

Beach Advisory Committee Minutes of February 8, 2024 at the Truro Community Center and Remote

Attending: Damion Clements, Director of Community Services; Sue Whouley, member; Shari Stahl, member/secretary and Remote: Ann Courtney, member/chair, Stephanie Rein, Select Board Liaison.

Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 4:15

1. Public Comment: none.
2. Beach Director's Report. Fee increases for beach passes are on the Select Board agenda for 2/13/24. The Beach Advisory Committee voted against increasing Resident Beach Stickers at the December 8th meeting which Damion will convey to Select Board. Paddlecraft policy and regulations are on the Select Board agenda for 2/27/24. Damion distributed a 4 page written report with color photos of erosion from the January storm. Longnook Beach access has been closed since 1/18/24 due to dune erosion. Damion met with DPW Director, Conservation Agent, Assistant Town Manager and Truro Conservation Trust to discuss Great Hollow staircase. The Disability Committee looked into making the staircase accessible but design is limited by the space available on the public beach. Damion was quoted in the Independent in an article about shark mitigation.
3. Paddlecraft Update

Policy and Regulation – to be presented to Select Board on February 27, 2024

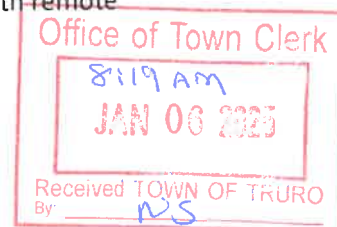
Construction Progress – racks built and awaiting final assembly on location.

Placement on Cornhill and Great Hollow – Conservation Agent approval pending.

4. Beach Concerns. Noons Beach erosion is severe between the two retaining walls of abutting neighbors.
5. Review and Approval of December 8th, 2023 minutes. Unanimously approved.
6. Parking regulations and fees review and safety concerns. The chair recommended consulting town of Plymouth beach parking fines. Damion will review with Town Assessor and Town Manager's Office and Parking Magistrate to update town regulations.
7. Planting beach grass at Great Hollow.

DPW is not planning for beach grass installation at Great Hollow until after the staircase project 2025. The Beach Advisory Committee would like to consider interim measures such as coil or volunteer installation of beach grass as erosion mitigation. The Beach Advisory Committee concurred that a specific allocation for beach grass as a line item for 2025 is important. The Director of Community Services indicated that the focus of the Beach Dept is sales and funding for beach grass would need to come from DPW. A citizen volunteer effort to install beach grass will require coordination with the Conservation Agent. The chair will write a letter to the Conservation Agent and DPW advocating for preservation efforts and offering the Beach Advisory Committee to organize and implement beach grass installation.

8. New Business. None raised.
9. Next Meeting – **March 21st at 4:15** at Department of Community Services with remote participation.



10. Adjournment: Sue made motion to adjourn, Shari seconded. Ann adjourned meeting at 5:05 pm.

