

## **Beach commission Minutes- Meeting of 11/12/2013**

**Attending: Rian Wilkinson, John Bagwill, Bill Seiple, Henry Pine, John Ceglarski, Will Cronin, John Crimmins, Chris Semonelli, Warren Hall, Gary Lapidas, Scott Rabideau**

**1. Open Meeting at 4:32 \*\*\*\*Introduced Gary Lapedes- a new Beach Commission member.**

**2. Approved minutes of 10/08/2013 - No changes**

**3. Handicap Parking- Warren Hall..Approved the handicap parking locations with 2 changes...suggested by John Ceglarski.....**

**\*Reduce one spot near path #1- from 3 to 2 spaces, Add parking- 1 space each at path #6 and path #7. The Beach Commission approved the changes and the DPW will mark the spaces.**

**4. Invasive grass (Carex) Report- Scott Rabideau...**

**Scott reported excellent results in eradicating the Carex...Approximately 99% of the invasive grass has been killed. This is the Most Successful program in the state. Scott credits the on-going spraying program and using a more effective herbicide (rodeo..habitat) as reasons for the success. He, also, said new plantings will include only Eastern dune grass and Beach Roses. They are hardy, native species and have a high survival rate. Rian recommended using only "loose" culms (not peat pots) of dune grass, with a normal 90% survival rate. New grass planting should be done by the first week of April- same with the roses. The 99% eradication is a credit to all involved.**

## **5. Beach financials- Lynn Dible, John Bagwill**

**John and Lynn gave a very complete and concise report on the beach financials. It showed a complete breakdown of all expenses and compared revenue and expenses for two years, as well as, parking...pass..revenues from 2010. It is not only factual, but was interesting how weather and weather patterns affect revenue- i.e., good weather on Memorial Day..early June has a significant effect on high pass sales. Poor weather- the opposite.**

**Also, it showed how beach expenses are pro-rated throughout almost all town departments due to their involvement in running the beach operation. In general, it was primer on how the town operates the beaches, campground and harbor**

**The Beach Commission, knowing this report took many weeks of preparation, gave Lynn and John a round of applause.**

**6. Navy Parking..Resident Parking Pass Only- after receiving feed-back from Will Cronin and discussing the, probable, negative response from out of town pass holders, the Beach Commission reversed its recommendation to allow, only, Resident Beach passes, to park at the Navy lot. All agreed it was suggested for the right reasons, but would be unfair to non- resident pass holders, who, also, enjoy the Navy Beach. The Beach Commission recommended that the town retain its present policy of allowing all season resident/non-resident pass holders to park at the Navy lot. However, the Beach Commission did not support collecting daily fees at the Navy lot.**

**In a related issue, Bill suggested that the town should consider having the new entrance located at the middle of the lot, near the utility pipe, rather than the West corner- near the bridge. It would allow for smoother entrance/exit and save a space or two.**

**7. Kayak racks- Steve Ponte was not able to attend....continued to Dec. meeting.**

**8. Project List...a few suggestions were added for future discussion.**

**9. 5K Race 9/5/13. After discussion, the following event schedule was approved for 2014**

**Sept. 6/7 (open). This can be a busy beach week-end.**

**Sept. 13/14- 5K Race (new)/ and Triathalon**

**Sept. 16-19- Camp-O-Rama**

**Sept. 25- DPW Bulk Waste**

**All agreed this was a very productive meeting.**

**10. Meeting adjourned 6:08 pm**