

# Owners Association Annual Meeting

March 25, 2023

## Agenda

10:00 – 10:10 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks...... Phil Totino 10:10 – 10:15 a.m. Recreational Amenities..... Cheryl Moore 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Strategic Initiatives..... Phil Totino 10:30 – 10:40 a.m. Facility Improvements...... Samantha Disotell 10:40 – 11:00 a.m. Financial Status..... Mark Morrissette 11:00 – 11:05 a.m. Election Results..... Chris Lindgren 11:05 – 12:00 p.m. Q&A..... All **12:00** p.m. Adjournment



# Welcome & Opening Remarks

**Phil Totino** 

## Housekeeping

- Zoom Videoconferencing Software
  - Muting
  - How to Raise Your Hand during the Q&A Session
    - At bottom of Zoom Window, click *Reactions*
    - Then click *Recognize hand gestures*
    - Then click *Raise Hand* or *Lower Hand*, as appropriate
  - Calling in via Telephone



## Introductions

- Board of Directors
  - Phil Totino President
  - Mark Morrissette Treasurer
  - Cheryl Moore Vice President of Facilities Planning
  - Jeff Anliker
  - Doug Carnahan
- Other Officer
  - Chris Lindgren Secretary
- Management Team
  - Samantha Disotell Resort Manager
  - Michael McManus Director of Resort Operations/VRI Americas

## **Preliminary Matters**

#### • Proof of Notice of Meeting:

 VRI Americas has provided proof that meeting announcements and ballots were sent to all owners eligible to vote

### **Resort Season Highlights**

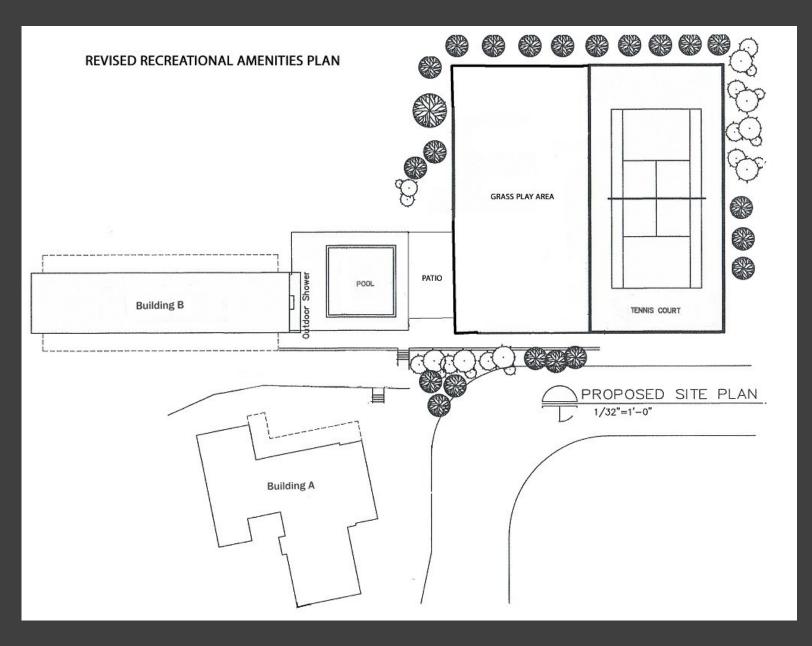
- Completed Recreational Amenities Construction Project
- Updated 25-Year Reserve Plan
- Began Unit Interior Upgrade Work
- Maintained Robust Financial Health
- Inched Closer to Availability of High-Speed Broadband





# Recreational Amenities

**Cheryl Moore** 



Recreational Amenities Plan

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## **Recreational Amenities Project**

