

Beach Commission Minutes – Meeting of 11/10/15

Attending: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Dave Leys, Charlene Cirillo, John Ceglarski, Will Cronin, John Crimmins

1. Open Meeting 4:35

2. Rian advised the Beach Commission that he and Bill Seiple had met with Tom O'Loughlin, Will Cronin, Shawn Brown and Warren Hall to discuss the Walk-over plan at Second Beach. Rian relayed the committee's position in regards to walk-overs having up to 60 stairs, as well as, the 350' vehicle access ramp at the main building. The committee felt that these would not be accepted by the town's residents and would, severely, alter the aesthetics of the entire beach. Alternate possibilities were discussed, including a design incorporating a main building ramp, (paths 4 and 5), from the building, proper, over a new (height to be decided) front dune. Two ground level paths could, also, be incorporated..connecting to the main building walk, Showers could be located on the exits of these ramps. Bill Seiple sketched this concept on the dry erase board. This was only a possibility and no concrete plans were discussed. How the main walk would empty on the beach, stairs, ramps was not addressed, due to several unknown factors including the proposed height of the proposed front dune.

3. Dune walk-over - paths #6 , 7 and 8 are not considered major problems due to their present height and it is hoped they could remain with the current boardwalk system. Paths #1, 2 and 3, especially 2 & 3 were major problems, due to their shorter length-approx 75-80'. Some sort of stair or extended boardwalk system

would, most likely, have to be considered.

4. **Continuous Dune Concept-** it is felt that a continuous dune system would help protect the existing building, parking lot and reduce sand filtration into the moat.

5. **Surf conditions-** Rian noted that the rolling surf at Second beach is very rare on the East Coast. Only a few beaches have this style of wave action. It lessens erosion and replenishes the beach. Most, including the majority of Rhode Island beaches, State of New Jersey and Cape Cod beaches have a “crashing” surf, that, dramatically, erodes the beach and carries the sand out to sea or, at least, to different locations.

6. **Will Cronin** advised the committee that the beach Resiliency project has been extended for one year. However, it is possible the removal of the poles and the burying lines portion of the project will be completed by the summer.

7. **Pole removal/ underground wires.** Will advised that the grant process is nearing completion and work on the telephone pole removal should start this winter.

8. **Meeting adjourned 5:45 pm.**