

Beach Commission Minutes – Meeting of Sept. 16, 2009

In Attendance: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Dave Leys, Tom O’Loughlin, Tim Shaw, Shawn Brown, Frank Boyzan

- **Approved minutes- no changes**

- **Beach Erosion- Continued**

- Tom O’Loughlin reported that beach erosion/pollution in the Peabody Beach area is due to several factors, including heavier than normal rain volume, changes in drainage, patterns, and man-made changes. He also said that the long range rain forecast for the region indicate more of the same. The town will take measures to correct some of the problems, including widening the drainage pipe on hanging rock road.

- **Kayak Rack- A Kayak, Boat rack will be constructed – summer 2010**

- **Electrical- Tom O’Loughlin will investigate the costs for in-ground and over head electrical hook-ups for the boat ramp area.**

- **Concession Contracts- Shawn Brown reported that all vendor contracts have been reviewed and accepted- 2010-2011, Second and Third Beaches.**

- **Harbor Management- Steve Ponte not available- will report at a later meeting**

RV- overnight parking – a complete plan will be formulated by the recreation dept, beach management, beach commission and Town Administrator – completion by 4/2010.

- **Dune Conservation- on going- 1200 beach grass plants were planted by Town and St. George’s School volunteers.**

- **Parking lot improvements- Third Beach**

o Rian will contact Warren Hall concerning the possible use of Amor-Tech materials to make the lot more useable,- Especially for a RV parking program.

Security Lighting- lighting either solar or wire would be beneficial and, hopefully, reduce vandalism.

• **Vandalism-**

o Including : destroying 2 port a johns , broken signs, graffiti and riding on the beaches have been reported. After discussion, it was concluded that lighting and path obstacles and, possible increased patrol, are the only cost effective way to combat the vandalism. Due to the isolated nature of the beach areas, little more can be done. A certain amount of vandalism, almost, has to be expected.

• **Dune Conservation-** A 1200 grass planting has been completed. Plans are in place for snow fencing at Second/Third Beaches – late October, November.

New Business-

1. Rian suggested that the town council honor the St Georges' School volunteers- Spring 2010. For years, they have assisted in dune conservation efforts and help with the boardwalks. Several years—700-1000 hours.

2. Thanksgiving Bon-Fire- Tim Shaw..... Thanksgiving bon-fire, Wednesday 11/25/2009, 6:30-8:30 at Second Beach.

3. Received Thank you letter from Quahog Chapter- Family Campers. Paula Bradley thanked the town for a successful weekend at Second Beach. Beach Commission approved, unanimously, their request for confirmed 2010 dates- third weekend- Sept, 2010. Tim Shaw will notify the chapter.

4. Sales of beach related products. Shawn Brown recommended that the town sell beach related supplies – both on the beach and on-line. To include: T-shirts, hats, sun lotion, boogie boards etc.

5. Trailer donation

o A small “lifeguard equipment trailer” has been donated to the recreation department. This will be used to safely transport lifeguard equipment. Some minor modification is needed. Value- \$500.00

6. Meeting adjourned 5:49 pm.