

Beach Committee Minutes of January 20, 2022

Remote meeting began at 4:15 pm.

Attending: Eliza Harned, chair; Thomas Bow; Ann Courtney; Shari Stahl, secretary; Damion Clements, Beach Director. Public: Helen Mc Neil Ashton, Truro resident.

1. Public comment – none.
2. Beach Director Report – Damion Clements. Damion is working on the budget and proposal for next season beach fees which he will pass onto Eliza when complete. The Beach Director continues to work with DPW, the town manager, the Conservation Agent and Select Board on matters pertaining to electric projects, CIP (capital improvement projects) including paving of large parking lots for FY 23 and FY24. No update on Kayak Racks. The Town Administrator is busy with budget matters before the annual Town Meeting and no policy on how to administer permits for kayak racks is likely until after Town Meeting. Head of Meadow: electric power for large garage and gate attendant sheds accomplished by summer, Corn Hill power to gate attendant shack. This enables internet and phone for purchase of beach stickers. Head of Meadow: bike repair station will be operative by summer. Erosion concerns at Ballston Beach parking lot and beach access are being monitored and addressed. Damion is working with Commission on Disabilities to add and replace Moby mats to promote accessibility. Great Hollow: Catch basins were installed by DPW and there has been notable improvement with reducing overflow onto dunes.
3. Consideration of restoring beach rights to registered members of the Wampanoag Nation. Helen McNeil Ashton who curated the Wampanoag exhibit at the Truro Historical Museum and is on the Board of the Historical Commission has researched and has circulated a petition which will be brought before the Select Board. The right to hunt, fish and trap was already granted statewide in 1981. The towns of Eastham and Aquinnah (Martha's Vineyard) have granted recreation rights to the Mashpee Wampanoag. The petition would extend this right to "recreate" on the Truro beaches and allow beach fires and parking access. Ann Courtney proposed a friendly amendment for the Beach Committee to endorse this proposal: 1) subject to Town Counsel review and input and 2) the Beach Director working out a recognition system for awarding access. Tom Bow seconded. Voted unanimously to pass onto to Select Board for their consideration.
4. Beach Concerns. Ann will go before the CPC to present the grant proposal for paddlecraft racks at a February 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing. This proposal includes 15 racks for 120 paddlecraft (8 to a rack) for several Truro beaches which would be constructed incrementally. Erosion at Great Hollow and Ballston beaches remain a concern we as a committee will monitor.
5. Town Report. Discussion on what topics to include. Eliza will draw up a report. We will mention our beach survey by committee members.

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6. Dune Erosion Signs with the school - update and planning. Eliza explained that Stephanie Rein our select board liaison had a last minute scheduling conflict. Topic deferred until Stephanie can be present.
7. New Business – none.
8. Reorganization of Beach Committee - To be done annually. Chair: Eliza Harned, Vice-chair: Ann Courtney, Secretary: Shari Stahl.
9. Approval of minutes of 10/21. Motion made and seconded. Unanimously voted to approve.
10. Next Meeting -scheduled for February 10, at 4:15. Agenda item will be the new fees for beach permits so the Select Board can enact.
11. Adjourned at 5:17 pm.

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