

Beach Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

TRURO COMMUNITY CENTER

4:00 P.M.

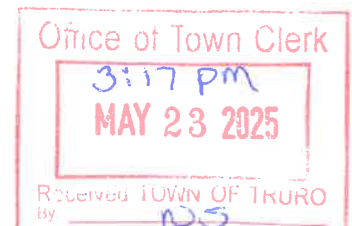
Chair Ann Courtney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Ann Courtney (Chair), Christine Markowski (Recording Secretary), Susan Whouley (Committee Member), Shari Stahl (Committee Member), Mary Ellen Kimball (Committee Member), Stephanie Rein (Select Board Liaison), and Damion Clements (Director Community Services).

Damion Clements, Director of Community Services, gave a synopsis of the current Truro Beach status:

- ◆ The online system for permits to store paddlecrafts is set to launch January 2025.
- ◆ Member Kimball stated that boats on Corn Hill Beach are being buried. Boat owners were told to remove their boats by October 15. Abandoned boats will be removed.
 - Will fines be imposed?
 - Will boats be auctioned off?
 - Will the fee setting be before the Select Board?
 - Will fines be increased with multiple violations?
 - Policy needs to be finalized before submitting to the Select Board.
- ◆ Plans are finalized for the stairs at Great Hollow Beach. The stairs will be aligned with the dune and one set of stairs/
- ◆ Head of the Meadow will be repaved -seeking contractor.
- ◆ At Corn Hill Beach, seeking design for boat trailers. There is a broken section of boardwalk at Corn Hill Beach that is hazardous.

Select Board Liaison Stephanie Rein said the collaboration for the grant for Corn Hill Beach was excellent.



Senior Perks: data must be collected. How much revenue would be lost? Program is set to begin in 2025.

To increase parking fines, the Parking Magistrate must be contacted.

Member Shari Stahl made a Motion to increase the Beach Maintenance Supervisor seasonally 24 hours per week to 30 hours per week. The increased hours to include supervision of the Mobi Mats and other needs, as they arise.

Member Susan Whouley seconded the Motion, and the vote was unanimous.

“Stop the Bleed” never happened. We should begin to set dates now. Stephanie Rein will reach out to the Fire Department to schedule classes.

We should combine the meeting minutes from the collaborative meeting with the Disability Commission. Member Christine Markowski will contact the Disability Commission about the combining the minutes.

Sheri Stahl made a motion to accept the October 10, 2024, minutes. Susan Whouley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

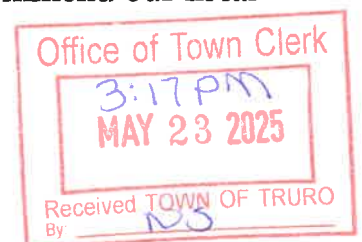
There have been requests for preferential parking for residents. Parking enforcement and signage would be an administrative challenge. With decreased attendance this may not be an issue. Discussion continues.

The donated trash bags must be cleaned out. Damion Clements suggested a kiosk for maps and information at the beaches.

The piping plover warning signs should be removed when the risk is over.

The Committee discussed making beach grass a line item on the annual budget. We need to submit the request to our fiscal agent, Damion Clements.

Underscoring the Truro Select Board’s commitment to *protect and restore our coastal environment*, the Truro Beach Advisory Committee moved to recommend our fiscal



agent, Damion Clements, for beach grass planting to counteract erosion in an annual appropriation line item of \$2500.00 allotted to beaches with the highest need.

Sheri Stahl made motion to accept this line item submission. Mary Ellen seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The next meeting of the Beach Advisory Committee will be Thursday, January 9, 2025, 4 pm at library.

The committee reported on its Annual review and assessment of all Truro beaches. The Committee also was to check on the number of spaces at each beach. Whouley - Head of Meadow and Coast Guard, Markowski - Ballston and Fisher, Stahl - Beach Point and Noons Landing, Kimball - Cold Storage and Ryder, Courtney - Corn Hill and Great Hollow

Ballston Beach - 51 Parking spots, including one handicap parking space.

There are 6 additional parking spaces @1/4 mile up the road,

There is a fair amount of exposed sand either side of the parking lot. Sand Easily blows into the parking lot. Beach grass would help.

One person I spoke with said that at the beginning of the season she sat on an insulin needle at Ballston.

An 80-year old gentleman at first said he would not change anything on the beach and then agreed that Mobi mats would make his walk so much easier. Ballston beach was clean.

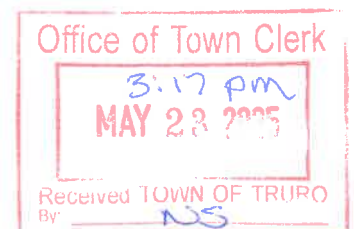
Beach Point - Fencing, snow fencing are in excellent condition. The dune grass and fencing are effective. There is minor sand displacement.

Coast Guard Beach - needs beach grass plantings on dune, asphalt is broken in many areas, 17 parking spaces - 10 designated for residents

Head of Meadow - Fence needs pickets in spots, Needs beach grass planting, parking lot will be redone

Fisher Beach - 11 parking spaces, including one handicap parking space.

The lack of beach grass is significant here. The walk from the parking lot to the shore would benefit greatly with the addition of Mobi Mats.



Fisher Beach was clean.

Noons Landing - Stairs, railings and landings are in good condition.

Mobi Mats are in good condition with minor damage.

Split fence is missing sections up the road.

Snow fencing needs repair for 20ft on the right; fencing on left is fine. Dunes need some beach plantings.

Ryder - Stop the bleed kit is missing. Shark sign was removed, 32 parking spaces, bleed kit broken, shark sign faded and not able to read,

Corn Hill - beach boardwalk is in deplorable condition. It just totally breaks away into deep sand at end. Lots of distance between break up of boardwalk and the beginning of the mobi mat. It is not accessible

Great Hollow- staircase missing railing on right at 2nd landing Dune is rebuilding Redo for 2025

Cold Storage - Shark signs cannot be read, plywood on fence empty (2)

Christine Markowski made a motion to adjourn; Susan Whouley seconded the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Markowski
Recording Secretary

