

September 30, 2014

Dear Jim and Committee,

Chris Murphy contacted us after your last meeting and indicated that it might make sense to clarify two things for the Committee -- our cost estimate for the dune ridge and 'membership' in FOS.

First, on the estimate, it is based entirely on materials that are from the Island. We investigated off-Island materials, specifically from P.A. Landers in Fairhaven, MA. and we have been unable to see any difference between their 'concrete sand' and the material we have been quoted from on-Island. At this point in the design, it makes sense to keep it simple and we are basing 100% of cost on local material. Additionally, our estimate is based on a material that has been used extensively in the construction of artificial dunes -- concrete sand. Using a single, common-denominator material in the cost estimate makes sense at this point because the permitting authority will make the determination as to the selection of specific materials during the application process, based on further geologic analysis and design work that will be done prior to submitting the permit application. Trying to use multiple materials and sources at this point increases the level of error in the estimate. The estimate is based on John Keene's prices for 'concrete sand'. We also included a 'cushion' of 30% in the event that the materials are more expensive or if we underestimated the volume.

<b>Estimate for materials in presentation (dune &amp; roadway)</b>	<b>\$144,000</b>
<b>Cost of materials based on John Keene concrete sand pricing</b>	
<b>Gravel cost per ton delivered to site</b>	\$17
<b>Total yards</b>	6500
<b>Total materials cost</b>	<b>\$110,500</b>
<b>Cushion to cover shortfall in estimate</b>	<b>\$33,500</b>
<b>Percent of estimate</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Average truck load - yards</b>	21
<b>Total trips at 21 yards/truckload</b>	310

Also, note that the trucking requirement is for a total of 310 loads over the entire construction period.

Second, on the FOS membership question, the concept of membership simply does not apply to our organization. The Friends of Squibnocket is a simple Massachusetts-based Limited Liability Corporation that was formed for the purpose of banking and accounting. While we have developed a broad base of donors and active supporters, we don't hold formal meetings or communicate. Just as there is a diverse group of people who regularly attend the Squibnocket Committee meetings, we have been approached by a diverse section of seasonal and year-round residents of Chilmark and we have been encouraged to continue our efforts in what they (and we) see as an historic opportunity to solve a problem that will continue to present itself all over the island.

Regards,

Charlie Parker, for Friends of Squibnocket