

# EFEA Fall Newsletter

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774-310-1456

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Edgartown, MA 02539

## Thanks to All Who Participated in Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by presiding President, Cris Mayhew. A total of 49 individuals participated in the Annual meeting in September. Fourteen were present and thirty five participated by proxy. Those members/stockholders represented 40 properties. Even with that participation the required quorum of fifty was not present so the meeting was adjourned. In accordance with the EFEA by-laws, a second meeting was called to order and the required quorum of thirty four was present. Cris expressed appreciation to all who participated.

**Election of Directors & Officers:** Ballots were distributed for the vote of Directors, Clerk and Treasurer. After a count of the votes and addition of the votes received by proxy, the clerk announced the following results. Elected by a majority vote are: Ira Certner, Treasurer; Dorie Godfrey, Clerk/Secretary; Julie Russell, Director; and Directors - Kathleen Samways, Cris Mayhew, Tim Dacey, Kenny Ivory.

**Presidents' Report:** The role of President was rotated among Directors who have no other officer responsibilities. Mary Leddy served as Presiding President from September 2014 to January 2015; Kathleen Samways presided from January to May; and Cris Mayhew presided from May to September. Each provided a report on Board activity during her tenure. See the minutes of the September 2015 Annual Meeting on the website for details. Mary announced her resignation from the Board and received a round of applause for her years of service.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ira Certner distributed copies of the EFEA 2015 annual statement and budgets for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016. He noted that the annual budget for EFEA is generally from \$65,000 to \$70,000 with the highest portion for property maintenance, such as road repair, plowing, road sweeping, and drain maintenance. You may request a copy of the current budget by emailing the Board.

**Other Business:** There was a question about the condition of the road on the spur between Dodgers Hole circle and Island Oaks. Responsibility for the road spur is questionable as the road crosses the private property of an EFEA homeowner. The homeowner was the original developer of the area now known as Island Oaks and at the time purchased the property and requested a road easement which was granted. The new developer of Island Oaks paved the road spur.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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## MJR Snow Plowing to Clear Roads

EFEA's contract for snow removal continues with MJR Snow Plowing for this year. Roads are cleared when there is from 1 to 3" of snow. Sanding is done as needed. No cars or vehicles should be parked on the road sides during inclement weather to ensure passage for the snow plows.

Homeowners may contract with MJR Snow Plowing for driveway plowing at \$60 per driveway. Contact MJR Snow Plowing at 508-326-4442 or 508-332-9278.

## Welcome Foggy Bottom

The Board advertised a call for bid proposals for maintaining the Association properties in August in the MV Times and on the EFEA website. Foggy Bottom was awarded the bid and began in October. Julie Russell, who serves as the Board member responsible for contract management and Ira Certner met with Doug of Foggy Bottom Company and toured the association property explaining needs. If you have any questions or concerns about the maintenance of the Association property (front entrance, roadsides, common lots) call the Board and leave a voicemail at 774-310-1456 or email [dodgers.hole@gmail.com](mailto:dodgers.hole@gmail.com).

## Free Home Energy Audit

You may qualify for a free home energy audit. An Energy Specialist will visit to assess your home's current energy use and provide a custom list of energy-saving recommendations for your home, and will help you develop a plan to make your home more efficient. What you should expect. A Home Energy Assessment usually takes 1.5 to 2.5 hours.

Your no-cost Home Energy Assessment includes: Personalized report outlining recommended energy efficiency improvements; Installation of no-cost immediate savings measures such as compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), programmable thermostats, and water saving devices, as needed. To schedule an assessment, go to [www.Masssave.com](http://www.Masssave.com) or call 866-527-SAVE (7283).



## Removal of Invasive Plants

After contacting local conservation organizations, the Board has been hard at work removing the Japanese Knotweed at the Dodgers Hole circle and Oriental Bittersweet in the Tern Drive common lot. These invasive plants are persistent and the removal will continue for the next few years.

While touring Dodgers Hole with our new property maintenance contractor, bittersweet was observed on some homeowner's properties. Bittersweet is beautiful in the fall and birds love it, but it will climb and strangle bushes and even large trees and it is a prohibited plant in Massachusetts. If you have bittersweet on your property check with your local landscaper or go to <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/ceor1.htm> for more information. Do not simply cut the bittersweet and dispose in with other yard debris. It will spread voraciously.

## From the Board

The board meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 5:45 p.m. the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. All EFEA property owners are welcome to attend. Check the EFEA website ([www.dodgershole.com](http://www.dodgershole.com)) to confirm the date and time.

**Front entrance.** The board is working on plans to enhance the landscaping at the front entrance and install native, drought tolerant plants. This will both enhance the beauty of our front entrance and save water. If you have any suggestions, email the Board at [dodgers.hole@gmail.com](mailto:dodgers.hole@gmail.com).

**Covenant violations.** Most property owners in Dodgers Hole appreciate the purpose of our covenants "of ensuring the use of the property for attractive residential purposes only" and maintain properties according to the covenants. Upon notification of a possible covenant violation, the Board contacts the owner and the situation is usually resolved without

difficulty. If the Board is not successful after several months of negotiations with the owner, the Board enlists the assistance of our attorney. In many instances, contact from the attorney helps to resolve the violation. In a few instances, even contact from our attorney has not resolved the issue and the Board works with the attorney and considers all possible options for resolution, including legal action.

**Road Signs:** The road sign at the front entrance was knocked down and the sign at the rear entrance is nailed to a tree. Both will be reinstalled with new signs at the rear entrance directing all traffic around the circle