

## **Sargisson Beach Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Broadcast on Zoom per the Governor's Executive Order

**Members Present:** Cheney Harper, Chair; Larry Hurley

**Members Absent:** Andrew Davis

**Others Present:** Nikolis Gualco, Conservation Administrator; Police Chief Luth; Brad Harper; Nick Degaitas; Kevin Charland

### **Meeting Minutes**

7:30PM – Cheney called the meeting to order.

#### **Request for funding: in-lake safety navigation**

Chief Luth began the discussion by stating that he supported the effort to increase lake safety by adding additional navigation markers around the lake. Brad Harper stated there is a need to define two safe passage channels in the area of the old dam (Lost Lake + Knopps Pond). Additionally, there is a need to install “no wake” buoys in advance of the channel. Harper is seeking funding from Sargisson Beach Water Safety budget for the markers. There are two other markers (one by a small island, the other by the boat ramp) that Brad would like to purchase/install to indicate “no wake”. He estimates that the total will be around \$1,800 with shipping. He stated that he is using the same vendor that the Committee has used in the past. Finally, he stated that he has already purchased the markers and is seeking reimbursement.

Chief Luth stated that he has received several complaints about boats going too fast in the areas Brad described. He continued to elaborate on some of the details about what makes these areas safety hazards and reiterated his support for the markers. He concluded by stating that he doesn't have any funding for the markers as the Select Board has required a level budget. This is why he approached the Committee and requested the funding.

Gualco stated that there are adequate funding funds in the water safety budget and that he verified with the Town Accountant that this type of purchase was an acceptable use of the funds.

Upon a motion by L. Hurley, seconded by C. Harper, it was:  
VOTED to pay for the six safety buoys from the water safety account.  
**The motion passed by a roll call vote (Yes: CH, LH).**

### **Committee membership recruitment**

C. Harper inquired about the procedure to add new members to the Committee. Gualco stated that the Committee will need to make a motion to recommend new members to the Select Board and the Select Board will appoint them.

Upon a motion by L. Hurley, seconded by C. Harper, it was:  
VOTED to recommend to the Select Board that Nick Degaitas and Kevin Charland be appointed to the Sargisson Beach Committee.  
**The motion passed by a roll call vote (Yes: CH, LH).**

### **Maintenance: remaining tree removal; spring cleanup**

Gualco presented estimate for Mead Tree Services. He stated that they were not able to address the hazardous trees last fall, but were planning on working on the property within a week. C. Harper asked which trees were to be removed and Gualco reported that A. Davis flagged the trees last fall and Mead has inspected them. Gualco then shared a second estimate of general landscaping (clean up) from Sidney Landscaping. C. Harper reported that the beach is now very clean thanks to a recent volunteer effort. C. Harper commented that the beach may need its sand refreshed this coming year. It was discussed that Trails Committee recently purchased a push-behind leaf blower. Gualco will approach the Trails Committee about borrowing the leaf blower. It was decided that the leaf blowing in the parking lot will be done by volunteers this year.

### **Beach Ranger for 2021**

The committee briefly discussed the Ranger position for 2021.

### **Kayak rack usage, policy**

The committee briefly discussed the status of the kayak rack, including the over-crowding of unpermitted boats at the end of last year. It was also discussed how new volunteer N. Degaitas and the Ranger can keep an eye on the rack this year. It was also discussed how the committee could better communicate with people who may not be aware of the sign-up system for rack space. The idea of installing a sign providing instructions for use and N. Degaitas will work with Gualco on drafting language for said sign.

### **Sargisson Beach in 2021**

The plan for the beach this year is to mimic what occurred in 2020 (“swim at your own risk”). The committee discussed the plan to install the docks. L. Hurley offered to install the docks, but it was determined that N. Degaitas and K. Charland will try and work with A. Davis to figure

out the exact order in which the docks need to be installed. From there the committee will plan to install the docks later this spring.

The committee then discussed the plan to install sand at the beach. Gualco stated that he will take a look at the files (for the previous time beach sand was applied). Once he has looked in the files, he will work on sharing relevant items with the committee so that they may eventually approach the Conservation Commission with the project. This will likely involve the filing of a Notice of Intent.

The next meeting was set for May 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**Cheney Harper adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**Minutes Approved: May 12, 2021**