



Middletown Beach Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2018

Middletown Fire Department Community Room

PRESENT: John Ceglarski, William Seiple, Kathleen Silveira,
George Staples & Rian Wilkinson

TOWN COUNCIL: Antone Viveiros

TOWN REPRESENTIVES: Will Cronin & Peter Regan, Town Solicitor

PUBLIC: Mike McGourty, Lifeguard Captain

Meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED/ACTED UPON

A) SERVICE/COMFORT ANIMALS

After discussion, Town Solicitor Peter Regan agreed to formulate recommendations for **SERVICE ONLY ANIMALS** at the town beaches. This guideline will mostly follow the State of Rhode Island program.

It was also recommended that there be staff training in this area.

It was also agreed that Comfort animals would not be allowed on the beach except under the present guidelines.

Solicitor Regan will return with a final plan later to present to the Beach Commission.

B) DOG WASTE...TOWN BEACHES & PARKS

The Waste Commission will begin meeting soon, and has asked for recommendations from the Beach Commission.

Former Beach Manager William Seiple noted that even the mesh waste receptacles were stuffed with litter and were a problem. There was also the question of pick-up costs and problems with leaving the bags in the summer sun.

Will Cronin reported that there will be dog bag dispensers placed at Paradise and the Valley Park areas. He also displayed the new Carry-In and Carry-Out signs that will be placed at the Town's beaches.

These would be considered initial steps to see if they help the problem.

Next meeting called for February 13th, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36PM.

Rian Wilkinson, Chairman
Middletown Beach Commission