

MPCA
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2008

Since the last annual meeting, the EC has been active:

- Expanding its membership
- Increasing its knowledge and understanding of the old and new Shoreline Protection Act and managing a healthy environment
- And increasing its focus on maintaining and enhancing the our commonly owned assets

The members of the EC are Andra Crawford, Peg Goddard, Debby Grubbs, Lesley Steventon, Julie Kath, Beth Marsh, Tod Rodger, Mike Watson, Bruce Gardner, Lynn Badger and joining in July, Janice Woods.

As per the By-Laws, we have at least one representative from each association, and several members, Andra, Peg, Lesley and Debbie, who have had a long history with the EC, almost from the time that they moved to Moody Point. Our new MPCA Board liaison is David Contarino.

The responsibility of the EC, as designated by the MPCA board, our by-laws, our warranty deed and our mission statement is the management and maintenance of our common areas. The common areas include not only the land that is called Lots 4, 6 and 11, but the signage, benches, steps, and culverts on the trails; the screen house and its decking, the dock, boat racks and the bridge. The EC is regularly reviewing these areas and makes recommendations to the MPCA board about projects, maintenance and work to be done both by volunteers and professionals.

Another part of our mission statement is to educate our membership regarding the stewardship of our common land.

This past year, the EC oversaw the maintenance of the healthy woodland buffer on Lot 4. The newly formed MP4 committee, under the direction of Lynn Badger and with a representative from each association, coordinated the requests from home owners and the work of Bartlett Tree.

We have tried to stick to our calendar of regular review of signs and benches and culverts and as needed, benches were repaired, one bench overhanging the bank was removed due to dis-repair, and a culvert was replaced by the volunteer team of Debby Grubbs and Dimitri Chernyshov.

The green head boxes were seasonally placed and additional kayak racks were built. A safety line was placed on the floating dock. The trail was sprayed for poison ivy and invasives were cut. The dumpster area entrance was cut back and the berms maintained.

Our concern this year was to start addressing the physical assets on lot 4. These assets: the screen house and its deck, the dock and the bridge are in sensitive areas and if not maintained, could never be replaced. To this end, the “deck to the dock” was repaired and the bridge boards that had become split were replaced.

The decking around the screen house was power washed and will be stained and next spring the dock will be power washed and stained. A report on the condition of the screen house roof is under way and will include a plan for maintenance and repair. We plan on having regular inspections each year, by professionals, of all our assets and provide the MPCA Board with recommendations for regular maintenance.

Our members have attended DES seminars and workshops to learn more about the shoreline and we have scheduled for September 13th, a walk for the community of the trail on Lot 4 with a certified arborist.

We continue to work with the town of Newmarket on mosquito control and maintenance of our culverts/drainage and Lubberland Circle, which has been planted with wild flowers by volunteers.

The volunteers, working together under EC supervision, are what have made the EC what it is today. The EC volunteers are not only the committee members, but those who lift Green Head boxes, those who cut invasives, those who spend a day power washing, and those that plant an area that looked messy or water a newly planted common area. We would also like to thank the MPCA Board for its tremendous support of our increasingly active role in working towards a healthy and well maintained environment for all our members to enjoy.

Not only do the volunteers of Moody Point pitch in and give freely of their time, they also make each work day a fun experience. We can not thank them enough.

If you are interested in joining the Committee or volunteering on particular project work, please contact Trish Simon or another member of the EC.

Trish Simon,
Chair