



THE HISTORY OF BLUE ROCK HEIGHTS

The parcel of land known today as Blue Rock Heights was offered for sale by the Chase Manhattan Bank, acting as executor for an estate. Paul Sullivan, John Martin, and Dennis O'Connor bought the parcel at the end of 1965.

On the edge of the Bass River near the end of our development is a blue rock. Thus this area was named Blue Rock Heights and the three buyers of the property drew up plans to subdivide the land into 105 lots. Paul Sullivan found a Reader's Digest article reprinted from a Saturday Evening Post story published in September of 1951. Copies of the article are available from the Association. The article told of Vikings who moored on the Bass River. The rock in our development has mooring holes drilled into the top to moor the boats. Legend has it that the Vikings fished for salmon in the river.

The three buyers researched the Viking legend and came up with unique names for the streets of the neighborhood. Street signs were put up that reflected a Viking motif. An entrance rock was used to delineate the beginning of the neighborhood.

Once the parcel was divided and the streets were finished, the area was ready for development. Land on the river was donated for a clubhouse and for docks and both of these were constructed by the developers. Other land was donated for tennis courts and/or boat storage. Blue Rock Heights was the first developed area on Cape Cod to feature an indoor pool and floating docks.

The developers wanted the area to be unique and beautiful. They looked at other neighborhoods to see any potential problems that might occur and with those in mind drew up a list of restrictions (stronger than those imposed by the town). These restrictions were intended to keep the area well maintained and beautiful.

Once all was in place lots were sold and the neighborhood took shape. The Blue Rock Heights Association was formed, guided in the early years by Long Pond Acres Estates, Inc. Today the Blue Rock Heights Association owns the four parcels of land donated by the original developers. The Association of today is deeply indebted to many people, such as the three men who had the foresight to develop such a wonderful community, unique in theme and beauty. Also we owe much gratitude to those who have worked so tirelessly over the years to keep the Association going. It has not been easy and many of those who have kept everything operating are still here and still supporting the Association. We can only hope that those who live here can continue to keep this "Viking" community preserved in the manner that was intended.