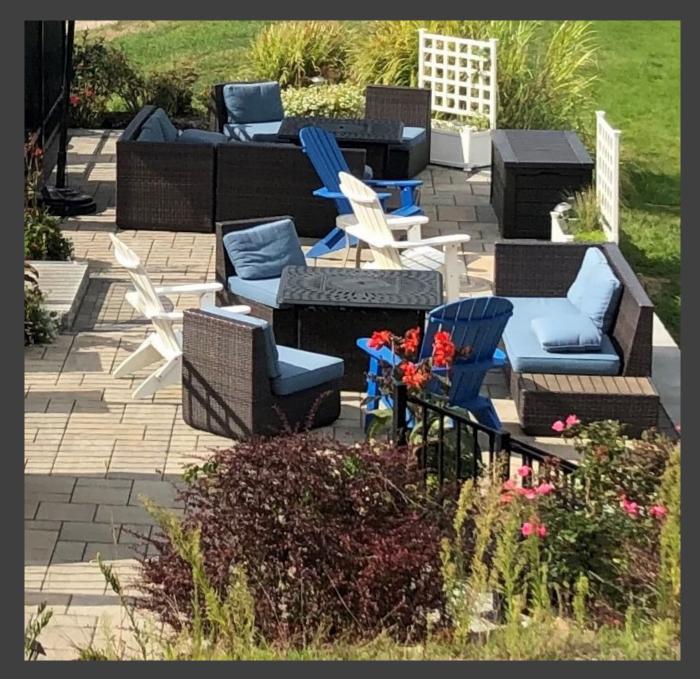
✓ Approval by Vote of Owners.....October, 2016
✓ Outdoor Heated Pool.....August, 2018
✓ Patio & Fire Pits....June, 2019
✓ Grass Play Area...July, 2022
✓ Tennis/Pickleball Court....August, 2022





### Phase 1: Outdoor Heated Pool

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Phase 2: Patio & Fire Pits



#### Phase 3: Grass Play Area & Tennis/Pickleball Court

## Tennis/Pickleball Court Rules

- Allowed Uses
  - Tennis
  - Pickleball
- Disallowed Uses
  - Bike Riding
  - Skateboarding
  - Rollerblading









#### All Outdoor Recreational Amenities



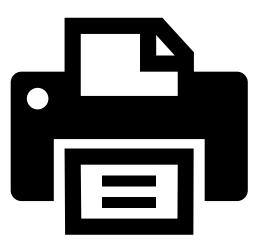
# Strategic Initiatives

**Phil Totino** 

## Strategic Initiatives

#### 1. Upgrade Unit Interiors

- Common Standard of Function, Comfort, Quality, and Appearance
- 2. Investigate Solar Panels
- 3. Investigate Possible New Amenities
  - Air Conditioning / De-Humidification
  - Dishwashers
  - Granite Kitchen Countertops
  - Elevator in Building B



## Unit Interiors (1 of 3)

- Features
  - Bedroom Alarm Clocks with Power Outlets, USB Ports, and Bluetooth Speakers
  - Bedroom & Living Room Lamps with USB Ports
  - Living Room Rugs
  - Up-To-Date Art on Walls
  - Functional Up-To-Date Window Treatments
  - Up-To-Date Sliding Glass Doors



• Framed in Windows in place of some Sliding Glass Doors

## Unit Interiors (2 of 3)

- Features (Cont'd)
  - Up-To-Date Kitchen Cabinets, Countertops, and Appliances
  - Up-To-Date Dining Room Sets
  - Up-To-Date Living Room Furniture
  - Appropriately Sized TVs



- Up-To-Date Bedroom Furniture and Comfortable Mattresses
- Up-To-Date Bathroom Vanities and Non-Slip Tubs/Showers
- Functional, Attractive Flooring and Lighting

## Unit Interiors (3 of 3)

- Total Estimated Cost of Work Needed: \$536,000
- Average Cost of Work Needed per Unit: \$23,000
- Units Needing the Least Work: 6, 15, 10, 3, 18
- Units Needing the Most Work: 23, 8, 21, 4, 14

- Funding Source: Annual Maintenance Fees
- Amount allocated in 2023 Budget: \$90,000



