## **Comments on Survey**

It is good to see people concerned about the community. I was dismayed at one bonnet shore meeting I attended because of the division of those who felt that spending a nickel on the community wasn't worth it. The community as I see it is an income source for many and they have little to do with this community if it cost them anything. Sorry to have to say this but this is my home and it is disappointing to see what is happening here. I hope you publish the results of the survey to see how the community reacts to this investment in the infrastructure that serves so few at this time.

Any assessment for this work should be paid for by the residents who live on Colonel John from Bonnet Shores Road to Onendega. They will benefit most and their property values will increase, along with added privacy.

My questions are:

>> What is total cost of study?

>> How will it be paid for?

>> How long will project take?

>> Will it effect traffic on Col John gardner?

>> Will our fees to increased to pay for study? How much?

>> Until we know what it is going to cost, I can't really feel I approve or oppose a plan.

>> Thank you for your efforts!

I would like a study as to how best to stop beach erosion on our main beach

I hope you can convey that this project of converting a "liability\underperforming asset" in the area to a "valuable asset" increases the value of every property in the area even if they are not near the little beach.might be helpful if someone could sketch out what it would look like after all the work is done.

I am in full support of a plan for little beach. 1000%. I think the survey is a good idea to the extent of interest. I feel there should of a comment section to question #5. \$50,000 is a large ask. \$50k survey no the most prudent investment. IMO the issue is to control the seaweed is nearly impossible. We have had the town in the past pile seaweed high on the beach JUST FOR IT TO WASH AWAY. Town never hauled it away in time. Wasted time and effort.

For me it comes down to:

I respect the work of the committee.

1. Lease an excavator for the season

2. Or hire one

3. Have the town provide a location at the community center. Burial or compost. Offer to residents or businesses for fertilizer.

- 4. Dump Truck it out
- 5. Research and Outreach for businesses to take the seaweed out.

6. Maybe sell the Business a sponsorship on the Bulletin Board

With the moorings there is no opportunity to put a Boom out there to stop the seaweed.

My wife and I would be very keen on filling one out, as we have three kids, who try to enjoy little beach as much as they can despite the infinite amount of seaweed.

We feel that Little Beach belongs to everyone who lives in Bonnet. We should all "pay" for the study even if that means reasonable increases of our BSFD taxes. In the end it effects the value of each of our properties. Before taxes are increased a search for grants or other available monies should be looked into so as not to make it impossible for people to continue living in Bonnet.

Perhaps there needs to be an extra fee to boaters who have a mooring that would go toward cleaning of seaweed etc to make it more convenient for them or perhaps I should say a certain percentage of mooring fee should go towards cleaning the boating side of the beach. As far as using Little Beach presently as a

recreational area, we do not. However when our children were young and it was clean we did use it frequently. During this season when the shoreline is clean I walk on Little Beach often and sit gazing (sitting on the benches) at the beautiful view and treasure we have at Bonnet.

I've been boating for 25 years down there and have little faith that any restoration efforts would last very long. The exposure of that area to storms is simply too much. Whole sections of Col. John Gardner have been washed away several times now. The dock was almost ripped out by Sandy and Hurricane Bob had sail boats in peoples yards. There simply is not enough real estate to accommodate high, rough water even if that section of street is closed.

I am not opposed to setting aside funds for seaweed removal. I look at this as a maintenance issue, much like opening the breach way. A lot of folks walk down there in the warm months and I'm sure it would be appreciated if the smell could be remediated a bit.

May be interested in approving this allocation of \$50,000.00. More specific information and costs would be helpful if grants are not available.

I have been involved with dealing with the seaweed at Little Beach for 10 years and it is absurd to even remotely think the seaweed can be removed on a daily basis, not to mention the cost. It is literally shoveling shit against the tide. I'm all for doing studies about where it's coming from and how it's getting there. I'm even going to go one step further. You can pay me \$25,000 to give you the answers. 1. It's coming from the ocean. 2. It's riding the tide. There. Now you know for half of what the \$50,000 study would have concluded. Do all the studies you want as long as NONE of our tax money is used for such ridicules studies. There's plenty of rich people in Bonnet. See if they want to throw their money into the bay for a study about how you can't stop Mother Nature, for a beach that is smaller than most swimming pools. It's a beautiful little beach just the way it is.

The little beach has been evolving for many years. My husband was a life guard 40 plus years ago and was raking/burying seaweed back then on that beach. At that time a dozen patrons a day was a lot. Dr King also said that the road by little beach will be under water in 50years. It appears that in the future , the only possible protection for the coast/ houses in that area would be a Sea Wall. A dock could still provide access to boating. Our household currently uses the little beach for boating only.

Lifeguards who have worked the little beach in the recent past have said people rarely used the beach for swimming and it was a waste of time/effort for them.

Would prefer that BSFD pay for study.

I don't think trying to solve the problem by throwing money at it will work. Cleaning the beach During the summer months is a good idea. Trying to solve a systemic problem throughout new England at bonnet shores does not make a lot of sense.

Not in favor of spending ~\$200K on little beach without first resolving issues at Kelly Beach with BSBC and Causeway flooding. This impacts everyone in Bonnet.