

Welcome to the Old Taunton Colony Club 2009 Annual Meeting



Introductory remarks

Ed Gann, president



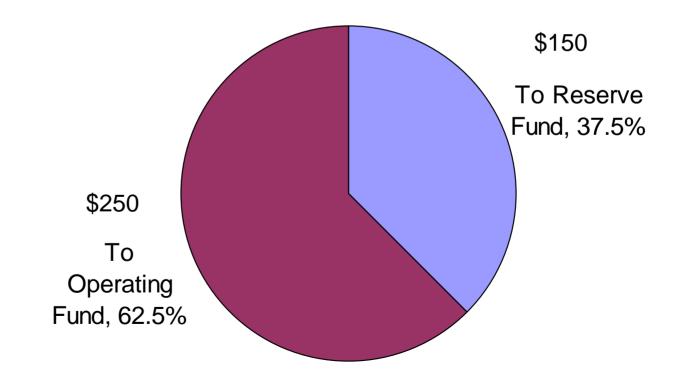
Town Watch Update

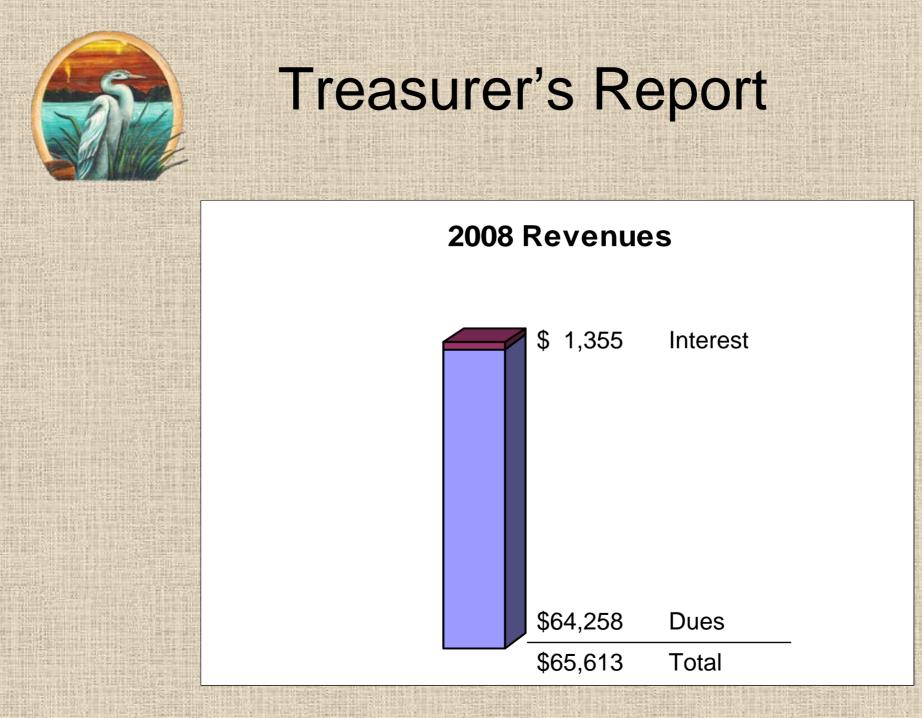
Medford Twp. Police Sgt. William Dunleavy

