

Beach Commission Minutes – Meeting of 09/20/2016

Attending: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, Dave Leys, John Ceglarski, Charlene Cerillo, Will Cronin, Gary Lapidus, Antone Viveiros

1. Open Meeting 4:37

2. Approved minutes of 08/09/2016

3. Beach report- After a spectacular summer, the town reported record beach revenue.

4. Parking Revenue- approximately \$1,750,000.00. This included the extra \$5.00 daily and weekend charge. (Restricted Beach Capital Replacement Fund)- \$277,000.00. There were, approximately, 400 additional season passes sold and, approximately, 3800 less daily parking tickets sold. It was felt that the stronger seasonal pass sales were attributed to the higher daily parking fee. In the total revenue scheme, the income difference was, almost, a “wash”.

When including the concession contract, Del’s, board rentals, and campground revenue, the total is over \$2,000,000.00.

5. 2017 Beach Projects

• Will Cronin advised that there will be new signage for the 2017 season. He distributed a list of possible regulations that will be considered at the October meeting.

• Third Beach- all agreed that Third Beach, due to its’ popularity, needs more, daily, supervision. There are 4 areas of concern:

***To the East of the ramp, basically, a watercraft area, but does have a significant number of swimmers. Possible signage “Swim at your own risk” to be continued..**

***Ramp**

***Guarded swim area-** It is possible that this area could satisfy state standards with, only, one guard stand, rather the current two- using flags or sign designations. It was noted, that you probably do not have to guard the entire roped area- to be continued..

***Navy Beach-** Lifeguard protection was discussed. This is, also, a long time, multi-use area- kayaks, SUP's, swimming, and boating. Although no recommendations were made, Rian recommended that a stand, if approved, be placed to the left of the walkway, away from the kayak rack and SUP use. The beach manager should be strongly involved in any decision – to be continued..

• Fire Pits- Bill Seiple suggested that the town should consider, regulated, “fire pits”. He noted that on, almost, any given summer night, there are several unsupervised fires on the beach. This can be very dangerous to patrons, who could walk onto one of the sites. The fire may be “out”, but the sand remains at dangerous temperatures into the next day. A more visible and designated “pit” would be a safer alternative.. There was a short discussion on design and, possible, location of pits- to be continued...

More 2017 projects and dune conservation to be discussed in October.

Meeting adjourned 5:37.