

OGUNQUIT BEACH EROSION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 10, 2014, 6 PM, Dunaway Center

In attendance:

Margie Katz
John Cavaretta
Jim Manning
Paul Jean
Paul Breen
Martin Crosby
Milt Vargelis

Absent

Jason Jutras
Bob Winn
Darrel Griffin

Minutes of the Sept. 22 and Oct. 13 meetings were approved. Jim said the Oct. 6 Minutes did not include his comments on voting at meetings...that the BEC was not following Robert's Rules. The Minutes will be amended and resubmitted for approval.

Martin handled out copies of a Nov. 5 Op Ed in the NY Times: "Why Sand is Disappearing" by John Gillis, a professor emeritus of history at Rutgers University and author of "The Human Shore: Seacoasts in History". One comment in the article: *Today, however, 75 to 90 percent of the world's natural sand beaches are disappearing, due partly to rising sea levels and increased storm action, but also to massive erosion caused by the human development of shores. Many low-lying barrier islands are already submerged.* If you did not receive a copy, it can be found at this link: www.nytimes.com/2014/11/05/opinion/why-sand-is-disappearing.html

The Committee congratulated each other on the excellent election results on Article 7...the margin was wider than many of us thought it would be. We also thanked Ogunquit businesses that helped subsidize the PR with private funds.

The RFP procedure was discussed. Paul B. will e-mail a list of tasks he prepared in October. We can comment by e-mail. Paul was going to check with Tom to determine how fast administration can send out the RFP once the BEC agrees on the tasks. Paul said we should come up with a budget for next year beginning July 1, 2015. John suggested that we wait for the results of the study before coming up with a budget. The existing \$10-\$11K will disappear on June 30. Margie agreed with John, and also said that a study could be completed by June, assuming the RFP went out soon.

Snow fence was brought up with respect to the 1979 Beach Management Report, subsequent reports from the State and the types of vegetation now growing in the dunes. It was agreed that the Town has fallen down on this....has never maintained the snow fence as a way of keeping people out of the dunes, and also as a method to trap sand. Paul B. suggested using a drone to find people trespassing in the dunes.

Milt mentioned the relocation of the showers at the beach....where are they going? The showers outside the bathrooms have been totally removed and the lot paved over. Milt mentioned an ongoing problem with some of the water quality tests in the river (e-coli) and said that was one potential reason for moving the showers. John said the shower issue was not relevant to the BEC's mission. Margie disagreed and said that anything related to water run-off on the beach IS something the BEC should be concerned with. The parking lot is basically a sand dune with a hardtop.

John then motioned that the BEC be changed to a permanent Beach Management Committee to oversee all aspects of the beach. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority. This issue might be brought up at the Select Board meeting next week.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margie Katz
Secretary
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