

# **TOWN OF SCITUATE BEACH COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2021  
Scituate Town Library – Small Conference Room

Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order 6:06 pm
2. Kevin Cafferty of DPW presented an overview of the responsibilities of his department with respect to Scituate's beaches and shoreline, including future project work.

Highlights:

- Trash is the biggest issue and nuisance at all beaches. Town has ~183 barrels in the summer that are emptied daily. They see much misuse and exploitation of the town barrels. The porta-potties are also cleaned daily and receive much abuse in the summer from visitors.
- Minot Beach: Lot 1 is paved; lot 2 is not. Water line was installed at Well Rock pedestrian accessway, however neighborhood opposed a shower. A coastal study for beach nourishment was performed 7 years ago, but beach nourishment is incredibly difficult to execute. Repairs of this seawall are hard. Would like input for a possible re-design of the Gannett & Surfside access point.
- Egypt Beach: Berm repair is complete; built to height established in 1978 however it is designed to naturally move back & forth. Parking lot was recently repaved. Mobi mats are utilized but it is a steep grade. Shower installation: copied design used in York, ME.
- Monument Beach: Has been experiencing problems with the bacteria count recently. Kayak storage also became an issue during covid; have asked residents to remove to help protect dunes.
- Peggotty Beach: Paving is nearly done and FEMA covered majority of the cost.
- Humarock Beach: Parking lot has been recently redone. Public section is 300' on either side of the Voyage Pub. The rest of the beach is private. Ownership of shoreline in MA is usually to the high tide mark; however always check the Deed – many of these are older properties that may extend to the low tide mark.
- Mobi Mats: DPW sets up each spring and removes / stores each fall. Nancy Holt is best contact for purchasing additional.
- Showers & Porta potties: DPW sets up and then winterizes showers. The Porta potties are rented, however they clean.
- Seawall: The design has been evolving and continues to become taller and deeper. Currently seawall costs ~\$8,000 / ft to construct.
- The Spit – this is not considered a beach; believes it falls under the responsibility of waterways

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3. Approved meeting minutes from 10/06/2021 meeting
4. Introductions of new members Richard Beekman and Deborah Ceccarini. Linda Nobel has resigned from the commission.
5. Mobi Mats: Kelly to contact Nancy to determine how to purchase additional mobi mats with remaining CPC funds.
6. Community feedback & engagement is paused until we've revised the charge as needed.
7. Beach commission charge revisions are postponed until next meeting
8. Beach monitoring discussion is postponed until next meeting
9. Board positions appointed:
  - Chair: Kelly Bower
  - Co-Chair: Conor Doherty
  - Communications: Andrea Ramsey
10. Future meeting: Wednesday, 12/1/2021 at 6:00 pm at the Library
11. Meeting Adjourned 7:55 pm