

MINUTES
General Meeting of the SPIA
June 27, 2015

The meeting commenced at the Little Beach at 9:40 am on June 27, 2014. The following Board Members were in attendance: Charlie, Denise, Marsha, Maryann. Charlie began the meeting by welcoming the attendees to the first General Meeting of 2015. Charlie noted we do have a quorum.

1. Approval of Minutes

Charlie asked for approval of the minutes from the August General Meeting (the "Minutes"). Abel Garraghan moved to approve the Minutes as written. A second motion was made the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Thank You

Charlie thanked the following people for their service to SPIA: Tony Shepley for repaving the road, Jack Sweeney for opening the parking lot and for building the kayak racks, Joe Curran for taking care of payroll and parking, Eileen Moroski for closing the gate, and Deb Faulconer for the placards.

3. Financial Update

Charlie noted that Dan Serpico was not here so Charlie will read his report into the record. You may call or email him with any questions. See attached report. Charlie then asked for approval of the 2015 financial report. Abel Garraghan moved to approve the financial report as submitted. A second motion was received and the report was approved unanimously.

4. Security

We are using the same security as past years. For weekend nights, Dennis Marcos provides security for the beach on Friday and Saturday. For long weekends, he generally stays Sunday too and the hours are 10pm to 2am.

Joe Curran has an attendant on 5th Ave on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The beach was quieter last year; there were fewer non-members trying to go to the beach. The hours are 10-4, broken into 2 three-hour shifts. It is great that kids are able to staff the 5th Ave station.

We then discussed kite boarders. Last year there were a few and there are concerns about the number of kite boarders. They park at Squaw and then ride over to right off the beach. Our jurisdiction does not cover water. The Barnstable Harbor Master is in charge of water.

Concern was noted about hunting. Barnstable does have an area where they allow duck hunting. There is not much we can do about hunting.

A question was asked if the Harbor Master has a policy on kite boarders? Dan Horn is the Harbor Master. The kite boarders should not go within 150 feet of a beach. If they are closer in, please tell them they are not allowed here. A question was asked if we can put a sign in the parking lot saying "No Kite Boarding." Call to complain if you are concerned with this issue. We will put in the Newsletter the names and contact information to call if there is a problem. Doris asked if Charlie could send a letter and then post it on the website. Motion to vote to send a letter to the Harbor Master re: Duck Hunting and Kite Boarding. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

If you want to put a boat in or a kayak, you need to fill out a form and get a sticker. In a couple of weeks Charlie will come down and check that all boats are registered. If not, a note will be placed on the boat for 1 week. If still not registered at the end of that week, the unregistered boat will be removed. Do NOT put boats in the grass or in the brush.

5. 2015 Activities

Marsha gave the update on 2015 Activities. First she thanked everyone for coming this morning. The newsletters were mailed Monday morning and everyone should have them soon. We have added a few activities. There is a book exchange every 1-2 weeks and you can bring books or return books. All the books not taken will be donated to the Centerville library.

White Board – Please let us know of memories or activities you would like to do. Some suggestions have been a greased watermelon, balloons in coins, etc. Please let Marsha know of any suggestions. We will also have Movie Nights.

For the 4th of July, gather around 9-9:15. At 9:15 the parade will start at the Post Office. There will be participation ribbons and a professional face painter. The route will be lined with flags. Kids of all ages are welcome. Please do not park on the street if you are on the parade route.

August 15th is the picnic. Volunteers last year were very helpful. We used to have Four Seas Ice Cream for the picnic.

Denise spoke about some new activities. Movie nights are on the calendar. They will be PG movies on a big screen and will be dependent on the weather. Cancellation notice will be on Facebook and email.

We would like to have an adult social but need someone to host. Everyone will bring drinks and food. People would volunteer to set up/clean up.

Newsletter/Email/Facebook Page – if you are not receiving emails please let Denise know. Calendar updates will be posted on the Facebook page and sent through email. The Facebook page is SPIA West Hyannisport. Like the page and you will begin to see the updates. All budgets, minutes and forms are on the SPIA website.

Marc is doing the road race on August 1. Gift Cards to Four Seas for the winners. There will be some for adults and kids. Still working on timing.

Little Beach Gallery – donate % of proceeds to SPIA in July and August. Photographer will also donate % of sales to SPIA and he has some great pictures.

6. Halls Creek Update

Jim Herrington gave the Halls Creek Update. Right now it is High Tide so it is masking the problem that exists at Halls Creek. He spoke last August about reaching out to the Town of Barnstable. The Town is in the beginning stages of evaluating the County's dredging needs. The Town Architect is involved and there have been a couple of meetings. Mark Ellis, the Assistant Town Manager and Dan Santos from the DPW and Rob Gatewood from the Conservation Commission are the people involved. The Town has moved forward to form a partnership to restore the health of the Creek. In the winter, the group did not meet. In March, the Halls Creek Group reached out to Dan Santos to see where the project is. The jetty is a safety hazard. They heard back from Dan Santos in 10 days. He issued a work order to have the town evaluate the jetty. The evaluation was done but not report yet. They will wait until the report is complete to talk again.

