

**Town of Dennis
Beach Committee
Minutes of 10/9/19 Meeting**

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Members Present: M. Marvullo, R. McGrath, H. Savicki, K. Moorey

Members Absent: P. Chatelain, C. Mooers, T. Dinnan, K. Clancy

Administrative Staff: D. Pineau, O. Graf

Others present: J. Brimdyr, M. Vincent, A. Schmidt

K. Moorey, Vice-chairman called meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Information from Chairman and Liaison

Rearrange agenda for Solid Waste committee.

Old Business

5:31 PM Ban of Purchase and Sale of Beverages in Plastic Containers on town property--- BOS decided that this would not be a by-law, but that they are proposing it as a policy. Selectman Terrio is liaison to Solid Waste Committee and will be active in helping create this. Suggestion of taking a vote as a memorandum of understanding to indicate our position. J. Brimdyr discussed the plan is to ban single use bottles. Current vendors would be exempt. It would take place at the next cycle. People can still carry on plastic bottles to town property. How does this affect private events, like road races? Distribution is being added. How does it work for special events? The policy may need to address these events more specifically. More water filling stations would be needed at the beaches. M. Marvullo made a motion to recommend to BOS our support for the proposed policy banning purchase, sale and distribution of single-use, single serving plastic containers on town property with some guidelines or exemptions for special events such as road races. Seconded by R. McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

5:59 Review of minutes from 9/11/19 meeting. Add Helene Savicki's name to vote on page 2. She voted yes. Seconded by Ray. Motion to accept minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

6:01 no revenue report

6:02 BMAT---working on draft to go to Heritage Foundation to work on plover escort program at West Dennis Beach.

6:02 Individual Research and Working Groups

Adopt-a-beach ---Helene thanked everyone for attending the Adopt-a-Beach breakfast. It went well. Speaker was very well received. Thanks to Helene for all her hard work on that event. Can we include DY students and bring the speaker to a school group. Helene suggested we look at the Adopt-a-Beach breakfast and restructure it. Evening event? Discussion regarding difficulty with consolidating information. Suggestion of creating a survey to send to Adopt-a-beach groups for suggestions about how this works. Helene will set up another working group meeting for Adopt-a-beach. Guest speakers have been a draw, can we publicize it as more than just an adopt-a-beach program?

Memorials---nothing new on the memorials

Little Libraries---Mary offered the committee's help if they needed it to Kate Byron, chairman of the Library Committee

6:19 PM BSAM and Budget ---New monitors would have to be in a supplemental budget, it will be an uphill battle for more monitors. Dustin is being asked to have a level-funded budget which means no increases. More monitors will have to be a supplemental budget. We should look at the data from the beaches during the season. Can an email be sent to the Police chief and town administrator regarding legal opinion about monitors checking coolers? Kathy will talk to Connie about sending an email to police chief and town administrator so we can help support Dustin in his budget. H. Savicki made a motion for the committee to email the police chief to advise us of the status of monitoring alcoholic beverages on the town beaches. Seconded by R. McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

6:41 PM Maintenance update---all interested parties are getting together to check the punch list.

6:43 PM---Dennis Open Space and Recreation Plan---period to take comments has been extended. Comments need to be sent to our chairperson about any changes that may be addressed by the end of October. Committee members should look at it and send any changes to Connie and Kathy.

New Business

6:46 PM Owen Graf, Beach Coordinator---recap of beach season, revenue has been good, weekly revenue was down, but weekend revenue was up, no major issues at the beaches, large number of returning staff, have been staying for longer, some after college, new water station at WD beach, and rinse tower at Cold Storage, purchased binoculars and megaphones for staff to help alert beachgoers as needed. Volleyball net at WD beach, late in the season but once in, it was used frequently. Could possibly have one at Haigis beach.

Lifeguard training---physical training and more skills working with fire department---stop the bleed program, if there was a slow day, a lifeguard could be training other staff.

Mayflower Beach---spent a lot of time there for parking lot issues. Staff there did a great job, found a good system---high-powered walkie-talkies worked well. Have done some split-shifts at Mayflower. The building at Mayflower was very well-received by many patrons. Sun shades were very much appreciated. Family bathroom was also well-received. Corporation Beach---ball field---walkie-talkies worked well there. Facebook survey about snack bars---over 400 responses. Owen is gathering data from the survey. Kathy expressed thank you to Owen and Dustin for their management of staff and the beaches during the season.

7:08 PM Glendon Beach Bathhouse update---flood maps are affecting where this is going to be and what permits are needed.

7:10 PM Move to adjourn---H. Savicki made a motion to adjourn. K. Moorey seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Dennis Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Marvullo
Secretary

Documents

1) Town meeting article re: single-use plastic bottle ban