## Solar Panels (1 of 3)

#### Solar Panel Initiative Committee

- Phil Totino (Chairman)
- David Cohen
- Samantha Disotell
- Michael McManus (VRI)
- Objectives
  - Determine the Feasibility of Installing Solar Panels on the Roofs of the Neptune House Buildings in conjunction with or shortly after Replacement of the Asphalt Singles on Building B planned for 2024
  - Evaluate Alternatives taking into account Net Financial Advantage to be gained
  - Make a Recommendation to the Board of Directors



## Solar Panels (2 of 3)

- Findings
  - Not a Navigation Hazard for Block Island Airport
  - No Special Concerns for Obtaining Town Approval
  - Solar Installers Difficult to Find for Island Work
- Considerations
  - Federal Investment Tax Credit
  - Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund
  - Block Island Solar Initiative
  - Restrictions Imposed by Block Island Power Company
    - Maximum Size for Solar Systems
    - Low Rate Credited for Electricity Generated by Solar Systems



## Solar Panels (3 of 3)

- Status
  - Contacted 15 Solar Installers in RI, CT, and MA
  - 10 Not Interested in Working on BI or Unable to Develop Viable Proposals
  - 5 Working on Proposals
    - Got Sun Go Solar of Seekonk, MA
    - NEC Solar of Bristol, RI
    - Gansett Solar of Narragansett, RI
    - Sol Power of Charlestown, RI
    - Renewable Energy Solutions of Warwick, RI



## **Possible New Amenities**

- Air Conditioning / De-Humidification
- Dishwashers
- Granite Kitchen Countertops
- Elevator in Building B

### •Note: Owner Vote Required for Special Charge(s)

# Air Conditioning / De-Humidification

- Benefits
  - Comfort
  - Mold/Mildew Control
- Estimated Cost to Purchase and Install
  - Total: \$600,000
  - Per Share: \$1,070
- Operating Cost
  - TBD





## Dishwashers

- Benefits
  - Convenience
- Estimated Cost to Purchase and Install
  - Total: \$150,000
  - Per Share: \$270
- Operating Cost
  - TBD



## Granite Kitchen Countertops

- Benefits
  - "Wow" Factor
- Estimated Cost to Purchase and Install
  - Total: \$100,000
  - Per Share: \$180
- Maintenance Cost
  - TBD



## Elevator in Building B

- Benefits
  - Convenience
- Estimated Cost to Purchase and Install
  - Total: \$1,800,000
  - Per Share: \$3,200
- Operating Cost
  - TBD



### Possible New Amenities Cost Summary

Amenity	Estimated Total Cost	Cost per Share *	Annual Charge	Number of Years
Air Conditioning / De-Humidification	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,070	\$ 214	5
Dishwashers	\$ 150,000	\$ 270	\$ 90	3
Granite Kitchen Countertops	\$ 100,000	\$ 180	\$ 60	3
Elevator in Building B	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 640	5
Total	\$ 2,650,000	\$ 4,720		

\* Rounded to nearest \$10

## Approach to New Amenities

- Board Decision: Defer Further Consideration
  - Desire to Focus on Upgrading Unit Interiors
  - Lack of Bandwidth for Additional Large Project(s)
    - Several Major Maintenance Projects Already Planned



# Facility Improvements

Samantha Disotell

### 2022 Improvements: Units and Common Areas

- Installed new cabinets and countertop in Unit 22
- Installed new flooring in kitchens of Units 3 and 22
- Installed new flooring in both bedrooms of Units 22 and 24
- Resurfaced showers/tubs in Units 16, 17, and 18
- Replaced bathroom vanities/sink tops in Units 16, 17, & 18
- Replaced a sliding glass door in Unit 22 and Unit 23
- Replaced furniture in Units 1, 3, 6, and 22
- Replaced boiler in Bldg. A
- Replaced boiler and water heater in Bldg. B
- Added separate heater for pool water



