

**Ocean Access Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2015  
Cumberland Town Offices – Council Chambers  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call: Present:**

Denny Gallaudet, Chair, Maureen Connolly, Vice-Chair, C. Ingrid Parkin, , Lew Incze, Jeff Perry, Stephen Thomas, George Turner, Council Liaison, Tom Gruber, Council Liaison, Liaison, (arrived late)

**Absent:** Charles Adams, Sandra Gorsuch-Plummer, Penny Asherman, CCLT, Council, Bill Shane, Town Manager

**Staff:** Pam Bosarge, Administrative Assistant

**II. Approval of the March 11, 2015 Minutes:**

Ms. Parkin moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Mr. Thomas seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous 4 in favor  
2 abstain (Turner, Perry)

**III. Final Review of the Management Plan**

The Committee reviewed the underlined changes in the Management Plan from the last meeting:

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- (7) For calendar year 2015, on-site parking will be restricted to Cumberland residents only.
- (10) The Committee will cooperate with the Cumberland Coastal Waters Commission (“CWC”) on policies affecting use of the beach and intertidal areas, permitting and usage of the pier and float, and the prevention of erosion at the riparian boundary.

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- Prohibited uses
- Except on Beach Road or in designated parking, use of unauthorized motor vehicles, motorbikes, bicycles, snowmobiles or ATVs
- Use of oversized vehicles defined as: vehicles, boats or trailers exceeding two of the following criteria: 23 feet long, 8’ high and 7’ wide.

Page 11 Management Matrix

Boating	Wildlife disturbance Damage to submerged aquatic vegetation and beach grass	Engine noise Swimmer safety	<u>As directed by CWC:</u> Motorboats not allowed on beach or pier except in emergency Motorboats strictly discouraged from surrounding water area to ensure swimmer safety, quiet and protection of eelgrass Human and sail powered craft carry in/carry out Boats cannot be left unattended at the float.
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Fishing	<u>Accidental hooking or disturbance of water fowl</u>	<u>Injury or nuisance from casting rods</u> <u>Failure to clean up after fishing</u>	Permitted on beach and pier Compliance with state regulations
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Educational Activities	Over collecting Minor habitat disturbance	Noise	<u>Discourage active collection of live materials</u> <u>Group sizes over 25 and/or arriving by bus require prior approval from Town Office</u>
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- Prohibited Uses

Open fires; fireworks	<u>Runaway fires</u> <u>Disturbance of wildlife</u>	<u>Unwanted noise and odor</u> <u>Accidental injury and property damage</u>	<u>Prohibition of use</u>
Driving unauthorized vehicles, motorbikes, <u>bicycles</u> , snowmobiles, ATVs	<u>Disturbance of wildlife and habitat</u>	<u>Unwanted noise</u> <u>Accidental injury and property damage</u>	<u>Prohibited except on Beach Road or in designated parking areas</u> <u>No driving on trails</u>

The Committee agreed with the changes to the Final Draft of the Management Plan understanding this is a living document that will evolve over time.

Ms. Connolly moved to accept the first draft of the Broad Cove Reserve Management Plan.

Ms. Parkin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Mr. Gallaudet stated it is important to report to the Town council the Committee unanimously approved the Broad Cove Reserve Management Plan.

The Committee reviewed the letter from the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust.  
The Committee agreed with the following changes:

- Broad Cove Reserve Stewardship Principles page 4 paragraphs 2 Section C. Report to the Town Council, with a copy to CCLT.....
- To add the following language under # 8. The Use Policy of the Management Plan will list acceptable uses of Broad Cove Reserve. Such uses will be enforced by the appropriate agents of Town and State Government.
- 9. The Committee will cooperate and meet annually with the CCLT, or more frequently as needed, to ensure ongoing compliance with the Conservation Easement.
- The Committee discussed the requests of #3 Action Steps and #4 Enforcement and did not add did not add them to the Matrix at this time.
- #5 - The Committee agreed that signage is critical but not part of the Management Plan.

- #6- The Committee agreed with the minor correction Page 2, Paragraph 4, the Beach Access Road is part paved, part gravel.

Mr. Turner thanked the Committee for its extraordinary job, the presentation gives an overall conclusion of what the Council asked of the Committee; to construct framework to support the Conservation Easement. This document is a good balance.

