

TOWN OF SCITUATE BEACH COMMISSION

Minutes: Wednesday, February 12th, 2024 at 6:00pm
Remotely via Zoom

Attendees: Kelly Bower, Kate Dahlstrom, Ron Miller

Absent: Richard Beekman, Chris Mason

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.

1. Meeting called to order by Kelly

- Motion by Kate, second Ron, motion carries

2. Review & accept meeting minutes from January 10, 2024

- Motion by Ron, second Kate, motion carries

3. Scituate Accessibility Beach project - guest Josh Sigsworth

- Moved to next agenda as Josh was unable to attend meeting.

4. Coastal Management Update -

- Moved to next agenda as Corey was unable to attend meeting.

5. Marine Animal Rescue Signs

- Commission discussed placement of signage by whales.org with directions on what to do if an injured animal is found on the beach; 24/7 response line to animals in need
- Beach commission section of Town website updated with instructions in meantime.
- Kelly confirmed Recreation is in full support and is receptive to using revolving beach sticker fund to fund the project.

- As discussed in previous meetings, number of signage/clutter needs to be considered. Rec also suggested to refine number of signs. Commission to add to future agenda to discuss ideas how to consolidate.
- Pending an update on DPW stance to signage and proposal for funding. Kelly to check in with Rich on progress.

6. Beach Reports

- Museum – Dune signs (4) up and look great; no other issues
- Sand Hills / Humarock / Egypt no reported issues
- Peggotty – no report
- Minot – Ron noted significant wash up from prior to storm; Commission discussed flagging DPW to remove large debris if still present. To check back after Nor'Easter on 13 Feb.
- The issue of no trash barrels at beaches in off season was revisited. DPW notes resourcing constrains ability to appropriately remove waste from bins. Kate noted the lack of trash bins and request to remove personal trash has been highlighted in recent Town updates to the community.
- Moving forward, Ron will take the responsibility for Minot beach

7. Bike Racks & Bicycle Commission Liaison update

- Moved to next agenda as Chris was unable to attend meeting

8. Weather station update

- Lighthouse weather station and information seems to be more than acceptable to serve as community information on local weather. Commission discussed the need to focus efforts on getting information out that this is available rather than adding additional resources. Ideas included adding to the town weekly update, posting informational flyers at library, senior center, etc. Dissemination strategy to be discussed with Kelly and Rich and possibly added to future agenda item.

9. Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting to be held virtually by Zoom on March 13, 2024 at 6pm

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

- Commission discussed proposed beach clean up schedule for 2024:
 - June 8 -Minot
 - July 6 - Humarock
 - August 10 - Egypt

- September 14 - Sand Hills
 - October 12 - Museum
 - November 2 - Peggotty
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- Kate suggested changing the date of Sand Hills clean up as 9a will be high tide on proposed date. Date changed to September 7. Next agenda will include a discussion on Sponsorship planning.

11, Motion to adjourn meeting by Kate, seconded by Ron; motion carries.