

Town of Warren
Beach Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 20, 2019
Minutes

Members

BOS: C Nelson, S Warshaw, C Tanner

Beach: T Parkhouse, J Shaw, J Newton Regrets: A Cassone

Call to Order at 4:364pm by C Nelson

- 1) **Minutes of July 24, 2019:** Motion (S Warshaw/J Newton) to approve the minutes ***All Approved***
- 2) **Public comment of Business:** T Angevine questioned what needs to be in the minutes – again was told the Motion, Vote, Outcome Discussion on transcribing, highlights, opinions
- 3) **Review of Beach Area:** J Shaw questioned the bushes toxicity – Frisbie confirmed Selectman's office contacted the CT Poison Control and even spoke with the same person there, Diane and the information given to Shaw was in regards to the *Phytolacca Americana* (pokeweed) which is not what has been planted at the beach. The bushes at the beach are *Ilex Glabra* and they are not poisonous. Selectman's office was referred to contacting a nursery and talking with their horticulturist to better determine toxicity. We contacted the nursery where the plants were purchased. Plants need a male and female fruit and the Town purchased all female plants, which cannot fruit without the male. Shaw feels visibility is still an issue. T Parkhouse noted the changes at the beach – (1) the gate on the left side for residents with kayaks, canoes and other non-motorized apparatus (2) the large gate for emergency vehicles – which as a non-locking latch on it so it can be opened and closed for easy access to the beach, and (3) the removal of plants on the right side of the beach. Parkhouse would like the rest of the plants to the emergency gate removed. Nelson feels that would open up too much of the area to the geese. Selectmen would like to see how this compromise works and possibly in the future depending on the geese, may be able to remove a few more bushes.

Selectmen and Beach Committee will continue to work over the winter researching actual geese deterrent solutions for the beach area.

Motion (Parkhouse/Newton) to adjourn at 5:10pm All in Favor

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Frisbie