

**Beach Advisory Committee Minutes 5/23/24**  
**Truro Public Library**  
**4:15 p.m.**

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Courtney, Markowski, Whouley, Kimball for the committee.

Stephanie Rein - Truro Select Board liaison

Damion Clements - Director Community Services

Rich Roberts, member of the public, attended to speak at public session. Since he was there to address paddlecraft racks the chair invited him to participate with the committee since it was the first item on the Director's report.

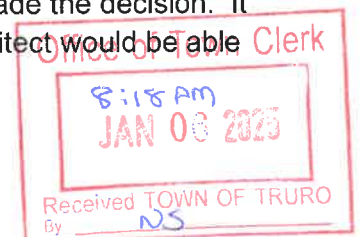
Paddlecraft:

The Director reported that setting up the lottery was a challenge. In addition, the disability commission had concerns with rack use by people with mobility issues. The DPW is short staffed. The Town was not ready to implement the Paddlecraft lottery and policy for the summer of 2024. Rich was very helpful in educating the committee on the history of watercraft in Truro, especially non-motorized craft.

For the summer of 2024 the same 180 foot area on the beach at Corn Hill will be used. It will be a first come first serve system. There will be 3 racks in the parking lot at Corn Hill holding 18-20 paddlecraft. Large non-motorized vessels will be on the beach along with paddlecraft. The area will be marked with posts and rope. There will be new signage on the beach designating the roped off area for all craft. Signs will inform the public that any craft beyond the designated space may be removed. Signs will also be placed at the racks in the parking lot. Wheeled carts will be left at the racks by the town to assist in the carrying of craft to the beach. There is concern since there is no registration process or permit fees this summer that the whole placement process could become a free for all. Discussion followed concerning how a user designates their rack placement once the craft is pulled to use in the water.

The possibility of using snow fencing to mark off the paddlecraft area was also discussed. The Director also said that if the benches at the top of the walkway at Corn Hill could be removed by the DPW, it is possible to include 3 more racks at this location. Members discussed the congestion in this area. Rack locations are a trial this summer. Modifications might be made in the future. Summer 2024 will be a soft start and pilot for the official paddlecraft program of 2025 with its lottery and designated spot locations. The Town will be able to assess the "true costs" of the official paddlecraft program in the summer of 2025.

At Great Hollow there will be 3 racks in the upper beach parking lot. There was discussion about this location. The Director said it was the Conservation Agent who made the decision. It was discussed that the committee hoped with the new stair design, the architect would be able



to locate paddlecraft holders on the beach within the new stairs design. The Director will try to get a new design for the stairs for the committee's next meeting.

The Chamber trash bags program for beach clean will be checked and creatures will be removed. Stop the Bleed kits will also be checked throughout the summer.

Longnook Beach is now open. The Town needed a 60 ft. boon to load sand onto the collapsed dune. The vehicle was so large it had to be offloaded and driven down Longnook Rd to the beach

Great Hollow stairs have been repaired.

Noons Landing stairs have also been repaired. At high tide these stairs are in the water.

Cold Storage has had the debris removed that was unearthed during the high tides of the winter.

Staffing is still an issue. The department still needs Beach attendants, beach salesclerks, and Lifeguards.

Minutes of April 25, 2024 were approved. Whouley/Markowski

Parking regulations and fees were tabled until the next meeting.

Ann Courtney was re-elected chair Markowski/Whouley

Christine Markowski was elected secretary Courtney/Whouley.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 4:15 at the Library Conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 Whouley/Markowski.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Courtney  
(For Shari Stahl)

