

# TOWN OF SCITUATE BEACH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2022  
Held remotely via Zoom

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**Attendees:** Kelly Bower, Richard Beekman, Deborah Ceccarini, Andrea Ramsey  
(Absent: *Conor Doherty, Katie Dahlstrom*)

**Additional:** Corey Miles, Karen Canfield (*partial*), and Tony Vegnani (*partial*)

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## Minutes:

1. Meeting called to order 6:04 pm. Motion by Deb Ceccarini; Second by Richard Beekman. (4/0 in favor)
2. Meeting minutes from 08.10.2022 accepted. Motion by Richard Beekman. Second by Deb Ceccarini. (4/0 in favor)
3. Kelly Bower informed filming is currently occurring at two beaches: Egypt & Sand Hills.
4. Kelly Bower informed water safety stations are successfully installed at Minot and Egypt Beach.
5. Corey Miles provided a coastal management update:  
Grant awarded from damaged seawall fund to work on seawall on Oceanside Drive. This is a huge project and will take several years to complete. Currently, in the beginning stages of acquiring permits & easements from residents along stretch of road. Awarded contract for re-development for Pier 44 parcel at last Select Board meeting to Copley Wolff Design Group. Purpose is to make parking lot & old building into something magnificent; signature park / open space for the harbor along Jericho Road. Potential award from CZM for nourishment of North Scituate Beach – however no final updates / public announcement.  
At next Select Board meeting (9/20<sup>th</sup>) – Corey will be requesting formation of a committee to guide the Cole Parkway reformation. Funding was received for design work and matched by the town. This area needs to be more resilient to flooding as it frequently floods and will only get worse as sea levels rise.  
Minot stairwell repairs started this week. Should be 4-6 weeks to complete.  
Many opportunities for stakeholder engagement with these planned projects. Corey desires beach commission assistance throughout.
6. Beach Association Update: Kelly Bower attended a movie night at Museum Beach (Jaws) and was thrilled with the experience. Kelly would like to do a film series sponsored by the Beach Commission next summer on several beaches. Karen Canfield mentioned some beach associations do this already; they are not permitted and thus do not require town resources. If the beach commission organizes, we would need to determine utilities available; if town resources are needed, etc.
7. Mobi Mats; Mutt Mitts, and Trash Cans update:  
Kelly Bower is asking for \$13,060 from CPC Funds for the Mobi Mats at Town Meeting.

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Mutt Mitts: commission members reported mutt mitts were empty at Minot Beach, Town Pier, Egypt Beach, and Peggotty Beach – Kelly is supposed to be getting a key to be able to re-stock them. Seemed to be well stocked until mid-August.

Trash Cans – Deb thinks they increased the trash cans at Egypt & Minot Beaches.

Recycling bins were discussed. Karen Canfield informed that Scituate used to have recycle cans, but it was problematic: trash was continually in the barrels. Also – much of the recycling was soiled and couldn't be recycled. Recycling containers were removed due to the lack of success. Discussion of carry in / carry out strategy, but it's a paradigm shift for the community.

8. Karen Canfield update on Scituate Lighthouse: the lantern house will need to be physically removed to repair. This could be of concern to many residents.
9. Kelly Bower informed of idea for cleanup stations. Plan to use mesh bags (approximate size of 24" x 18") and mount via ring and carabineers to water safety stations. Scituate Trashed will likely donate and provide succinct signage too. Will need to be approved by Select Board.
10. Signage update from Kelly Bower: Kelly met with owner of Kukstis Woodcarving and is awaiting an estimate to provide a wood sign for each beach. Once received Kelly will complete an application to the CPC for funding. Question was raised if signs can be posted year-round. Kelly to send more information as it's available.
11. First Cliff Access update from Conor Doherty (via email to Kelly): Conservation did not approve creation of a path.
12. Sunrise Beach Sticker Proposal update from Deb Ceccarini: Deb spoke with Andrew Goodrich. His goal is to encourage economic development and thus desires the sticker to be an eye-catching design. He recommended price of \$10-20 each and suggests starting with small quantity of ~50.  
Deb states that Nor'easter Surf shop and Belsan Bait & Tackle are in full favor. If possible, both would be willing to sell at their stores.  
Kelly suggested presenting proposal to Select Board during October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as the Beach Commission is already on the agenda that evening.  
Andrea brought up purchase and payment of stickers may need exploring. Currently stickers are purchased through the town clerk and vehicle registration is required. Would it be possible to have URL code / QR code to purchase online? Deb will connect with Town Clerk and Tony Vegnani to work through how best to propose. Kelly asked Deb to speak with Chief Thompson regarding sticker enforcement.
13. Bike Racks update from Andrea Ramsey: South Shore Vocational school is excited by our request to design & build bicycle racks for Minot and Peggotty Beach. Two sketch

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ideas have been sent from the school (one for each beach) and the funding required is estimated to be ~\$4,000 for each rack. (Initial sketches are attached to minutes)

Andrea also spoke with Lorraine Devin regarding Scituate's historical program for memorial items (benches, trees, etc). Lorraine thought the memorial program could be an excellent method for funding the bike racks. The memorial program was discontinued as some residents disliked the memorial plaques and additions throughout the town. However, the town continues to receive frequent memorial requests from residents. Other funding to be explored.

