter - with the exception of the necessary closing of the roadway in the March to April period, due to the spring thaw.

The discussion then followed as to whether the plowing of the roadway in the winter should be paid for by "all" members or just by those that use the roadway in the winter.

The main subject presented by those who have been paying for that plowing, is that there have been a number of members who have used the roadway in the winter, to come down "just to check their cottages" or to go ice fishing for a "short while" and who have not contributed to that plowing - even when they were send bills for that use.

There was considerable discussion on this subject, including the value all members receive by having the road open in the winter - even if they don't use it.

A vote followed and by a 13 to 9 vote (which included those present and proxy votes) it was voted that any plowing would be paid for by those using the roadway. There was a general consensus though that ALL members using the roadway should chip-in, even if it's just to come "check on their cottages".

It was then brought-up for discussion as to having the Association pay a small amount towards the plowing (?\$400.), considering the value there is to most members, to having that roadway open during the winter.

It was then voted unanimously that this subject would be presented to ALL members for a proxy vote, along with the insurance topic discussed above.

5. Bill Webster mentioned that he was having a family reunion in a few weeks and asked the Associations' permission to have cars from that party park at the beach parking area. It was unanimously voted to approve same.
6. The moving of Joe Ramrath has left an opening for a person to fill his position as a Director, of the Big Sandy Board of Directors. Warren asked for nominations and Claudette Dailey was nominated and unanimously approved as a replacement for Joe Ramrath.


Big Sandy Association
1998 Annual Meeting
July 11, 1998
Page 3

It was also suggested that any members who would like to be nominated for that position in the future please submit their name to the President, to be considered in future openings.

7. Warren then asked if anyone else was interested in being President and with no takers, Warren was then unanimously voted-in to continue as President of the association.
8. Warren asked for any further subjects for discussion and when none was presented, the meeting was brought to a close - after Claudette Daily had offered to have the 1999 Big Sandy Association Annual Meeting at their cottage next year.

Respectfully submitted,


Warren G. Mattiello
President


Bonnie C. Mattiello
Secretary