

## Approved Minutes

### Community Property Meeting

July 12, 2024

68 Oceanview Ave.

4:00pm

Attending: Mark Alperin, Meg Deshpande, Debbie Dupre, Anthony Flint, George Gray, John Pinkos, Mary Duffy

Member of Public: Roy Jacobsen

1. Approved with corrections the minutes of the August 18,2023 meeting.
2. Updated the ongoing property maintenance items. Engineered wood chips, the same as used by the Town of Charlestown, were added to the surface of the playground. The total cost was about \$5200 including chips and labor to spread. This type of maintenance is required every 5-6 years. The beach path at the gate needs cutting. We have the permits to perform that cut. Informed the committee that the job of rehabbing two community bulletin boards and the beach entry sign is currently stalled by contractor inaction. The committee discussed the landscaping contract which runs through December of 2025.
3. The committee discussed the board's suggestion of hiring a playground consultant in order to determine the useful life of the equipment and prepare financially for equipment replacement and playground upkeep. A little more than ten years ago a consultant was hired to look at the playground for suggesting new equipment and reviewing the layout. The person who hired this consultant offered a positive review of his work. We will contact him in September to get a proposal for his work.
4. Garbage Collection-Informational Update and Discussion  
The committee discussed the positive performance of CWPM collections services. The current emergency contract expires in September. Public notice was placed that the community is accepting bids for a new contract. Further discussion was had about the future contract and board approval.

Memorials Policy-At the request of the board the committee worked on developing a Memorials Policy to present to the board for their consideration. A working group was formed that created a document with four possible structures of a policy and the pros and cons of each. This document along with a policy developed by Roy Jacobsen was presented to the committee for discussion. A consensus was reached to present the following to the Board of Governors for their consideration.

Quonnochontaug Central Beach Fire District will not allow memorials to be placed on community property starting in 2024. Alternatively, the District welcomes monetary contributions to support ongoing and special expenses in any area of the community to memorialize an individual. Such contributions would be recognized in the community news and at the annual meeting. Additionally, community members can place a memorial on their own property which would also be recognized in the community news and at the annual meeting.