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Chilmark Select Board

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Dear Chilmark Select Board:

In my hat as co-chair of the Squibnocket Pond District Pond Committee (SPDAC), I want to reach out to our Chilmark residents and tax payers to inform them of what is happening on and around Squibnocket Pond. This is a very exciting time as the MVC and other Pond foundations and organizations are focusing on the health of our island ponds. Squibnocket Pond is getting some attention which means we can improve its health.

In the past, SPDAC has sent out newsletters informing the residents in the Pond watershed of all activities and studies, what to plant and not to plant, when to have drinking water tested as well as wildlife updates and fish counts. We are finalizing our 5-year plan after getting wonderful input from our committee at last month's meeting. I would like to share this plan and the minutes from our meeting with our residents in the watershed as well as other Chilmark tax payers who may be interested in Squibnocket Pond.

Don't you believe it is time to have email addresses for our mailing list. It makes no sense to send out paper newsletters. They are expensive to print and send and most likely they will be tossed in the recyclable bin or in the trash!

Thank you for considering this idea of adding email addresses to our town mailing list. What can our committee do to help with this effort?

Best,

Wendy, co-chair SPDAC