### 2022 Improvements: Exterior Maintenance

- Upgraded Unit 2 patio including drainage/gutter system, ceiling fan, deck, and table/chairs
- Purchased four Adirondack chairs, two tables, and several lawn games for new grass play area
- Installed five small trees bordering the patio
- Installed stone wall, new fencing, granite stairs with railing, stepping stone path, and new garden in Units 4, 5, 6 porch area
- Replaced wooden staircase on side of Bldg. A near shed with granite stairs and new railing; installed stone wall from staircase to the rear of the property
- Replaced furniture on porches of Units 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21
- Replaced three gas grills

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### Unit 2 Patio



New Fence, Stairs, and Retaining Wall In Units 4, 5, 6 Porch Area



New Wall & Stairs between Bldg. A and Shed



#### 2023 Improvements Planned (1 of 3)

- Replace bedroom clock radios with alarm clocks that also have power outlets, USB ports, and Bluetooth
- Replace lamps in all rooms with lamps having USB ports
- Purchase twelve rugs and install where needed
- Begin replacement of window treatments in Bldg. A
- Replace certain old/dated appliances in Units 3, 4, 5, and 14
- Replace mattress in Unit 8

#### 2023 Improvements Planned (2 of 3)

- Install new cabinets and countertops in Units 3 and 23
- Install new flooring in Unit 23 kitchen/dining area
- Resurface showers/tubs in three units in Bldg. A
- Replace exterior casings of sliding glass doors in Units 8, 9, and 11
- Replace sliding glass door in Unit 8
- Replace sliding glass doors in living rooms of Units 22, 23, and 24 with framed-in windows



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#### 2023 Improvements Planned (3 of 3)

- Complete painting of Bldg. A lobby
- Replace washing machine for housekeeping
- Grade the parking area and improve landscaping in front of Bldg. B
- Install automated pool cover
- Upgrade Wi-Fi technology and connect to the island's new broadband cable network





# Financial Update

Mark Morrissette

#### Financial Overview

- Financial health of the Association remains solid
- 2023 budget consistent with five-year plan
- Multiple reserve projects (expenses) completed in 2022 and planned in 2023 will decrease reserves
- 2023 Assessment and beyond: anticipate annual increases

#### Required Insurance Review

 Completed annual review of hazard insurance and fidelity bond



- Obtained updated property appraisal
- 2023 Budget includes updated coverage

#### 2022 Operations vs. Budget

#### Gain/Loss(\$000)

	<u>Actual</u>	<b>Budget</b>	<u>Variance</u>	
Revenue	\$ 747	\$ 714	\$ 33	
Operating Expenses	663	712	49	
Gain (Loss)	84	2	82	

- \$84,384 Gain from resort operations for the year
- Revenue ahead of plan due to unit sales income and rentals
- Expenses below plan due to reduced staffing partly offset by higher utilities

#### 2022 Reserves vs. Budget

#### Gain/Loss(\$000)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
Revenue	\$ 92	\$91	\$1	
Reserve Expenses	230	146	(84)	
Gain (Loss)	(138)	(55)	(83)	

- Reserves spending includes interior and exterior improvements and major planned maintenance
- Completed several long-planned, previously budgeted, projects
- Completed one project in 2021 budget late (\$90K of budget variance)

#### **Consolidated Financials**

<u>Gain/Loss(\$000)</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Assessment	\$ 739	\$ 750	<mark>\$ 776</mark>
Plus Additional Revenue	12	92	63
Total Revenue	751	842	839
Less Expenses	692	852	893
Gain (Loss) from Normal Operations	59	(10)	(54)
Gain (Loss) with \$35K PPP forgiveness		25	

- Multi-year financials in line with expectations
- Past three years: Overall \$30K gain

#### Summary Balance Sheets (December 31) (\$000)

Assets	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	2022	
Cash	\$ 718	\$ 706	<mark>\$ 718</mark>	
Assessments Receivable for Upcoming Year	301	343	317	
Pre-Paid Expenses	13	15	21	
Total Assets	1,032	1,064	1,056	
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable (Bills to be paid)	6	30	50	
Accrued Expenses	11	12	12	
Deferred Revenue	748	766	792	
PPP Loan	35			PPP Loan forgiven in 2021
Total Liabilities	800	<u>808</u>	<u>854</u>	
Fund Balance	231	256	202	•
				reserve projects

