



Middletown Beach Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 10th, 2017

Middletown Police Department Community Room

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

TOWN COUNCIL: M. Theresa Santos, Henry F. Lombardi, Jr. and
Paul Rodrigues

TOWN REPRESENTIVES: Will Cronin & Tom O'Loughlin

PUBLIC: Michael McGourty, Assistant Manager, Safety

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

Minutes of the September 12th, 2017 meeting approved as printed.

ITEMS DISCUSSED/ACTED UPON

A) Financial Report

Director Cronin presented the Financial Report as given to him from the Town's Finance Director.

Councilwoman Santos asked if the figures had been audited and was told no. It was noted that revenues were down due to inclement weather on weekends.

It was also noted, that the Harbormaster figures were off between 2016 and 2017. Harbormaster Ponte was not present to discuss any issues regarding mooring fees, etc.

In regards to the Campground, there is a wait list for the 46 available spots – it was noted that the whole campground needs to be revamped, cleaned and upgraded.

Financial report was accepted as presented.

B) Beach Evaluation Committee and Commission Members

Councilman Lombardi stated one of main concerns at the beach was security. A visible MPD presence should be in the parking lots and beach areas as needed every day to deter alcohol and poor behavior.

Several commission members stated that with higher tides we are now experiencing less beach. More people in less space have resulted in more patron conflicts. A beach, like any space, has limits and we may have already reached our limit at the beach.

Committee members also stressed upon better parking for residents if possible. Complete reviews of the parking lots is needed and in future mark areas with temporary paint and have the beach crew more involved in the parking process.

A resident complained that she waited in line at Third Beach when trailer spaces were available. Also she thought more spaces would be available with better lot planning. Beach Commission said they would review this for next meeting.

Director Cronin pointed out how incredible the lot numbers are and that there is no easy solution. Between the two (2) beaches we have a total of 1,866 parking spaces. With 6,914 resident and non-resident passes sold, plus daily passes on busy days could number around 1,700 if everyone showed up that would mean we would need around 8,600 parking spaces.

Next meeting called for November 14th, 2017 at 4:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Charlene A. Rose-Cirillo
Secretary Middletown Beach Commission