Mr. Gallaudet stated the Council presentation would give a brief overview of the Committee and the process. The Committee has had about eight meetings. And has heard a report from the Town Attorney, a presentation from Forest Bell & Associates – Environmental Study, and the Wildwood Association, regarding neighborhood input; and has done research on other Reserves in the area. Mr. Gallaudet will review the Draft Broad Cove Reserve Mission Statement.

The Committee discussed dogs on the trail and asked if they could regulate dogs on the stone wall trail. The Committee agreed to not allow dogs on their property, the CCLT has the right to decide if it will continue to allow dogs on the existing stone wall trail. The Committee discussed the potential of Bateman property owners owning dogs.

Mr. Thomas asked about parking on the site.

The Committee discussed the restrictions on parking this year with the current lawsuit. The parking will be limited and there have been discussions with Bateman and the possibility of parking on Spears Hill Road.

Signage:

Mr. Incze reviewed draft signage for the site as follows:

Signage (draft, 8 April, LSI):

Across from (or at entrance to) parking area:

PARKING  
For  
BROAD COVE RESERVE →  
Passenger Vehicles Only  
Reserve is Open Dawn to Dusk  
Bicycles & Handicap Access, Proceed Down Road  
Dogs are not allowed in the shore side reserve, but  
can be walked on the stone wall trail parallel to Route 88

At end of road/turnaround:

Welcome to  
BROAD COVE RESERVE

This Reserve is Maintained by the Citizens of Cumberland for  
Your Enjoyment and the

Protection of Natural Habitat and Wildlife

No Dogs, No Hunting, No Fires  
Carry-in/Carry-out

Open from Dawn to Dusk

Please Be Safe and Considerate of Wildlife and Other Users

At both ends of public beach:

PUBLIC BEACH ENDS HERE

Please respect neighboring private property by  
not trespassing

At entrance to beach (2 signs):

PROTECT WILDLIFE, SHELLFISHING, AND  
HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please  
No Dogs, No Motorboats, No Fires  
Carry-in/Carry-out  
Minimize Impact on Beach Vegetation and Wildlife

Swimming Is Allowed: Children Under 12 Should Be  
Accompanied By An Adult

FISHING AND SHELLFISHING  
xxx regulations xxx

At head of pier:

PIER SAFETY & USE

No Running, Diving, Or Swimming

Children Under 12 Must Wear A Life Jacket And  
Be Accompanied By An Adult

No Motorboats Except In Emergency

Load Limit: 16 People Per Span Between Cribs

Do Not Overload Float

Do Not Leave Boats/Boards Unattended

Fishing Is Allowed: Be Safe, Be Courteous, And Clean Up

Other signs:

Trails

Historical and natural history information

Signage will not be part of the Management Plan.

Public Comments:

Ms. Curtis of Pine of 8 Pine Lane asked if there was a plan for protecting grasses on the beach.

Mr. Incze stated the Coastal Waters Commission has wrestled with that; a suggestion may be to have designated swimming areas. The Committee is aware of the fragile grass.

Mr. Gallaudet stated the Coastal Waters Commission will guide the Committee on waterfront uses.

A member of the public asked if the Bateman properties would have moorings.

Mr. Incze stated the Bateman property has waterfront north to west of the spit; and this is an ongoing discussion. The Coastal Waters and Bateman have been discussing a partnership with the existing pier.

Mr. Hyndman of 9 Ocean Terrace asked beyond parking on the Bateman land is there any parking plan.

Mr. Gallaudet stated the plan showed a potential small parking area near Route 88. We are not able to build any parking until the lawsuit is settled.

Mr. Incze stated the website will address the limited parking issues and ultimately the Manager, Town Council and Police Department will have to deal with illegally parked vehicles.

Mr. Ferland asked about the presentation to the Town Council from the Committee.

Mr. Gallaudet stated he will entertain comments from the public.

Mr. Geheb of 16 Wildwood Blvd thanked the Committee for a really great job. This is a great start acknowledging that parking will be a challenge.

Ms. Leila Bisharat Vice-President of the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust stated she was present with Brian Marcaurelle. Ms. Bisharat stated she appreciates the work the Committee has done and the strategy of a step by step process. There is an area on Chebeague where the two issues are parking and dogs, she applauded the Committee for taking a stand on these issues. She would be happy to take the comments back to the CCLT regarding dogs on the stonewall trail.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Next Meeting: May 13, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Bosarge  
Administrative Assistant