

## **Beach commission Minutes- Meeting of 10/08/2013 -**

**Attending: Rian Wilkinson, John Bagwill, Bill Seiple, Henry Pine, John Ceglarski, Will Cronin, John Crimmins, Chris Semonelli, Steve Ponte, Warren Hall**

### **1. Open Meeting**

**2. Approved minutes of 9/12/2013 - 1 correction – spelling – “stat” to state**

### **3. New Business**

#### **• Handicap Parking- Warren Hall**

**The town will increase the beach handicap spaces to conform with ADA requirements- 23 auto spaces, plus 3 van area (main lot) with appropriate unloading space.**

**\* The town will re-line the new spaces as required.**

**Discussion- There will be, at least, one handicap space for every path. Due to the length and slope of the West side paths.... it was suggested that the majority of the paths be located from the main building.. East- shorter paths with less elevation. Also, surf at the East side of the beach is lighter than the West side.**

**The Rock will ,probably, stay with the two, current, spaces.**

**Third Beach- will have a total of 4 handicap spaces. It was recommended that, at least, one be located at the Navy lot. A crosswalk is also being proposed for the Navy lot.**

**\*It was also suggested that the current Del's location be turned into a handicap space- allowing wheel chairs to use the ramp to access the beach.... See Concession.... below**

**Trailers... There will be one Boat trailer space designated for handicapped boaters.**

**Warren Hall will bring a final location map to the next Commission meeting 11/12.**

**• \*\*Third Beach is considered the committee's top priority for 2014  
Resident Parking- The commission suggested that the town should consider Resident Only Parking at the Navy lot. Chris Semonelli felt this could be a Town Council decision and that we should pass this by Shawn Brown... Will Cronin will contact Mr. Brown and report back in November.**

**Dune Conservation.. Approximately 350' additional feet of snow fencing will be erected in October.. with grass planting scheduled for the spring.**

**Parking Lot- Navy. The DPW and Will Cronin are planning to relocate the current entrance. It, now, opens to a "blind Corner" and the asphalt, in that area, is in very poor condition. Constant traffic will, only, make it worse.**

**Beach Supervision... third Beach was very busy this past season**

and the need for a full time supervisor was very evident. The combination of crowds, lot supervision, and boat launching requires a visible, adult, supervisor. Funds have been appropriated for this position.

**Concession...** The Commission feels the Del's concession, in its present location could have safety issues and it should be moved to the West side of the ramp. Currently, beach patrons, from the main town beach, have to cross the boat ramp to reach the Del's cart. They, sometimes, have been seen to line up across the top of the ramp, while boats are being launched. Moving the cart would allow free patron access, without crossing the ramp. The current Del's space could be used as a handicap space- see above.

**Lifeguards..** including a stand at Navy will be discussed in the future, in conjunction with the number and location of additional kayak racks.

**\*\* Kite Surfing..** Rian passed out kite-surfing information maps, designed by Bill Seiple, that were placed at Gate #1 this fall.... It showed dates and location of September kite- surfing... For the first time, there were no complaints involving kite- surfers and swimmers... would recommend larger, laminated maps for 2014.

- **New Business**

Chris Semonelli distributed literature describing various booms that

**might be helpful if seaweed continues at Second Beach. However, he pointed out that booms Redirect- Not Collect the seaweed.**

**Tuckerman Path- Chris Semonelli reported that all ownership problems have been resolved and financing is the only factor delaying the Tuckerman Path construction.**

**Contract parking...Reserved spaces. Rian gave Will Cronin contact names at DEM and Narragansett Town Beach, who are familiar with these topics- for future discussion.**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm**