

Old Stone Dock Association

2014 President's Report

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Thanks to a fully engaged Board of Directors and a very supportive membership, the OSDA continues to contribute to the better good of the town and our neighborhood. Some activity highlights follow:

FEMA/Flood Insurance: Met with town officials to monitor and report on progress. Sponsored Selectmen's endorsement of Congressman Keating's efforts to delay implementation.

NSTAR/Mill Road: Participated in planning sessions and execution of the cable laying to Vineyard Haven. Met with town officials and contractors throughout the project to include parking lot restoration.

Walker Street flooding: Town Engineer completed surveying and design phase for re-grading the roadway to eliminate/reduce flooding near Surf Drive. Work scheduled for 2015.

Mill Road wall: Town Engineer/Highway/Parks Directors joined to cut back the overgrowth in front of historic wall to beautify the approach to Surf Drive Beach.

Hurricane Carol Retrospective: A Paul Smith initiative to brighten early April days. Over 100 members and neighbors attended the slide show at the Casino Wharf Restaurant. Joint activity with Mark Schmidt from the Historical Society. FCTV recorded and aired the replay.

Falmouth Triathlon(July): OSDA controls traffic access points starting at 5:30am. We were selected to receive the proceeds of charity-based entrants in 2014 by organizers Lance and Tony Panigutti.

Fourth of July festivities: OSDA contributed \$100 to the fireworks fund. Karen Rinaldo memorialized Surf Drive/Old Stone Dock on tee-shirts marking bicentennial of the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Old Stone Dock art: Commissioned Falmouth artist David Etlar to create a rendering of the dock in the 1800's. Now available to members for their own use.

Bath House: OSDA provides flowers annually (gift of the Doyle Family 2012-14). Also donated a large sign welcoming bathers to the Old Stone Dock, and small signs to identify inside offices. Also provide "silent policemen" at crosswalks. The Salangers also sent a \$100 donation for doggie bags.

Beach clean up: Lois Girard organized a Memorial Day sweep from Shore Street to Elm Road. Highway Dept picked up the bags. 24 volunteers participated.

Enterprise articles: Editor Bill Hough has been very supportive of OSDA activities. He has printed several articles as submitted.

Police liaison: Presented a plaque to our community liaison officer Jim Cummings on his promotion to Sergeant. FCTV covered the event.

Barbo's Furniture exterior: Spoke up for Dan and Dave Barbo at Historical District meeting. A nice improvement on the Shore Street corner.

Christmas Party/Parade: Hosted annually by Dorie Ketterer at ShoreWay Acres Inn for marchers, spectators, and 100 cabin-fevered neighbors.

Website / Logo wear: Constantly refreshed by Terry and Steve Saunders. Very useful communication link between Association and members. oldstonedock.com.

Continuing efforts: monument refreshment; Do Not Park signs; computerization of membership roster; membership drive; Old Stone Dock Bi-centennial (2017); philanthropy; FACES, FCTV, 20 Shore Street