



## Old Stone Dock Association Fall Newsletter

### November 2010

Dear Old Stone Dock Association (OSDA) Neighbors and Members:

We are having such beautiful fall weather in Falmouth I find it difficult to believe that I am sending out the flyer for our annual “After the Parade Christmas Party”. It seems like we just had our summer social which was very well attended. We had approximately 150 Old Stone Dock members and friends attend. It was a great opportunity to meet and socialize with neighbors and Town officials and to enjoy the music and fine food. Many thanks to Don Filiault, the manager and owner of the Beach Breeze Inn; his work, hospitality and contributions, made this event the outstanding success that it was.

**Mill Road Project** - It seems like I have been reporting on this project for over two years (Come to think of it I have!) What originally appeared to be a simple road resurfacing effort to raise the road and eliminate the flooding turned out to be a major water flow engineering and conservation project. Our Conservation Committee would not allow the surface water to flow directly into Salt Pond. Town engineers were required to design and build a series of dry wells to filter the water before it entered the pond. That’s done! The road is dry, people are happy; the water is filtered, fish are happy. A final resurfacing coat was applied last week. The plan now is to complete the new sidewalks and connections to adjoining driveways by the end of November.

**Mae Crossen Scholarship** – We awarded three scholarships this year: Jill Peterson, from Falmouth High School is attending Simmons College, Erin McCormick from Medfield High School is attending Simmons College and Garrett Noonan from Catholic Memorial is attending Boston University. Any OSDA member interested in this scholarship should contact Jim Crossen (508-548-1579).

Following are quick notes on some additional projects our members are working/discussing:

The condition of the beaches - This is a constant complaint and we met with the Beach Superintendent numerous times on this problem. He is aware that the beaches are in need of additional policing. He does as much as he can, but he is required to operate

under specific regulatory restrictions and guidance from the Conservation Committee that limits the amount of raking and clean-up that can be done.

Old Stone Dock Web Site – Several Falmouth associations have very sophisticated web sites. This is a very effective way to communicate with our membership and other interested parties. We are looking into developing an OSDA site.

Possible Old Stone Dock Restoration - As most of you know there is/was an Old Stone Dock in the vicinity of the Surf Drive bath house. We are looking into the history of the OSD and the possibility of obtaining some historical money to note or improve the dock area.

Fresh River – The River had been flowing clean and clear until hurricane Earl. We dodged the full brunt of Earl, but the heavy seas deposited a fair amount of dead eel grass up river.

Falmouth Chamber of Commerce – We joined and are active in the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce because our geographical area includes numerous Falmouth businesses and the northern border is Main Street. It allows us to get our message out and to be informed and involved in Town commerce activities.

Waste Water Management Plan - The town is very close to finalizing a waste water management plan and committing money to this project. The initial phase of the plan calls for a pipe sewer system in the eastern portion of Falmouth, (from the Heights to Mashpee and south of route 28). The estuaries in this area are in the highest danger of excess nitrogen loading. Monies will also be allocated to investigate other solutions such as compost and separation toilets, nitrogen barrier systems and oyster beds. Our members are closely watching this situation to keep the OSDA informed.

I remind you of our mission:

The mission of the Old Stone Dock Association is to promote a sense of community for residents in the neighborhood of Main Street to Shore Street to Surf Drive to Mill Road and all the streets and residents within those boundaries. The Association will work with the Town of Falmouth officials towards improvements in the areas of beautification, traffic movement, beach utilization maintenance, road maintenance, and, in general, the welfare of all residents. The Association will endeavor to create a community spirit by encouraging all residents to participate through programs that promote unity based upon a common interest.

Lastly, as always, I plead for more membership and member participation. The same few people attend the meetings and carry the load. We could do more with more people. Your continued membership is important. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, I hope to see you at the OSDA Holiday party. (See attached flyer)

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