

Beaches and Rows Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:11pm by Teri Nixon, at the Main Beach.

Members, volunteers and guests present: Teri Nixon, Janet Garrett, Marge Nichols, Karen Hinch, Duncan Keith.

Motion to approve the minutes for June 9, 2021 meeting by Marge Nichols and seconded by Teri Nixon.
Note: no meeting was held by the committee in July.

Main Beach – A steward is still needed for the Main Beach. The beach itself looks good. Grooming will be done every other week until Labor Day. Will request additional raking funds in the budget for next year. Accommodations were made for easier access to the beach/port-a-potty per a resident's request.

Elsmere – Looking good. Contractor cleared behind the boat racks and cleaned the plunge pool

Francis – No updates on the collapsing wall from the resident abutter. Resident has not yet been available or on location, nor in contact. It was noted that a new deck had been added to the property. A surveyor is being researched into to survey this ROW.

Oakland – Steward for this ROW has sent photos of the beach to the Chair. The beach front needs to be raked. Chair is waiting for a price from the contractor.

Meadowbrook – No issues noted. New volunteer has agreed to be steward of Meadowbrook, with another volunteer agreeing to be “back-up at large” where needed.

Cove Road – The board across the waterfront and white pipe have been removed. Contractor will seed grass in the fall. The plunge pool was cleaned in June.

Lollipop Beach – The fencing around the port-a-potty still needs to be replaced. Waiting for a quote from contractor – chair will follow up. Bushes along the walk-way have been trimmed, and the cut brush removed. The bench is crooked and needs to be leveled.

Ryan Terrace – Chair met with members of the Board on Aug. 2. Town Planner did not attend the meeting. Stumps by the lower boat rack have now been cut to ground level. In fall, after all boats removed from the racks, the 2 racks will be moved up the slope about 3 feet (below the berm). The lower rack will be turned 90 degrees to enable boats to be pulled out. The rest of the vegetation will remain. Chair will ask Town Planner for additional information regarding his decision. Railroad ties are still split and rotten and some have eroded causing a potential hazard to those using the steps. Follow up is needed.

Spafford – no issues noted.

General

- The number of boats on racks is increasing. Space is limited. Should boats at beaches & ROW's be limited to two per family, with suggestion that additional boats be wheeled down or taken by car? Boat stickers given out are not limited per family. Should two stickers per family have “R” (for Rack) and the rest plain, to indicate which are allowed on the racks?

- The Beaches and Rows Committee needs more stewards and volunteers.
- Smoking on ALD properties – Red “NO SMOKING ALLOWED” sign is at Main Beach. Will signs be put at other areas?
- Dogs on the Beaches and ROW’s – how to control? Suggestion to take photo of the person and their dog, send out monthly blasts reminding resident no dogs are allowed and no smoking on any ALD properties. No resolution on actual enforcement.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Oakland ROW (weather permitting)

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted: Marge Nichols