

Truro Beach commission meeting 3/18/2015

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm in the Truro library .Present were: E. Harnede,R. Hassett, T. Bow and Rec./Beach director K. Clark.

The minutes of 9/17/2014 were approved.Under new business a presentation by the Friends of Truro library concerning the "Take a book, Leave a book"program was given by a member of that group.They were seeking permission to add three new locations.Motion made and approved by all to recommend to BoS that this be allowed.

Next on the agenda was the report from Director Ms. Clark.She gave a plan for stickers, beach bird monitoring,parking and installation of additional Mobi matts.She reported that the BoS was proposing to clear the sand from Ballston beach parking lot and hopefully reclaiming these spots for the coming season.A long range plan still in the works as a report from Center for Coastal studies is still being put together.She has met with Truro Fire dept about beach fires.After discussion a motion made and carried to recommend that no fires be allowed on Great hollow beach for safety reasons.A plan to initiate a no smoking policy for the beaches will be going to Town meeting for approval.The commission made a request that additional parking spaces at Snow pond be looked into as well as new and clearer signage.The beach sticker design will remain the same as last year.Increased fees were proposed by BoS.The commission requested that fees for residents remain the same but be increased for summer renters.A dog policy was also discussed.The seashore has stated that they were going to be more aggressive about enforcing dog rules on the beaches this year.They allow dogs at all times but on leash.The commission felt that without a town wide ordinance of a leash law we could not have one for the beaches alone.The town is looking into establishing town wide rules in the near future.Bird monitoring will be done by Audubon again this year.

A discussion of extending the use of trash barrels at beaches later into the season was had.Ms. Clark will discuss with DPW and also look in to the use of the Mutt Mitts box for collection of waste.

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 pm.Next meeting tentatively scheduled for May6th,2015 at 4pm.

