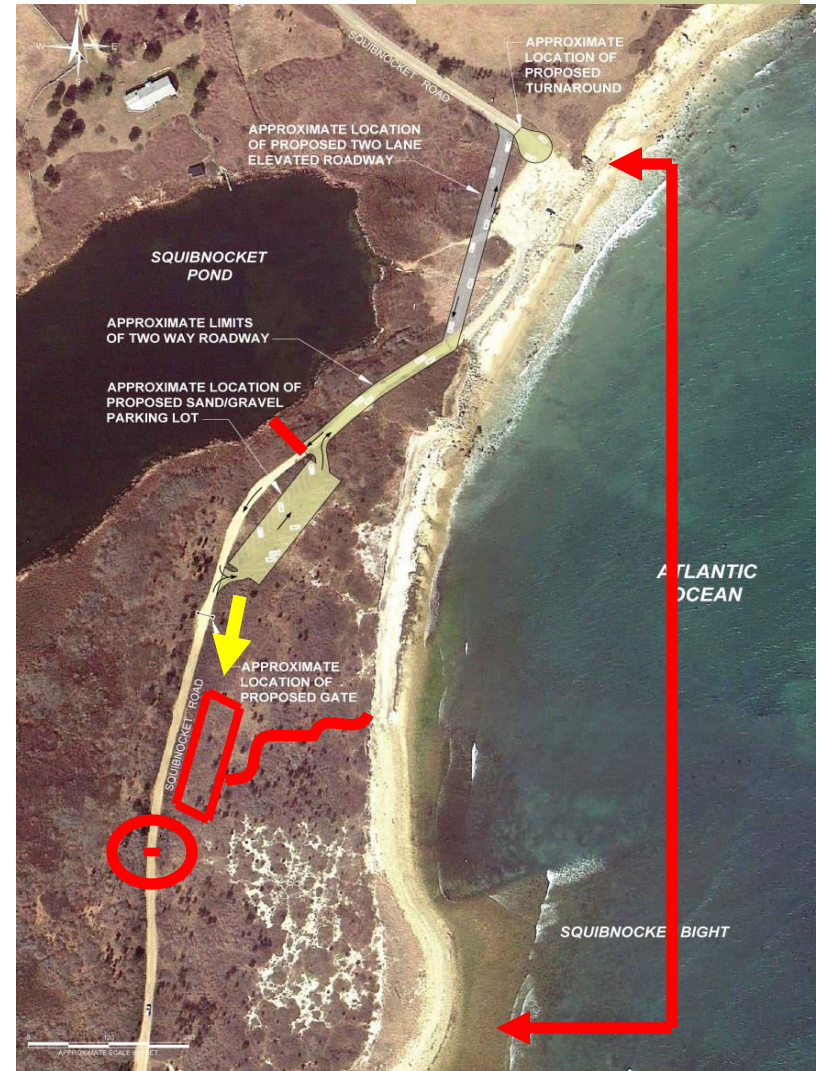
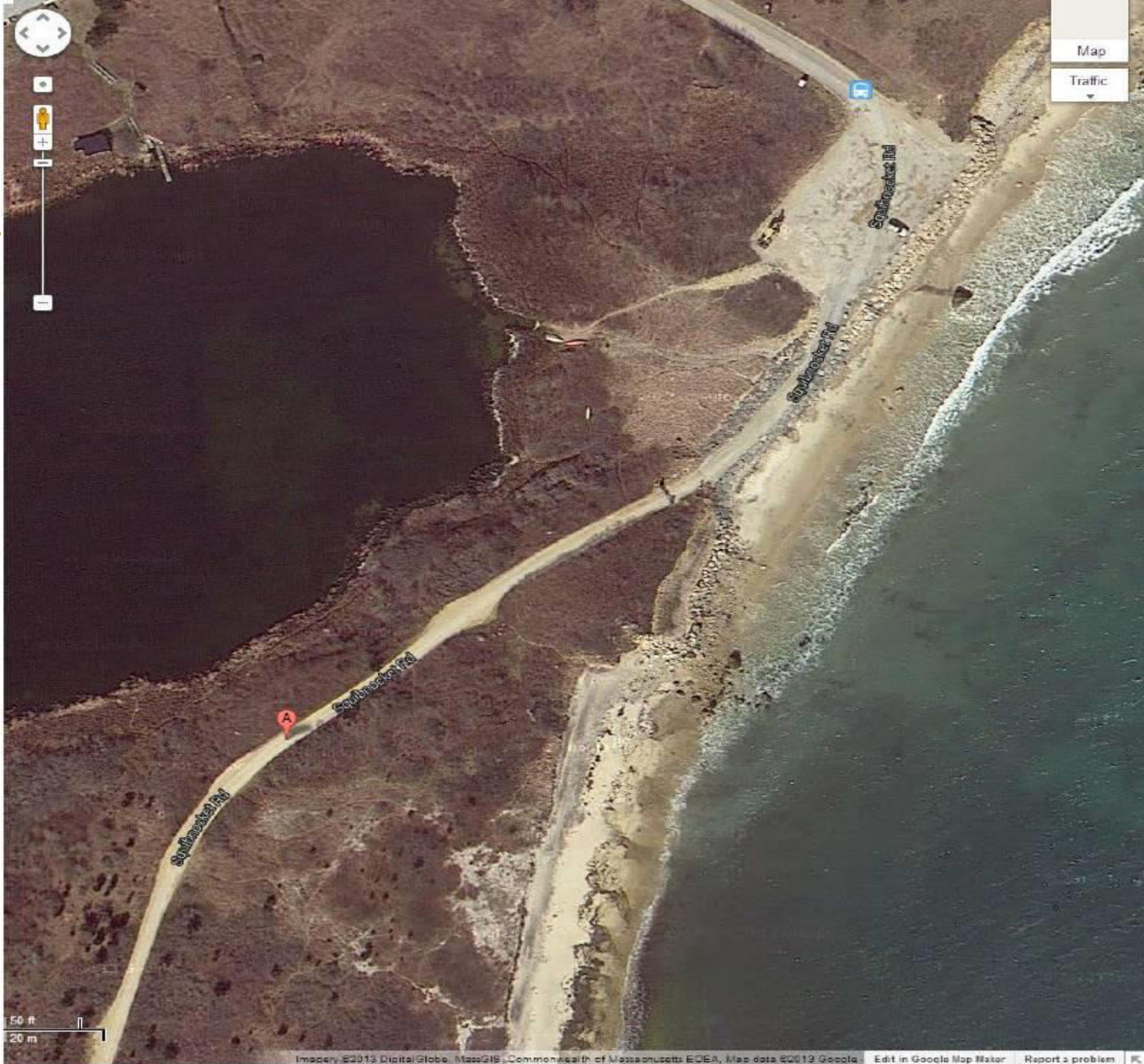


