Plum Island – Creating a Balanced Beach – Update May 1, 2026

Hello to you all on this beautiful day on Plum Island Beach as the spring gives light and warmth to our lovely home.

1. **Vote on the Easements by Newbury Town Select Board: The Select Board will be taking up this vote on May 26th at Town Hall in Byfield at 7:15 pm. This is a Public Meeting and we need all interested Plum Island stakeholders and property owners to show up and let the Town Select Board know we are watching**. As you all know, we have communicated with and emphasized to the members of the Select Board the importance of voting NO. They were going to vote on Jan 27th without letting us know. We have to show up and let them know WE ARE STILL WATCHING. I am communicating with them and you can and should communicate with them also.

2. **Fencing on the Beach: Mass Audubon has again been hired by the Town of Newbury to fence for the birds**. They have been told to focus on the Municipally owned beach 800' north of the Center Island groin. In addition, they have fenced the two properties (out of all of the beach) who have agreed to fencing, and on a town lot to the north. The rest of the beach is free and open. And it is beautiful. If you do not have a No Trespass notice into the Town, and would like to file one, email me.

3. **Plum Island Honors America's 250th Anniversary and Celebrates: Beach Front Property Owners have decided to honor our 250th celebration. After all, it is ours! In light of that, many beachfront property owners will be displaying flags and other flag oriented patriotic postings on the beach**. There are already 3 of us who have started. Flags and poles are available for any beachfront property owner at NO COST. A Plum Island resident has offered to pay for all flags, poles, and other ***America 250*** postings. Please contact me at this email, and I will be happy to provide information.

4. **Plum Island Foundation was honored by and contributed to by the PlumFest Team. On Wednesday April 29th, PlumFest organizers Shannon and Shanon presented our Board with a check of support on the beach in front of the wooden teepee. We were pleased to accept their support. PlumFest needs sponsors on Plum Island to host bands.** They have the bands and need porches and patios and driveways in which to play. If you are interested in hosting, please go to the PlumFest.org and connect with them to learn more and host a band. Thanks in advance.

All the best to my friends and community around Plum Island, Marc Sarkady Plum Island Foundation President on behalf of Steve DeSalvo and all our Plum Island stakeholders.