

Beach Commission Meeting Minutes of 9/09/2008

In Attendance: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Dave Leys, Theresa Santos, Tim Shaw, Tom O'Loughlin, Helen Flynn, Jason Ringler-Biologist, Natural Resources Services, Pete Henderson-Concessionaire, Warren Hall

1. Approve minutes of 7/08/2008 meeting

2. Opening comments – everyone agreed that the town's beaches ran extremely well due to an early start and total co-operation of all the town's departments. DPW received special praise for their work at the beaches.

3. Boat ramp re-location- Jason Ringler (Natural Resources Services), Warren Hall-Application is proceeding. Warren Hall distributed final plans for the boat ramp- grades, etc. Jason Ringler felt that a comprehensive protection plan for the Piping Plovers must be formulated or the plan will not be approved by CMRC. This may involve a boat "escort service" from late May through early July.

4. Invasive Grass- Jason Ringler (NRS)- The beach commission approved a proposed eradication plan for 3-1 vote. There was concern for any ecological problems brought on by extensive herbicide spraying. Also, it was felt that attacking the invasive grass by specific areas- mainly west of the campground path, would be

more productive than spraying the entire affected areas.

5. Concession- Pete Henderson recommended some repairs and improvements for the concession stand. He will meet with Tim S., Shawn B, and the town's contractor to review the project. This will be done in conjunction to other improvements scheduled for the office and lifeguard rooms.

6. "Open Meeting"- suggestions from beach commission, beach staff and residents concerning improvements for the town's beaches – 2009. See attached list.

7. Meeting adjourned 5:47 pm