

Sheepscot Island Company
MacMahan Island
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Greetings, all –

I hope this finds you all well, and having had a very good holiday season and start to the new year. Given the storms, floods, and fires the country has faced in the first weeks of this year, any problems MacMahan is facing seem mild by comparison.

This will be the 127th year of MacMahan summer seasons, and with the help of Chris Martin and his team, we should be in very good shape. Chris has been out walking the island and found little damage despite the significant storms. He's had to clear trees that fell across roads, but the biggest damage was to power lines. Chris has been working with CMP, and I'm happy to report that power was restored this week. Understandably, repairs on the mainland took priority over the restoration of island power. This Spring will also see the replacement of the cable from the mainland, and we hope this means that Chris will finally be able to take CMP off his "frequent contact" list.

If you use the Landing to access the island, you'll see that there has been significant progress made to improve the traffic flow and to create handicapped parking spots. We hope the Landing revisions will be completed by mid-May. (If you're a really early bird visitor, you'll note some areas cordoned off as Chris is awaiting a full thaw to complete the grading.) The upgrade includes the addition of an electric cart to help you transport heavy loads up and down from the dock. Many thanks to all the donors who supported the project and allowed us to complete it this year.

At its December Board meeting, the Directors approved the annual assessments for 2018 - \$2,600 for Cottage Members and \$125 for Associate Members. This will be billed in February. Due to Chris's skillful management and the efforts of the Finance Committee, we continue to be able to meet our financial obligations, have not had to increase the assessment, and are making steady progress in rebuilding the reserve funds.

The Board next meets February 10th, and will be reviewing the preliminary budget. This will be circulated and posted on the website after that meeting, with commentary highlighting anything of significance. We will be happy to hear any thoughts you may have on the 2018 budget before the May Member meeting. You can email me directly or the entire board via the link on the "Board of Directors" page under "Islander Business" tab on the MacMahan website.

We look forward to seeing everyone for the 127th season. I hope we continue to regain the quiet rhythm of the island where kids can go on mystery treasure hunts, friends

gather for meals and to clear paths and clean headstones, and together we create the warm memories that carry us through the cold winter months.

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