

Chilmark Beach Committee's Recommendations for the Squibnocket Project
September 2014

The Committee has met and welcomes the opportunity to comment on this project.

Chilmark is known for its beautiful town beaches. Since first being leased in the early 1950's Squibnocket Beach has offered an enjoyable experience. As noted in our master plan, it is considered a town asset.

The following are our recommendations and concerns:

Very important to retain the currently leased beachfront. This area, presently being undermined by the revetment offers the most desirable swimming. The area towards "mussel point", although desirable for sitting and walking, is not particularly good for swimming. (often rocky and full of seaweed).

Removal of the current stone revetment. It is encouraging erosion on either end and is creating scouring.

Removal of former bulkhead rocks that are now only exposed at low tide. These create a hazard to swimmers.

Removal of remaining wooden piling that is often visible at low tide.

Removal of boulders that had been placed on "money hill" that, because of erosion, have tumbled to the leased beach.

One of the things that is particularly desirable about Squibnocket beach is that it provides close accessibility to an ocean beach. Parking lot should be close to the beach access point.

Single lane bridge

Separate the beach access road and parking lot from the homeowners access road as much as possible.

Investigate possibility of purchasing land above the pond for parking area that could incorporate landscaping plans to minimize its visual impact