

**Commission on Disabilities  
and  
Beach Advisory Committee**

JOINT MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2024  
TRURO COMMUNITY CENTER  
4:30 P.M.

Ann Courtney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present from the *Commission on Disabilities*: Jane Lucas, Amy Rogers, Mary Abt, and Hannah King. Present from the *Beach Advisory Committee*: Ann Courtney, Christine Markowski, Susan Whouley, and Shari Stahl.

Stephanie Rein (Select Board Liaison), Damion Clements (Director Community Services), and Kelly Clark Sullivan (Assistant to the Town Manager) were present.

**MOBI MATS**

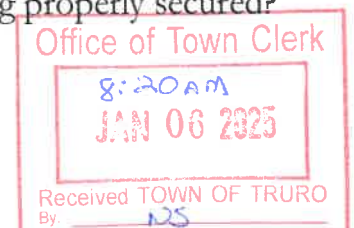
At Coast Guard and Head of the Meadow the Mobi Mats are successful. At Corn Hill, the Mobi Mats don't work as well. Sand on the Mats makes it difficult to navigate a wheelchair. Fisher Beach is a destination for Truro Recreation. Mobi Mats and fencing would ensure a safer trip from the parking lot.

Damion Clements, Director of Community Services and the DPW will measure Fisher Beach for potential solutions.

Corn Hill Beach boardwalk continues to have issues. One woman said that it is impossible for a wheelchair to navigate the uneven slats.

There needs to be regular maintenance of Mobi Mats to maintain safety standards.

- ◆ Could money be spent on quality push brooms for the beach attendants to be able to sweep the mats? Leave the broom out for anyone to be able to use.
- ◆ Could an attendant sweep the mats and report on stakes not being properly secured?



- ◆ Could Senior Work Off program (Municipal Services) or a household member for the Disabilities Work Off program?

The Truro Commission on Disabilities has a \$40,000 grant from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The original grant agreement had specific locations: Corn Hill, Head of the Meadow and Coast Guard.

During the 2024 season, Truro had a 24 hours/week beach maintenance person. If these hours were increased to temporary full time, the maintenance person could oversee the Mobi Mat conditions, as well as keep an eye on trash and recycling.

Stephanie Rein, Select Board Liaison, will contact the DPW to move forward on applying for a grant from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The application will be from the Joint Committee (Beach Advisory and Disabilities). Ann Courtney agreed to write the CPC grant with help from Christine Markowski and Hannah King. Kelly Clark Sullivan and Damion Clements agreed to provide material and labor estimates with help from DPW Director Cabral.

The following issues will be addressed with the grant:

- ◆ Corn Hill boardwalk will be ADA compliant.
- ◆ The access to Corn Hill will be equitable.
- ◆ Accessibility to paddle crafts will be addressed.
- ◆ More beach wheelchairs will be purchased.

The Joint Committee agreed to meet before and after the season.

Jane Lucas made a motion to adjourn; Hannah King seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah King  
Recording Secretary, Commission on Disabilities

Christine Markowski  
Recording Secretary, Beach Advisory Committee

