

Beach Commission Minutes- Meeting of 05/13/2014

Attending: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Gary Lapidas, Will Cronin, Steve Ponte, Dave Leys, Henry Pine, Chris Semonelli

1. Open Meeting

2. Approved minutes 4/8, one correction, Gary Lapidas was present

3. Approve minutes 5/13

4. Beach update- Will Cronin

Second:

Moved old concrete slabs

Snow fencing- on going

Painting as needed

Beach prep- moving sand, etc. – on going

New shower flow meters/shut-offs have been installed- will result in significant savings to town...

COA- The Beach banner program has been postponed pending town council review- Fall 2014

Third

Lifeguard- Navy Beach- undecided

Full-time supervisor- has been hired

Moving concession- undecided

Parking lot- Navy- will move entrance to the West and attempt to reduce road flooding at the old entrance.

Cross walk- A cross walk will be placed from the Navy lot to the beach.

Kayak racks- 3 new racks have been constructed- 18 total bays- 1 will

be located at the ramp and 2 at Navy.

5. Harbor Master- Mooring and kayak rack holders will be notified by email. Daily mooring rentals will be done on the town web site.

6. Navy Beach- The dune grass, both newly planted and transferred is doing very well. With additional plantings and normal grass spread, the beach should look much better in the future.

**** Sand removal- creek.** Over the past several years, there has been thousands of yards of sand removed from the creek area- Navy Beach. This has been used to “cap” the swamp restoration area, replenish Second Beach, and build dunes at the Navy Beach. Removing sand, at this volume, has to have an adverse affect on Third Beach. Navy Beach, has a pile of rocks and gravel covering, almost, the entire area between high/low tides. This is not, entirely, due to the sand removal, But, definitely, is part of the problem. The beach is, basically, non-swimable at this time.

Motion- The Beach Commission recommended, and voted, unanimously, to prohibit further sand removal from the Navy Beach area. Note.....If the creek has to be excavated to establish flow, the sand should remain on the Third Beach and not transported to other areas.

Dune Erosion- Second Beach- Golden Rod

Rian reported that dune erosion, from the spread of Golden Road, has caused serious dune erosion from the area from the rock (known as no man’s land) to path #6 on the West side of the parking lot.

Several years ago, Rian had the town biologist review the NML area. No action was taken. There has been considerable spread and Rian feels it will, ultimately, be a bigger problem than the Carex invasive grass. Rian noted Golden Rod overwhelms and replaces the dune grass. Golden Rod dies in the winter, leaving the dune prone to serious erosion.

Will Cronin said he has contacted Warren Hall, who will notify the town biologist.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.