



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

August Meeting Agenda

Date: August 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Location: Sandy Beach, East Shore Rd, Morris

- Call to order: 6:07PM
In attendance: Corinne Houle, Terry Connor, Ed Ryle, Jennifer Parsons, Andy Parker and Todd Dyer- Beach Manager. Not in attendance: Kathy VO, Lindsay Z.
- Approval of minutes from July 25, 2025 meeting.
- Treasurers report: none (Kathy not able to attend)
- Correspondence:
 - Email from visitor regarding flotation devices (see below).
 - Email from Peter Longo on Ski Show wrap: great weather both days, higher turnout. He delivered a check for from proceeds, and paid Todd for his extra hours. Complaint regarding use of beach pass to enter show-Commission to point out black out dates during lesson sign ups and be sure to include on beach flyer 2026. Next year's show: 8/1 and 8/2/2026. Reminder to members of ski club to follow beach rules, including no flotation devices as per SB rules. Lastly, will BLSC members hand out SB flyers next year with programs and SB to purchase ad in program.
- Old Business
 - Well/water final update: well tested with fine results, the well has run down 2 times
 - Todd noticed pipe that wasn't fit properly. Adjusted and is watching now. If does not fail over Labor Day, we'll assume it is fixed. Review at Sept meeting.
 - Thank you to Towns of Morris /Litchfield. Huge help this year with maintenance: mowing and delivery of processed stone to fill holes at beach. Naomi retired (from Litchfield Public Works). She has been a great friend to SB and we thank her and wish her well! Also Todd grateful for additional hiring of help with maintenance-3 hours per week. Kept beach tidy and looking great. Commission thanked Ethan and Todd.
 - Playroom: Great addition. Need sign to remind folks to clean up after themselves. Will review in spring-need more toys, etc?
 - Man who complained about the condition of tree. No money from Commission budget.

- Final version of Rules Sign. Todd to email commission for one last look. Then to Laurentano for next season.
- Sun shade: needs to be moved higher for next season.
- New Business
 - Concert (in partnership with Litch Park and Rec) was success, about 20 families. Next year offer earlier in season, do more marketing, start concert earlier in day? We will invite Park and Rec to meeting over the winter to make plan.
 - Fall beach clean up? Is necessary for work detail? TBD at September meeting.
- Beach Manager's Report
 - Great season, great staff! Pass sales were up a little (259), swim lessons about same as last year. Question as to whether we should/could add a session in August. Andy's experience was that lessons were very slow in August. Will discuss at upcoming meeting. Todd was happy with the successful SB Swim Team season. Kids swam across the lake again. Great accomplishment!
 - Discussion on complaint regarding SB rules against wearing flotation devices. Long discussion about the longstanding rule, Corinne did general research on why beaches continue to have the rule. SB Rule has been in place for decades. Todd to write response and share with Commissioners. Agreed to keep rule in place for safety of swimmers.
 - Update on cabin painting project/update: project all done, looks great.

Commissioners thanked Todd and staff for another great season.

- Future agenda items: roof repair update (will windows be trimmed and cubbies built?) , Fall beach cleanup? Next year concert with P and Rec.
- Adjourn : meeting at 7:00 PM
- Adjournment

-Jennifer Parsons, co-secretary

Next meeting: Thursday September 18, 6pm at Sandy Beach