



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 25, 2017
Wellfleet Senior Center**

Present: Selectmen Dennis Murphy, Janet Reinhart, Kathleen Bacon, Jerry Houk; Helen Miranda Wilson

Others: Assistant Town Administrator Brian Carlson

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Business: Review and Discuss Cahoon Hollow beach parking lot

Community Services Director Suzanne Grout Thomas gave an update of the situation as a result of the collapsed dune at Cahoon Hollow Beach. She said that a foot path was being reestablished. The DPW has installed fencing, but no parking will be available.

Bob Perry of Cape Cod Engineering presented on behalf of Todd Lebart from the Beachcomber. He discussed filling the gully that was created as a result of the runoff from the rain storm. Per his assessment, the gully was created due to a large amount of water in a very short amount of time. Discussion ensued. Wilson wanted to know if that area of the scrap will always be vulnerable to erosion because of it having been used by the Coast Guard as an access point for their rescue boats. Perry's response was most likely yes, due to the site having other losses in the past and needing to be repaired. It has become weakened over time and because it was not a naturally created landform, it will never be as strong as it once was. Perry explained some options: keep the status quo; add catch basins to Ocean View Drive; add catch basins to the driveway leading to the parking lot. Design and engineering plans would be needed if we decided to add catch basins. Wilson agreed that catch basins should be designed for and added to the area to help with stormwater runoff as soon as possible.

Bruce Bierhans presented some information about the ways in which the Beachcomber company contributes to the community both in jobs and community support.

Randy MacDonald spoke about the washout of 2006.

Murphy talked about short and long term goals for the site. In the short term, beach access would be a priority. In the long term, a detailed study of drainage would need to be done. He suggested focusing on next spring for solving the parking situation. It was discussed that there is a permitting requirement from the Conservation Commission if the area is to be reconstructed vs just maintained as permitted under the current Order of Conditions. The discussion concluded with no action taken by the Board.

Adjournment

MOTION 218-047: Wilson moved and Reinhart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:52pm. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Miteva, Executive Assistant

Public Records Materials:

1. Handout from Bob Perry showing Cahoon Hollow beach from 2014 to 2017.