



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

October Minutes

Date: October 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Location: **Litchfield Firehouse**

In attendance: Corinne Houle, Terry Connor, Lindsay Z, Jennifer Parsons, Kathy Van Ormer, Lauren Wheeler, Todd Dyer, Beach Manager.

Guest-Tom Weik, First Selectman, Morris. Not in attendance: Tom Matthews, Ed Ryle, Andy Parker

- Call to order: 6:02 (Jenn P for Ed)
- Approval of minutes from September 18, 2025 meeting. Motion to approve-Kathy, Second Lindsay.
- Treasurers report: Kathy reviewed September financial statement. \$6190.85 in cash. She did transfer 1500 from renovation fund to operating in order to pay for final bills. Kathy confirmed that we have less money in our account at end of season than last year. Still need to have roof repairs (main building leaking at ladies room/guard room) and may need to go to town(s) for extra funds. Reminder that municipal funding has been received for the year.
- Correspondence:
 - No new info from Dept of Labor on Todd's fraudulent letter re: unemployment comp.
- Old Business
 - Lauren Wheeler was officially introduced as new commission member from Morris.
 - Finalize sign verbiage. All reviewed, accepted final. Todd to reach out to Matt L. Tom W asked if we will get them in Spanish. Had not but will ask Matt if they can translate and create a Spanish version.
 - Scarecrow in the Meadow will be installed on Friday October 17. Corinne (with help from Chuck) created/built scarecrow after brainstorming with Lindsay! Terry to meet Corinne at Tapping Reeve to help install. Great job!! Must be removed on 11/3.
- New Business
 - Tom Weik asked about status of annual report to the Selectmen as per the "interlocal" (?) memorandum put in place earlier in the year. Due date was 10/15. Group unaware. Jenn to reach out to Ed. He also reminded group that SB leadership must meet with

selectmen to go over financials. He will forward copy of document to Commission via email so we each have a copy.

- Tom Weik reminded group that Morris PO has closed and that mail from that PO Box is now available to be picked up at Morris Town Hall. Kathy noted.
 - Litchfield Paddle -couple of long time pass holders that would like to host "Paddle Day" at beach. They would be offering instruction to new paddlers, introducing folks to the activity. It is possible they might want to hold during the off season and might want to invite pass holders that are paddlers. Todd will reach out for a one sheet of goal and specific event, insurance certificate showing SB as additional insured, and will bring to upcoming meeting. Table additional discussion until we have the paperwork.
 - 2026 Events-Brief conversation about possibilities: work with Litch Park and Rec again next year for a "Kick off to Summer" for Region 20. Fall Festival possibility -Todd reiterated his willingness to donate time for that. Lindsay urged group to put the events calendar together earlier in the year.
 - Todd donated leftover candy from Snack Shack to Litchfield PTO for Halloween. SB named a sponsor of the PTO Halloween event.
 - Todd reminded us that Sandy Beach will celebrate 100 years in 2027!
 - Group agreed to order stickers for season passes as opposed to hanging tags for 2026.
- Beach Manager's Report
 - Todd to shut off water and finalize season close weekend of 10/18.
 - Todd will remove soda (along with anything that needs to go before freezing temps) from Snack Shack.

Future Agenda items:

2026 events calendar

2026 meeting calendar

Playroom rules

- Adjourn : 7:07 PM (Terry moved, Lindsay second)

-Jennifer Parsons, co-secretary

Next meeting: Thursday November 20, 6pm at Forman School