

# TOM NEVERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## Annual Meeting

August 4, 2012

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Dual Macintyre at 9:09 AM in the Community Room of the Public Safety Facility. President Macintyre introduced the current officers and board members. He also welcomed James Lentowski, Executive Director of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Inc. who will make a presentation after our business meeting.

President Macintyre thanked the membership for their participation at the 2011 Nantucket County Fair. Due to a change in the Parks and Recreation department, the 2012 County Fair will be run by a different group of people and our formal participation after 10+ years will come to an end.

President Macintyre thanked Judge John Perone for hosting our recent cocktail party and also thanked the members who attended and the board members who handled the set-up and take-down.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of our August 6, 2011 Annual Meeting. The minutes were accepted as written.

Steven Roethke gave his Treasurer's report for the past year, which was printed on the reverse of the agenda. The current balances in our accounts are: \$17,193.63 (checking \$2,171.10, Money Market \$5,002.16, Petty Cash \$10.60 and C.D. \$10,008.77). Treasurer Roethke stated that \$5 of our dues goes to the Nantucket Civic League, and we will again forward our outstanding dues to them when we receive their notification. Our Treasurer said that all the TNCA accounts have been moved to the Cape Cod 5 Bank.

There was some discussion of Directors and Officers insurance and a quote will be forthcoming from Congdon and Coleman. Although there is no firm figure to date, the expected amount may be about \$1,500. Treasurer Roethke was given authorization to accept the quote and initiate the insurance, once the board has determined that the cost is reasonable. TNCA also takes out a one-day insurance policy for our annual cocktail party to cover the property owner who hosts the event.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

The Membership Report was given by President Macintyre. We expect to reach or exceed the 222 membership level that was achieved in 2011. We greatly appreciate the contributions made by some of our members over and above the membership dues, and we note that more of our members are taking advantage of the option to pay for two years at one time. There was some discussion about increasing dues, since \$5 goes to the Nantucket Civic League, and it was agreed that if the Directors and Officers insurance is higher than the expected amount, we might consider increasing the dues in the future.

Ralph Mueller, a member of the board, stated that the board has looked for worthy organizations to support that benefit Tom Nevers residents. A suggestion was made that some funds should be contributed to the 'Sconset Trust. The amount suggested was \$2,000, but that the funds be restricted to the recent property purchased from the Coffin family. A check will be sent to The 'Sconset Trust with a cover letter containing our "restricted donation" terms. A motion was made and seconded and accepted by a majority vote. There were two nays.

The Nominating Committee headed by Anne McAndrew proposed the following slate for the upcoming year 2012-2013.

President - Dual Macintyre

Vice President - Jack Warner

Treasurer - Steve Roethke

Secretary - Randy Ringer

Directors - Ralph Mueller, term will expire in August, 2015

Robert Hestwood, term will expire in August, 2015

Karl Smith, will fill the unexpired term of Pam Bartlett-Little, which will expire in August 2013

Director-At-Large - Lucas Fischer, term will expire in August, 2013

No discussion followed and there were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept this slate and it passed unanimously.

Next the meeting was turned over to our guest speaker, Jim Lentowski who, along with David Ross, gave a presentation about the Wildfire Risk Reduction Program the Nantucket Conservation Foundation hopes to put in place. Of the 3,000 acres in the TNCA area, 2,000 are in conservation, and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation has the largest portion of those 2,000 acres. Their plan is to begin construction of fire breaks, remove brush and dead pine trees, and implement a public education program to help reduce the wildfire risk. A 5 year plan for work sites includes the middle moors and Head of the Plains. The Madequecham area between the airport and Tom Nevers West cannot be included until a report is received from the Army Corps of Engineers certifying that there is no risk from WWII munitions in that area.

The slide show was very well received and there was a brisk question and answer period. The NCF is going to various community groups to show their program and to solicit funds for the Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund, which is tax deductible. A handout was available to all who attended and Mr. Lentowski stressed that the program is for the Foundation's property only and does not include any town property.

President Macintyre then reviewed some of the highlights of the past year:

1. The warrant to widen Tom Nevers Road to include a bike lane was defeated at ATM.
2. A citation was issued by the town to the property owner at the head of Tom Nevers Road; currently the homeowner is in compliance with the town's by-laws.
3. The home business issue concerning 17 Chuck Hollow Road was reviewed briefly. The town will implement internal review protocols when any future home occupations are proposed, involving Town Counsel. Minor changes to the existing by-law also may be proposed at the next ATM.
4. The association purchased and installed a new metal bike rack at the NRTA stop on Milestone Road. The rack is secured to the ground and will be taken in at the end of the season and put out again during the warm weather when NRTA operates.
5. As stated earlier, TNCA volunteers will no longer be handling the gate and parking at the County Fair in September.
6. At the 2012 ATM, "yard sales" were approved and various paper roads in Tom Nevers West were identified as eligible for the program. Abutters must now approach the town and negotiate for the sale of the surplus properties.

Issues for the coming year are expected to include some or all of the following:

1. There will be an Airport Public meeting on Thursday, August 23rd about noise and other airport matters. A flyer with details about the meeting was available in the back of the room.
2. Dog owners were reminded to please pick up their dog's litter when walking them on the verges. It's the law!
3. A Sewer Planning Work Group is to be formed by the town to formulate a plan for waste water treatment for the island and recommend how to fund future projects.
4. The Hunting Association's plans for a shooting range near the airport are currently under regulatory review. If they receive approval the HA hopes to begin construction of a trap shooting range this fall.
5. The Directors and Officers of TNCA will review articles for the 2013 ATM to see if any impact our Tom Nevers area and then take appropriate action.
6. The Board proposes that the corner at the head of the Tom Nevers Road be designated and marked as a "drop off" area only, not one for parking. This will require negotiations with the town and the state, as the state owns that piece of property.

During the discussion period, a suggestion was made to put out waste barrels for trash collection within Tom Nevers. The Board will take this under advisement.

The 36th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10.47 AM.