

Nauset Heights Association, Inc.  
July Member Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2021

Held at the home of Kathy Pattison and Dave Strickler  
1 Standish Road

President Ann Deming called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM, after a rain delay earlier in the morning. Approximately 52 members were in attendance. Ann thanked the Strickler's for hosting the meeting, and Nancy Case for providing the refreshments. Ann welcomed the members and introduced the Officers and Board of Directors.

A moment of silence was held for members who passed away during the past 12 months. They are Stephen Hopkins, Frank (Desi) Csonger, Joyce Hoffman, Jim Gunsalus, Pete Anderson, Charlie Snow, and Betty Barnes.

Ann welcomed new members and asked those attending to introduce themselves. They are:  
Gerard McCarthy of 84 Nauset Heights Road  
Walter Sall of 51 Nauset Road  
Josh Payne of 47 Nauset Road  
Laura and Caroline Ogonowski of 25B Doane Road  
Jim Hourdequin of 48 Nauset Heights Road

Ann reviewed upcoming summer events and their dates:

Donut Dip, Sunday, July 11  
Sand Sculpture Contest, Saturday, July 17  
Golf Outing, Monday, July 19  
Beach Bonfire, Saturday, July 24  
Lawn Party, Saturday, August 7  
Tennis Round Robin, Saturday, August 14  
Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 21  
Fall Spruce Up, Saturday, October 16

Ann reminded the members that the format for the Lawn Party will be different, with local vendors providing food and beverages, but volunteers are still needed for various duties. Kathy Pattison was asked to pass the volunteer sign-up sheet among the audience so members could choose their preferred jobs and shifts in order to help out.

Ann referred to the recent email announcements to members about the two public hearings regarding the Nauset Estuary Dredging Project, and said that members who want to know more could discuss it with other interested parties following the meeting.

Ann asked King Nelson to introduce the speaker. King gave a short bio of, and welcomed, Geof Deering, Chief of the Orleans Fire and Rescue Department. Chief Deering spoke about his 25-

member team of firefighters and EMT's who answer approximately 3000 calls per year. Four round-the clock shifts are manned by 5 men and women on duty per shift. Paramedics, whose initial training requires 1800 hours, are able to provide services nearly equal to hospital emergency rooms. The Fire Department faces several significant challenges, including affordable housing for employees who must live within 7 miles of the firehouse, and the dated and inadequate size of the firehouse itself. Chief Deering invited everyone to come and tour the facilities and learn about future plans.

There were several questions from members, including how 911 calls are implemented. 911 calls go directly to a dispatch team at the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office located at the Joint Base Cape Cod Military Station, which coordinates the location of the call and dispatches an ambulance or a firetruck within four to six minutes. All Cape towns cooperate with each other by dispatching additional personnel and equipment as needed. No fees for services are exchanged between the towns. Chief Deering closed by reminding homeowners that clearly visible house numbers and easily passable roads and streets are important components to speedy response time.

Rain adjourned the meeting at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Tyng