

TOWN OF SCITUATE BEACH COMMISSION

Minutes: Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00
pm Remotely via Zoom

Attendees: Kelly Bower, Kate Dahlstrom, Richard Beekman, Andrea Ramsey (partial)

Absent:

Additional:

The Scituate Beach Commission is committed to providing an environment of respect during meetings. We ask all members to interact in a polite manner even when there is disagreement.

We value the participation of our community and want all participants, including marginalized and minoritized communities, to feel welcomed and respected.

We ask our committee members, and all who participate, to commit to these standards to support and respect our community.

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order

- Motion by Rich, second by Kelly

2. Review & accept meeting minutes from 14 June 2023

- Motion by Rich, second by Kate

3. Coastal Management Update - not discussed

4. Cleanups

- Egypt - 8 participants, relatively clean post 4th (50lbs of debris).
- Sat Aug 12 - Sand Hills partnered with Funtastics. Flyer anticipated this week from Kelly. Kate will follow up with Michaela (funtastics) once flyer is available to distribute.
- Mullaney's will support Sep and Oct clean ups. Andrea is in contact with them.
- Pegotty - try to coincide the clean up with the beachgrass planting.

5. Beach Reports

- Egypt - water safety station still not up. Kelly following up with DPW. Moved trash cans to end of path, used to be at start of both paths. Mutt mitts empty.
- Pegotty - Rich indicated pre-4th was good shape, Kate reported it was also in good shape post 4th. Many trash cans and porta potties; mutt mitts stocked (local residents).
- Humarock - no significant report. Kate will move to take over Museum Beach once new Commission members start.
- Minot - no trashcans at seawall at top of stairwells

6. Resident Survey

- Rich not having same technical issue with survey as Kelly; reviewed again and believes it is good to distribute.

Discussed plan for distribution:

- Beach associations by email (Kate)
- Town list/weekly update for 2-3 weeks (Rich)
- Scituate Monthly on Facebook and other Scituate Facebook groups (e.g. Moms) (Rich)
- Personal networks via social media/word of mouth (All)

Agreement to move to distribute ASAP. Call to answer by Sep 1.

7. Beach Sticker Proposal

- Slide PDF distributed by Kate to Scituate Visitor Center, Scituate Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee. Very supportive email received by head of CoC and a request to attend next monthly meeting on Jul 11 at 9am. Andrea will represent the Commission and request a letter of support. Kate is following up on review by other committees.
- Sticker sales from 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and YTD for 2023 are attached. Sticker sales have increased significantly since the Covid pandemic.

8. QR Sticker Proposal

- Rich wrote to Michael Manchello (Town IT). Free to use a Beach Commission new subpage of the on the Town website. There is a slight concern about potential fraud use with QR codes; needs to be checked regularly.
- Discussed potential use of QR codes - translations and more information on the beach. Higher priority is to translate the rules of the beach into Portuguese and Spanish. Rich to continue to follow up

9. Bike Racks

- Andrea met with the head of the recreation department (Nick Lombardo) and Nancy Werner (Scituate Bike Commission) to review potential bike rack locations at several of the beaches.
 - Peggotty: it was hoped a lifeguard parking spot could be moved to allow bike rack installation in lieu of the closet parking spot. Recreation does not want to adjust lifeguard parking, nor do they want to adjust the pod location. No compromise could be found unless we select a spot that does not impact recreation's current layout.
 - Minot: Recreation does not want to adjust lifeguard parking to make room for a bicycle rack. However the DPW will be re-paving this parking lot soon and it makes sense to wait until the plans for re-pavement / enlargement are finalized and then review locations for bike racks.
 - Sand Hills: By the utility poles is not an issue for recreation. They do not provide lifeguards at Sand Hills and thus don't have an opinion).

10. Beach Association Social

- Minot, Egypt, Pegotty and Humarock representation
- Nice to get informal feedback
- Agree to make it an Annual social

11. Schedule next meeting: Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 pm

12. Any other business that could reasonably come before the Beach Commission