

OGUNQUIT BEACH EROSION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 28, 2014, 6 PM

In attendance:

John Cavaretta
Margie Katz
Paul Jean
Paul Breen
Martin Crosby
Jim Manning
Milt Vargelis
Jason Jutras
Charles Laflamme (guest observer only)

Acceptance of minutes from April 7 meeting was deferred until next meeting since not everyone had read them.

Positive comments were made by attendees at the April 10 Conference in Hampton Beach: Paul B., Milt, Jim, Margie all had positive. The overall consensus was that beach/dune vegetation and stick matrix on dunes were both relatively inexpensive and simple ways to accumulate sand. Susanne Schaller of Bar Mills Ecological met with Paul and Jim on April 16 and walked the beach. She proposed a pilot project for Sept. We discussed the possibility of obtaining the special beach grasses and planting them ourselves in a small area. Same suggestion for the stick matrix.

Paul B. said he came up with a budget of \$59,500 to include \$50,000 for the engineering study and \$9,500 for vegetation and travel expenses. He said that he would propose that the Select Board vote on this plan at their next meeting on May 6. The Select Board would be able to approve this amount without the requirement of a town vote.

Milt brought a postcard that he found from the 1990's. It shows a huge amount of green vegetation along the top of the rip rap at the main beach side of the parking lot. It is all gone now and he observed that the elimination of the bushes and grasses there has contributed to the severe erosion on that end of the beach.

Paul proposed May 19th and June 16th for our next meetings. If the Select Board approves the funding on May 6th, we can discuss details of the RFP at the May 19th meeting. The Select Board has the option of waiting until after the election in June to approve the budget. If approval is delayed, we can discuss RFP implementation at the June 16th

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margie Katz
Secretary
May 1, 2014