Article # 28: Squibnocket Roadway, Beach & Parking Area



A “Yea” Vote on Article 28

- Authorizes the Selectmen to continue working on this proposal and the **terms of the new 99-year lease.**
- To continue working on evaluating **alternative parking solutions.**
- To hold several **additional public forums** to review progress, get input and report on the additional grant funding applications.
- To schedule a **Special Town Meeting in October 2014** seeking voter approvals of the plan, lease and proposed CPA funding to pay for the lease.



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.”**

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.**

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**.

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.

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.**

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.

Squib. Farm Homeowner's Assoc. Elevated Roadway



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Elevated Roadway – Proposed Location

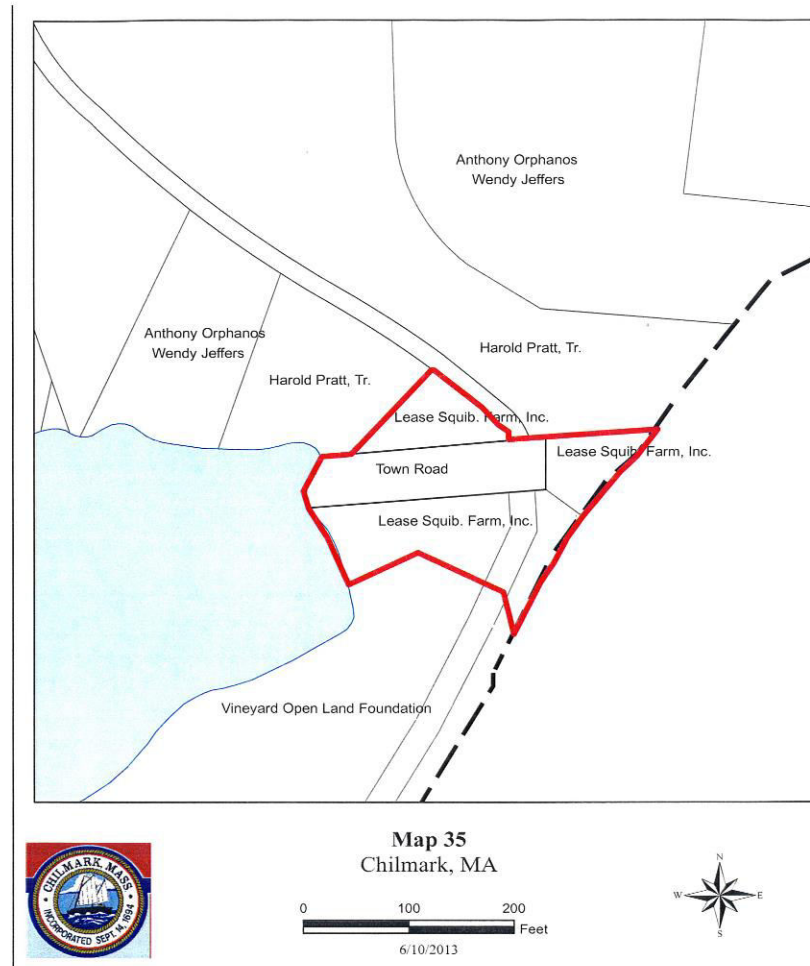


Summer 2013 High Tide



Current Lease 1950 - 2050

Assessors Map



New Beach & Parking Area Lease Concept 2014 - 2113



Map 35 Lot 1.30
Chilmark, MA

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Foot
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The Current Proposal



The Current Proposal

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

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**).

