

TOWN OF SCITUATE BEACH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2022
Held virtually via GoToMeeting

Attendees:	George Simmons (partial)	Kelly Bower
	Richard Beekman	Deborah Ceccarini
	Andrea Ramsey	Conor Doherty

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order 6:04 pm.
2. Meeting minutes from 03.09.2022 accepted.
3. Seawall Committee: George Simmons:
 - Raising awareness for the eroding condition of the Cedar Point Seawall: the seawall protects both the adjacent residents and the harbor. Original seawall was built in 1907 and re-built in the 1930's; minimal repairs have been completed since that time.
 - Inviting Beach Commission to tour the seawall at low tide in May.
 - Congressman Stephen Lynch has visited and helped engage the Army Corps of Engineers for seawall reparation. The Seawall Committee has also engaged with local businesses to petition for the seawall.
 - Any efforts we can make to engage elected officials is helpful.
 - ** Set a date in May for commission to visit
 - ** Conor to explore engaging local fisherman docked/moored in the harbor.
4. Beach Commission Charge: Reviewed document as a group.
 - ** Kelly to ensure all edits incorporated and send to Select Board for approval.
5. Three – Five Year Plan: Give brief description of the beach (if not already recorded in document) and continue to brainstorm possible goals / objectives / plans for that beach. Update document as needed for changes to the beach.
 - ** Conor, Kelly, & Deborah to work on goals for their assigned beach.
 - ** Andrea & Richard to research logistics for obtaining goals for their assigned beach.
6. Signage: Lacking at all beaches, but some signage may be removed for winter.
 - Goal = Consistent signage in good repair:
 - Signs we'd like at each beach:

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- Beach Name (possibly two identification signs: basic metal and a wooden decorative)
- Keep Off Dunes
- Trash rules / reminders
- Dog Rules (with dog poop bags)
- Parking Permit Info
- Consider a welcoming message / quote / slogan
- ** Kelly to look into wooden sign pricing & availability
- ** Andrea to research dog bags (who is filling, where located) & look at trash pick up buckets (similar to Sandy Beach in Cohasset)

7. Beach Stickers:

- METCO: Leadership is in favor of this idea to grant “resident” beach stickers to the participating families.
 - ** Conor to look into next steps – discuss with Town Clerk and create proposal for moving forward.
- Sunrise:
 - Andrew Goodman originally proposed giving access to non-residents (fisherman, photographers, surfers, etc) who would use the beach in the morning hours prior to peak usage. He’d envisioned it being a free marketing tool to attract interest to Scituate’s beaches.
 - Price point: \$20 per sticker
 - Hours: Sunrise to approximately 9 or 10 am
 - Colorful / pretty sticker that is different from the standard beach sticker; perhaps hold an open contest for artwork.
 - Market with the fishing & surfing community
 - ** Deb to write proposal for proceeding.

8. 1st Cliff Access: Town plot has been identified, but beach easements for adjacent homeowners are unclear.

- ** Conor to review easements on neighboring properties with city hall deeds
- ** Conor to discuss access path with Conservation
- ** Andrea to contact DPW as needed to assist Conor with determining easements.

9. Monitoring: Use 2022 Beach Report Excel file on google drive.

- Goal is to update monthly

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- Reminder: Ship Shape Day = April 30th
- Goal = group clean up of each beach over the summer.
- June 4: 9-11 am – Peggotty Beach clean Up
- ** Kelly mentioned some concerns with beach grass plantings – suggested we check to determine if other Native plants might be appropriate. Will check with Corey

10. Next meeting: May 11th, 2022 at 6:00 pm – in person at Scituate Town Library

- Potentially invite NSRWA; Kelly to review.
- Peggotty clean up: June 4th at 9 am

11. Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.