### 2023 Budget

<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 735,040	+3% vs. 2022
Other/Discretionary		
Reserves/Improvements	\$ <u>174,775</u>	

Total Budget \$909,815

- Maintenance Fees Increased 4.8% from 2022 to 2023
- Anticipate use of reserve funds (+/- \$80K) to complete 2023 projects

### Reserve Plan: Background

**Objectives:** 

- Ensure long-term viability of Neptune House
  - Maintain stable Maintenance Fees, without a need for Special Assessments

Actions:

- Completed initial review of all facilities (2016)
- Full update completed in 2022
- Used to update 25-year maintenance plan
- Budgeting preventive maintenance & improvements
- Increased budget for interior improvements

#### **Reserve Plan: Status**

- Cash in the reserve account strong, but allocated
  - Multiple projects in 2023
  - Commencing multi-year interior unit upgrade project
  - Anticipate decreased reserve usage in 2025/2026

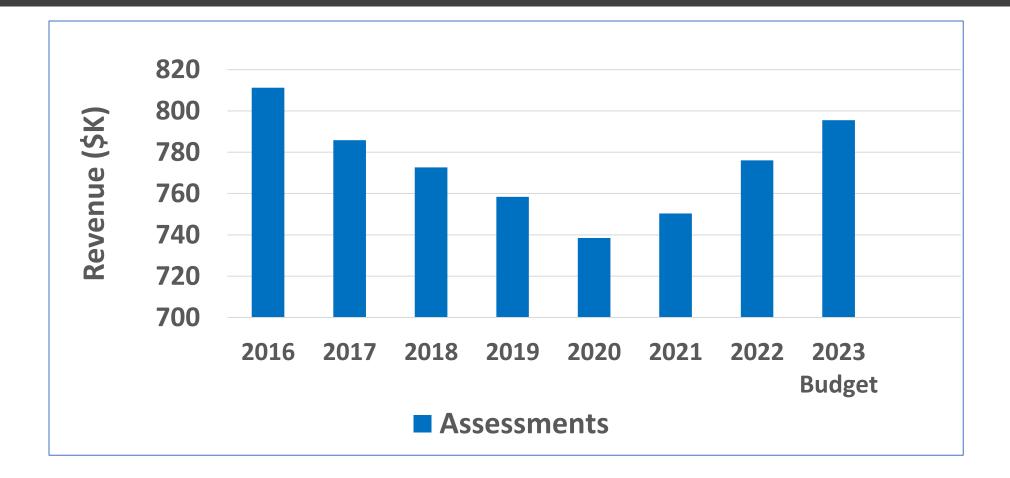


#### Reserve Plan: Projects

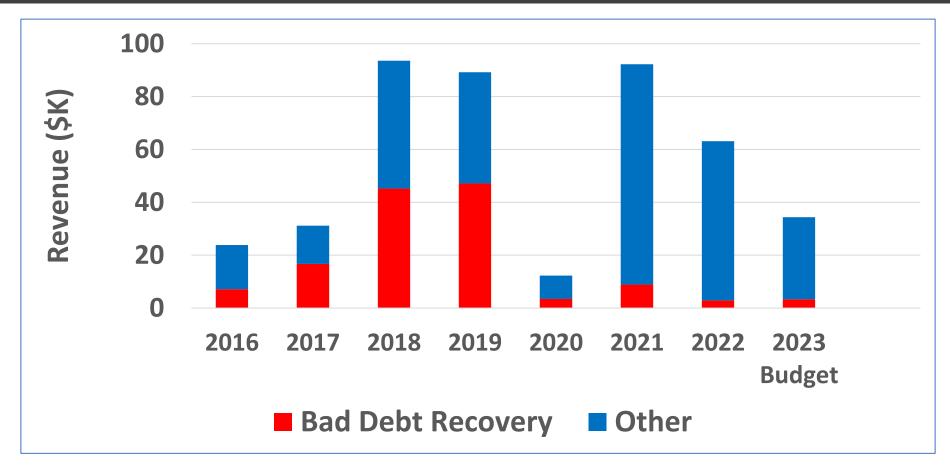
Project	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Living Unit Upgrades	\$ 90,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 270,000
Landscaping former Tennis Court Area *	\$ 2,500					\$ 2,500
Boiler Bldg. A *	\$ 45,000					\$ 45,000
Wi-Fi Technology Upgrade	\$ 25,256					\$ 25,256
Parking Bldg. B	\$ 5,000					\$ 5,000
Roof Bldg A - Rubber Membrane	\$ 19,040					\$ 19,040
Washing Machine for Housekeeping	\$ 2,500					\$ 2,500
Automated Pool Cover	\$ 30,438					\$ 30,438
Washer/Dryer Bldg A		\$ 2,500				\$ 2,500