The Town has issued an RFP for an environmental consultant for consultation re: dredging. They have identified seven sites they were concerned about but did not mention the sites' location. They did include an addendum with a map that identified 23 sites that should be dredged and Halls Creek was one of the 23. The Town is ready to sign a contract with an Environmental Firm.

The bad news is the project is a 10 year project. The jetty evaluation is nearly done and we will meet with them to discuss.

Bill Brennan said there was some discussion that if we accept money from the Town it will be a problem. Will put on the Agenda to confirm. The last outer jetty repair and dredging was in 1956 and 1959.

Application for dredging is being prepared and is tied to the permit for dredging from 1959. It will be maintenance dredging on an existing permit. The mean low water mark is 4 ft. This is the basis of the maintenance dredging. Estimated that they will take 13k yards of spoils. This is in the greater interest of the neighborhood and there may be a need to do more. The creek has long surpassed determination so we may want to look at improvements that are a bit

more. A question was asked if there is any intention to fix the beach to make it as it was in 1959? They will first have to file with the State and then file with the Conservation Commission. Paul asked if they planned to dredge the whole thing?

In moving forward with the State, they can tell the State they have the permission of the landowners. It is all private property owned by 4 landowners. They have verbal permission from 3 of the 4. The 4th owns the largest piece of land. It is a Family Trust run by 36 trustees (Humphrey family). They are trying to get approval and once they get approval they will file.

With 23 projects, how will they prioritize? We have no idea how they will prioritize and we don't think the town knows yet how they will do so. Jennifer Cullum is the Councilwoman. They have briefed her of the project and she is on board. There are 40 or so people who live here full time and they are most helpful on the political side. Cannot wait another 10 years simply because we are 23rd on the list. There are advantages to working with the Town because if we use the county dredge it is 1/3 of the cost of a private dredge.

When the effort began it was to be 3 phases, (1) to fix the jetty (rocks have fallen out), (2) shore up the beach, and (3) install a culvert to cause a natural flow and help improve the health of the creek. The price tag was estimated at \$1.6 million. Repairing the jetty was \$150,000, installing the culvert was \$600,000 and the remainder was for dredging.

There is an article in the Barnstable Patriot about Stewart's Creek because it smells. They believe it smells because they didn't dredge before they put in the Culvert. The Culvert sucks in the sand. Jim Walsh said the Engineer indicated flushing. The need records for prior culvert if anyone knows? A man in Hyannisport may have an article. Nancy Garraghan has been very helpful over at Hyannisport.

Sherry Collins from Third Ave noted that the sand was pristine when they started the dredging discussion. Jim noted that the sand for spoils has to be at least 90% and it is at 95%.

Hyannisport Country Club has agreed to an Information Night re: the Creek Project.

7. Infrastructure

Mark Joyce is not here. They replaced two of the posts last year. They redid the road – Tony Shepley flattened it out and added more stone. We voted last August to build kayak racks and Jack Sweeney built the racks. The racks are numbered. People can fit two kayaks in one bin. It will be a lottery; everyone interested must submit their name. 24 racks so space for 48 kayaks. As of last week

there are 30 kayaks. Try to assign racks according to common sense. Re-assign them every year. No rack this year you will go in first next year.

Gail McPherson of 6th Ave noted that there should be general kayak consideration. Don't throw someone else's kayak in the bushes to get your kayak out. Don't pile the boats on top of each other. Don't put your boat upside down.

Last August we voted to build more kayak racks and we need to see if there is interest and if we can get approval from the Conservation Commission. Joe McDonald from Ocean Ave asked the cost. It was noted we pay for materials only, we are not charged for the labor.

There is a limit of 2 boats per house. The first sticker is free and second is \$25. So far no one has registered for more than 2 boats. The rack will have a \$25 rental fee. There is a heavy dinghy full of water – if you own it please fix it.

Nina from 3rd Ave noted that sometimes we get a very long train of boats and your is in the back and you cannot get it out. It was noted we will see if it is better with 48 boats out of the water by the poles. We can discuss this again in August.

8. New Business

Charlie Smith from 6th Ave – There are no dogs allowed from May-September. Can we get a new sign announcing this? Joe Curran noted that people seem to do whatever they want with dogs. Say something if dogs are on the beach unless it is a service dog. Ann Smith of 6th Ave noted that with a sign at least you can point to the sign when telling them they are not allowed.

A resident of 4th Avenue asked why the beach was closed at 11am or 1pm. Eileen noted this is not true as she closes the gate every night except for 2 nights where Joe closes it. Charlie noted this work is done by volunteers. If not, we have to hire police.

Billy Stewart noted that as he said last August, disrespectful conversation is not welcome at the meeting. We need to be respectful and have civil meetings.

Jim Walsh made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and will unanimous consent the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Horton Luongo