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**Nauset Heights Association, Inc.
Member Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2014
Home of Sally & Pete Andersen
75 Nauset Heights Road**

- President Carl Trevison called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. and thanked Pete and Sally Andersen for hosting the meeting
- Carl remembered those members and neighbors we lost during the past 12 months –
 - Connie Calderwood
 - Lisa Mahaney
 - Scott Shedden
 - Nora Hersey
 - Ann Hersey Zelle
 - Eric Miller
- Carl introduced our guest speaker, Pat Zeiss, President of Nauset Neighbors. Pat gave a great talk on Nauset Neighbors, highlighting that it currently has 215 members (recipients of services) and 290 volunteers who provide services from driving (80%) to odd jobs in the home (install air conditioners, reprogram remotes, etc.). A donation will be made to the Lower Cape Outreach Council on her behalf.
- Carl introduced the current Board of Directors:
 - Jim Tyng – 1st VP
 - Sandy Davidson – 2nd VP
 - King Nelson – Past President & Recording Secretary
 - Kathy Pattison – Corresponding Secretary
 - Joan Corcoran – Newsletter
 - Fred Turner – Treasurer
 - Bob Munson – Clerk
 - Tina Butler – Director – term ends August 2014
 - Joyce Hoffman – Director – term ends August 2014
 - Charlie Carlson – Director to 2015
 - Jackie Rockwood – Director to 2015
 - Jeff Larsen – Director to 2016
 - Peter Previdi – Director to 2016
 - Carl Trevison – President
- Carl reported the stairs were in good condition and that on-going maintenance is the purview of Gary Bissonnette, who trims brush, seals the wood, etc. Carl indicated we need to consider replacing the top cap on the handrails and he will get a quote to do the work. He stated we have adequate money in the Stair Fund for this sort of project as well as a full replacement of the stairs when that becomes necessary.
- New NHA members who joined the association in 2013 and thus far in 2014 were invited to introduce themselves and none was present

- King reviewed the minutes from the August 2013 Annual Meeting. A motion was made to approve them and the vote to do so was unanimous.
- Carl advised the members that NHA caps are available at the sign-in table
- Fred presented an abbreviated Treasurer's Report, explaining our recent efforts to upgrade the financial tracking and detailed budgeting processes. He indicated the \$10 annual increase in dues for this year appears to be adequate in having the Operational Budget function on basically a breakeven basis. In past years it had be necessary to dip into the Saving account to cover Operational expenditures. The Stairs Fund is adequately funded and that we migrated to the concept of a Capital Fund last year, which has a balance of \$4000, to include all "hard goods" needed to support the association. Fred reported we currently have 191 paid members.
- On behalf of Jess Tucker who was not present, Carl reviewed the recent July 4 Fun Run. 146 pre-registered runners participated in this years event. 43 of them were less than 15 years old, with the youngest participant, Benjamin Kuhn at 21 months. There were 7 runners over 60 years old with Norm Gray the senior entrant at 76. Approximately 25 other non-registered people "participated" by walking along side the registered runners. A total of \$1377 was donated at the Fun Run, the majority of which will be disbursed to charities. There are over 300 new photos from this year's event on the website, which can be found at <http://www.nausetheights.org/resources/events/all-events/fun-run-2014/fun-run-2014-pictures/>
- Carl briefly listed the upcoming NHA events and asked each of the chairpersons to stand:
 - Golf Outting – July 17 – Fred Turner
 - Tennis Tournament – August 9-10 – Jim & Pat Tyng
 - Sand Sculpture Contest – August 16 – Patti Carmody
 - Bonfire – August 16 – beginning at 8:00 p.m.
 - Annual Meeting – August 23 – Maraghy's, 34 Nauset Heights Road
 - Fall Clean-up – October 18
 - Lawn Party – Meredith & Craig Farmer. This year's event will be held at 33 Nauset Road ("Cottage B") with Ann Deming as host. Meredith reviewed the plans, asked attendees to bring hearty appetizers not requiring heating and not to bring "dessert-like" goodies, since the NHA will be providing a cake for all to share. The cost is \$7 in advance – sign-up online and mail checks to Sandy Davidson – or \$10 at the door. Children under 12 are free.
- Carl mentioned the Suggestion Box at the sign-in table and encouraged attendees to please provide feedback
- Old Business – The issue of bringing natural gas out onto the Heights is "in play." He believes National Grid is interested in providing the infrastructure out farther along the paved public roads but the process is slow. Last year he shared the results of our survey of those homeowners along Nauset Heights, Doane, Standish and Priscilla Roads (and their respective paved portions) with National Grid, indicating that we sent out 90 inquiries, received 76 responses and that of those, 68 said "Yes, they are interested in having natural gas." This is an impressive 89.5% positive rate. Marilyn

Tropsa described her schedule and costs for connecting her home and Barb Wigren asked if she and others should approach the gas company, too, to bring additional pressure. Carl indicated anyone can contact them.

- Barb Wigren was thanked for her efforts as Historian to research and compile a list of Past Presidents of the NHA since its inception in 1954. The list will be added to our website.
- Kathy Pattison had established a Facebook page for the NHA and indicated that anyone who wants to be a contributor should contact Kathy or Joan Corcoran
- Additional Business: Barbara Wigren asked about Eastham's access to the North Spit since the revelation that they control our land that falls within their Town boundary. She suggests we should be proactive in thwarting any attempts to use Nauset Heights and Callanan's Pass to access the land they believe to be under their control. Carl said everyone should feel free to express their opinion to John Kelly, Orleans Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.

Barb Wigren made a motion that as an organization, the NHA should write to John Kelly and each of the Selectmen stating emphatically that we are not in favor of anyone's use of Nauset Heights and Callanan's Pass to access the beach other than Orleans taxpayers. This motion passed unanimously and the vote was to "strongly oppose" vehicular access of the spit by Eastham residents. A draft of this letter will be sent to Barbara Wigren.

There was subsequent discussion about the original Paul Callanan-granted easement language, the history of the Eastham-Orleans town lines from back in 1797, and the extent to which our North Spit beach reached up toward Eastham over time. Jim Tyng explained about the Eastham/Orleans boundary and some "historical" background and that Pete Anderson reviewed Callanan's Pass deed restriction (Orleans residents only).

- King advised the Orleans Taxpayers Association has an opening and would like a representative from Nauset Heights. Anyone with interest should contact the OTA or King Nelson.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kingsley H. Nelson
Recording Secretary