

Edgartown Forest Estates Association Newsletter

June 2014

Seeking Directors for the EFEA Board

Your EFEA board works to maintain our common properties and roads and to help ensure each of us full benefit and enjoyment of our property. We meet monthly to:

- collect and manage annual fees;
- secure and hire contractors to maintain our roads; clean, mow, and manage our common properties; maintain our drains and easements;
- help homeowners understand and comply with our covenants; and
- plan improvements for the benefit of our association.

Some of the current directors have chosen to “retire” at the time of our annual meeting. Other directors who have served for ten years or more would like to step down over the next few years. We are looking for association residents who would like to join the Board. Can you give several hours each month to help manage Dodgers Hole? To learn more about the roles and responsibilities of directors and officers, go to our website where the roles and responsibilities are posted.

With the internet, it is not necessary to be a year round resident. If you are able to use email; Skype, Face time, or another video technology; you can participate in meetings and communicate with residents from anywhere!

The directors, clerk, and treasurer positions are voted in by Association members at the annual meeting, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are willing to serve. (The President is elected by the board members at the first board meeting following the annual meeting.)

Treasurer’s Report

The Board of Directors approved a budget for FY 2014/15 at their May meeting.

Income or revenue is based on an annual assessment of \$400 for each of 168 property owners. That is reduced by \$4,400 based on 11 assessments remaining unpaid in the fiscal year. This number of unpaid assessments is based on current history.

A reserve or carryover is planned each year to provide revenue from the start of the fiscal year (June) until annual fees are paid (between July and September).

Expenses are self explanatory. If you have any questions, come to the annual meeting or email the Board at dodgers.hole@gmail.com.

Income	
Annual Fees	\$67,200
Unpaid assessments	(\$4,400)
Carryover from previous year	\$5,000
Total Income	\$67,800
Expenses	
Administration	
Banking: checks	\$100
Banking: Fees	\$50
Directors’ insurance	\$1,515
Workers’ compensation insurance	\$990
General liability insurance	\$9,700

Legal fees	\$2,500
Accounting	\$900
Registry/Recording fees	\$1,500
Director Stipends	\$4,900
Contracted administrator	\$1,920
Website host fee	\$150
Contracted webmaster	\$500
Mailing/postage	\$550
Office supplies/equipment	\$200
Printing/reproduction	\$400
Maintenance	
Contracted maintenance manager	\$12,870
Contracted plowing/sanding	\$9,500
Contracted road sweeping	\$4,000
Contracted invasive removal	\$3,000
Contracted catch basin cleaning	\$1,500
Contracted road repair & maintenance	\$8,000
Maintenance materials & supplies	\$500
Utilities	
Electric	\$170
Water	\$350
Taxes	
State taxes	\$470
Local property tax	\$200
Annual report	\$159
Total Expenses	\$68,382
Carryover to FY 2015/16	\$581

Maintenance Report

Some invasive plants have invaded Dodgers Hole. Birds, animals, and wind can carry these invasive plants to your yard. Take a look at the pictures and descriptions below and be on the lookout for these plants on your property. The following link provides information on how to dispose of invasive plants.

http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/resource000988_rep1720.pdf



Japanese Knotweed (aka Japanese bamboo), *Fallopia japonica*, is spreading throughout the circle at the southern end of Dodgers Hole Road. For more information go to <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/knotweed.shtml>



Oriental or Chinese bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*, has just about killed a pine on the path leading to the State forest off the common lot on Tern Drive.

<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/bittersweet.shtml>



Garlic mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*, is creeping along our roadsides.

<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/garlicmustard.shtml>

Whom to Call

At times directors receive calls that would be better addressed by others. Here are our suggestions for whom to call with your ideas or concerns:

- If you have a concern with your neighbor, discuss it with your neighbor. We are a caring Island community and we urge you to talk with your neighbors.
- If you feel that a neighbor is violating the noise ordinance, talk with your neighbor. If that is not successful, call the Edgartown Police Department at 508-627-4343.
- When you have an **urgent** concern about the maintenance of the common property or facilities of the Association, call Kenny Ivory (Maintenance Manager) at 508-627-3465. You may leave a message at Kenny's home and he will get back to you or arrange a solution as soon as possible. Please do not call Kenny at his place of employment.
- If your concern about the maintenance of the common property is not urgent, call the Board's number (774-310-1456). We check the voicemail regularly. (We may call you back for additional information.)
- If there appears to be a break in the town water pipes, call the Edgartown Water Department at 508-627-4717.
- If there is a menacing animal on your property, call the Edgartown Animal Control Officer at 508-627-9611. If you have concerns about your neighbor's pet, please talk with your neighbor.
- If you have a concern about a violation of the EFEA covenants, call the Board's number (774-310-1456) and leave your name, number, and the address and description of your concern. We will evaluate the situation and respond.
- If you have questions about our finances or your fees, call the Board number (774-310-1456). Steve, Treasurer, will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Board has a desire and responsibility to carry out its duties and to be responsive to your concerns. Remember to use our website at dodgershole.com, our email dodgers.hole@gmail.com, our phone number (774-310-1456), and join us at our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:45 in Room 211 of the MVRHS to get information and or share your concerns. Summer meetings are held in a director's home. Check the website for locations.