

Beach Commission Minutes- Meeting of 02/14/ 2012

Attending: Bill Seiple, Rian Wilkinson, Helen Flynn, Chris Semonelli, Tim Shaw, John Bagwill , John Ceglarski

1. Open meeting at 4:35 pm

2. Approve minutes...one change- incorrect name spelling for C. Semonelli - see #4 from last minutes.

3. Beach Expenses- Tim Shaw

Tim presented expenses from fiscal year 2110...J. Bagwill felt a 3 year study would be more helpful... T. Shaw agreed to bring those figures to the next meeting.

Rian suggested that any past expenses have to have the income pro-rated at the new season pass rates...which changes income dramatically...Commission agreed

Also, Rian felt that the town administration will take income and expenses into account and come up with a cost to the individual home owner, as did the town of Tiverton with their library referendum..

4. Concession Contracts...Tim Shaw...

Since the bids had not been approved by the town council, Tim could not divulge specific bid amounts. The bids will be discussed at the next meeting.

John Bagwill asked how the main concession at Second Beach could increase revenue- resulting in higher bids. Faster service was one way recommended, but the poor building design was a major factor in long lines, waits and lost business. Tim said that the concession has the rights to 3 additional carts, but having significant amounts of

cash at these auxiliary sites was a problem. Rian noted that the old building, destroyed by the flood, had more counter space and was far more efficient.

5. Kayak racks... Tim Shaw

Two racks have been constructed by the DPW. They are portable and easy to build, if more are needed. Each rack has 6 “bays”, which can hold a small skiff or kayaks. B. Seiple suggested placing a divider on bays that would be used for kayaks...Therefore each rack could hold any combination of 6 boats or 12 kayaks. The racks would probably be placed in the vicinity of the town storage trailer..East side of the parking lot. It was suggested that 1 rack might be placed at the Navy Beach site, since this is near the mooring fields and, also, a popular water sports site.

Fees were discussed, in general. T. Shaw will discuss them with town personnel and, also, review what other local communities charge.

The Beach Commission agreed the racks will be very popular and, again, praised the DPW for an outstanding job.

6. Lifeguard Stands- Three new lifeguard stands have been built by the DPW and others have been repaired. The Beach Commission recommended, to Tim Shaw, that 3-4 more of the metal framed picnic tables be built. Several of the older wooden tables were damaged during the 2011 hurricane.

7. Schedule.. the Beach Commission approved the 2012 meeting schedule with one change. The November meeting will be held on 11/13/2012.

8. Winter Fest Beach Polo will continue, but at Atlantic Beach- NOT Second Beach

9. New Business..

Rian and Bill reported that there has been heavy erosion to the sand dunes since the August hurricane. Informal use of volunteer groups has not been, totally, effective. Definite scheduling of volunteers, as well as beach personnel, should be discussed at the Aug and Sept meetings.

10. Meeting adjourned 5:47pm