

## Wellfleet National Seashore Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Minutes, July 31, 2016

WNSHA President Susanna Deiss opened the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Tony Sager presented the current account balance of \$2,867.76; the 2015 annual meeting minutes, which were approved by the membership in attendance; the Executive Committee nominees Pat Bartlett, Paul Conor, and Juliet Kepes for renewed three-year terms, and they were approved as well.

Peter Watts gave a memorial presentation about Gooz Draz, whose efforts resulted in the Town's reformed zoning bylaws to prevent excessively large houses in the Seashore.

Larry Dapsis, entomologist from capecodextension.org, gave a talk "Deer Ticks ... One Bite Can Change Your Life". Diseases from dog ticks are rare in Massachusetts. Lone star ticks are now here and are aggressive biters which carry diseases. The deer tick infects humans with Lyme Disease by inserting *Borrelia bergdorferi* by its bite. Its hosts are mice, chipmunks, rats, birds, and deer. 50% of adult ticks, which are the size of a sesame seed, are infected, while 25% of poppy seed-sized nymphs are. The adults are active fall through spring, unaffected by winter temperatures. People are most frequently infected at ages 5-9 and 65-74 years old. Deer ticks also carry and infect people with Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, and Powassan virus. The best protection is to wear long pants tucked into socks, light-colored clothes, shoes not sandals, and tumble dry clothes for >20 minutes. Use Deet, Picardan, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus for exposed skin. "All natural" repellents are not EPA approved and so may not work. Use Permethrin on fabrics and footwear – it repels and kills ticks. The EPA is "reasonably certain" it does not harm humans. If you are bitten, remove the tick with tweezers, save and date it. Can get it tested at [UMass tickreport.com](http://UMassTickReport.com). Also, protect your yard by perimeter yard spray from May to October. Protect your pets with K9 Advantix topical or Seresto collar. Lyme disease usually transmits in 24 hours of a bite.

Bill Burke, CCNS historian, gave "A Brief Historical Perspective of Homes within the CCNS". Homeowners are caretakers of the Park, he said. He showed slides of camping in 1936 in Cahoon Hollow. In 1954 60% of coastal areas had public access, with lots of undeveloped land in the Outer Cape towns. The bill proposing the CCNS was introduced in 1959 and signed by President Kennedy on August 7, 1961. There were 1,200 land transactions to create the Park. There are 600 private properties in it. There are Modernist houses by architects Breuer and Chermayeff. Some have been restored by the CCMHT. There are also Park-owned houses for short-term leases on VRBO. Questions and answers concerned land swaps, affordable housing, and expired leasehold properties.