January 12, 2016

Squibnocket Plan

Beach Restoration Sand:

The Town will need 3,000 yards of sand for the planned Squibnocket beach restoration. Arrangements have been made to obtain 3,000 yards of Menemsha Pond dredge sand for this purpose.

The sand is dewatering on Lobsterville Beach and must be transported and stored on the Town’s land at Peaked Hill for approximately 15 months. The sand must be transported the week of January 11. John Keene is making arrangements – about 125 dump truck runs at a cost of $35,000.

Using this sand will save the Town $120,000 because we will not have to buy the sand.

Approximately $10,000 can be drawn from the Squibnocket grant for this purpose. An additional $25,000 is needed perhaps from the Fincom reserve fund.

Town Construction and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Squibnocket Grant

Town Construction: The current plan is as follows—assuming no permit appeals are filed:

Now: Concom hearings.

Feb: Refer both projects to the MVC.

June: Have all final permits (if no appeals are filed).

June-July: Issue Requests for Proposals (RFP).

August-Sept.: Award job, execute contract.

Sept. 15-30: Homeowner’s causeway construction staging in Squib. parking lot.

Oct.–Jan. 2017: Causeway construction to a passable stage.

Feb. 2017: Start Town construction.

Memorial Day 2017: All construction finished.

CZM Squibnocket Grant:

We spent $20,000 of the $280,000 FY 2015 grant.

The second $280,000 FY 2016 grant was lowered to $52,000 because we will not be able to spend all $280,000 by this June 30.

It does not seem as if we will have a third FY 2017 grant opportunity in time to meet the current construction schedule. The Town cannot issue the RFP until the project is funded.

CZM thinks there will be a FY 2017 grant program and suggested we apply for a third grant. The applications are not yet available and there is no estimate of when they will be available. It has been a seven month long process from application to grant notification. If the program was announced today and an application was submitted March 1 we will not be notified until September.

Options:

1. Do nothing and hope a FY 2017 grant program is announced in a few weeks with an application deadline of about March 1, 2016. Assume we receive the grant and are notified by September. We could delay issuing the RFP to September and have a signed contract by Feb. or March 2017. Town construction possibly could be finished before Memorial Day 2017 weather permitting.
2. Ask the CPC to consider appropriating additional CPA Park & Recreation funds for the Town’s construction. If this was put to voters and approved at the April Annual Town Meeting, the current timeline is still possible. To do this the CPC would need to meet on January 20 to discuss the proposal and vote to recommend this funding for voter consideration. If a grant program is later announced and the timing fits this article ccould be withdrawn or postponed.