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A message from the Chairman of the Board of Governors. By Tony Zimmitti

It's mid December, a little windy and cold, and snow is falling but all is well at Grove Beach Point.

The Board of Governors meets regularly to address the needs of the Association.

At the October 7, 2007 Association's second "Annual" meeting the turn out was less than anticipated. The people who attended, however, truly appreciated the dedication ceremony in commemoration of their loved ones whose names are inscribed on plaques attached to the new tables and benches the families donated.

A bit of good news to report. The Association has received a letter from the Dredging Project Coordinator acknowledging that "...the 5000yds of sand from the outer channel identified as suitable for beach nourishment should be placed back onto the Grove Beach Point vs. open water disposal at Cornfield Shoals Disposal Site (CSDS)." Finally, all our efforts are beginning to bear fruits. I am enclosing the entire text of the letter. Please note the extensive distribution which include Reeves Potts-Pilot Point Marina – and Noel Bishop – Westbrook First Selectman.

The Board of Governors (BOG) at its last meeting discussed the letter at length, and is pleased that finally our efforts

and the expenses to preserve the Association's beach are getting attention from the powers that be. The BOG also had a good and long discussion regarding the study required by the Department of Environmental Protection for any development of a beach erosion control plan. As you may recall, in October of 2006 a special association meeting was called to ask the membership to approve and finance the study. The membership approved the study, but voted not to borrow money, nor restructure the current loan to fund it. At the time, other issues such as the repair to the patio driveway, replacement of the tables and benches were deemed more urgent. The BOG was considering the study now because winter storms needed to be included in the almost year long study and also because there is now a good portion of the money available in the Beach Preservation Fund. However, the Board did not want to sign a contract unless all money was available. Therefore, it was decided to wait until next year.

More news that may be of interest to some of you. On November 27 of this year, I attended a Westbrook Zoning Commission public hearing regarding Pilot's Point Marina's application for special permits for expansion and relocation of existing facilities in the North Yard. Before hand I had the opportunity to view the plans, and what I perceived was no more than a beautification project. There were no plans for large buildings. Since there have been complaints from some members about lights in the marina shining into their bedrooms, however, I took the opportunity to address the issue and went as far to suggest to have existing and any new lights directed away from the residences: there was a consensus that the request was doable. Stretching things a bit, I also ventured to ask the marina to find a way to screen the large sheds that currently do very little for aesthetics, with some variety of vegetation. The request did not go over very big.

On a sad note, we want to report the death of Mr. Pasquale J. Tine, the father of Jack Tine, who died November 18 of this year at the age of ninety-five. Our deepest sympathies go to the family.

Finally, a big thank you to all who have worked so hard to make things better for the Grove Beach Point Association.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Happy Holidays to all!

New Year's Resolutions By Kelly Giuliano

Over the past year, many neighbors have approached me to voice their concerns about the goings on at GBP. As we will all be making our New Year's resolutions in just a few weeks, I figured this might be a good time to reduce some of the most common comments that I hear to resolutions. Please try to incorporate these into your resolutions for 2008.

1. I will not allow my dogs to bark incessantly or unchecked. I will make every effort to keep my dogs calm and quiet.
2. I will always keep my dog leashed and will not allow my dog to wander. I will not walk my dog onto my neighbor's property.
3. I will always pick up after my dog.
4. I will not park in front of my neighbor's driveway.
5. I will be mindful of my neighbor's scenic views and will make my best efforts not to block his line of sight.
6. I will never drive the wrong way on Indian Trail Road. Even in the winter.
7. I will remember that lots of children live and play in GBPA and will drive slowly and carefully on the streets.

8. If I bring it to the beach I will bring it home with me. I will not be a litterbug!

9. I will volunteer to help with GBPA community projects.

10. I will be cognizant of my neighborhood and will immediately call the authorities if I see suspicious persons and/or activities.

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Dear Mr. McGinley:

Let me take this time to introduce myself. I am the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Dredging Project Coordinator. My Position as coordinator is to undertake the project management and provide assistance with your dredging needs and issues. I was forwarded copies of your two letters dated October 2, 2007, to Mr Grzywinski, CTDEP/OLISP and October 4, 2007, to Mr. Karalius of the Army Corps of Engineer's in reference to the dredging of the Patchogue River. The DOT understands that the need to maintenance dredge the Patchogue River is vital to the economic health and well being of the local economy. The DOT also encourages the Beneficial Reuse of dredged materials for Beach Nourishment.

The DOT and the Connecticut Maritime Commission (CTMC) is dedicated to promote and coordinate maintenance dredging of all the State's ports and waterways, from the very large commercial ports to the small recreational harbors. A responsible and coordinated plan also promotes the best management practices for dredge material disposal. This practice also reduces the amount of clean dredged materials (beach sand) being disposed of in Long Island Sound. Therefore, the 5,000 yds. of sand from the outer channel identified as suitable for beach nourishment should be placed back onto the Grove Beach Point vs. open water disposal at Cornfield Shoals Disposal Site (CSDS).

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions and to provide assistance with your needs. I will keep you advised of any new developments that pertain to this dredging project.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph R. Salvatore".

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