

## **Beach Commission**

### **Minutes from November 9th meeting**

**In Attendance: Tom O'Loughlin, Tim Shaw, Shawn Brown, Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Helen Flynn, David Leys.**

**1- Approved October meeting minutes with one exception---Tom Newman was present**

**2- Campground Improvement list- Tim Shaw passed out a comprehensive list with tentative vendors and estimated completion dates. Almost all the work will begin in the spring of 2011. Tom O. also said he was going to contact National Grid concerning possible electrical problems at the campground. Rian will forward recommendations concerning season extension and application fees to Shawn B. for council review.**

**3- Campground Financial Report---- Tim Shaw reported that the campground grossed \$169,253.00 during the past season.**

**4- Third Beach Boat Ramp Replacement- Shawn Brown made the following recommendations after meeting with R.I.DEM (Mr Lazar): That the old ramp be totally replaced due to possible environmental problems. Rian also reported that the old ramp is rapidly deteriorating and, probably, would not be worth saving.**

**5- Beach Commission Make-up/ Responsibilities- Shawn Brown reported that the BC will be made up of seven residents and one town council representative. There will be 3 ex-officio members. The Harbor Master, Recreation Director, and Public Works Director. The BC will also become involved with campground operations. The**

**beach commission openings will be advertised in December.**

**6- Rian reported that volunteers planted dune grass at Third Beach.**

#### **New Business-**

- **Town representatives have scheduled a tentative walking tour of available Navy land on Burma Road Nov 12. The 26 acres would be an exceptional recreation area for water sports, parks, and a campground.**

- **New building Second Beach- Shawn recommended that the BC should begin work immediately on the project, since we have only eighteen months to present a plan to the town council and residents.**

- **Tom O. had a short meeting with representatives of the R.I.Dem, NFW and the Norman Bird Sanctuary. Topics included the constant blockage of the Third Beach creek, beach erosion, sand migration and plover protection. Future meetings will be scheduled.**

- **Kite Surfing- John Crimmins has contacted some kite surfers and they would like to meet with the BC in the spring concerning recent problems. Shawn also noted that new wind sport signage is being developed.**

- **Mr. Bozyan- rian will contact Councilman F. Bozyan and thank him for his service as town council liaison.**

- **CIP's- Shawn asked the BC to prepare a list of CIP's for the beaches.**

**Meeting adjourned 5:58 pm**