

April 18, 2004

To Southwinds Homeowners Association members:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a brief status from the Southwinds Board about the various projects with which we are engaged.

1. Dam insurance

The issue relating to insurance for the dam was discussed extensively at our annual meeting in December. You may recall that the insurance agency had wanted to charge for the full year beginning April 2003 after realizing that the dam had not been included in the cost, although it was covered. Subsequently, it was concluded that we had an obligation to pay for ½ year's coverage, from November 3, 2003 through April 2, 2004. At a meeting this March the Board determined that the risk of excluding dam coverage seems very low, but should be evaluated by a qualified engineer. For that purpose, Jerri MacMillian is in the process of contacting Doane-Collins to do the study and make a recommendation. For reference, the cost of a full year's insurance coverage for the dam is \$2,600.

2. Lighting at Rte.153 entry

Steve LeClerc worked with Phil Miller to request that CL&P move the existing light on the Westbrook side Rte 153 closer to Southwinds Drive and add a light just to the Essex side. This was accomplished in the last few weeks. If you have occasion to speak with Phil, please express your appreciation for his responsiveness.

3. Entryway maintenance

As we are sure everyone has noticed by now, the entrances have undergone their spring spruce-up by Cerase Landscaping.

4. Open space cleanup

Continuation of the cleanup at the dock and picnic area is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 between 9:00AM and 2:00PM. Anyone wishing to participate for a few hours should contact Pete Bonanno at 767-7921 or <mailto:psbonanno@aol.com>, or Steve Farley at 767-9799 or <mailto:rmcgordie@aol.com>. If you have a chain saw, weedwacker, shovel or picks, please bring them to the site. Families are also welcome to enjoy what we hope will be a sunny day.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for our various projects. You've made a tremendous difference. We also want to thank those who have made the effort maintain their properties to the bordering streets, adding appreciably to the curb appeal and esthetics of our neighborhood. We all benefit.

*Steve LeClerc*

*Dick Levene*

*Jerri MacMillian*