



Middletown Beach Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2017

PRESENT: John Ceglarski, John Crimmins, David Leys, Charlene Rose-Cirillo, William Seiple, Kathleen Silveira & Rian Wilkinson

TOWN COUNCIL: M. Theresa Santos, Dennis Turano & Antone Viveiros

TOWN REPRESENTIVES: Will Cronin & Steve Ponte

PUBLIC: Michael McGourty, Lifeguard Capt. and Joan Ponte

Meeting was called to order at 4:33pm.

Minutes of the August 15th, 2017 meeting were approved as printed noting the correction of Councilman Viveiros last name.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Joan Ponte congratulated Will Cronin for a job well done at third beach. Stated that having Joe Nunes in the parking lot this year helped. Also, commented that at the end of the summer, the beach seemed to have a lot more shells, but overall, found the beach clean and well managed.

ITEMS DISCUSSED/ACTED UPON

A) Project Upgrades

Navy entrance completed – drop and right side

Third Beach lots should be a priority next year regarding puddles around ramp, etc.

B) Pass Sales

Will Cronin stated that sales this year were around the 2014 totals. Full report at October, 2017 meeting.

Rian added that we have 1700 parking spaces to accommodate approximately 3000 residents and about 3000 non-residents passes in any given day, additionally on weekends about 1500 daily passes are sold.

The town's beaches are some of the finest in the Northeast and easily accessible to large populations...our lots used to fill between 10am to 11am...now they fill between 9am and 9:30am and getting earlier every year.

C) Beach Evaluation Committee

Questions were asked to the Town Council Representatives on why a courtesy notification was not given to the chairman about this adhoc committee instead of reading it in the paper.

D) Commission Comments

The Commission has heard several complaints concerning rude behavior by beach patrons. It is believed that over-crowding has contributed to his situation. In addition, the beach has narrowed and at high tides there is very little room and conflicts can develop.

Update on the dune conservation program. Fall planting will begin soon.

Winterization of paths, fences, etc. will begin.

E) Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2017-2018 year:

Chairman – Rian Wilkinson

Vice-Chairman – William Seiple

Secretary – Charlene Rose-Cirillo

F) New Business

Commissioner Silveira asked about rules of dogs on the beach. She encountered someone on the beach with dog and he was very rude regarding the matter. Also, asked about a crosswalk area near surfers beach.

Councilwoman Santos stated the major 2 complaints regarding the beach are dogs and drinking.

Next meeting called for October 10th, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

Charlene A. Rose-Cirillo
Secretary Middletown Beach Commission