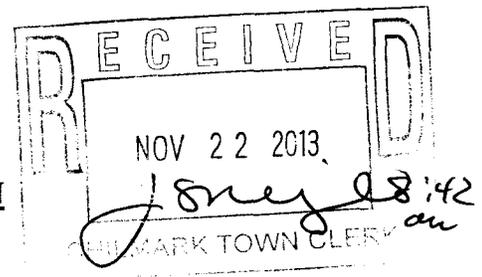


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Chilmark's Squibnocket Beach and parking area and the causeway running from Squibnocket Road through the parking lot to the Squibnocket Farm residences have experienced significant impacts from coastal erosion due to rising mean high tide levels and more frequent and severe storms. The Board of Selectmen, the Squibnocket Farm Association and the Vineyard Open Land Foundation have been working together to seek a long term concept and proposal that responds to this rapidly changing environment. The concept includes:

- A significant expansion of the Town's leased portion of Squibnocket Beach.
- The relocation of the Town's Squibnocket Beach parking area.
- A plan to eventually improve the current Town beach by restoring the beach and parking area to its original barrier beach state.
- An elevated roadway that provides a long term, low environmental impact replacement for the current causeway. The proposed elevated roadway will run from Squibnocket Road to the existing Squibnocket Farm Road -- which will then lead to a relocated beach parking area and the Squibnocket Farm residences.

This concept required sensitive negotiations among all parties. The Chilmark Board of Selectmen would like to present the current concept and receive public comment on:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Chilmark Library.

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