

**Big Sandy Association**  
**1999 Annual Meeting**  
**Minutes**

The 1999 Big Sandy Association Annual Meeting was held on July 8, 1999, at the Dailey Cottage. Those members attending were: Richard & Claudette Daily, Bif & Sandy Prince, Jim Forman, Ed Lewis, Jerry Carrier, Ted Gibbons, Joe Walsh, Meader, Villanucci and Warren Mattiello.

The Treasurer's report was presented in an oral fashion, as Warren had inadvertently left the copies of same in his office. A copy of that report is attached.

The first and primary topic of discussion was in regard to the roadwork that had been, and that which was yet to be, completed this summer and what future work would be done on the roadway, over the next few years.

As was decided at the 1998 Big Sandy Annual Meeting, the lower portion of the main hill, of the Big Sandy Roadway, was upgraded this summer. While doing that work, Frank Snow found that the large culvert going under the roadway, in that section, was heavily rusted-out. He had contacted Warren immediately (as they were excavating that part of the road) and stated that it made little sense to upgrade the road and blacktop at this time, without replacing it. Warren approved that replacement. (That culvert was the original one installed some 30 years ago, when the roadway was originally built).

Originally, Warren had directed Frank to upgrade the section from the end of the flat, middle section of the roadway, to just below the main culvert. The cost for that work was to be \$12,000, which also was to include some patching of the upper part of the main hill (which has not yet been upgraded), grading of the gravel sections of the roadway and placement of a large rock at the top of the hill (for use in the spring to attach the chain, used to close the road at that time).

While replacing that culvert, it was necessary to install "rip-rock" on each side, which is "required" when any such work is now done around a brook area. Frank also lowered the crest of the knoll, just above there, which has now greatly improved visibility traveling that section, making it safer.

The related extra cost for that culvert and "rip-rock" was \$1400.

While that section of the roadway was under construction, Frank also asked if he should also complete the lower section of the blacktop area, below what had originally been planned to be done this summer. Frank explained that while he had all his equipment there, it would be a good savings if he did that whole area at one time - (instead of coming back next spring, to complete that lower area). Frank offered to do that work this summer and bill us NEXT summer - WITH NO INTEREST!

There was a consensus at the 1998 Big Sandy Annual Association meeting, that the remainder of the blacktop sections of the roadway should be replaced over the next few years and that the annual dues would be continued at \$400. for the next two years - to complete that work. In light of those decisions, Warren felt it logical and prudent and gave Frank permission to complete that work at this time. The extra cost for completely the lower section was \$5,000.



Once again, it should be noted, that ALL upgrades of the roadway, have for the past few years (and will in the future), include removing the old, poorly constructed roadway, replacing it with a proper rock and gravel base, for proper drainage, with 2 1/2" of blacktop.

Sandy Maeder had some strong reservations as to whether Warren had the authority to make that decision, obligating the Association to those future expenses. It became apparent that she and several other members were not aware of the decisions made by the members at last years annual meeting, pertaining to future plans for the roadway and the funding for same.

A majority of those attending spoke in favor of Warren's decision on having that work done this summer, with billing to come next summer.

Thus, the unscheduled roadwork completed this summer, with payment to be postponed until next summer (with NO INTEREST) include \$1400. for the new culvert and "rip-rock" and \$5000. for the lower portion of the blacktop section - for a total of \$6400.

Warren brought-up the need for cutting-back of brush along the roadway, which has not been done for two years. As is quite obvious, that growth has really started to spread and there was a consensus that work will need to be addressed next spring. Proper roadway drainage and visibility are the prime reasons that occasional control of that growth is needed.

Discussions then followed with regards to the continuing of the dues rate at \$400., to allow for the roadway upgrades. Again, last year, it was decided to continue the increased rate for 2 more years.

While we try to get good estimates for roadwork upgrades, there often are unpredictable expenses that arise - such as the culvert and related "rip-rocking" that came up this spring.

The members discussed the need to continue the \$400. annual dues rate for another 2 years - after this year and it was voted unanimously to do so.

Al Villanucci then noted that he felt that the annual meeting was possibly not being conducted as "formally" as other associations he is a member of - citing the fact that members would often make comments without first being recognized by the President (by the normal practice of hand raising). Discussion ensued on the formality issue and it was decided that Joe Walsh would assist Warren next year, to help assure that proper wording of potential upcoming issues, be posted and presented, in a timely fashion.

Warren did make note that many more Big Sandy members were "renting" their cottages and the need to impart to ALL renters that they should be respectful of others and follow the basic "Rules & Policies of Big Sandy" that have been sent to all members each year. Another copy is attached.

There was discussion regarding (what is happening too frequently) some major problems that occurred with renters at the Paget cottage, over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week. While the Pagets had been very careful about requirements for renters, including limiting the number of renters to eight and showing TOTAL CONCERN AND APPRECIATION for their Big Sandy neighbors - by including a statement that JET SKIIS could NOT be used by renters. Unfortunately, they ended-up with over two dozen persons in the rental group, who brought Jet Skiis, were obnoxiously loud, were often

speeding, shot off numerous fireworks, which caused hot ashes to float down over neighboring homes and who completely abused neighbors, who complained and eventually called the police.

Warren had contacted Paul after learning about the renters abuses from neighbors, who immediately contacted the rental agent to take corrective action. The agent immediately visited the Paget cottage, only to be abused as badly as the neighbors had been. Over the ensuing days, those renters did finally quiet down and most left but the chaos they had committed, cannot be easily forgotten.

While certainly no one could have taken more precautions with their renters, it is surely a great lesson ALL potential Big Sandy members need to be aware of and it would certainly be fully appreciated by ALL neighbors, that rental agreements include a clause banning the use of JET SKIS.

Warren noted that he had ordered several more "speed limit" and "Children Playing" signs for the roadway and that Dick Dailey's concern about the "Private Roadway" sign, at the entrance to Big Sandy" would be addressed.

Claudette Dailey made note of the continuing concern over SPEEDING on the Big Sandy roadway and of the fact that there had been two recent incidents, where youngsters were biking down the roadway at very fast speeds and were almost hit by motorists.

The topic of the Big Sandy Beach was presented by Warren but no concerns or recommendations were made this year.

Regards,

  
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President