

Beach Commission Minutes of 12/08/2009

In Attendance: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Dave Leys , Frank Bozyan, Shawn Brown, Tom O'Loughlin

1. Minutes- approved of November meeting- no changes.

2. RV Overnight Parking – Boat Ramp

o Bill Seiple presented the Recreation Dept Proposal. All facets were reviewed- # of RV's, Security, arrival/departure times, etc. It was decided that before a final decision is made, the commission should investigate the possibility of using the Navy Beach Lot. Bill will report at the January meeting.

3. Camp-O-Rama Parking rates

o After brief discussion, it was recommended that all rates remain the unchanged for the 2010 Season.

4. Harbormaster reports

o Steve Ponte, Harbormaster, reported that demand for town moorings is strong. Steve recommended that on-line reservations be instituted in 2010- to coincide with proposed RV overnight parking reservations. He also recommended that mooring “sharing” be abolished and a new letter explaining new regulations- including DEM position on “passing on” moorings to family members, will be sent in the Spring.

5. Thanksgiving Bonfire

o Approximately 150 patrons attended the Thanksgiving Eve bonfire. A strong number considering the weather.

6. DEM meeting-

o Shawn and Rian reported on the meeting with DEM – Hunting- Third

Beach. DEM's position was unchanged and the town will take appropriate legal action to prohibit hunting at the beach.

7. Capital Improvements

o Rian forwarded a list with potential capital improvements. See agenda 12/08/2009

New Business

1. Town beach merchandise- New T-shirt Designs and other beach related merchandise, should be completed in the near future.

2. West side planning- Shawn Brown- Shawn reported that the excess navy land should be available in the near future. Plans for fishing piers, bike/walking trails and small craft use were explained.

3. Frangite- Shawn reported that, hopefully, some frangite eradication may be possible in the future- DEM approved. This would allow better drainage, especially in the Third Beach area.

4. Sachuest Beach Road- Rian and Bill reported that high surf is eroding the area near the NFW facility. Town will contact NFW concerning the situation.

Meeting adjourned 6:05 pm