

To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen, Tim Carroll
From: Town Committee on Squibnocket, J Malkin, Chairman
22 December 2014

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Town Committee on Squibnocket this morning, it was unanimously agreed to send the following recommendation to you for inclusion at a Special Town Meeting on 2 February for the Town and BOS to receive the recommendation as specified in the Amendment creating the Committee last April.

The Committee is prepared to present this recommendation to the Special Town Meeting on 2 February 2015.

The Committee's Recommended Solution is as follows:

Build an at-grade road with low causeway

- Located far enough inland to avoid impacts of waves and major wash overs

- Minimizes the wetlands approval issues

- Follows the contours of the land, higher on the ends and lower in the middle

- Height of the causeway to be at a level that limits the projected wash overs to several a year, based upon engineering considerations

- Roadway and low causeway to be one lane with turnouts at the at-grade sections

Parking on Combined Orphanos/Jeffers and Weldon non-conforming lots

- Parking lot would incorporate the present Squibnocket Road

- Accommodates approximately 45-50 vehicles (about the same as currently available)

- Beach parking separate from homeowner access increases safe access for pedestrians

- Parking plan incorporates drop-off and turn around, with ample room for small VTA buses, as well as guard shack and port-a-potties

- Potential for re-use of boulders from revetment for retaining walls of parking lot

The Committee recommends that the Town use its best efforts to reach agreements to proceed with the Committee's Recommended Solution so as to have appropriate implementing warrant articles for the annual Town meeting

Our alternative option, should the recommended solution not be achievable is:

- Construction of a causeway as originally proposed, but located inland of the original site; Shown as Causeway #2 in the attached PowerPoint presentation

Should the BOS wish to discuss this with the Committee, or myself, we are available at your request. In addition to the PowerPoint from our presentation (which Chuck H has in his possession), the display below shows the additional beach that will be provided as proposed by the SFHA.



Thank you,

James Malkin
Chairman, Town Committee of Squibnocket