

Greetings Members,

At our annual meeting in August, you elected the following officers: Julie Russell, Treasurer and Mary Leddy, Clerk. When the Board met in September, they elected the following officers: Dorie Godfrey, President; Chris Mayhew, Vice President; Mary Leddy, Secretary; and Robin Harper, Assistant Treasurer.

The Board reported on activities of the past year. The drainage problem on Mockingbird & Gull was resolved by installing a drainage pipe to divert the run-off onto Mr. McDermott's property. Our appreciation goes to Mr. McDermott for his cooperation in helping to resolve this issue for the larger association. Clogged drains are an ongoing issue. As new homes are built the grade of the land is sometimes changed and the increase in driveways both contribute to more rain run-off pushing sand into the drains. The Board arranges for annual cleaning of the drains, but there may come a time when we need to do major cleaning of the drains with new stone at a cost of anywhere from \$12000 to \$15000. A resident suggested that perhaps we could obtain a discounted price from a contractor as many homeowners would agree to have an apron installed on the end of their driveway. There appeared to be sufficient interest so the Board will pursue this.

The additional assessment in this year's annual dues was for routine maintenance of the roads – sealing cracks and filling potholes. When the roads were evaluated by an engineer, the Board was advised that routine maintenance of the roads will postpone the need to replace the roads for a long time. When members were polled several years ago, the decision was to do periodic assessments for routine maintenance rather than a large assessment for road replacement.

Other maintenance conducted this year was tree trimming done by Bartlett Tree Service. Ken Ivory, Maintenance Manager reminded property owners not to park on the grass on the side of the roads, as residents use the grass area for walking. Because we are a watershed to the Sheriff's Meadow property and Dodger's Hole pond, property owners are asked to use nontoxic gardening and lawn products.

The budget for 2011/12 was reviewed. The Board invited all members to attend any of the Board meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:45 at the MV Regional High School.

Since the annual meeting, the Board established a phone account for the Board. The number is 774-301-1456. This is an Edgartown number, so you do not need to dial a "1" before the number. You are asked to call this number and not call Board members at their homes or at their place of employment. Your call will go to the Board's voicemail. Don't forget to leave your name and number along with your message. We check the voicemail regularly and will address your concern or suggestion as soon as possible. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 5:45 in Room 211 at the high school. You are welcome to join us at any meeting.

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. Talk with your neighbors. We are a caring Island community.
- 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 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. Generally, we will address your concern at our next meeting. (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). Julie, Treasurer, will get back to you as soon as possible.
- If you have concerns about the actions or inaction of the Board, please call us (774-310-1456) or come to a meeting.

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 [www.dodgershole.com](http://www.dodgershole.com) , our email [dodgers.hole@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Sincerely

Dorie Godfrey, President EFEA