

Board of Selectmen
May 22, 2020
Special Meeting
Minutes
via Zoom

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording:

Public: Don Murphy

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Angevine

- **Discussion of Beach:** Angevine would like to specifically discuss just this weekend, Memorial Day weekend, and discuss the big picture next week at the meeting. Angevine has rope to block off the side of the road so people will not be able to park on the edge of the road. Angevine would like to see the beach open but without gate guards, more on a self-management situation. He will be there on Sunday from 11-3pm or at least check in on the beach every hour during that time frame. Residents can always call or send him a text if they see something wrong at the beach. D Murphy stated that this discussion started because when he was down at the beach Wednesday night there was approximately 17 cars down there all attending a party – which he believed Tim knew about from Gabriella, and there were 30+ people there with no social distancing. Murphy thought we have a responsibility to keep our residents safe and shouldn't have the beach open without the proper guidelines in place. Washington Town Beach and Kent State Park will both be closed this weekend. Should advise the Washington Resident Trooper the status of the Warren beach since they do patrol that area. Papp asked Murphy what is the usual attendance on Memorial Day weekend, what are his thoughts on opening, and what guidelines do we have to ensure the safety of residents. Murphy – attendance is usually low due to other activities taking place, such as the parade, but with surrounding beaches closed this weekend and no parade, we could see a larger attendance than usual. Nelson stated the State guidelines are 15 feet apart for blankets, no more than 5 to a group and a 6 foot radius around blankets and walking area. This limits us at the beach due to the small area we have. Angevine feels we can patrol the area to determine if there is an over capacity at the beach. We are not saying we are open but we are going to treat it like a park and self-patrol the area. Anyone who goes down this weekend should send a text or email to others on the situation at the beach. Murphy asked if he should get any staff to help on Monday – agreed to 2 staff if they have guidelines to follow. Their presence is more to remind residents of social distancing – no parking passes or checking of vehicles since we have a lot of New York residents here at the moment.

A Papp wants to make sure at the next Selectmen's meeting that the discussion of the beach includes what guidelines we are going to follow – will we be using the State's guidelines or making our own due to the size of the area.

Motion (Nelson/Papp) to adjourn **All Approved**

Adjourned at 1:27pm

[Click here for audio](#)