

Madaket Residents Association Annual Meeting
July 29, 2018
Maddequet Admiralty Club

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am

Agenda

Clerk's Report

Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting distributed. Motion made and accepted to waive reading of minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurer' Report

Approved as distributed and submitted.

Membership Report

As of January 1, 148 families. As of June 1, 151 families.

Madaket Land Trust Report

Representative not present.

Election of Officers

Following slate voted on and accepted:

Charles Stott, president

Leslie Forbes, vice president

Robert Kucharavy, clerk

Jim Schilling, board member

New board member:

Paul Waickowski

Friends of Long Pond LLC

Board member Marc Feigen provided an update on the ambitious initiative to eradicate phragmites from Long Pond east of Massasoit Bridge. Friends of Long Pond LLC has been formed to raise funds for the foliar spraying to be done later this summer by Solitude Lake Management. The stalks will be mulched in the fall. Retreatment will be done where needed in subsequent years. About \$40,000 will be needed to complete the project, which will be completed in three to five years.

Water Quality Update

Summary supplied by Leslie Forbes

TOWN: Natural Resources Department

Kaitlyn Shaw, Water Resources Specialist, and Jeff Carlson, Department Head

- Focusing on the DEP required TMDL, as measured at sentinel station in Hither Creek,

- .45 mg/L
- Standard for Estuaries and Salt Ponds (Salt water) NOT DRINKING WATER
- Annual testing and report for Madaket Harbor Basin
 - Harbor: high water quality, good flushing
 - Long Pond: meeting TMDL, and faunal restoration is underway
 - Hither Creek: improving but variable
 - WHY? Likely b/c of Mining and capping of Landfill, per SMAST
 - Breach at head of Hither Creek in Winter 2017, may improve TMDLI
- Re-Running SMAST Model w/ current data and ACK Landfill loading, with several scenarios.
 - Original model run
 - with 2002-2004 data
 - with landfill loading from Marshfield, no data available from Nantucket

DPW: Rod McNeill, Department Head

- Had Waste Options restore “lost wells” that were in a critical location
- Instituted nutrient testing, and landfill loading data, (July – September 2017, and 2018) to assist Town in making decision about meeting the TMDL
- Initiating a Madaket culvert assessment and bridge inspection/planning
- Civic League sponsoring a Landfill Update, open to all, on August 8, 2-4 PM, PSF

Nantucket Land Council: Emily Molden, Resource Ecologist, Cormac Collier, Exe. Director

- Hired Horsleely Whitten Engineers to design a Stormwater Management Plan for the Landfill. Never planned for the quantity of yard and shrub waste (full of nitrogen)
 - Aim to keep nutrients and pollutants on-site
 - Coordinating with the Town
- Supplementing Town’s water quality testing: Testing fish in Long Pond for contaminate (mercury)
- Presented a State of the Nantucket Harbor on July 19, Will speak about Madaket Harbor on August 8 at Landfill meeting

Madaket Marine: Chloe Coggins, Coastal Resources Consultant

- Good neighbor
- State of Art Water Filtration System-> No contaminated water into Hither Creek
- Growing oysters off the docks->natural water filtration

Nantucket Pond Coalition: Bob Williams, President

- Working with Natural Resources, and Con Com
- Pond Management Principles are drafted
- First Public Forum: July 23

Board of Health: Roberto Santamaria

- Focused on DRINKING WATER
- Amended Regulations for Madaket for septic, ACO’s, Wells
- Important: Check BOH website for Regulations
- Most leveraged activity for homeowners->
 - TAKE CARE OF YOUR SEPTIC. Instructions in Winter 2018 *Madaket Matters*
- Fertilizer Regulations: training and compliance

Wannacomet Water Company: Jeff Willet, Manager

- on drinking water quality and supply
- Mapping the underground aquifer

- Petitioning State for 15% increase in pumping water (Fun Fact: the water belongs to the Commonwealth)

Madaket Conservation Association: Bill Grieder, President

Madaket Residents Association: Charlie Stott, President

- Stakeholders for Madaket
- Attend all meetings, speak of Madaket Concerns, Report to Residents
- Hire Dr Stewart Cohen, water quality consultant to review data, interpret data, and suggest approaches for water quality. Share with Town.

Conclusion:

Many departments/organizations are conducting science to understand water quality concerns and to map out solutions. There is regular communication among the stakeholders, and work is actively coordinated. Focused

President's Report

1. President's Report – Charles Stott

a. Board of Health regulations

- i. Regulation 51 requires the installation of an I/A system upon property transfer, hydraulic failure, construction or expansion, effective July 1, 2019.
- ii. Regulation 59 allows for the owner to enter into an Administrative Consent Order in the event of technical failure, thereby avoiding a costly system replacement. The Health Department has considered revoking that regulation effective July 1, 2019, but may extend the regulation until July 1, 2020.
- iii. Regulation 78 requires the testing of well water in nitrogen sensitive areas such as Madaket every two years. If the water is compromised, owners have six months to install filters or take some other measure to correct the problem – if tests show continued contamination, they must connect if Town water is available.

b. Coastal erosion

- i. MRA has called for an island-wide coastal resiliency program for TON owned and private property, but remember that nothing may be done without the owner of the property filing a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission and receiving ConCom's approval
- ii. The Town is developing an island-wide coastal resiliency plan and there is a great deal of information about coastal resiliency on the Town's website.
- iii. We hosted a very informative meeting on June 25 to discuss strategies for mitigating erosion. The next step is to convene a meeting of interested parties to prioritize strategies and provide input as the Town's coastal resiliency plan evolves.
- iv. DPW has worked on dune restoration, sacrificial sand replenishment and construction of Cape Cod berms to handle stormwater runoff at the Ames Avenue/Madaket Road intersection

c. Many of us received a mailing from the US Army Corps of Engineers about the Sheep Pond rocket range where military munitions fired from Quonset Point Naval Station in the 40's may still be found. If munitions are found, the mailing

urges that we follow the 3 R's—recognize the munitions, retreat from the area and report to the police.

- i. Zoning is always important to the retention of the rural, low density character of Madaket. This past year, we focused on two things. At the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, our Board voted to oppose Article 48, which would have permitted, in some circumstances, a 25% increase in the allowable ground cover. This article was defeated.
- ii. In 2017, we successfully worked to adopt an article requiring a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for residential pools in the Village Residential (VR) zoning district, which encompasses much of “old Madaket” and some properties in other parts of the Island. Our focus this year has been to attend ZBA meetings at which swimming pool applications were being considered and to clarify the intent of the by-law for ZBA members, homeowners and abutters,
- d. Continue to represent members' views at meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and other governing bodies
- e. Nantucket Food Rescue
 - i. This summer, we encourage renters who leave the island to contribute non-perishable food to be donated to the food pantry; food may be left in the bin at the fire station on Madaket Road.
 - ii. Thanks to Gail Stone for being point on this worthwhile endeavor
- f. Communications
 - i. MRA Website requires updating, but we have not had time to commit to it. If anyone has the time and expertise to add current content to the site, please let us know.
 - 1. Averaging 1225 hits/month – 1,105 so far this month
 - 2. Quarterly newsletter continues to be well received
 - 2. Anyone who may be interested in serving on the mosquito control commission or the Historic District Commission's Madaket Advisory Board, please advise us.

MRA Priorities Exercise

Brainstorming session conducted to identify most pressing issues of MRA members. Results to be shared electronically with members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am