

Nauset Heights Association, Inc.
Member Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2019
Deming Home
33 Nauset Road

- President Dave Strickler called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., after a well-attended social “half-hour.” Approximately 61 people attended the meeting.
- Dave thanked Ann Deming for hosting this Member Meeting at Cottage B, and indicated a donation to the Lower Cape Outreach Council would be made in her name. He also thanked members of the Board for coffee and food for the social hour. Dave reminded everyone that the NHA is a volunteer organization and thanked the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Dave explained the NHA has two meetings annually, this first one hosting a speaker and the Annual Meeting on August 17, where a business meeting discussing financials and elections take place. Before introducing the speaker, Dave announced that the association is 199 strong, which is a “high-water mark” for the NHA and seems apropos in light of a discussion on dredging to follow. He asked if any new members would introduce themselves and none was present.
- Dave asked for a moment of silence for members who passed away this past year:
 - Betty Martin
 - Don Post
 - Theresa Gillman
 - John Gasparini
- Dave introduced Charlie Carlson, an NHA director, Board Member of the Orleans Conservation Trust and a member of the Dredging Committee which is an advisory group to the Orleans Select Board, and indicated a donation would be made in his name to the Orleans Conservation Trust

Charlie gave a very comprehensive presentation on shoaling in Nauset Estuary and a lesser mention of Mill Pond. He explained that the continuing shoaling presents safety issues, navigational issues, business and economic issues and water quality issues, all of which are being addressed in studies by the Woods Hole Group and work of the Dredging Committee.

The solution is believed to lie in hydraulic pumping of the sand from the inlet to Town Cove and Priscilla Landing. He indicated the spoils cannot be used to nourish Nauset Spit due to protected bird species but may be pumped to a location just north of the Public Beach where the Town could reuse the dredged sand or sell it. Hopefully a two-year long permitting process will begin in the fall and, if successful, funding requests would be brought up at Town Meeting for projected appropriations of \$1-2M for the work.

Charlie also mentioned that the Town has been unable to establish a trail on the former Cullen property due to the presence of a dog and an adjacent neighbor. A question and answer period followed.

- A review of the NHA Events followed:
 - **Spring Fling Clean-up** was well-attended and very successful
 - **Donut Dip**, hosted by Maura Fitzpatrick, was a big success
 - **Member Meeting** – today, July 14
 - **Beach Bonfire and Smores** is this evening
 - **Movie Night at the Tenney's** is this Monday, July 15
 - **Golf Tournament**, hosted by Todd Shipman – Monday, July 15
 - **Tennis Tournament** – Jim Tyng, hosting on August 3-4
 - **Sand Sculpture Contest** – July 20, and in need of judges
 - **Lawn Party** – Saturday, August 10, chaired by Meredith Farmer. Terrie Rosengren is handling scheduling of volunteers, and Nancy Case is handling payments.
 - **Annual Member Meeting** – August 17
 - **Fall Clean-up**

- Fred Turner advised the attendees that many of the “all things Nauset” continue to be for sale – posters, Jim Tyng’s book, NHA caps and new Nauset Heights aprons – both at today’s meeting and the upcoming Lawn Party and Annual Meeting.

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kingsley H. Nelson
Recording Secretary