

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Bonnet Shores Fire District Beach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

6:30 pm

Attendees: J. McClanaghan (Chair), C. Mannix (Vice Chair), Lee Anne McWeeney, Bill DelGizzo, Val Henry, Jane Puerini, Bill Giannini, Marie Lupino, Tony Lupino, Stephen Puerini,

Call to Order

Meeting started at 6:31 pm EST.

Maintenance

Jan started the meeting by discussing maintenance. \$13,600 was allocated for this task. \$6500 was for raking Kelly Beach. The other portion was to clean Little Beach. Jan explained that the jetty had been removed and that there is was very little seaweed getting trapped now. There was also discussion of when URI and CRMC were engaged to review the flow of the water and the “natural flush” in a South to North direction.

Jan also mentioned that much of Phil’s work is volunteer. Bonnet only paid for the equipment. Bill Del Gizzo – later in the meeting – revisited the maintenance of Little Beach and said that there was more sand on Little Beach since the removal of the jetty.

Beach Guards

J. McClanaghan moved on in the agenda, after maintenance was addressed, to beach guards. There are guards stationed at the end of the breach-way and at the end of the ramp. The guards only worked 13.5 days of the planned 21 days because of the weather. The 21 days were in the budget.

Beach Bus

There was significant discussion of the bus and tracking people on the bus. In 2017, the schedule was 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. In 2018, the hours were reduced to an 11:00 am to 5:00 pm run. Lee Anne McWeeney discussed the bus numbers. On the following busy days of the summer season, it is estimated that the beach bus had the following passengers:

- June 30 100+ (estimated by bus driver)
- July 1 100
- July 4 110+
- July 7 120 (estimated by bus driver)
- July 8 120
- July 14 52 (cloudy)
- July 15 half day
- July 21 50+ (cloudy)
- July 22 cancelled
- July 28 not tallied

- July 29 cancelled
- Aug 4 cancelled
- Aug 5 83
- Aug 11 cancelled
- Aug 12 not tallied
- Aug 18 111
- Aug 19 cancelled
- Aug 25 not tallied
- Aug 26 not tallied
- Sept 1 86
- Sept 2 100

It was also stressed that the beach bus does have Air Conditioning. Jan has not received a bill, but estimates the bill will roughly be around \$6100, against a budget of \$8200. Many members of the committee would like to see the bus service continued. Further, many would like to see the hours of service be slightly increased next season.

Life Guards

Jan McClanaghan said that the only area that was over budget was the life guards. The original budget was for \$16,600 and it went over by \$1516.

C. Mannix discussed the need for good life guards and that this need is consistent each summer. Mannix discussed the departure of veteran life guards, which creates a recruiting challenge when the next summer season begins.

The discussion went back to the beach bus. There was discussion of ways to promote the beach bus. One member asked about a magnetic sign. Another suggested putting Bonnet Buggy or Beach Wagon on the side of the bus. Jan said that there had been a different bus driver each weekend. As a result, the tracking of passengers was not as diligent as most members of the committee had hoped. Regardless, we have numbers for many busy days of the summer season.

Passes

The conversation moved on to beach passes. The pass system is in its 2nd year. The passes are used to control who can get on to the beach. Many residents', who have lost their passes, want to replace them. However, there is a desire to have the replacement at a cost. The committee indicates that \$100 per replacement should be the number. Replacements would be tracked similar to what we have now. The money generated from the replacements will be used for any budget items that go over, including maintenance, bus, security guards, and life guards.

Public Comment

Bill DelGizzo suggested the possible removal of other jetties. He also talked about a flow study. Jan asked him to come back to the committee with prices for these studies.

Other members also discussed the “next generation” of beach passes. Several ideas were shared.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:20 pm EST.

