

Six Ponds 2015 Annual Meeting Reports

President's Report

I am happy to report that the Six Ponds Improvement Association had another successful year. The executive committee held regular meetings throughout the year that were well attended, with a variety of issues discussed, including:

- annual meeting debrief and planning
- Makepeace traffic improvements
- water quality results and issues
- litter cleanup
- purchase vests for litter cleanup
- WAA conference support
- Ship Pond Road paving
- printed newsletter and email updates
- Halfway Pond shore remediation
- Parkwatch

Our association is fortunate to have so many active members, who are passionate about working together, with each other, our neighbors, and town officials to preserve and improve the character of our area. Many of our members are not only passionate, but also highly knowledgeable about how to get things done. Many of the projects and issues that we take on are spearheaded by individual members who are especially concerned about a particular issue. The Six Ponds area wouldn't be what it is today without those who have devoted their time and energy to creating and maintaining the wonderful environment that we have in our neighborhood. I am very grateful to everyone who's helped out the organization over the last year, from those who have spearheaded issues, picked up litter, advocated for our neighborhood with town officials, sent in your member dues or worked behind the scenes to make our neighborhood a better place for all of us. We are all benefitting, and may we continue to work together now and in the future to maintain and celebrate our neighborhood.

- submitted by Craig Richards

Secretary's Report

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Treasurer's Report

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Roadways Report

Last year at this time we spoke of imminent work on the Six Ponds area roadways to be implemented by A. D. Makepeace pursuant to their Special Permit for the Redbrook development, located along and between Bourne and Wareham Roads.

The development has been moving slowly forward with residences, common buildings, utilities and amenities, but the only thing happening on the roadways themselves is talk and more talk. For the Clark Road-Long Pond Road roundabout, the design appears to be set but Makepeace is dealing with abutting landowner "taking" and conservation restriction issues. The Ship Pond Road-Long Pond Road intersection is only waiting for final plans from Makepeace. The Halfway Pond Road-Long Pond Road intersection is waiting for abutting property owners to approve small "takings". The Halfway Pond Road-Bourne Road intersection is undergoing debate over the design of the primary "free flow" traffic movement, and Six Ponds members are very involved in these discussions. At this point it appears that the only area that might actually be constructed this year is the Ship Pond Road-Long Pond Road intersection.

Other potential and actual changes are also in the works in our neighborhood. A portion of Wareham Road has been paved as part of the Redbrook development, and no doubt more Wareham Road paving is yet to come. This will have an impact on traffic on Mast Road and Six Ponders will need to pay attention here. Also, a citizen's petition to pave Ship Pond Road was presented to the Town this spring by the owner of a horse farm on Ship Pond Road near Old Sandwich Road. The sense of the Six Ponds Executive Committee is that this would not benefit our community. At a Planning Board meeting in May the recommendation was to pursue alternative aggregate surface treatments short of paving. Ship Pond Road is a Town maintained private way, with no Town layout or ownership, and the Town is not likely to pave the road unless it is done after establishing a layout, perhaps 50 feet wide like Long Pond Road, which would be quite costly and involve taking private property. Again, Six Ponders should keep abreast of developments on this issue, as "improvements" and suburbanization are pressing in on our neighborhood on all sides.

- submitted by Sam Chapin