



The Surfside Association - Nantucket, MA

- Member of the Nantucket Civic League -

Dedicated to the protection and preservation of our lands and homes and of lands contiguous to Surfside; and to the advancement and beauty of the place and its informality, which we have cherished over the years.



June, 2011

To Our Members:

I am happy to report that after many years we have some success on the issues of our neighborhood roads. It took several meetings over the winter with many boards and committees, including Nantucket's Roads and Rights of Way Committee. This Committee, headed by Allen Reinhard, supported us by placing these roads at the top of the list for taking by the Town, citing their deterioration, Island wide use and concerns for general safety. The fine work by the Surfside Area Planning Group* resulted in a Letter of Intent from the Board of Selectmen to take and repair selected Surfside roads, namely Boulevarde, a portion of Lover's Lane, Okorwaw and Monohansett..

This is the first step of many to insure that this commitment comes to fruition. To begin, a positive override ballot vote on June 14, 2011 will be required to appropriate funds for the engineering and legal costs required to reconstruct the crumbling Surfside Roads. Next, a petition from 51% of the abutters in order to proceed must be obtained, and then another vote at the Annual Town Meeting next spring to fund the entire process. Once approved, the costs will be shared between the Town, abutters, and users, with a fair and equitable arrangement to be finalized later. The results will be new safer roads, improved values, Town assumed liability, and Town ownership and maintenance. Please see the signed Letter of Understanding from the Board of Selectmen on the next page.

We will be discussing this at our Saturday July 9, 2011 Annual Surfside Meeting along with changes to our By-laws and Board of Director and officer nominations. Hope to see you all there and thank you for your support of the Surfside Association.

Tom Quigley, President

* **The Surfside Area Planning Group:** Chris Magee, Chair, Sybille Andersen, Maureen Beck, Nat Lowell, Tom Quigley, Allen Reinhard, Barbara White, Linda Williams.

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Letter of Understanding for Surfside Area Residents

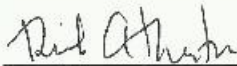
Pursuant to the March 9, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting, it was agreed that the Board would support the taking of portions of the Boulevarde, Lovers Lane, Okorwaw Avenue and Monohansett Road as public ways and seek the funding necessary to begin the process in a timely manner. It was further agreed that an equitable apportionment of the financial burden for the reconstruction of the roads referenced above would be 30% - 70%, with 30% being borne by abutters and access users and 70% being borne by the town. The specifics of betterment assessments will need to be determined. Access users are to be identified by the Roads and Right-of-Way Committee.

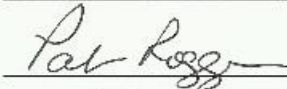
In support of this understanding, the Surfside Area Planning Committee will begin to educate the abutters and access users of these roads in order to secure the necessary positive support for this project and all of its cost sharing components.

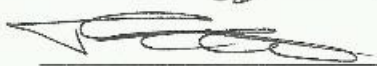
It is in the spirit of this understanding that all parties move forward and that contingent upon the approval of a ballot question at a special election scheduled for June 14, 2011, that the legal taking work will begin in 2011.


Nothing contained in this Letter of Understanding shall be construed as limiting the authority and discretion of the Board of Selectmen under the General Laws, the Town or County Charters and bylaws and votes of Town Meeting, to make a final decision with respect to the assessment of road betterments determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town.

May 18, 2011
Nantucket Board of Selectmen











Summer meetings:

As always, you can get information, and answers to your questions, at one or both halves of our Annual Meeting, July 9 and August 13. The Meetings are held at 10:00 at the Star of the Sea Youth Hostel at the end of Western Avenue. President Tom Quigley has arranged for a panel of neighborhood speakers for the July Meeting to address various topics of concern to all of us: the current status of the Town taking ownership of the Boulevard, a portion of Lover's Lane, Okorwaw and Monohansett for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining these roads; the process for closing the many paper roads in Surfside that came about when Surfside was laid out in the 1880's; some of the 2011 Town meeting votes that affect Surfside – and more!

We will be voting on proposed by-law revisions at the July meeting. A draft of the revised by-laws was emailed during the winter to everyone we have email addresses for (about 300 Surfside property owners). The final draft of the by-laws, incorporating some changes suggested by a few members, will be available on the website by the end of June. If you would like a hard copy, please call me at 508-228-2857 or email me at plnsurf@comcast.net and I'll be sure to get one to you.

We find that many summer residents upon contemplating their return to ACK begin wondering what has happened while they were away, and attending our summer annual meetings is an easy way to find out about and help you understand the area in which you live part of the year. These meetings are also a fine occasion to meet some of your neighbors!

Surfside Association Support:

The advocacy, educational and social activities conducted on your behalf are dependent on the financial support of all Surfsiders. Enclosed is a return envelope for your 2011 dues, still \$25.00. Your support enables the Association to maintain our website, www.surfsideassociation.org., to help underwrite the costs associated with the development of our area plan which, among other provisions, guides the Historic District Commission in deciding appropriate new, smaller dwelling designs for our area such as 26 Nonantum and 58 Nobadeer, to communicate more effectively with all our constituents in both Surfside and elsewhere, and to have well attended social gatherings which are *other* fine occasions to meet some of your neighbors! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, July 30, for President Tom Quigley's annual party at 35 Nobadeer.

Thanks for sending your dues in the envelope provided. Don't forget to write in your email address so we can let you know via the net when something important is happening in our area. Thank you!

Pat Newton

6th Annual Surfside Scrambles Golf Tournament

*Vito (Coach) Capizzo and Dr.
Steve (Quack) Chase, Co-chairmen*

*Date & Place: Sometime Late August (Date to be announced
at Surfside Association Meeting in July)
Miacomet Golf Club*

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## **7th Annual Surfside Association Fishing Tournament**

### **Contest Period**

**June 1 through September 5, 2011**

### **Contest Location**

**On Beach from Nobadeer to Point 'O Breakers**

### **Prizes awarded for the following categories:**

- 1. Largest Bluefish (weight in lbs.)**
- 2. Largest Striped Bass (length in inches)**
- 3. Most number of fish caught in 24 hour period.**
- 4. Most unbelievable (???) catch**

### **Contest Rules:**

- 1. Open to all Surfside Association members, their families and guests.**
- 2. Fish to be weighed by scale or measured by ruler (no wild guesses, please).**
- 3. Results reported will be based on the "Honor System".**
- 4. Report results to Ned Fawcett at 508-325-4312 or ECFWCETT@AOL.COM**

**Check [www.Surfsideassociation.Org](http://www.Surfsideassociation.Org) for latest results and current leaders**

*Prizes to be awarded at Annual  
Surfside Labor Day Cocktail Party*