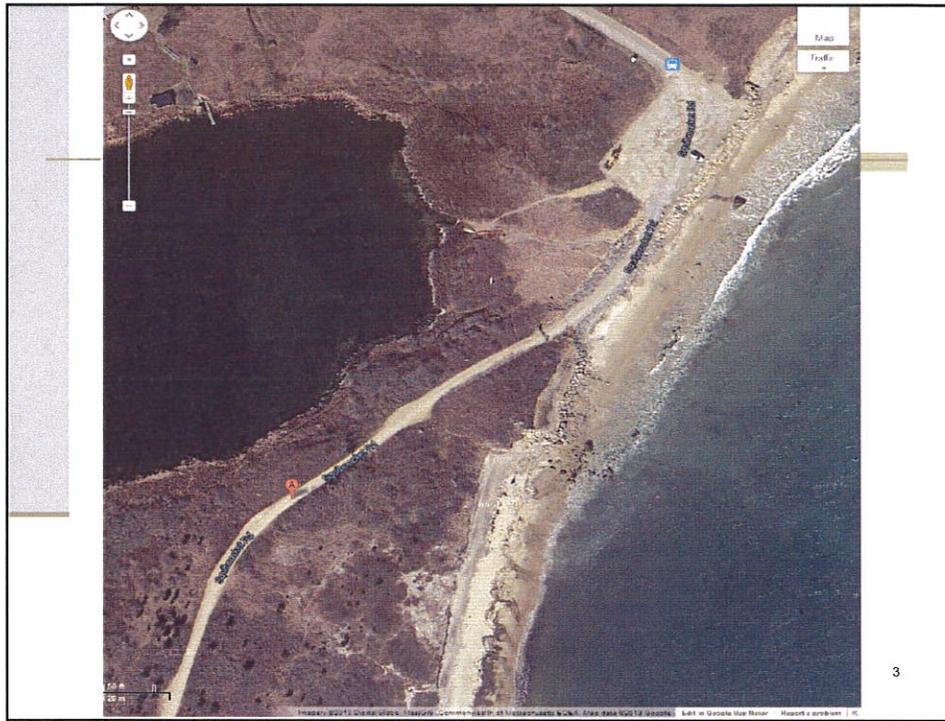


## Article # 28: Squibnocket Roadway, Beach & Parking Area



## A “Yea” Vote on Article 28

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## Current Revetment, Parking and Road



## Mother Nature



## After Hurricane Sandy



## After Hurricane Sandy



## April 2013 – Selectmen Form Planning Committee

- Two Selectmen,
- Conservation Commission member,
- Two residents from the Squibnocket Farm Homeowner's Association,
- The Coastal Planner from the Martha's Vineyard Commission staff,
- Director of the Vineyard Open Land Foundation,
- Beach Committee member,
- Chair of the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee.

## **Committee Goal: April 12, 2013**

- **“Develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan to preserve or expand the Town Beach,**
- **possibly relocate the parking lot,**
- **accommodate and help the Squibnocket Farm Homeowner’s Association develop a long-term plan for ingress and egress to their homes.”**

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## **The Process to Date**

- **Committee met three times -- on April 12, April 30 and June 27, 2013.**
- **The Committee meetings were followed by Executive Session negotiations among the Selectmen, Vineyard Open Land Foundation and the Squibnocket Farms Homeowner’s Association from July – November 2013.**

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## The Process to Date

- Executive Session negotiations ended and on **November 19, 2013** the Selectmen announced an agreement that was confirmed by a formal letter of intent from the parties dated November 15, 2013.
- The first public forum was held two weeks later on **December 3rd at the Library**.

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## The Process to Date

- A total of **four public forums** were held on December 3, 2013, January 7, 2014, March 11, 2014 and April 9, 2014 to:
  - Obtain feedback, questions and concerns.
  - Return with expert opinions to answer the questions.

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## The Process to Date

- All presentations, reports and relevant documents have been posted on the Town's website.
- All presentations have been filmed and broadcast on MVTV and covered by both newspapers.

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## The Joint Private/Public Plan

- The Board of Selectmen—Will develop a Town beach and parking solution.
- Squibnocket Farm Homeowner's Association—Will design, permit, build and pay for safe, reliable access to their homes.
- Vineyard Open Land Foundation—Will sell the 10.5-acres of additional beach land for Town use.

