Beach Advisory Committee Minutes of October 6, 2022

Remote meeting

Attending: Eliza Harned, Chair; Ann Courtney, Tom Bow, Shari Stahl, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 4:15.

Public Comment: none.



<u>Paddlecraft Regulations</u>: Ann distributed a draft of regulations to all Beach Committee members in advance of the meeting. Ann researched the regulations on paddlecraft racks from the Towns of Wellfleet and Eastham. Ann asked for Beach Advisory Committee Members input specifically on 1) resident priority for the lottery and 2) fees, particularly the weekly fee. The grant was written with the goal of promoting outdoor activities in town so the intention was to keep fees accessible for season long rack storage.

The pilot rack construction is to be at Great Hollow and Corn Hill beaches, with more paddlecraft storage at other Truro town beaches in the future. The initial funding award from the Truro Conservation Trust is for a total of 90 spaces, with 15 racks holding between 6 and 8 watercraft.

The administration, oversight and monitoring of the town racks will be conducted by the Beach Office, with the Parking lot attendants monitoring daily usage.

The Beach Committee agreed to allow 2 slots per applicant through the lottery to be conducted in March by the Beach Office, eligibility for a season parking sticker is prerequisite. Season fee rate is \$45 per rack space. If left over racks are available, these spaces can be held for weekly rates of \$35 a week for resident parking sticker holders and \$50 a week for non-resident parking sticker holders (this is higher than Eastham but lower than Provincetown). A penalty for failure to remove kayaks/paddlecraft after the weekly pass expires is \$50 per watercraft.

The review process for the Beach Committee Paddlecraft Policy will be first to obtain Damion Clements input with regard to what his staff can handle; then presentation to Town Administrator, and finally to the Board of Selectmen. Ann will also make sure Beach Committee member Mary Ann Kimbell will have given input prior to Damion's receipt of the regulations.

<u>Beach Concerns:</u> Ann noted that signage to protect the dunes at Head of the Meadow and Great Hollow was posted by Damion and that previous erosion mitigation efforts at Great Hollow by DPW are effective. The Beach Committee extends appreciation to Damion for addressing these concerns of the Beach Committee.

Porta-toliets were removed at the beaches earlier than what the Beach Director had proposed. The Committee recommends that porta-toliets be available at town beaches up through mid-October.

<u>Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2022:</u> Ann moved to accept the minutes, Tom seconded, unanimously approved.

Other Business:

<u>Annual Site Visits of Beaches.</u> The Beach Advisory Committee shall undertake annual site visits prior to our next meeting in order to make recommendations for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting

Warrant. We will employ the checklist we used last year but report in a narrative format back to the Committee.

Corn Hill to Beach Point bay beaches: Ann Courtney and Maryellen Kimball.

Fisher and Ryder bay beaches: Tom Bow.

Head of Meadow, Coast Guard ocean beaches: Eliza Harned.

Ballston, Long Nook, High Head ocean beaches: Shari Stahl.

Next meeting: scheduled Thursday December 8th at 4:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Approved 12/21/22

