



Dear TMI Community:

November 2013

We have much to be thankful for this year; the committee, our many volunteers, and our outstanding staff and Croo have worked effectively together to create and maintain the Three Mile experience that nourishes us as we negotiate the challenges of our daily lives.

I am happy to report that our Rec Hall Capital Campaign has been a wonderful success! Nancy and David Grant, and Jane and Peter Goedecke designed and facilitated the campaign, with assistance from the AMC. Ten team captains took responsibility for contacting their fellow campers and your response was a testimony to the power of the Three Mile community: you have raised and pledged more than \$276,940 to date. With design and construction costs approaching \$300,000, we are grateful for your commitment and generosity.

Reconstruction of the Rec Hall began last month and the AMC is advancing funds towards construction costs that were pledged but not yet paid. The Campaign Committee will continue to solicit gifts to the campaign until December 31, 2013 and our goal is for every TMI camper to have an opportunity to be part of this important Three Mile project. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Nancy at nancybgrant@gmail.com.

There is more good news; the results of a mostly full camp and the successful capital campaign have allowed us to maintain last summer's rates for next year! We continue to work towards keeping TMI affordable, while providing a top notch staff, Croo and the best camp kitchen on the lake!

This winter the Appy will be at the Great Island Boatyard in Harpswell, Maine, for her first overhaul since she was purchased in 1981. After exploring multiple options, which included an electric launch, the Committee decided that this is the most affordable and sustainable option.

The TMI bylaws require the Committee to revisit our Long Range Plan every four years. With the leadership of Tracy Munn, we invited the whole community to

participate in this effort this time and our annual survey included a full page devoted to the Long Range plan. Island Educator Beth Spencer held weekly meetings with 103 campers participating and met with Croo and staff, all who provided significant input. Tracy collated and organized every comment for the Committee to review, concluding that “there is enormous consistency in what campers name as the core of *The Three Mile experience*. They want us to defend these values and take great care with any changes.” Campers and staff identified the following issues:

- Sustaining our unique natural and human resources.
- Retaining a careful balance between simplicity on island and our ever increasing off island use of technology.
- Physical accessibility for aging campers.
- Appropriate technology for generating energy, particularly wind and solar.
- Affordability.

Thank you to everyone who participated in thinking about our community’s future. The Committee will share the Long Range plan when it’s published next fall.

Please stay connected to the TMI community this winter at 3mile.org. We are updating this website during the off-season and appreciate your input. We also have an active Facebook page: AMC Three Mile Island Camp. Many campers enjoy the photographs and news there.

In closing, thank you again to the many volunteers that make Three Mile Island Camp a magical place and an amazing community. As Chuck McFarland, our Fall Caretaker recently noted about his volunteering at TMI “the key is to find the right niche where we each can contribute the most.” At TMI there is a niche for each one of us.

Have a safe holiday season. Your reservation form is enclosed. Camp opens in seven months...see you on the dock!



Neil Burns
TMI Committee Chair