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**Squib. Farm Homeowner's Assoc.  
Elevated Roadway**



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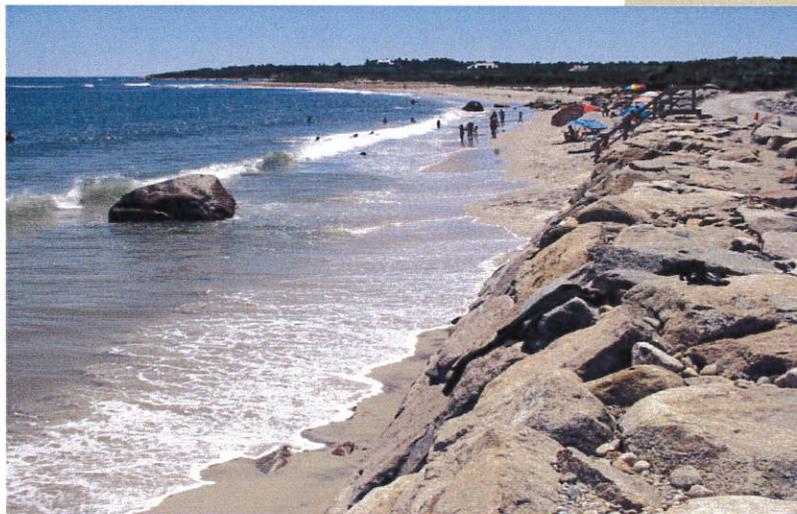
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## Elevated Roadway – Proposed Location



## Summer 2013 High Tide





## The Current Proposal



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## The Current Proposal

- The current concept on land owned by the Vineyard Open Land Foundation (VOLF) solves the Town's beach and parking problems:

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## The Current Proposal

- It will **add 10.5-acres** to the Town's beach lease.
- It will increase the Town's beach from about 250 feet to **over 1,400 feet of shoreline**.
- Extend the lease for another **99 years**. (The current Squibnocket Beach and Parking lease **expires in 36 years**).

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## The Current Proposal

- It provides **several location options** for a stable parking area.
- The proposed parking location options will have an **accessible walking trail** to the beach shoreline.

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## The Current Proposal

- At historic and recent erosion rates Coastal Geologists predict the alternative parking locations will last **over 100 years**.
- The proposal provides **recreational and commercial skiff access to Squibnocket Pond**.

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## The Current Proposal

- The proposal has a **reasonable cost**.
  - 99-Year lease for \$400,000 (\$4,000/year).
- **Existing CPA reserve funds** are available to pay for the lease and we have applied for federal and state **coastal resiliency grants**.

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## Other Parking Options

- ▣ There are additional, **new parking options** under evaluation involving **several different privately owned parcels** that the Town could acquire.
- ▣ These options are not fully vetted and will be explored and shared in additional public forums before the **October Special Town Meeting**.

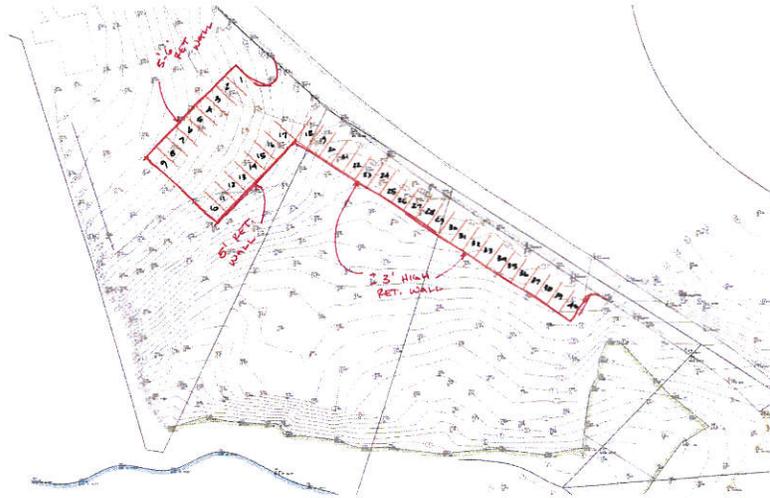
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## Possible Available Land Parcels with Assessed Values



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## Parking Alternative on 3 Parcels



## The Current Proposal



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## Revetment and Barrier Beach Re - nourishment

- There may be an opportunity to return the current beach to its original barrier beach state.
- The ocean would most likely have a natural water exchange with the wetlands and pond during significant storm events.

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## Revetment and Barrier Beach Re - nourishment

- The Town hired two independent coastal geologists to evaluate an exit strategy and plan for removing all, part or none of the revetment and re-nourishing the barrier beach with sand.
- Their findings were presented on **March 11** and **April 9** and have been posted on the Town's website.

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## Revetment and Barrier Beach Re - nourishment

- Coastal Geologist Jim O'Connell has returned tonight to be available to answer any technical questions.

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