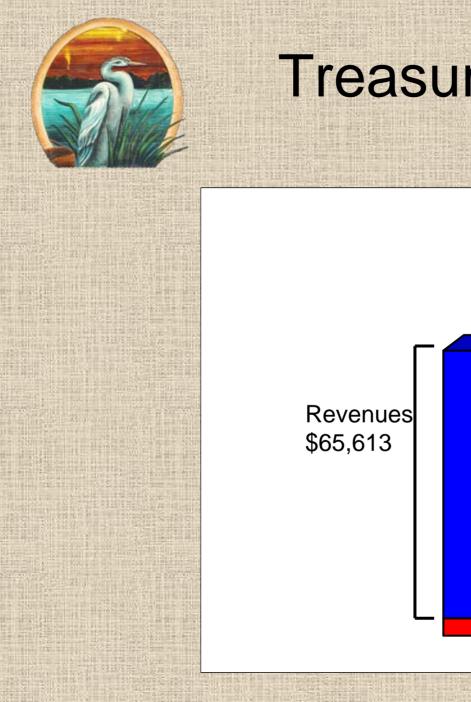


Treasurer's Report

Where your \$400 dues payment goes

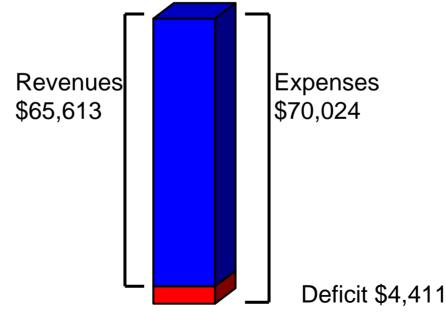






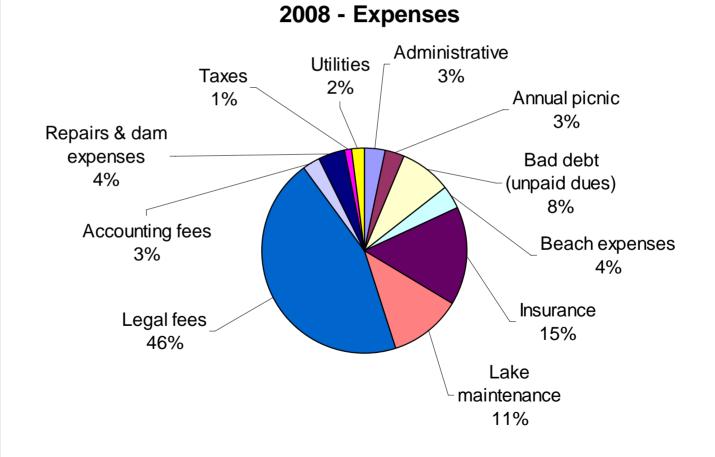
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Committee Reports

 Mid-November, 2007: dozens of trees cut down without notice or permission



- Board attempted numerous times to contact the property owner
 - Certified letter returned marked "Refused"
 - Finally hand-delivered on Nov. 29
 - No response



Before

After

1 Piney Run Rd, NJ 08055

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 Mid-November, 2007: dozens of trees cut down without notice or permission - No response to communications Dec. 12 – Board votes to commence legal action seeking replanting Dec. 21 – Complaint filed Jan. 4 – Judge issues order barring further cutting



Jan. 21 – Defendant files response

 Admitting the trees were cut down
 Admitting permission was not sought
 Denying that permission was required
 Denying that the restrictions in her deed against cutting were binding on her



• Feb. 5 – Judge issues order:

- "The Court hereby ORDERS that the defendant, Karen Carlson, will replace the trees, as requested by the Plaintiff, and maintain these trees as required pursuant to the restrictions and convenants that run with the property...."
- [At a hearing to be held,] "the parties will argue the specific terms and conditions for any further cutting/removal of trees by the Defendant, and her duties with regards to the general maintenance and care for the property."



Feb. 26 – Judge issues order

 Requiring Defendant to allow Plaintiff's tree expert to examine, investigate and test the remains of the trees that were cut down
 Referring the case to ADR (mediation) to attempt to resolve the scope of replanting



Feb. 25 – Defendant files 11-Count counterclaim

- 1. challenging her 2005 loss of good standing
- 2. claiming her property is not subject to OTCC rules
- 3. challenging OTCC's 2004 refusal to allow her floating dock (subsequently built anyway)
- 4. Claiming that 2006 Mediation agreement between OTCC and resident Jack Galgon in Municipal Court was "without a fair hearing"
- 5. Claiming OTCC has no legal authority to prevent anyone from using the lake
- 6. Claiming "selective enforcement" of tree-cutting restrictions



• Feb. 25 – Defendant files 10-Count counterclaim

- 7. Claiming "selective enforcement" of one-dock per property rule
- 8. Claiming OTCC cannot enforce its rules against property owners who are not members in good standing
- 9. Seeking further removal of trees for replacement of her septic system
- 10. Claiming erosion of her property by the lake water has "unjustly enriched" OTCC
- 11. Seeking to backfill and reclaim eroded lakefront



- May 9 Mediation begins
- May 15 Representatives of Carlson (Jack Galgon) and OTCC (Marty Hamilton) meet with the mediator (without attorneys present) and reach an agreement in principle, subject to approval by the OTCC Board. A detailed formal settlement agreement is to be prepared by their attorneys. The Board approves the terms of the settlement with modifications and has its counsel prepare the first draft of the settlement agreement.