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.

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.**

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**.

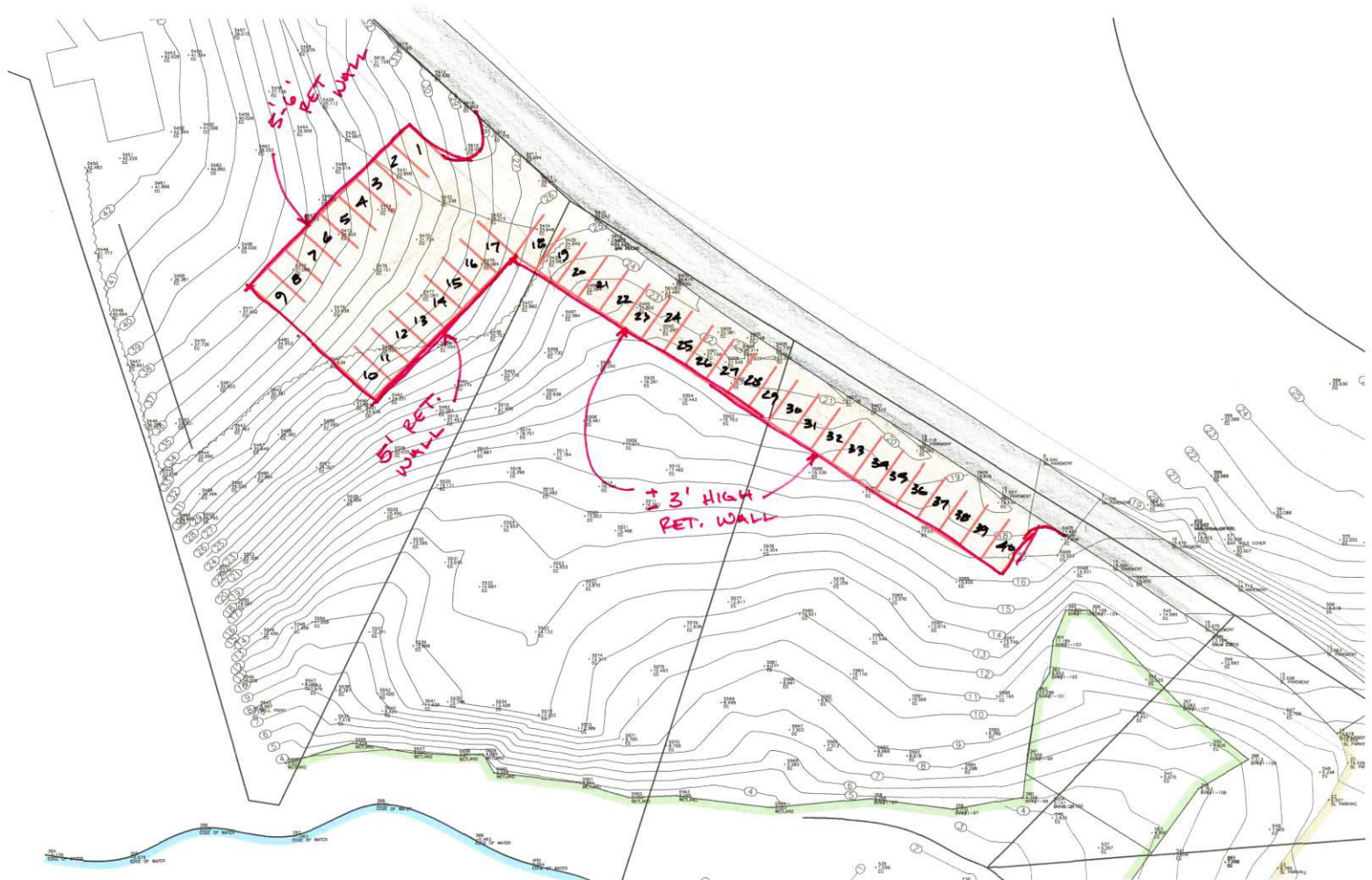
Other Parking Options

- 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**.

Possible Available Land Parcels with Assessed Values



Parking Alternative on 3 Parcels



The Current Proposal



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.**

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.

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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