

June 26, 2015

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Chuck Hodgkinson

SUBJECT: Squibnocket Parking Lot and Skiff Launch Area
July 7, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting

The attached provides for your review Reid Silva's proposed relocated Squibnocket parking lot and skiff launch area designs. These designs were developed off the concept plans and descriptions that were approved by voters at the February 2, 2015 Special Town Meeting. The town meeting concepts are also attached.

Before we invest in developing engineering drawings and construction drawings would you please review the site plan and determine whether or not this is an acceptable translation of the voter-approved concept plan developed by the Town Committee on Squibnocket?





At-Grade Road
with Low Causeway

Skiff Access

Parking

Turnaround

Beach

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Town Committee on Squibnocket
Recommended Solution

Access: Build an at-grade road with low causeway.

- Located far enough inland to avoid impact of waves and major wash overs.
- Minimizes the wetlands approvals issues.
- Follows the contours of the land, higher on the ends and lower in the middle.
- Height of the causeway to be at a level that limits projected wash overs to several/year, based on engineering considerations.
- Roadway and low causeway to be one lane with turnouts at the at-grade sections.
- Skiff access as shown or at a better location that is to be determined.

Parking: On combined Orphanos/Jeffers and Weldon non-conforming lots.

- Parking lot would incorporate the present Squibnocket Road.
- Accommodates approximately 45 – 55 vehicles (slightly more than currently available).
- Beach parking separate from homeowner access increases safe access for beach goers.
- Parking plan incorporates drop off and turnaround at southern end – ample room for small VTA buses, guard shack, port-a-potties and parking for the elderly/disabled.

Beach: The Squibnocket Farm Homeowners Association (SFHA) /Vineyard Open Land Foundation (VOLF).

- The SFHA and VOLF committed to work with the Town to provide beach as in the April 2014 Annual Town Meeting proposal.
- The existing revetment and current parking lot to be removed to allow the shoreline to return to its natural state.

Negotiation and Funding:

- As the Committee cannot negotiate on behalf of the Town it is recommended that the Town be provided ample resources to accomplish and implement the Committee's recommendation.

