

Marina Lent

From: James N. May <jamesnmay@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 3:55 PM
To: Jim Malkin
Cc: Marina Lent
Subject: RE: Town Committee on Squibnocket

Hi Jim:

I wanted to get back to you earlier but I haven't managed to do so. My apologies. I have responded to your comments below.

All best,
Jim May, BVA President
202.257.6071

Subject: Re: Town Committee on Squibnocket

From: jimmalkin@gmail.com

Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2014 15:53:36 -0500

CC: boh@chilmarkma.gov

To: jamesnmay@hotmail.com

Thank you for your note and your offer to be the preliminary point of contact. The Committee runs open meetings at 0800 each week in Chilmark Town Hall and any discussion must follow the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law as well as conform to our desire to be transparent to the community. We welcome your participation and would be delighted to discuss this further with you. Our next meeting is 0800 on Wednesday the 12th of November. [I am off- island in DC so it is hard for me to participate.](#)

The identified opportunities are to provide vehicle and utility access from essentially any point in BV (although two points have been selected as per the map which I provided) based upon the Committee's site visits and input to the Committee from Chris Murphy, a town resident. The Committee is studying much data and a number of alternatives for access; it wishes to know if individual landowners (who have been contacted) and if the BVA who may be impacted as a whole would entertain emergency routing of access from those two points. [Yes, I have contacted two owners along Lake Road. They are definitely 100% against the idea. BVA as a whole wishes to be as helpful as possible under the circumstances, but BVA needs to see a specific proposal \(at least an outline\) before BVA can make any comments.](#)

If the concept is not within the realm of possibility given the need for individual and/or BVA agreement, the Committee will turn to other options for vehicle and beach access. [I suggest the Committee turn to other options.](#)

I am happy to expand upon this note above and am available to discuss in a call with you, but I am trying to keep it straightforward and to work with best efforts in a time efficient manner. [Sure, Jim, I am happy to talk with you anytime after 8AM and before 6PM. Some afternoons I am busy, but I will call back. Thanks for](#)

your leadership for taking on this task. Squibnocket is such a wonderful Chilmark resource. We want to maximize its beauty and accessibility for all concerned. Thanks again. Jim May

Thank you and best.

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On Nov 5, 2014, at 2:59 PM, James N. May <jamesnmay@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Malkin:

I am in receipt of your letter to the Blacksmith Valley Association membership. We would certainly like to do anything we can to cooperate with your efforts to address the problem of access to Squibnocket Farms.

I would like to propose a two step process for the Blacksmith Valley Association's work with your Committee:

1. Data gathering: It would be best if we had a single focal point in the BVA for dissemination of information to our members on your proposal and for the initial, preliminary discussions with your Committee. As President of the BVA, I can take responsibility for this initial process to sort out what you are requesting and to answer the questions of the various BVA members.
2. Follow-up on identified opportunities: Once your Committee and I have determined that we have an identified an opportunity which is feasible, I will sort-out the relevant BVA owners and the necessary involvement of the BVA. At that point, we can take the opportunity to the next level. (Anything we do in the BVA requires full consent of the individual owners, and, if there are any impacts on the Association as a whole, consent of the Association is also required.)

I am aware that there have been discussions as to utilities access. This is an area that is promising, if Squibnocket Farms is interested. The emergency vehicle access proposal is certainly far more challenging but we'd like a better understanding of the proposal and the thinking behind it before we make any comments. We'd also like to understand the rationale for the Lake Road access to the pond vs other alternatives. Again, we are very interested in working with you and we appreciate your having contacted us.

Sincerely,

Jim May

President, BVA

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