 Late June – Despite the exchange of numerous drafts of the proposed comprehensive settlement and further assistance of the mediator, the parties are unable to agree on the written document. Accordingly, no settlement occurs and the litigation resumes.



 November – Parties begin pre-trial discovery

- Interrogatories

 Depositions of Karen Carlson and Jack Galgon



- February Motions

 OTCC files motion for summary judgment
 Carlson files motion to "enforce settlement agreement"
 - Hearing on motions held April 17; awaiting decision
- Trial originally scheduled for March 16

 Postponed to May 27 by the Court



 March 2008: Resident Robert Elmer requests zoning variance to build 18x24 two-story garage

- Positioned 4 feet from right-of-way used by residents to access the lake
- Existing zoning standards require 50 feet
- Property's deed restrictions require 25 feet



- April 2008: Zoning Board hearing

 OTCC opposes request for zoning variance based on
 - Proximity to the right-of-way
 - No other properties have such small setback
 - History of and potential for erosion problems
 - Zoning Board approves variance by vote of 3 to 2



• July 2008:

- After lengthy and careful consideration, OTCC Board decides to appeal Zoning Board decision
- On advice of counsel, Board authorizes separate suit based on violation of deed restrictions
- The two cases are subsequently combined before the same judge

Summer/Fall 2008

 OTCC responds to interrogatories from Mr. Elmer's attorneys

• March 2009

- Mr. Elmer responds to OTCC interrogatories



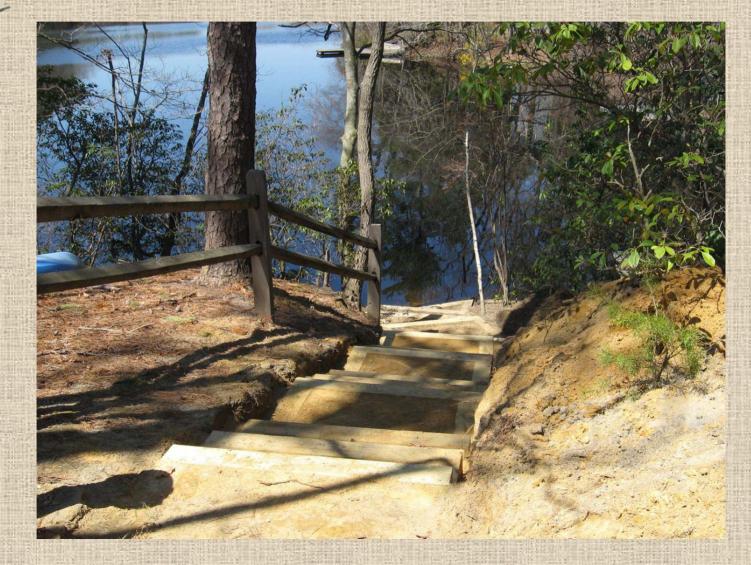
• July 21, 2009

- Trial on the appeal of the Zoning Board decision
- Judge to entertain summary judgment motions on the deed restriction case (If necessary, trial at a later date)

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Committee Reports



Voting Overview



Nominations



Current Issues

Questions & Answers



Legal Expenses 2003 - 2009

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009*	Total
Robinson Rd. property	1,463	3,721						5,184
Pine Rd. Property		613						613
Hinchman Rd. Property		295						295
30 Wendover Rd.		1,818	3,220			8,241		13,279
S. Wyetta Right of Way			2,271	4,925	692			7,888
1 Piney Run Rd.			1,867	1,812	2,027	21,748	8,670	36,124
Annual Meeting			636	1,891				2,527
Bylaws		102	4,041	2,897				7,040
Dam Loan		50	240	698				988
Collections	3,000					125		3,125
General legal advice					1,996	1,396		3,392
Annual Total	4,463	6,599	12,275	12,223	4,715	31,510	8,670	80,455
Cumulative Total	4,463	11,062	23,337	35,560	40,275	71,785	80,455	



Contributions to Legal Expenses

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Re: OTCC Legal Expenses



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