

GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
BEACH EROSION & RESTORATION TASK FORCE
MEETING
SEPT 19, 2011 7:00 PM
HELEN LENA CLUB HOUSE

MINUTES

Task Force Members: Present: Lillian Agostini, John Cashman, Bo Knaus, Irene Makiaris, Rita Ravosa, Wick Mallory Absent: Jim Horton, Jim Malone

GNBA members present: Jim Beaulieu, Nazz Paciotti, Joan Malone

7 pm, call to order

Motion to adopt meeting agenda: so motioned by Bob K, seconded by John Cashman

Permit Status Report:

The Sand Harvesting Permit application has been submitted to the DEEP, and is likely to be approved sometime in Nov/Dec.

Based on the permit, Docko will draft a RFP to be submitted to contractors (likely 3) to bid on & complete the work. Jim B. suggested contacting All Habitat as a possible contractor.

The Groin permit application has also been submitted to DEEP, and it is possible that it may be approved as soon as Nov/Dec as well. Docko to again draft an RFP for contractors to bid on.

Groin will have a cement cap, but not a flat top as that would classify it as a pier. Keith Neilson of Docko has suggested putting a railing in place to prevent access to the groin. This would be to deter persons from accessing the groin and jumping off into the water which has multiple rocks underneath. Further clarification is needed as to what type of railing has been suggested and its placement. It was suggested that perhaps signage would be appropriate.

Causeway:

Docko has expressed concern that the causeway's integrity may have been breached during T.S. Irene. After repairs to the roadway collapse were effected,

Bill Shear, the town engineer, sent us an email via Docko indicating that the road has been fixed and is stable.

Bob K (as well as all committee members) are concerned that even more of the wall is exposed, and that a good deal of the "pointing" is gone, leaving large gaps & missing stones. Bob is hesitant to do anything towards fixing it that the Town may be responsible for.

Joan M asked about the possibility of lining the culvert pipes with smaller pipes that have check/flapper valves on the ends to keep sea water from pushing sand back into the pipes.

Nazz P. echoed the sentiment that we need to find out who owns the road, and if the State might be responsible for its condition and/or repair, which may fall under a safety/health statute.

It may be possible that FEMA may play a role in the repair of Causeway. Nazz P suggested we call FEMA and explain what has happened, what we are looking to do @ the wall/road and find out if we qualify. Wick offered to go to a local FEMA office and discuss.

Wick Mallory will contact the DEEP @ obtaining permission to reclaim the sand that was washed out by Irene, perhaps under the temporary and emergency authorization issued to remediate damage caused by tropical storm Irene . Pete Lodi(y) was given as a name to perform the work as he has done in past. Committee agreed that the sand should be pushed as close to the wall as possible, and that we try to reclaim the sand more than once before the Sand Harvest project begins in Spring

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.