

WHITE POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Agenda January 5, 2022 7:00 PM

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1. Special discussion with Kate Hodges, Deputy Town Manager, on public beach project

Questions submitted in advance:

- 1) Community residents counted 27 trees cut down in recent construction. Can you specify why 27 trees were lost when previous number understood was around 9?
 - a) Were there alternatives considered that reduced the number of trees taken down?
 - b) Are alternative beach improvement plans available or will they now be created to include a design without the zig zag path for community review?
 - c) How many more trees will be removed for the zig zag path and other beach plan structures? Please provide for specificity for all trees to be cut or removed.
 - d) Has the NRC or an arborist assessed the impact to roots of older trees from creating the zigzag path that may be permanent damage?
- 2) Who is the certified arborist who is supervising and determining the critical root zone for the trees in the construction zone?
 - a) On the construction plans, section LZ501, a 10' construction fence is supposed to go a minimum of 10' around any tree with an additional 1' for any tree above 10' DBH. Any work inside this zone is to be done by hand and a certified arborist is to determine the critical root zone to be protected. Will there be fences put up to protect the critical root zone?
- 3) What is the schedule for all work including but not limited to:
 - a) Stormwater management infrastructure installation?
 - b) Any and all other tree removal (no matter the caliper)
 - c) Destruction of steps currently on ground
 - d) Construction of the zig zag path (walkway and ramp) and other paths?
- 4) Who decided on the zig zag (walkway and ramp) path?
 - a) Please explain your position. Pursuant to M.G.L.c. 22 § 13A and as regulated by the Architectural Access Board (AAB) we understand that the handicapped parking access

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requirement could be met with three parking spots at the base (one more than currently). Town has said that the zig zag (walkway and ramp) path is also required, but this appears to be contrary to findings of a January 2021 Commission on Disability meeting and MA code requirements. Note: there is no sidewalk access to WP for any pedestrians by a walkway from a public road or down the WP access road.

b) References:

- i) <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/521-CMR-6-space-allowance-and-reach-ranges>
- ii) <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/521-CMR-23-parking-and-passenger-loading-zones>
- iii) <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/521-CMR-20-accessible-route>

5) Is the ramp/walkway or zig zag path in full compliance to MA code?

a) Does the zig zag path adhere to the required rest stops, landings and maximum ramp run under 521 CMR. 24.4?

i) References:

- (1) <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/521-CMR-24-ramps>
- (2) <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/521-CMR-22-walkways>

ii) Was the ramp portion of the zigzag path presented to the public? When did this occur?

iii) What part of the path are impervious surfaces?

6) Can the town halt construction on the beach project until there is community and public NRC input on further tree removal, handicapped access compliance requirements are shared and the impacts on water quality through impervious surface runoff?

7) How will the community work with town officials going forward for better communication and collaborations?

- a) To ensure full disclosure to community about White Pond Plans going forward
- b) To prevent recurrence of Fisheries communication problem and tree removal, beach plan and design communication disclosure problems

Requested documents before the meeting:

8) Copies of the contractors' contracts.

9) Schedule of work to be done with dates and timelines for tasks. This includes all work from more tree removal, storm water work and zig zag path construction to final completion and restoration.

Reminder for future meetings.

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