

# **TOM NEVERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Dual Macintyre at 7:00 PM in the 'Sconset Casino. In his **Opening Remarks** Dual noted that the time and place of this meeting are an experiment to determine whether a different time and venue will encourage greater participation by members. The Board will continue to evaluate this idea. Dual reminded members of upcoming events:

- Island Fair is September 11 and 12—we need more volunteers.
- Nantucket Civic League Annual Meeting September 13 at 4:00 at the 'Sconset Casino
- On August 24 from 4:00-5:30 at the Coffin School, the Nantucket Community Association and ReMainNantucket will present an overview of ongoing studies of the health of the harbor

Dual thanked members for their help/participation:

- Fair volunteers in 2009—16 members
- Jack Warner for all of his work as the editor of the TNCA newsletter which enables us to communicate with all members on and off island. Jack also maintains our website.
- Thanks to Rich Heffernan for his service on our Board. He has sold his house on Nantucket.
- Thanks to Eleanor and Steve Roethke for hosting our Annual Cocktail Party at their home for the 5<sup>th</sup> year!

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the **Annual Meeting of August 2009**. These minutes were approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Steve Roethke. Our financial situation is "stable." The report was unanimously accepted.

Dual reported on **Membership**: There are 201 paid members in 2010—last year there were 237. 46 members have paid for 2011, with 6 new members/families and 23 people have made contributions of \$1, 270, over and above dues.

The **Nominating Committee Report** was given by Jane Connell. The terms of three Directors expire in 2010:

- Lucas Fischer, Director-at-Large, will continue for another term
- Richard Heffernan, Director-Pam Bartlett- Little will fill this seat for the coming term
- Dix Shevalier, Director-will continue for another term.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate, which was voted unanimously.

Dual introduced our speaker, **Deborah Dilworth, Assessor**, who explained how properties are assessed on Nantucket according to MA law, how property values have dropped, that all properties pay the same residential tax rate, how future tax bills will reflect the dip in prices, how properties are revalued every year—and many more informative points. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.

Members engaged in a **General Discussion** during which several points/observations were made:

- Compliments on the informative coverage of Lyme Disease in the TNCA newsletter
- Use of Damminix in Spring and Fall to control ticks
- Fire protection—lack of hydrants and resulting surcharge on home insurance
- Nantucket Fire Department reports that there is enough water available in this area with existing hydrants, pond, and ‘Sconset
- To get more water we would have to drill more wells in low-lying areas near the water table, or bury 50,000 gallons tanks which the FD would refill as needed—big expense either way.
- Governor Patrick and Libby Gibson are both on record stating that what is needed is a fair market alternative to the MA Fair Plan—state and local officials will “work on it.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Connell