

Beach Advisory Committee Minutes May 19th, 2022

Remote Meeting

Attending: Eliza Harned, Chair, Ann Courtney, Maryellen Kimball, Shari Stahl (secretary) = Committee members;

Town of Truro - Damion Clements, Beach Director, Emily Beebe, Conservation and Health Department, Stephanie Rein, Select Board and Farmer in the School.

Eliza called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm

-Public Comment – none.

-Shorebird Monitoring/Beach Grass– Emily Beebe. The long, season length beach closures are a process dependent on the National Park Service. The Audubon Society is the only practical option for the Town of Truro to contract with for shorebird monitoring. Large tracts of beach front are closed. There is not much flexibility for the Town to re-open beaches, despite the loss of access to the public because of the symbolic fencing.

Beach Grass - the Beach Committee would like to work with the Town to plant grasses on Great Hollow Beach. Emily's Department and DPW and the Town Manager will need to be consulted. The timeline for this October 15th, 2022 to mid- April 2023. The Beach Committee will recruit volunteers. Damion would need to work with the Town Manager.

-Beach Directors Report- Damion Clements. The Beach Department is busy getting ready for summer season.

-Beach Signs – Stephanie Rein will work with the School but not much time remains before summer recess.

-Paddle craft Rack update – no action this season. No policy has been created.

-Approval of minutes 4/7/22 – approved by unanimous vote.

-New Business – none raised.

-Next meeting – Thursday July 14th.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm.

Approved 7/14/22

