

Monhegan Associates, Inc., Monhegan, Maine



DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE NATURAL WILD BEAUTY, BIOTIC COMMUNITIES, AND DESIRABLE NATURAL, ARTIFICIAL, AND HISTORIC FEATURES OF PORTIONS OF MONHEGAN, AS WELL AS THE SIMPLE, FRIENDLY WAY OF LIFE THAT HAS EXISTED ON THE ISLAND AS A WHOLE

January 2, 2007

Dear Members of Monhegan Associates,

Happy New Year! This year we're saving money by including your membership envelope along with the Annual Mailing of Minutes and the current lists of members and officers. Our needs for maintaining the trails, fire protection, and so on, do not stop. I hope that you will be generous in your support when you return your dues envelope.

As promised, I write to keep you abreast about Monhegan Associates' plans. I wrote you in the fall newsletter that the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation need minor changes to comply with what is expected in an application for non-profit status.

As they now stand, a few wording changes are needed to comply with language now expected in any application for non-profit status. Quoting the Fall Newsletter:

These changes will not alter our mission in any way. In essence, they will state explicitly that MAI is non-profit in so many words; that were we to be forced to dissolve, our assets would go to another non-profit; and that no individual is to profit from our net earnings. Although it can be argued that these are merely administrative changes, the Trustees feel that, since they do indeed modify the By-Laws, these changes should be approved by a vote of full members.

The Trustees have met by conference call and those present (nine of the twelve Trustees) voted unanimously to accept the language on the reverse of this page.

The draft changes are being mailed to all members and also posted on the website (www.monheganassociates.org), in a "bulletin board" accessible from the home page which allows you to post your own comments and questions about these changes and also discuss how you feel about our becoming "officially" non-profit. In early May, the Trustees will send a final form of the amendments out in a ballot to the voting membership for approval. The voting members will also be asked to indicate whether or not the Trustees should proceed on the path to non-profit status by filing the appropriate forms if the Amendments have been approved by a 2/3 vote.

Please note that you are getting notification of the changes far in advance, with full ability to respond and to have your responses viewed by all. Get your reactions to us and we'll post them on the website if you can't do it yourself, and will respond to your comments if you wish.

I hope you will consider this question with the seriousness it deserves in the next few months, come online to enter a discussion about it, and vote on it when your ballot comes. In the meantime, I hope to see you on-island next summer!

Clare Durst

Clare Durst, President
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p.s. The Calendar was a great success! Please send me good-quality pictures to include for next year, clare@briegull.com. Thanks!