



TOWN OF YARMOUTH

RECREATION COMMISSION

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AMBER HOWELL

Asst Recreation Director

Meeting of the Recreation Commission

May 20, 2020

- In attendance: Deb Clark, Dennis Lucier, Dorcas McGurrin, Paul Deignan, Steve Sozanski, Josh Medeiros, Susan Brita, Asst Director Howell, Director Pat Armstrong
- Public: none
- Commissioner McGurrin called the meeting to order @ 6:01PM
- Minutes from March 11, 2020 were approved
- Lifeguards will start the season on June 13, 2020 (see addendum attached)
 - Approximately 30 guards waiting for hire
 - Guards will assess the fullness of the beach as regards Covid-19 state guidelines
 - Community Info Board to relay information on beach/guard status
 - 3 electronic boards to convey facts to public on state guidelines
 - signs to be posted conveying social distancing practices (see addendum attached)
 - possible handouts to each vehicle on social distancing guidelines
 - feedback to be received every day from guards on public compliance
 - Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Asst Director Howell's beach recommendations
- Flax Pond Camp report
 - Normally 300 campers - Social distancing would limit it to 80-90 campers
 - 8 groups of 10-12 with two counselors per group
 - Two age groupings of 7-9 year olds and 10-13 year olds
 - Yarmouth residents only and two week sessions starting July 6, 2020
 - Select campers by lottery possibly
 - Not financially feasible to give scholarships or take vouchers
 - Further discussion at next meeting
 - Commissioners have reservations about proceeding with the program during the pandemic
- Sailing program
 - Proposal from Sail Cape Cod to take over our sailing program
 - For program to continue under Covid-19 guidelines
 - Masks required (unless occupants are from the same household)
- Pickleball program
 - If camp takes place this summer, then porta-pottie will be required

- If camp does not take place, then the pickleballers may use the facilities in Lorusso Lodge
- Board of Health will review their social distancing plans
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:35PM
- Next meeting on May 27, 2020 @ 6PM via Zoom



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To: Board of Selectmen
Daniel Knapik, Town Administrator

From: Jeffrey Colby, DPW Director
Pat Armstrong, Community Services Director

Date: May 19, 2020

Subject: Beach re-opening plan

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEA) issued the Beach Guidelines for Managers on May 18, 2020. We are requesting input from the Board of Selectmen regarding the Yarmouth beach opening plan. The following are some of the general categories and sections outlining the State guidance and some of the needed policy decisions in the re-opening plan.

Beach Staffing

Phase 1 of the Governors re-opening plan allows beach activities to resume on May 25, 2020. When would the Board of Selectmen want to begin charging for parking and provide lifeguards at the beaches?

Parking and Capacity

There will need to be a high level of communication between the Beach Supervisors and the Lifeguards at each beach in order to make the necessary decisions related to beach capacity. The Beach Guidelines for Managers indicates: "To allow for adequate social distancing for ingress, egress, and transit across the beach, beach capacity should be managed to accommodate a minimum of 12 ft distance between toweling/beach blanket groups." Would the Board of

Selectmen want to follow the 12 foot minimum separation or just the 6 foot social distancing requirement?

User Guidelines

The Beach Guidelines for Managers indicates: “Beach visitors are required to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet or more at all times and visitors should maintain at least 12 ft minimum distance between towelings/beach blanket areas. Organized ball games should not be allowed activity including, but not limited to, volleyball, Kan Jam, spikeball, football, soccer, Kadima, and bocce.” Would the Board of Selectmen want to allow organized games?

Lifeguards

The Beach Guidelines for Managers indicates: “A minimum distance of 6 feet should be maintained between lifeguards, the public and lifeguard stands except in the case of an emergency.”

Restrooms

The Beach Guidelines for Managers indicates: “Managers should ensure that users can abide by social distancing standards for bathroom lines and follow any established visual guidelines for maintaining a 6’ distance in all restroom facilities. The managing entity should have the facilities cleaned at least once daily by staff and perform deep cleaning and disinfection services at least once per week and should follow the EEA COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation Facility Restroom Cleaning Best Practices. Indoor showers and water fountains will also remain closed.”

Restrooms at the beaches will be open to the public from 8 AM to 3:30 PM, which is consistent with past beach policy.

Signage

Attached is the proposed general COVID-19 signage for the beaches. This signage is consistent with the signage that is posted at the Town of Barnstable beaches. In addition three Electronic Message Boards can be programed to display messages for beach visitors. The planned locations are Bass River Beach, Seagull Beach, and Bass Hole.

Bass Hole

Currently there is no Gate Attendants positioned at the Bass Hole parking area. Based upon past years, it is anticipated that it will be extremely difficult to manage required Social Distancing at the Bass Hole beach area. One way to limit the number of people and to more easily manage the proper Social Distancing is to limit the parking area to Residents Only. Would the Board of Selectmen allow the Bass Hole parking area to be limited to Residents Only?

BEACH PARKING – For Reference Purposes
 (Based on 4 patrons per car and parking spot restrictions)

	Bass River	Parker River	Seaview	Seagull	South Middle	Grays Beach
Sq. Footage	95,968	25, 516	7,752	135, 635	23,780	6, 915
100% car capacity	310	165	55	309	234	55
# of Patrons	1240	660	220	1236	936	220
75% car capacity	232	123	41	231	175	41
# of Patrons	928	492	164	924	700	164
50% car capacity	155	82	27	154	117	27
# of Patrons	620	328	108	616	468	108

*Bass River Beach also has 54 parking spots available for boat trailer parking

*Grays Beach also has 6 parking spots available for boat trailer parking

STAY SAFE YARMOUTH

Remember these Tips

While at the Beach



PLEASE WEAR A MASK IF
SOCIAL DISTANCING NOT POSSIBLE



**AVOID
TOUCHING AND
CROWDS**

