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Hi Marina; what follows is a letter to the Squib committee and the order of conditions referred to in it I will drop off to you on monday. Thank you in advance for seeing they get it. Chris

9-13-14

Dear Jim and the Squibnocket Committee;

I have understood for many years that care and maintenance of the barrier beach between the Squibnocket Road and the high ground at Squibnocket Point is really the only long term answer to adequate access to the Point but I have never understood how to set it up with the various government entities so that the owners at Squibnocket Point could be assured of their right to quickly repair any problems to the access road. I have been hearing about Duxbury beach from various people trying to prove various points so I read the Duxbury Town Plan which you have in your collection of information. It is long and hard to digest but it does deal with a similar set of problems and (in great detail) covers the history of the area, the problems and the solutions. For instance, see Duxbury Beach Management Plan page 6 July12, 2012,

“It is important that the improved roadway be considered a temporary feature. Since barrier beaches migrate landward as storms overwash these landforms, it is necessary periodically to move the vehicle corridor landward to keep up with the natural migration process. The corridor was moved in 1977 and again in 1994 when the beach was most recently restored. The improved roadway is maintained as a gravel surface with no pavement so that it conforms as much as possible to the natural characteristics of the barrier beach.....”

Last weekend I stopped in Duxbury to see for myself and I was very impressed. Each of our shared problems is bigger there. Four and a half miles of barrier beach versus a half mile; two hundred houses at the end versus twenty; nesting endangered species are a big issue for them; in short they have a longer, larger history of abuse of the resource area than we have even dreamed about. They also have a history of solving the problems, bringing all the interested parties to the table and crafting the legal tools to allow them to fix and maintain the beach, dune, and road, now and into the future.

I toured Duxbury Beach with my brother who lives in Duxbury but when I mentioned my tour to Charlie Parker he had already been there and found the person in charge (Joe Brady) and gotten his own tour with all the bells and whistles. He also brought back with him what for me is a key piece of information – the ConCom Order of Conditions. (Which is reviewed and approved by the DEP) It is essentially the set of rules all the people involved use to take care of the beach and the road. (See copy delivered by me) This Order of Conditions is good for three years and is reviewed and renewed on a three-year basis.

If we, the town and the owners at Squibnocket Point and VOLF go through the process of applying for an Order of Conditions from the ConCom and DEP we will then have a blue print to follow into the future that everyone can understand and rely on.

I strongly urge the Squibnocket Committee and the ConCom to visit Duxbury Beach and if possible meet with Joe Brady. Seeing is believing. If Mr. Brady can take us through what they have accomplished we can learn from them and not have to reinvent the wheel, again. Thank you all for going through all this. Chris Murphy