

Casino Preservation Project
February, 2019

I hope 2019 is off to a good start for everyone. The end of 2018 and the start of 2019 has been very busy with the various committees working on the Casino Preservation Project. There has been significant progress made and I will attempt to bring you up to date with this note.

Building Committee

The Building Committee, under the leadership of Paul Taylor, has been very active. A wide range of items related to the construction of the new casino have been under review, including the vetting of various roof structures, decking material, siding, windows and related construction materials. Essentially every structural item is under review by the Building Committee. Patrick McGranaghan has presented a selection of materials ranging from natural to man-made products which has helped keep the process moving forward. The goal is to select two options then price those options in our pre-construction bid estimate. The committee has made great progress narrowing down the materials list. We expect that later this month or early March we will have a materials cost estimate for the building of the Casino. This will be an important milestone, as from this estimate the committee will be in a position to make a final determination of materials for construction. Following the material selection the next step will be to send out formal requests for proposals to contractors for construction cost. We owe a thanks to everyone on the Building Committee who have sacrificed numerous hours of their personal time.

Tennis and Sports Court Committee

A very important decision was recently made by the Tennis and Sports Court Committee. Committee members, Susan Anderson, Rhea McGranaghan and Jimmy Rush, after doing an extensive review of the various court surfaces, recommended that we replace the current asphalt surface with a Har-Tur surface for our new courts. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the OPCT Board. Thank you to the committee members for the hard work and detailed review of the various court surface options. The Tennis and Sports Court Committee is now proceeding forward with getting bids for the construction of the tennis and sports courts.

Boothbay Planning Board

On January, 16th John Edgerton, Civil Engineer from Wright Pierce, along with Matt Lindley, Patrick McGranaghan and Paul Taylor met with the Boothbay Planning Board to present a preliminary site plan and Casino design. The meeting objective was to gain insight and solicit feed-back from the Planning Board on our plan in advance of scheduling a final meeting where we would seek approval for the project. Overall the preliminary plan was viewed favorably with a few minor changes suggested that did not have a material impact on the project. You

can read more about that meeting by going to the www.boothbayregister.com and search for *Ocean Point Colony Trust discusses casino replacement proposal*. The final plan will be reviewed at the Wednesday, February 20th Planning Board meeting at 6:30pm. I would encourage any of our members who are local or who can join the meeting to attend. The meetings are also live streamed so you can watch the meeting over the internet. Go to www.townofboothbay.org for more details. We are in full preparation mode for that meeting and are hopeful that the plan will be approved. This will be a very important step as we move forward to our goal of starting construction in the Fall of 2019.

Finance Committee

As of my last note we have commitments for over \$1 million dollars towards the project. We have received over \$500,000 in donations to the fund as of February 1st. Thank you to all who have made a commitment and a donation. For those who have made donations you should be in receipt of your tax document for your upcoming tax filing. If you have not received the document please let our Treasurer, Jennifer Klein know by e-mail and we will make sure you are sent the appropriate document. As we move closer to the construction phase of the project it will be important that we receive your donation. You can expect to hear more from the Finance Committee as we get closer to the start of the season. Please remember that we are still accepting commitments and donations for the project. Any amount donated will help pay for the cost of our new facilities.

Summary

It's exciting to see the progress that has been made over the last few months. The committees and our Architect, Patrick McGranaghan have all been hard at work moving the project forward. We are entering an important phase of the project where we will hopefully be granted approval by the Town of Boothbay to proceed forward with our plan. This will trigger the next step, a final cost estimate for the construction of the new Casino, tennis and sports courts. We are a few months away from construction and we are mindful of how much more needs to be done. As promised, I will keep you apprised of our progress. It's very exciting to see this project come together and so many from our community working together to make it happen.

Mike Anderson
President Ocean Point Colony Trust