Kelly suggested bike racks have the same design at each beach – to give a uniform aesthetic. Andrea prefers the unique design for each beach. She will talk with school about having designs be similar with a unique feature for each beach. Design discussion to be continued at next meeting.

Location: Andrea has reached out to Conservation (Amy Walkey) to discuss. She has also reached out to the NSBIA for Minot location. Richard to assist with location at Peggotty. DPW will be consulted too.

14. Floating Wheelchairs to be adopted by Richard to determine how to add more. Suggest reaching out to Recreation as they have ownership of Egypt and Humarock floating wheelchairs.
15. QR Sticker Proposal: postponed.
16. Amenity Worksheet: Kelly wants to revise format.
17. Next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to be held virtually via Zoom.
18. Dune Plantings question raised by Andrea. Corey stated the last viable date would be November for planting. Andrea suggested we contact Wild Ones for funding as they recently helped with plantings for Inly School. Kelly is on the Wild Ones Board and will review.
19. Tony Vegnani joined meeting and asked to briefly discuss bathrooms. There is funding left from an agreement with Toll Brothers (approximately \$140,000) that is allocated for creating bathrooms at a beach. Egypt and Peggotty both have sewer nearby that could be utilized. This would need to be researched further to determine the best location, bathroom arrangement, etc. Tony suggested looking at bathhouses at other nearby towns for inspiration. Motion by Kelly Bower to write letter of support for bathrooms, to help retain funding allocation. Second by Andrea Ramsey. (4/0 in favor)  
Tony also mentioned bathhouse staffing and potential concessions. Suggestion of letting local sports teams run weekend concessions to raise money. Funding allocation could also be used for outdoor showers and/or foot washing stations; it is not restricted to only toilets.

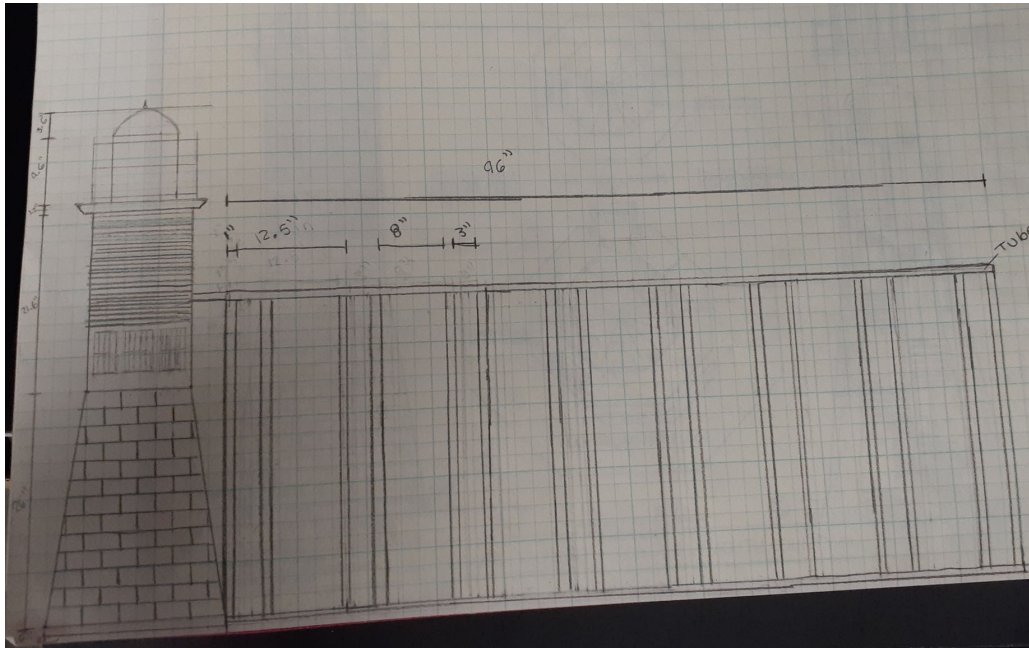
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20. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. Motion to adjourn by Kelly Bower. Second by Richard Beekman. (4/0 in favor)

**Attachment: Initial ideas received from South Shore Vocational School for bike racks:**

Minot Beach:



Peggotty Beach:

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