

MINUTES, 3/18/08 MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Bill Seiple, John Crimmins, Paul Rodriques, Theresa Santos, Tom O'Loughlin, Shawn Brown, Helen Flynn, Dave Leys, Tim Shaw, Rian Wilkinson

Meeting began at 4:35pm

- 1. Approved minutes from the February meeting – no changes.**

- 2. Peabody's Beach Lifeguard-** Due to many problems, including liability, safety, and a shortage of lifeguards, the commission, unanimously, agreed to discontinue supplying a lifeguard to Peabody's Beach. However, the commission asked Tim Shaw to direct any extra guards to Mr. Peabody.

Paul Rodriques noted that it was important that the town stay competitive in regards to lifeguard salaries. It was brought up that it is difficult to retain guards through the end of the beach season. Also, many guards are not staying employed through college years and are leaving for other jobs. Tim Shaw was asked to look at salary scales of town's with similar guard staffs.

- 3. Beach manager-** Tim Shaw reported that the beach manager interviews will start within 2 weeks. Four applicants are to be interviewed.

- 4. Shade structures-** Bids will be sent out by 3/31/08 with May

delivery requirement.

5. Family nights- Tim Shaw will work with the new beach manager. 2-3 family nights are to be scheduled.

6. Second Beach Building Improvement Bids- Bids are to be sent out with a 6/15/08 completion requirement. Paul Rodriques asked if we could make the building handicapped compliant with these improvements. It was noted that the restroom work will be mostly for health, safety and patron comfort. Compliance would involve extensive reconstruction and the building design would cause considerable problems. However, the beach will have handicap accessible porta-johns available.

7. Town Council Meeting- The meeting with the beach commission has been scheduled for Monday 4/07/08, 6pm. Agenda- Beach Building – Boat Ramp.

8. Boat Ramp- Scott Robideau met with Grover Fugate of the DRMC. Additional meetings are to be scheduled. Plover protection and a parking plan were considerations. Next report Fall/ 08.

9. New Business- Mr. Brown asked about the kayak/boat rack at Third Beach. Rian Wilkinson and Tim Shaw will check with Sail Newport, who promised to provide one as payment for using the Third Beach boat ramp.