

HARWICH RECREATION & YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 5:30pm

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AGENDA*

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the TOWN OF HARWICH Recreation & Youth Commission is being conducted via remote participation. **NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE PERMITTED**, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

- ◆ A reminder that persons who would like to listen to or view this meeting while in progress may do so by Channel 18 simulcast <http://harwich18.dyndns.org/cablecast/public/Live.aspx?ChannelID=1> or
- ◆ If despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time access, and we will post a record of this meeting on the city/town's website as soon as we are able.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ Patrick Otton - Harwich Beach Trash Art

4. RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS

- ◆ Approval of Commission meeting minutes from 3/23/21.
- ◆ Director's Report
- ◆ Property Maintenance Report
- ◆ Budget Reports
- ◆ Chairman's Report
- ◆ Liaison Reports

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ 2022 CPC Projects Priority List
- ◆ Whitehouse Project Update

6. NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Doane Park Memorial Plaque
- ◆ Harwich Beach Trash Art
- ◆ Director Spending Permission Threshold
- ◆ Next regular meeting to be posted for Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

7. OPEN SESSION*

8. ADJOURN MEETING

_____ Lee Ames Signature Authorized Posting Officer	Date: _____ 4/15/2021
	Posted by: _____ Town Clerk

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HARWICH RECREATION & YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING DATE, TIME, & PLACE: Tuesday March 23rd, 2021 5:30 PM – Virtual Remote at GoToMeeting
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/110815501>

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: John Mahan, Michael Hurley, Frank Crowley, Vahan Khachadorian and John Larivee

RECREATION STAFF PRESENT: Eric Beebe

OTHERS PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS - None

RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

- ◆ Approval of Minutes of 2/16/21 - *Postponed lack of Commission members present at the 2/16/21 meeting.*

Director's Report- Commission Meeting 3-23-21

- ◆ **Whitehouse Field Lighting Project** - There will be a bid opening for the lighting project based on the RFP issued by Town Administration on Thursday March 18th. The project seems to be moving forward. I will update the commission at our meeting on the bid opening results.
Director shared the results of the bid opening for the Whitehouse Field Light Installation as well as the overall budget for the project. John Mahan asked that the Director email a copy of the budget for the project to all Commission members.
- ◆ **Whitehouse Field Scoreboard Project** - A contract has been issued for the procurement of a new scoreboard for Whitehouse Field. Part of the funding for this project, as well as, the lighting project will be paid for by the \$75,000 donation from the Harwich Mariners.
- ◆ **Sand Pond Restroom** - I am currently putting together a draft RFP for the Sand Pond Restroom project to submit to Town Administration for their review.
- ◆ **FY2022 Budget Hearing** - I had a budget hearing with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee on March 12 where I reviewed our FY22 budget. There were very few questions and the boards seemed happy with our submittal.
- ◆ **Finance Committee Project Meeting** - I presented this year's three CPC projects that will be on the warrant for the May Town Meeting to the Finance Committee for their approval/recommendation on March 11. The Finance Committee voted to approve all 3 of our projects unanimously.
- ◆ **Spring Programs** - We will be running a slate of outdoor spring programs that will begin in April and we are already starting to see very good registration numbers.
We will be offering:

After School Child Care Program	T-ball Clinic
Youth Flag Football	Travel League Softball
Hoops with Noop Basketball Clinic	
- ◆ **Summer 2021 Programs** - We are working on our summer brochure for 2021 and we are happy to have a semblance of programming back this summer. We will be offering a scaled back

version of our normal summer full day playground program and summer ball programs. We do not plan to offer swimming lessons because social distancing and mask wearing are not possible in this type of program.

- ◆ **Summer Beaches 2021** - We have emailed out our invites to returning staff for this upcoming beach season. We are planning on having a full beach staff and also hope to re-open the full parking lot at Pleasant Road Beach and resume selling daily passes there this summer which will significantly increase daily pass revenue for the Town. I am in consultation with the Health Department regarding beach corona monitors and early response looks like we will have some corona monitors but not to the extent that we did last summer.

Property Maintenance Report - A current maintenance report was given to Commission Members.

Budget Reports - A current budget report was given to Commission Members.

Chairman's Report -

- ◆ John Mahan told members that Brooks Park Baseball Field is being worked on by the Highway Department to ready it for the upcoming season.
- ◆ John Mahan told the Commission that it is time to re-order mulch for the Brooks Park Playground. We are working on getting exact cost estimates for the amount we need.

Liaison Reports -

- ◆ Community Preservation Committee - David Nixon did not attend this meeting.
- ◆ Facilities Committee – Vahan Khachadorian.
 - ❖ Vahan told Commission that there has not been any Facilities Committee meetings as of yet.

MISC CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Whitehouse Field Master Plan - Director informed Commission that we have received copies of the Mariners master plan for Whitehouse Field and the surrounding area. He asked that Commission members pick up the plans at their earliest convenience. John Mahan asked that Mariners General Manager, Ben Layton be put on a Commission meeting agenda once we start meeting in person again.
- ◆ Brooks Park Hollow Discussion - Commission discussed public discourse on the options for the Hollow at Brooks Park. It was agreed that accessibility is the main issue with having any kind of active recreation in the hollow.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Future CPC Project Discussion - Potential future CPC projects were discussed and the Chairman asked that members begin to think about what they would like to see as an article in the future. Vahan K. mentioned a restroom facility at the Senior Softball Fields complex Frank Crowley mentioned additional pickle ball court(s) at Brooks Park John Larivee mentioned the possibility of additional basketball courts at Brooks Park John Mahan asked that this be placed on the April Commission meeting agenda.
- ◆ Next regular meeting to be posted for Tuesday April 27th, 2021.

