

Scituate Beach Commission

Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2015

Location: Scituate Recreation Office (High School)

Members Present: Nancy Fay, Bill Schmid, Michael Scott, Steve Tripp, Paula Elsmore
Members Absent: none
Also Present: Maura Glancy (Recreation Department employee)

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes

Minutes from November 24, 2015, moved, seconded, voted and approved – vote unanimous

Old Business

General discussion of lifeguarded beach boundaries and town jurisdiction at beaches (i.e. property lines) – discussion of town land (public) vs. private land – general agreement that further research into property lines will be conducted at Recreation Department, Assessors Department, and Public Works Department – discussion about what is a public beach, how to safely guard the beaches, and how much to pay lifeguards – Mr. Tripp led a discussion of the lifeguarding audit from 2006 – Ms. Fay led a discussion of inviting various town departments to Commission meetings for meet and greet – discussion of how to apply and when to apply to the town for Recreation funds under the Community Preservation Act – Mr. Tripp offers to start drafting questions for a town-wide beach survey – general agreement that the survey could be added to Recreation Department brochure and posted on town website – Ms. Glancy from the Recreation Department leads discussion of beach boundaries in Humarock and homeowner concerns discussed – discussion of need for lifeguard shelters for shade and lifeguard pay rates – discussion of prioritizing Commission goals for 2016 and each member opined as to their top three priorities – Mr. Tripp: defining boundaries of public beaches, improving community access to beaches, and conducting survey of beach users – Mr. Schmid: developing capital plan for each town beach, developing a comprehensive beach management plan, and acquiring funding for beach projects – Ms. Elsmore: providing supplies for beaches, reviewing sticker fee program, researching discount program for beach stickers – Ms. Fay: developing capital plan for each town beach, developing a comprehensive beach management plan, and pursuing community preservation funds for beach projects – Mr. Scott: developing a beach parking lot plan, educating residents about beach policies and regulations, and pursuing community preservation funds for beach projects – discussion of the Spit as a public beach

*Nancy will follow up
DPW FEB
Heaven March
Herb + Police
April*

New Business

Discussion of 2016 Recreation Department budget tabled until next meeting