

Beach Commission Minutes- Meeting of 05/08/ 2012

Attending: Rian Wilkinson, Helen Flynn, Chris Semonelli, Tim Shaw, John Bagwill, John Ceglarski, Dave Leys, Bill Seiple, Tom O'Loughlin

1. Open meeting at 4:33 pm

2. Approve minutes...April 10th meeting. No Changes.

The Beach commission agreed to change the agenda order because Tom O'Loughlin had another commitment.

3. Originally #6..building update... Tom O'Loughlin.

There was a lengthy discussion on all facets of the permit process that has to be followed.

Conclusions:

- The proposal that will be presented to the taxpayer will be the one suggested by RFG...a campus style structure, at elevation of approx 12'. (See page 27 of the RFG report, Building "C"- alternate 2. Building with events deck- Figure 1V-9.)**
- Although CRMC and DEM have been notified of the towns plans, they will not review the proposal until after the results of the town's November vote.**
- Due to the town's requirements, the proposal will be considered a "full application" by CRMC.**
- FEMA will be issuing new data concerning new flooding data.**

John Bagwill distributed photographs and renderings of the new East Matunuck Beach building. John noted that the elevation is only, approx 6', rather than the 12' that may be the Second Beach requirement.

Tom and the committee suggested several reasons for the dramatic difference...Depth of water at the So. County Beaches, wave action (crashing vs. rolling), distance to the ocean, grandfather clauses, existing foundations, and land configuration. Both Newport and Second Beaches are situated between peninsulas that may “funnel” waves directly onto the beach. So. County- state beaches, have no such land masses and waves may disperse more easily.*** It is possible that after the CRMC review, the elevation could be reduced.**

4. RV parking Third Beach. The Town Council and Beach Commission, both, decided to post pone overnight RV parking at Third Beach.

5. Dinghy Rack- Tim Shaw.....Tim noted that the rack application is almost complete and information will appear in the Newport Daily News. A lottery will decide who will receive the spaces. This process should be complete by early June.

6. Beach Opening- Everything is on schedule, painting, electrical, camp-ground, beach hires, beach prep, sticker sales, contracts.

***** Tim attended a state sponsored “beach kick-off” event and said the town’s beaches were highly praised due to the improvements made over the years and for future building plans. Also, a state sponsored study showed that every patron spends an average of \$12.66 per beach visit.**

7. Boat Ramp safety- the plan is being reviewed by the

administration. Tim said a week-end attendant will be hired at Third Beach to assist boat launchings and pedestrian traffic.

8. New business-

- Kayak launching- Second Beach Rock- the Beach Commission agreed that this has been up to the manager's discretion and that this procedure should remain in place.

- Gin Pole- The Beach Commission, unanimously, that a Gin Pole- a device for assisting sailboat mast placement, would not justify the cost and would be, easily, vandalized. Rian will contact the Hitchcock family.

9. Summer schedule. Although the schedule does not include a July meeting, there will be, at least, one to discuss the proposed building---Probably mid July.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.