

TOWN OF SCITUATE BEACH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2022
Scituate Town Hall – Small Conference Room

Attendees: Kelly Bower	Richard Beekman
Andrea Ramsey	Corey Miles
Michael Johnson (partial)	Kristen Vickerman (partial)

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order 6:01 pm.
2. Meeting minutes from 05.11.2022 accepted.
3. Review of presentation for Select Board and Karen Canfield input.
4. Corey Miles update: CZM grant submitted for \$2M for Minot renourishment project
5. Mike Breen (DPW) update from Kelly:
 - Mobi mats: Mike Breen has suggested additional mats would be useful.
 - Kelly to investigate CPC application to supply more
 - Mutt mitts: DPW (Mike Breen's group) replaces and currently has adequate replacement supplies
 - SBC to review with beach monitoring
 - Trash Cans: All trash receptacles are out for the season. More added this year. (183 barrels per Kevin Cafferty)
 - Clean up baskets: Mike suggested there may be resistance to the idea because of the possibility of baskets breaking.
 - Signage: Metal signs are purchased by recreation. Wooden signage funding sources are being investigated by Kelly.
 - Peggotty Beach fencing: Town has provided to residents; Residents have installed new fencing and reinforced existing.
6. Beach grass: Funding ideas to review – Patagonia Education Foundation, high school environmental club partnership?
7. First Cliff Beach access: With Amy Walkey (conservation officer) for review
8. Beach Clean-up Review
 - Approximately 40 people participated, including the high school environmental club
 - 1,500 pounds of trash and lobster traps collected
 - Did not record information for Surf Rider, but hope to do for future cleanups
 - Recommend moving to Sunday for future cleanups and adjusting time to early afternoon. Also, shorten to two hours (3-5 pm) as many people finished and left prior to pizza.
 - Propose future clean up schedule of the following. In partnership with Harbor United Methodist Church and Scituate Trashed. Beach commission members to

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participate as able, but very understood that summer schedules will make attendance a challenge.

- 6/26 – Egypt
 - 7/10 – Minot
 - 7/24 – Sand Hills
 - 8/7 – Museum
 - 8/21 – Humarock
 - Discussion of possible clean up festival with music, art, vendors, food trucks, etc.
 - Grabbers can be borrowed from transfer station for future clean ups. Beautification commission will not loan grabbers.
 - Look into signs and or “Beach Clean Up “stickers
 - Kelly to review
 - Try to get pizza sponsored for each clean up. Kelly to review. Table, tent, or other food would be helpful; Kelly usually provides.
9. Beach association outreach: Building rapport is a goal, clean ups may create initial connection.
10. METCO beach sticker – with METCO director for final review
11. Next meetings: Move to town hall small conference room (adjacent to Corey’s office), continue on second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm
- JULY 13
 - AUG 10
 - SEPT 14
12. Michael Johnson – proposed Eagle Scout project: Water Safety Stations
- Wooden structure storing life jacket and rescue ring: Estimated footprint of 30”x30” and height of 5’.
 - Built to be removeable (remove prior to winter storms as needed)
 - Install at Minot and Egypt Beach
 - Spoken with Amy Walkey and Frank Snow – both support project
 - Karen Canfield emailed points to consider prior to Select Board presentation:
 - Maintenance responsibility, liability concerns, & determination of storage when removed
13. Select Board presentation: (joined Select Board meeting for this portion of the meeting)
- Charge was revised to streamline. Select Board final approval postponed until all members are present to approve.
 - Comments from Select Board:

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- Board fully supports all efforts to help with trash cleanup
 - Would like to see a carry in & carry out policy; recognize this is a paradigm shift for residents & visitors.
 - Like the idea of the cleanup baskets
 - First Cliff access – make sure we include neighbors as needed
 - Like inclusion of METCO families for beach access
 - Contact Andrew for help with exploring funding for beach grass
 - Love bike rack initiative: Suggestion to see if this could be funded as a memorial in honor of a loved one. Vocational school partnership also worked well for the library bike rack
 - Tony would like to see any plans for a permanent bathroom structure
 - Desire to see one page plan per beach
 - Please try to keep beach updates/progress equitable; include Museum Beach if possible.
 - Water Safety Station presentation by Michael Johnson:
 - Select Board in full support.
 - Concerned with structure blowing away if mobile
 - Work with DPW and Conservation; this will be separate from Recreation life guard equipment.
 - Not overly concerned with liability, but add signage to address
14. Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm.