

**Town of Dennis
Beach Committee
Minutes of 7/13/23 Meeting**

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Members present: C. Mooers, K. Moorey, M. Marvullo, S. Deane, M. Goldberg, H. Savicki
Members absent: J. Derman, T. Dinnan
Administrative Staff: D. Pineau

Chair C. Mooers called the meeting to order at 5:04.

Information from Chair and Liaison

--No revenue report. Select Board Liaison was unable to come to the meeting.

--Beach Director comments--Sand Sculpture is on 8/5 at Mayflower Beach 6 AM to 10:00 AM.

Judging around 9:30 AM. On July 26 at 7:30 AM Disability Commission is launching a motorized beach chair at Corporation Beach. Helene commented to make sure that all waivers are signed. Marc—who is monitoring the sign-out of this chair. Lifeguards are making sure the consumer is signing out the chair and watching the training video.

Beach Maintenance update---Spindles on the handicapped ramp railing at West Dennis beach were broken and repaired, day to day maintenance is on-going. Kathy—questions about things had been left out at port-a-potties at Glendon. Port-a-potties are serviced every day. Connie—Is the Select Board going to make a decision about what is going to happen with the bathrooms at Glendon. The port-a-potties are there for this summer.

--Review of beach committee meeting minutes from 5/11/23 meeting. Marc Goldberg made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Helene Savicki seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BMAC-- We were not allowed to rake WD, corporation, Mayflower, South Village, Chapin because of piping plovers. Now we are able to rake Corporation and Mayflower because the birds have fledged. At West Dennis 25 babies, 24 parents, one of the nests did not hatch until 6/18. They don't all hatch at the same time. There are increases in plovers throughout New England.

New Business

June/July Beach Management---The issue of 4th of July has been going on for several years. The police were at Mayflower at 5:30 AM, had people at West Dennis, and Cold Storage. Dustin got to Mayflower Beach at 6:15 AM and was there until 7:30 PM. The police met with neighbors prior to the date. There were large groups of people on 7/4—mostly 18-22 year olds not even in beach clothes. At 2:30—the gates were shut at Mayflower and Chapin and Bayview. No one else was let on the beach or in the parking lot. At 4:00, thunder was heard. Lifeguards cleared the water which is normal protocol for thunder. Radar showed major thunderstorms incoming so the beach was cleared. Beach was cleared, parking lot was flooded, gates were not re-opened. Issue about there being buses dropping people at the beach. There was one Barnstable Public school bus. Dustin stopped the bus and turned it around. Arrests were made throughout the day. This year it was confined to one beach—Mayflower. Marc talked about knowing some of the writers at the Times to address the issue because there was a lot of misinformation in the paper and on social media. Sharon—Was it just Dennis Police? Yes. What is the command center? Someone was in this vehicle which provides visuals far down the beaches. Is the solution to close the beach? They will go on a different day or a different beach. Sea Street Beach—southside ---there was glass in the parking lot. There is an after-action plan meeting with departments on Thursday for next year. Any suggestions from the beach committee can be sent to Dustin. The presence of law enforcement was helpful and immediately noticed by some patrons. The notification of the police presence was put out on social media.

Another issue related to this is that we had previously suggested "if you see something, say something". This may not be the safest thing for average citizens to do. Better to call Dustin or the police. Discussion regarding dogs on the beach. Only service dogs are allowed.

Helene Savicki made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Marc Goldberg. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Next meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM at Dennis Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Marvullo
Secretary