

MERIFIELD ACRES LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Merifield Acres Landowners' Association was called to order by Acting President Herb Albrecht on September 21, 1986 at 2:05P.M.. Approximately sixty landowners were in attendance at Oak Park, Merifield.

Herb Albrecht, Treasurer, submitted a financial report for the fiscal year 1985-1986. A motion by Frank Simes to accept this report as presented, was seconded, motion carried. A copy is attached.

Margaret White, Chairperson of the Roads' Committee, reported on the considerable telephone work being done to enhance the long distance service in Merifield. The small, white cylinders being used by the Company for this project will be painted the same color as our signs when this work is completed.

The Corps of Engineers was recently approached by a committee from MALA to consider the possible construction of a private launching ramp for Merifield residents. If approved, the Corps would require fifty percent of the cost to be paid by MALA. Also, a contingency fund would be necessary to offset the cost of its removal if it should ever be discontinued by MALA. The committee feels it is very unlikely this ramp will be approved by the Corps, but it is under consideration at this time.

A list of roadways in Merifield, to be repaired in the near future, is available thru the roads' committee. Also, any road problems should be submitted to same.

Marvin Lilyquist, Security Chairman, reported a good, safe year for the residents and property owners. Though there has been some minor vandalism, mostly the gatepost lights, the Community Watch Program and our contracted security patrol officer, Phil Ollie, have kept Merifield problem free.

An ordinance was passed last year allowing local law enforcement officers into the community to investigate accidents, home trespassing, etc. The traffic laws are the same as those of the local county and state.

Noise, littering, speeding, pet control need to be a community effort on the part of all.

Phil Ollie has done an outstanding job in protecting our properties, and we highly commend him and thank him. Marvin Lilyquist will be stepping down from his security committee chair, and we thank him for his tireless efforts in working with Mr. Ollie to make Merifield such an outstanding and safe community.

Common Facilities Chairman, Frank Simes, reported the renovation of the tennis courts at a cost of \$4,000, including a new net and squeegee. The entrance lights were repaired by Ken Hensley. A new windsock for the airstrip was provided by Jimmy Falwell. A fire extinguisher was purchased for the stable in order to meet insurance requirements.

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Mary Alice Simes, Architectural Committee Chairperson, submitted her yearly report as follows: architectural plans were approved for twelve homes, four decks or porches, one garage, one satellite dish antenna, a community service cabinet for Contel, one swimming pool. Covenants pertaining to building in Merifield were submitted to each home builder.

Under OLD BUSINESS, the following amendments and additions to the Roads' Policies were approved as follows: items #5 and #9 have been amended to include the postal route. Item #8 has been deleted. The following policies have been added: (1) When culverts are necessary in order to provide access to property, the owner(s) must install and maintain them in such a manner that vehicular traffic to and from the property will not damage ditches, and drainage will not be impeded or diverted so as to cause road beds to deteriorate. Specifications requiring 12 inch permanent culverts, wood structures not acceptable, will be noted on architectural approval plans. (2) Aircraft shall not be operated on or transported on or across roads at any time or for any purpose. (3) No overnight parking on roads or any parking of cars or construction vehicles or equipment in islands. Equipment is to be confined to lot on which construction is being performed.

A motion by Joe Noah to have the Board of Directors approve any additional roads' policies or changes was seconded and motion carried.

Under NEW BUSINESS, support of the Roanoke River Basin Association, local Fire Department and Rescue Squad was briefly discussed. Frank Simes moved that we continue to support these organizations as we have in the past. This motion was seconded, motion carried.

Helen Albrecht raised objection to the \$1500 insurance premium on the Merifield airstrip. After a short discussion, a motion to discontinue the airstrip insurance was presented by Ben Stahl, seconded by Jimmy Falwell, and motion carried.

Kitty Sadler was called upon to report the nominations for Board Directors to serve on the Association for three years, September 1986-September 1989. They were as follows: David Howell, Helen Albrecht, George Holtzworth, Tom Parker, Joyce Vaughn, Marc Wilson, Earl Caldwell, Gary Sappenfield. Julie Durham will fill the vacancy left by Art Brand for a one year duration. Ann Leigh moved that we accept the slate of Directors as presented, seconded by Ben Stahl, motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, Acting President Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 3:17P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen G. Sadler*  
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Secretary

Enclosure

## Annual Roads Report for 1086/87

The Roads Committee was selected from different geographical parts of Merifield to comply with the roads policy and consisted of John Floreth, Phil Ollie, Tom Parker and Crmn., Margaret White. A budget was estimated at \$31,000. for the year. New snow removal and mowing contracts were let and approved by the board as there had been dissatisfaction with the last contractor.

The budget set forth for last year has been very inadequate, at the March Board Meeting Roads had to ask for an additional \$750. for snow removal. We had already exceeded the budget by \$715., the Board granted this as we had the worst winter as far as ice in 40 years and our roads were plowed two days earlier than State Rt. 821 from Burlington to our Gate. The Board also extended authority to plow in the future to any resident residing in Merifield, (as in the past we only plowed the mail route).

In May the Roads Contractor and Roads Chairman inspected all of the Roads in Merifield and an estimate of \$28,000. was given for the work. Again, this exceeded the budget. The Roads committee, met and decided that all of the work was necessary, just to keep the roads at status quo. The Chairman contacted the Executive Committee and got approval for the additional \$8,000.

I'm sure that all of you wonder what I've done this year besides exceed the Budget, I assure you that with so many new homes being built in Merifield and the bad winter that most everything has been maintenance and very little improvement.

Briefly, the following has been done.

New dead end signs has been installed to keep people from turning around in private drives.

New signs have been made, painted and installed on the back of existing Roads signs in order to give 2-way visibility (main for fire truck and ambulances trying to locate homes).

Crescent Lane has been widened to meet the P.O. regulation and within two weeks the Postmaster will be out and make the new boxes. Then the old boxes on the curve of the main road will be removed (as they have been a traffic hazard, being hit twice and demolished).

We attempted to change the location on the approach to Maplewood but since some of the Road had an IRS lien on it, we had to abandon the project.

The Roads Contractor has not completed all of the work yet. He will be back in and do an additional \$8,000.00, if you will note on the posted map you will notice that none of the hot asphalt has been done and there are several other areas.

REMINDER If you are building, it is YOU the landowners responsibility to see that your building contractor puts in your culvert and puts stone on your approach road.

Merifield Snow removal does not include driveways or for that matter even the snow that may have rolled off of our blade on your drive. Our responsibility is to see that the mail gets through and the Board out of humanitarian concern has extended the service to the road in front of your home. If any of you have ever lived in a city you know you clean your own drives and walks and Lord help you if your car has been left on the street (you might be lucky enough to get it out of where the snow plow has pile snow up in a week or ten days)

If any of you are interested in hiring a man to follow the plow and do your drives, I can give you his name and you make your own deal .....but our man cannot stop and do it as time is of the essence for the mail route.