



Sandwich Downs Neighborhood Association – Information Sheet

Welcome to the neighborhood.

Sandwich Downs is a neighborhood association, not an HOA.

The Association was started in 1956 by the homeowners in Sandwich Downs for 3 reasons, all of which are in the Bylaws Article II: Purposes and Objectives.

The purposes and objectives of the Sandwich Downs Association, Inc. are:

- To promote a feeling of community and well-being among property owners, residents, and guests within Sandwich Downs
- To maintain and improve, to the extent feasible, the roads, common areas, grounds, and beaches of Sandwich Downs, and to encourage and facilitate the participation of all property owners in decisions related to such maintenance and improvement; and
- To represent its members in dealing with the Town of Sandwich and other entities.

Membership to the Association is based on property ownership and payment of the annual maintenance fee of \$400/yea which is billed and payable in October. This fee is predominantly used for the maintenance of the roads, common areas, and the beach access stairs.

As a Neighborhood Association, the payment of the fee is voluntary. However, it is now, and has been for decades, the “community culture” of this small but connected neighborhood to pay the fee annually so that we are all sharing the cost of keeping our roads, ways, and common areas safe and accessible to our homeowners. Our Residents have recognized the purpose and value of having maintenance managed by the SDA for all of the residents in Sandwich Downs. In addition, SDA represents Sandwich Downs when dealing with town, state, or federal entities when necessary.

Being current on the maintenance fee allows the resident/member to vote on matters pertaining to the Association with one (1) vote per property. Non-members are only allowed to vote on special assessments that would be payable by all property owners in Sandwich Downs. The payment of maintenance fees by our residents helps to fund regular road maintenance activities so that special assessments are not always necessary except on large scale projects.

Here is a sample of the types of maintenance performed on behalf of the association:

- ✓ Trimming overgrowth that is encroaching on the road and making sure that we continue to meet the town requirements for plowing.
- ✓ Regular lawn care in common areas.
- ✓ Pruning trees and limbs which may present a safety issue or are dead or diseased.
- ✓ Maintenance, repair, and replacement of beach stairs.
- ✓ Sealing cracks in the paved roads, filling potholes.
- ✓ Installing new road covering or replacing current materials to repair water, storm, or use damage on unpaved roads.
- ✓ Plowing activities
- ✓ Setting up and removing snow markers and speed bumps.
- ✓ Sweeping sand, stone, and small debris in the road from storms.
- ✓ Installing asphalt berms and or laying stone in trenches next to the roads

The SDA Board is made of 16 voluntary positions:

President	Vice-President
Secretary	Treasurer
Finance Chair	Roads Chair
Membership Chair	Nominating Chair
Directors (8)	

There are two (2) annual meetings, one is held in the spring and the other in the fall. The annual spring meeting is held on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend and the annual fall meeting is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Voting for Board Members occurs at the Fall meeting. The SDA Board of Directors meets more often, but not on a set schedule.

Sandwich Downs is a wonderful neighborhood and community blessed with kind and caring neighbors, beauty no matter the season, and our own private beach to enjoy.

Best Wishes,

SDA Board of Directors