

NOTIFICATION TO ABUTTERS

March 2, 2015

Dear Abutter:

In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 section 40, and any other requirements, you are hereby notified of the following:

A Notice of Intent has been filed with the Chilmark Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town of Chilmark to create a walking path along the Northeast side of the Menemsha Beach Parking Lot (Basin Road) from the Comfort Station to the beach and to install a floating dock along the Menemsha Channel along the South side of the Pier Connector from the "green" channel dock towards the Creek Lots.

Copies of the Notice of Intent are on file with the Chilmark Conservation Commission at the Chilmark Town Hall. For more information contact the Chilmark Conservation Commission at 508-645-2114.

The public hearing is scheduled for March 18th 2015 at 12:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall. It will be advertised in a local newspaper at least 5 days prior to said hearing.

Information will be available online at www.chilmarkma.gov Selectmen's page, Projects.

http://www.chilmarkma.gov/pages/ChilmarkMA_Selectmen/projects/

Sincerely,

Tim Carroll
Executive Secretary

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Proposed Walking Path to Beach Access at Menemsha Parking Lot

The Town proposes to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow by creating a path along the parking lot from the Comfort Station to the beach. This would remove pedestrians from the narrow traveled way and give them a 5 foot wide path to walk with their children and beach equipment. The path would be delineated from the parking lot by using thirty two concrete curb stops along the thirty two parking spaces. Two areas at the beach end of the path (40' and 20' approximately) would be graded to a sustainable 3 to 1 slope and planted with rosa rugosa and beach grasses, otherwise there would be no disturbance beyond the edge of the proposed path. A fence would not be installed, but symbolic fencing could be erected during the summer months if necessary on the dune side of the path. The total length is +-395 feet. Walkway is 1,975 sq.ft. Safety area is 1,185 sq.ft. Area requiring slope is approximately 800 sq.ft. The path is 87 feet from Menemsha Basin, on the opposite side of Basin Road. The path ends 131 feet from Vineyard Sound at the beach. The path will start as existing material. However, the use of seasonal roll-up wooden boardwalks or sand-hardener is expected in future years.

B. Build and Maintain a timber pier and floats in Menemsha Channel

The Commonwealth has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the town for the construction of a temporary tie-up floating dock along the channel side of the concrete pier connector. It would start with a ten foot extension to the existing 8 ½ foot wood platform, install a forty foot aluminum gangway(similar to the existing gangway on other side of pier connector), anchor an 80 x 9 foot concrete uni-float with an additional 40 x 3 foot uni-float using steel or green-heart 18" diameter pilings. The 80 foot section will be for the temporary tie up of transient recreational boats and a landing for small water craft (currently there are no town docks low enough to be accessed by kayaks, canoes and dinghies along the channel). This design is to address both the safety and convenience of people using the channel. The narrower 40 foot section is designed to allow the mooring of Shellfish Up-wellers under the supervision of the Shellfish Department for growing shellfish seed. This allows a seasonal mooring of the up-wellers further back from the edge of the federal channel. The concrete uni-floats will provide impact protection to the FRP wave wall located under the pier connector. The 9 pilings equal approximately 21.2 square feet of area. The 80 foot float is 720 square feet and the 40 foot float is 120 square feet. The overall length of the proposed area is 165 feet.