Bldg A Brick Stairs Replacement		\$ 15,000				\$ 15,000
Roof Bldg B - Architectural Composition		\$64,423				\$ 64,423
Exterior Doors Bldg A				\$9,381		\$ 9,381
Exterior Doors Bldg B				\$6,070		\$ 6,070
Decking Bldg A					\$107,161	\$ 107,161
Total	\$ 219,734	\$ 121,923	\$ 90,000	\$ 55,451	\$ 117,161	\$ 604,269

\* indicates work completed in 2022 – with payment made in 2023

#### Maintenance Fee Revenue



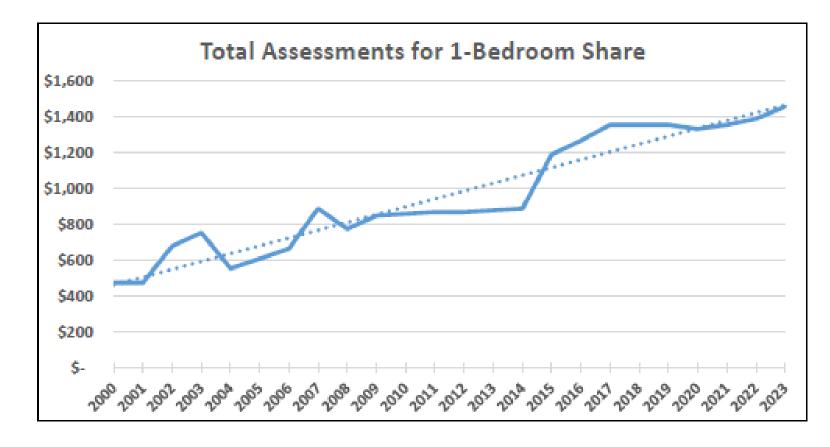
#### Non-Maintenance Fee Revenue



Note: Other includes sales, rentals, licensing, deedbacks, interest, and VRI marketing payment

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#### Maintenance Fee History



- 5.0% Compound Annual Growth Rate since 2000
- Key Factors For Increases
  - Fewer Paying Shares
  - Block Island Inflation
- Mitigation Efforts
  - Spending Efficiencies
  - Supplementary Revenue Sources

## **Spending Efficiencies**

• New, More Efficient Boilers and Water Heaters in 2022







## Outlook

- Anticipate declining reserve balance as part of 5-year and 25-year plan
- Slow/steady decline in performing shares remains key issue
- Early fee guidance: Anticipate annual increases (4% 6%) in 2023 and beyond: fund reserves and declining ownership
- Board exploring multiple ways to minimize fee increases and maintain health of resort



# Election Results

Chris Lindgren

#### **Election Results**

- Candidates for 2 Director Positions
  - Dave Cohen
  - Phil Totino (incumbent)
  - Chris Uscinski
  - Lanette Zaborowski
- 3-year terms (expire March 2026)
- Congratulations and Thanks for Stepping Forward







## Adjournment