

**New Shoreham Shoreline Access Working Group**  
**Monday, March 30, 2015**  
**Shoreline Access Sites, Gracie's Cove, West Side Road, Ocean Avenue**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chair Michael Shea, Members: Doug Michel, Gary Ryan, and Marc Tillson. Also present, for the recording of minutes, was Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes. Members Sven Risom and Chris Blane were absent.

Mr. Shea called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**The Shoreline Access Working Group will be conducting a site visit of the following locations:**

**1. Gracie's Cove, Gracie's Cove Road**

Mr. Shea noted that a drainage system was installed by the Conservation Commission a number of years ago that has never been effective. He explained that currently they are working with a walking path next to a separate drainage path. He suggested installing a wooden ramp in the future. Mr. Michel suggested creating/expanding the berm/step system. It was noted that a lot of asphalt remnants have been dumped in the path and should be removed.

**2. Charleston Beach, Champlin Road**

It was noted that the only impediment to the Charleston Beach area is parking. It was suggested that the road be widened in the area. Mr. Tillson explained that neighbor Sonny Kern has offered to allow the Town to use of a portion of his property to create a parking area. He suggested following up on the offer.

**3. Coast Guard Beach, Champlin Road**

It was noted that the Coast Guard access is deeded at 20 ft. wide and could be opened up at the beginning of the path to allow for bike racks and picnic tables. Moving the bike rack and defining the area may allow for a few more parking spaces.

**4. Bonnell Beach, Off Champlin Road**

The Bonnell Beach access is owned by the Block Island Conservancy and is well maintained.

**5. Champlin's Marina, West Side Road**

There is no public access at Champlin's Marina.

**6. Ball O'Brien Park, West Side Road**

It was noted that there has been talk over the years of creating a Harbor's Department facility at the Ball O'Brien site.

**7. Block Island Boat Basin**

The Harbormaster's shack is located on the shoreline on a barge at the Block Island Boat Basin. The condition of the barge is condemnable and does not appear to be structurally sound.

**8. Town Boat Launch at Smuggles, Ocean Avenue**

William Rose, Inc. was at the site refurbishing the boat ramp. Mr. Michel stated that the Town's right of way begins 7 ft. off of the Smuggler's Cove building and it appears the piling/rope boundary marker along the right of way is encroaching on the Town property.

The regular monthly meeting for April was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Shea made a motion to adjourn at 1:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tillson and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: May 5, 2015