

Beach Commission Minutes\ Meeting of 12/13/2011

Attending: Bill Seiple, Dave Leys, Rian Wilkinson, Helen Flynn, Chris Semonelli, Tim Shaw. John Crimmins

- Bring meeting to order, 4:35 PM.**
- Approved minutes ..1 correction, Spelling - Ceglarski**
- Tim Shaw...financial report...2011 Beach Operations- \$1,155,855.00.**
Concessions \$76,800.00, Campground \$194,106.00, Total:
\$1,426.761.00.

Discussion- Considering the terrible June weather and August hurricane closures, this was an impressive season. The beach revenue reflected the revised season pass rates and higher campground rents.

Tim Shaw will report on 3 year financial comparisons at the Jan meeting. (see sheet #2)

- Harbor master report... postponed to future meetings.**
- Shawn Brown's letter to Veronica Masson. RIDEM**

Shawn Brown notified Veronica Masson that the Middletown Town Council had voted not to authorize the Town administrator to sign a co-operative agreement with RIDEM with regards to accepting federal funding for the proposed floating dock/ ramp at Third Beach. The town no longer wishes to be a candidate for the grant program.

For the record, Rian explained the consequences if the town was to accept the funding...He felt this was important because the delay in receiving the DEM information led to exaggerated rumors, without

any factual information to base them.

A. State proposal...All vehicles, with trailers (resident/non- resident) would not be required to pay a fee to use the ramp. Based on the, approximate, \$325,000.00 grant, it would, probably, be 30-35 years before the town “lost” any money.

B. Resident Pass- There would be no change in the “Third Beach Only” town beach pass.

C. Rian reported that St. George’s would not accept any town request for ramp relocation if DEM funding was accepted- as discussed at previous meetings.

D. Present Second Beach Building...Federal Funding..1970’s. There has been continual criticism concerning the town’s acceptance of federal monies to construct the existing building in the 1970’s. However, even with the building costing a fraction of the projected price of the proposed building, the town could not have constructed the building without federal assistance. The affect on the tax rate would have been over-whelming and town would, essentially, have had no facility at the beach. At that time, 1970’s, it seems that it was a correct decision by the town council.

Conclusion- In order to avoid similar problems with the Second Beach Building, Rian felt it was very important to have all available factual information, especially financial, available as soon as it becomes available from the Town Council/ Town Administrator.

New Business..... To 2012 Project List- Remove broken piling at Third Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm