

August 28, 2007

Dear Wayne,

Below is a listing by beach the improvements that the Beach Committee would like to see done at the end of this year and into the following year. I have broken the list down by beach and where possible, I have given cost estimates. Thanks for all of your help with helping to maintain and improve these beautiful public assets, the beaches!

Beach 1:

If the parking lot could be re-graded in the spring when the roads are done that would be great. It has a tendency to get very muddy and stay that way all summer.

Beach 2:

A path needs to be cut down to the beach. One was there a number of years ago, but has since been filled in. I can have volunteers line the path with logs next year to make the path more distinctive. If we could then have it lined with mulch that would be fantastic. If a parking area could be created as well that would be greatly appreciated! If there is not a public beach sign down by the water, we will need to place one there as well.

It would be great if John Crosby could place a rock there that can be painted with a Beach 2 sign also.

Beach 3:

The problem with beach 3 is that the path to it is directly adjacent to the property on the left. It makes a person feel like they are intruding on whomever is there. There seems to be a natural path that has formed that goes to the right side of the beach. Maybe with a PWD land improvement fund (I saw that they would give us \$ for this!), we could plant indigenous plants to block the current path and instead use the path to the right. The path on the right needs some minor cutting back of branches and stuff to make it more user friendly.

The second way to improve Beach 3 is to fill and re-grade the parking area in the spring when the roads are done to get rid of the muddy areas.

Beach 4:

A kayak rack is needed.

Beach 5:

A kayak rack is needed.

Also, on left side of beach there are lots of rocks that can be moved to the rock jetty further on the left so that the beach itself is more user friendly. A lot of the rocks can be moved by volunteers, but some of them are large and we may need the Public Works Dept. assistance. We can work on this next year.

Beach 6:

Another garbage can is needed.

Another kayak rack is needed.

The driveway also needs to be filled and re-graded, especially on road front side of left driveway where two dip areas exist and make driving difficult.

Can we make this swim area a bit larger by using the space on the right by lot #203. That seems to be dead space and would be better served with the expansion of the swim area by about 10 feet.

Beach 7:

Beach needs to be measured and surveyed as it appears that the neighbors are encroaching on public property.

Beach 8:

Whereas the “users” leave a lot of stuff on the beach, there is also a lot of rotten wood (a stack of 2 x 4s and some sheets of plywood), dead branches, etc that need to be cleaned out and taken away. I will try to muster some volunteers to create a rubbish pile next year. If the Public Works could haul it away for us when we are ready, that would be great!

Beach 9:

This beach too has major encroachment issues. It is supposed to be 175 feet of public beach space which has been limited due to rock wall structures that were built. The first thing we need to do is to get this beach properly surveyed to find its borders. Is there anyway that we can make the neighbors pay for this survey on all sides since they are the reason that it needs to be done? This would affect lots #247, #237, #238, #239, and #240. Or if the owners of lots #247 and #240 know where their pins are, maybe we can get a better reading of Beach 9's boundaries and just make the "owners" of the rock walls pay for removal of said walls?

There is a tree that has fallen on the left side of the beach that needs to be removed, preferable this fall before it does further damage to the trees behind it that it is leaning on.

The neighbor at lots #237-239 has created a second driveway for himself off the beach 9 parking lot thus taking away much needed parking spaces! If John could place a BIG rock there to block this off, that would be greatly appreciated. He has a driveway access off Island Beach Road.

Recreation Area:

Located between lots #300 and #1986, this area has a path that has been cut but needs to be widened and advertised, so if John can widen it a bit and place a rock there, I will make sure it gets painted with a beach sign. If a small parking area could be cut out as well, that would be great! It will also need Beach Signs (the old and new ones) to indicate it is a public beach. It will need other improvements in the future, I am sure, but ensuring access and advertisement should hold us for a while! (The path is located closer to lot # 300.) The steps that are there are decaying and need to be replaced.

Long Beach:

Two additional picnic tables are needed on the longer beach.

PLEASE expand the swim area to AT LEAST HALF THE BEACH! This will mean more buoys and lines, but we definitely feel that a lot of the problems we have been having at LB will be lessened if the swim area was much larger!

Also consider the notion of hiring a “Beach Patrol” person to check stickers. If you do not have a sticker, you can purchase one for say \$75.00 or maybe even \$100 for the season. The Sebago Boating Club does this with land in Standish and it seems to work. The person can work Thursdays – Sundays and hopefully the fees generated will pay their salary!

It might also be prudent to place big NO DOGS FROM 11AM – 5PM signs on the beach at various spots since the beach rules sign is at the parking lot area and not visible to the people arriving by boat. The signs do not have to be fancy and can be hand painted on wood. I can do them for you over the winter if you want, just let me know.

Beach 11:

A rock is needed so that it can be painted with a Beach Sign.

Beach 12:

A kayak rack is needed.

A garbage can by the road is needed.

Recreation Beach:

A kayak rack is needed.

BUDGET:

I know that the cost of the Kayak racks are about \$100 each. We need 4 more racks so that would be \$400.00

Picnic Tables I believe are about \$150.00. We need 2 of these for a total of about \$300.00.

Garbage cans cost about \$50.00. We need at least two of these (more if place some at Beach #2 the Recreation Area), so we definitely should budget at least \$100.00 for this.

The cost of ½ inch rope is about \$0.25 per foot.

The small buoys cost about \$7.00 each and

2 more large SWIM AREA ONLY buoys cost in total \$320.00 about.

You will also need anchors, chains, etc for the swim area expansion at LB. I do not know how much these cost, but I bet a figure of \$1000.00 should be good.

So the total budget I would recommend for the Beaches at this point would be in the range of \$1,800 to \$2,000. If we could add in the cost of the surveyor for Beach 9, I would increase the amount by an additional \$2,000 for a total budget of \$3,800 – \$4,000.

A lot of the other expense can be placed under Public Works (road gravel, ground clearing, mulch, labor, etc).

I truly feel that the Beaches are Frye Island's number one natural asset and they should be maintained and improved as much as possible to sustain the beauty of our island and Lake Sebago.

Thanks for all of your help with this! Let me know where it stands and if you need any other information.

Sincerely,

Nancy Donio and the
Beach Committee