

Beach Advisory Committee

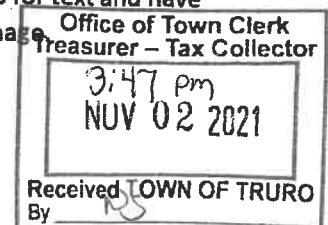
Minutes September 10, 2021 Hybrid meeting, remote at Truro Library

Attending: Eliza Harned, Chair; Thomas Bow; Shari Stahl (secretary); Ann Courtney; Maryellen Kimball (candidate for Committee); Damion Clements, Beach & Recreation Director; Stephanie Rein, Select Board.

Meeting called to order at 4pm

1. Public comment – none
2. Beach Director Report – Damion reported on revenue and erosion management at Great Hollow. Damion and DPW director arranged for evaluation by civil engineer and will replace/repair catch basin and berm system. Ann Courtney suggested neighborhood engagement to plant beach grass. Updates on power, internet and phone for Head of Meadow and Corn Hill. Generator approved at last town meeting to be installed by October so ticket sales can occur under power outages. Revenue from fire permits, sticker sales, day passes approximate \$400,000. Recommendation from Beach Committee members to use electric vehicle for parking enforcement and have dedicated member of Beach Department monitor parking violations. Review of personal watercraft regulations: jet ski's are allowed to launch at Pamet Harbor but are restricted ¼ mile from any Truro shore line on bay beaches.
3. Kayak racks: Town is undecided whether Harbor or Beach Department would handle permits. No action taken this season. Beach Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the town before the annual report.
4. Beach Visits: Ann Courtney will distribute 5-point evaluation criteria to all Beach Advisory Committee members soon. Criteria focuses on structural issues, parking lots, signage. Eliza and Shari will visit all ocean beaches (Head of Meadow, High High, Coast Guard, Longnook, Ballston). Tom will survey Ryder and Fisher Beaches. Ann and Maryellen will survey remaining bay beaches from Corn Hill to Provincetown line. Goal to conduct beach visits within 3 weeks in time to make recommendations at our next meeting for the annual report to town. Stephanie recommended the Beach Advisory Committee confer with the Disabilities Committee (Susan Howe, chair) regarding Moby Mats. Ann will obtain information on moby mats from Disability Committee. Some are in disrepair.
5. Liaison with Select Board and Town Departments: Stephanie is the channel for communication. She asked for a written request of information the Committee desires before the upcoming Select Board meeting.
6. End of season data from Health Dept.: water quality beach closure dates at Beach Point.
7. Shorebird Management data from Audubon and Seashore as supplied to Conservation Agent Emily Beebee.
8. Damion Clements is our liaison to DPW regarding erosion mitigation, but other communication to DPW as needed can occur through Stephanie as well.

As a separate project between Stephanie and the Beach Advisory Committee, not necessarily through the Select Board, the Beach Advisory Committee has a goal to post year-round signage for "Protect our dunes" at Truro Beaches. Signage designed by children is eye-catching and effective in conveying environmental values. The Beach Advisory Committee would like to make suggestions for text and have the Farmer in the School work with elementary school students to create and post signage.



9. Next Meeting: Eliza will check with Damion, possibly October 21st at 4pm.
10. Meeting adjourned 4:55pm

