

Town of Falmouth

Beach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6 p.m.

Gus Canty Community Center/Recreation Department

790 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540

MINUTES

PRESENT: Nancy Quigg, Joe Strazzulla (by audio), Heather Burke, Barb Schneider, Mark Twichell, Lyn Schad, Brooke McMillan, Doug Brown,

Also present Terri Saunders from Old Stone Dock Association, Eleanor Ling, Gerard Cogliano and Trisha Herlihy

- 1. Call to Order and approval of the minutes from May, September and October meetings**
 - **November meeting minutes: approved unanimously**
 - **May meeting minutes: not reviewed/seen**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Current roster distributed;**
 - **Barb explained about Derek's resignation due to new job and added that applications would be accepted until 2/3 and the Selectboard would interview on 2/13**
- 4. Update on Surf Drive bathhouse and plan for opening to public**
 - **Maggie reported that ServPro will clean by March.**
 - **Clerks are processing sticker applications now using the winter office and will start to open at Surf Drive by May 13**
- 5. Superintendent's Report**
 - **Beach permits available online or mail in at this time. 545 sold TD**
 - **Meetings with ATM have resulted in agreement to a 15 percent raise in salaries and bonuses are still part of the offering.**
 - **Discussion about possible bonus for PAs who get CPR/First Aid trained ongoing**
 - **Professional cleaning of bathhouses will be part of the 2023 budget.**

- Letters going out in January to former staff
- Facebook Page now live; how to apply for a job will be part of it
- Surf rake has been ordered
- Old Silver format will be altered to accommodate inclusivity mats
- Request made to company to change porto-toilet location as well
- Final bids for mats received and will be processed; Maggie will then begin to work on bid for approved update of 2007 study

6. Sub-committee reports

a. Growing the staff and the swim programs (inc PA huts)

- Barb has pulled together Miller Starbuck Construction Company owner Phil Miller along with Jim Grady from DPW, Nolan LeRoy from UCT, Jill Neubauer and Erin French from JNA. The group will meet Friday to work on a way to change the design to be more manageable and to come up with a way to get these built.
- Heather will create a flyer with info about applying and Barb will get info from the two YMCAs about possible Feb. and April training opportunities to include with QR codes

b. Mobility

- Nancy continues to look into leasing as opposed to purchasing as per DPW request; janitorial, parts replacement main issue
- Out of 8 towns, none rent but United rentals has a two stall unit at \$1K /wk
- Food trucks could be looked at for 2025 season as two more years left on current agreements
- Need to think about where offices would go as Plan B; mobile?
- Subcommittee will have new member added when selected

c. Communications

- Heather will encourage people to “Like” the new Beach Facebook page;
- Barb will look into whether we would be allowed our own committee FB page

d. Sustainability and Coastal Resiliency

- Barb said Senator Sue Moran will attend the next meeting to allow for discussion about the role the Commonwealth plays in beach sustainability; Lyn and Mark will meet with Jeff Williams to get his input on elements critical to the sustainability of any beach program
- There is still almost \$25k to be spent on Beach Nourishment before 7/1.

- The discussion of a mission for the scope of work for the subcommittee and ultimately the full committee will need to be determined once there is a Sustainability Director in place in the Spring. Committee agreed there are many moving parts to who is in charge of beaches, including Con Com, DPW, and Beach Dept. as well as the Commonwealth.

7. Discussion about where we are on salaries and bonuses

- Mostly covered in Superintendent's Report
- Maggie stated bonuses would be part of the salary package but that she would want to possibly adjust dates due to so many leaving post RR
- Maggie will continue to

8. Go over expectations for beach monitoring

- Barb asked that each person check on their beach assignment for the February meeting so that we can start to let DPW know about problems;
- Discussion about group from Woodneck asking for special consideration and emergency work at that beach

9. Discussion about fund for helping beaches and holding banquet 23

- Again, Committee suggest a line item be added to new budget going forward

10. Other

- Water station design changing as per Alan Robinson due to lack of approval on other item

13. Adjournment: 8:12PM