OPEN SESSION:*

- ◆ Vahan Khachadorian told Commission that there are large divots in the parking area of the senior softball fields. Director will call highway department for repair options.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Vahan Khachadorian to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm; Frank Crowley seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous, 5 in favor, 0 against.

Submitted by:

Eric Beebe

Harwich Recreation Director

Director's Report Commission Meeting 4-20-21

- ◆ **Whitehouse Field Lighting Project** - Administration is in the process of accepting the low bid from the Robert B. Our Co. for the installation of the lighting system at Whitehouse Field. I have completed all procurement checklists for the Board of Selectmen approval which will be addressed at their April 20 meeting.
- ◆ **Sand Pond Improvements Project** - Finance Committee recently re-voted on the Sand Pond Improvements project and, once again, voted to recommend the project for Town Meeting. Board of Selectmen have voted to indefinitely postpone the article and we have requested to present to them to reconsider at a future Selectmen meeting.
- ◆ **Spring Recreation Programs** - We have begun our slate of spring programming. We currently have the following numbers for our programs.
 - After School Child Care Programs 50 registrants
 - Tball Clinic 32 registrants
 - Flag Football 12 registrants
 - Hoops with Noop Basketball Clinic 28 registrants
- ◆ **Summer 2021 Preparations** - We are working on securing our summer staff for this upcoming season. We have 32 returning guards with only one new lifeguard hire necessary this summer. We will be conducting several interviews for gate attendant and camp counselor positions over school vacation week.
- ◆ **CPC Project Update Meeting** - I will be presenting a progress report on all Recreation Department CPC projects at their April 22 meeting. The CPC hold progress reports on open projects twice annually.
- ◆ **Brooks Park Baseball Field Fencing Project** - I have submitted specifications and a pre procurement checklist to administration and town engineer for them to begin the process of putting together a RFP for the project to move forward as soon as possible.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>REPLACEMENT/REPAIR/MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>EST. COST</u>	<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>	<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMPLEX	1 TRACK FIT STATIONS PROJECT	\$13,500	DONE	CPC
	2 REMOVE TREES DAMAGED FROM TORNADO	NA	DONE	NA
BASSETT FIELD	1 WEED INFIELD	NA	DONE	NA
	2 CONVERT FIELD TO STONEDUST-ADD BASE PLUGS	TBD	TBD	?
CROWELL FIELD	1 RE-WEED INFIELD	NA	DONE	NA
POTTER FIELD	1 NEW FENCE CAP	\$1,000	AWAIT INSTALLATION	REV FUND
	2 PAINT DUGOUTS	NONE	DONE	SEN SOFT
SENIOR MEMORIAL FIELD	1 NEW FENCING	\$39,000	AWAIT ATM VOTE	CPC?
	2 NEW RESTROOM FACILITY	TBD	COMMISSION DISCUSSION	TBD
MCPHEE FIELD	2 NEW WELL FOR FIELD IRRIGATION	\$8,300	DONE	REV FUND
	2 REMOVE IN-GROUND GOALS	NONE	DONE	NA
WHITEHOUSE FIELD	1 NEW SCOREBOARD	\$25-30K	AWAIT DELIVERY	CPC ART?
	2 ADDITIONAL SAFETY NETTING	\$5,750	AWAIT MARINER PRESENT	CPC ART?
	3 NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM	\$380,360	AWAIT FINAL CONTRACT	CPC
	4 WHITEHOUSE MASTER PLAN	NA	UNDER COMM. REVIEW	MARINERS
BROOKS PARK AND FIELD	1 NEW FENCING FOR BASEBALL FIELD	\$41,000	AWAIT RFP FROM ADMIN	CPC?
	2 NEW LIGHTING FOR COURTS	\$333,500	AWAIT ATM VOTE	CPC
	3 REPAIR CRACKS IN TENNIS/BBALL COURTS	\$450	DONE	REV FUND
	4 NEW RESTROOM FACILITY	\$77,750	NEW ADA PLAN NEEDED	CPC
BANK ST. BEACH	1 RE-PAVE PARKING LOT	\$80,000	DONE	CAP ARTICLE
	2 LINE PARKING LOT	NA	DONE	CAP ARTICLE
RED RIVER BEACH	1 RE-PAVE PARKING LOT	\$125,000	DONE	CAP ARTICLE
	2 NEW BULKHEAD	TBD	FUTURE PHASED CAP ART.	POTENTIAL ARTICLE
PLEASANT RD BEACH	1 RE-PAVE PARKING LOT	\$111,359	DONE	CAP ARTICLE
	2 REPAIR OF SECOND LIFEGUARD STAND	TBD	DONE	TBD
EARLE ROAD BEACH	1 WALKWAY FOR BEACH	NONE	DONE	NA
	2 BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT	NONE	DONE	COUNTY DREDGE
LONG POND	1 POTENTIAL PICNIC AREA/PLAYGROUND AREA	NONE	ADDED PICNIC TABLES	N/A
	2 REMOVE SWIM DOCKS	NONE	DONE	NA
	3 ADDRESS PARKING LOT ISSUES	NONE	DONE	NA
SAND POND	1 BEACH UPGRADES/PLAYGROUND/RESTROOM?	\$83,500	AWAIT BOS RECONSIDERATI	CPC
	2 NEW RESTROOM FACILITY	\$125,000	DRAFT RFP SUBMITTED	CPC ART
OTHER BEACHES	1 ALL NEW LIFEGUARD STANDS	\$37,950	EARLE ROAD STAND DONE	CPC
	2 SEASONAL STORAGE FACILITY FOR KAYAKS ETC.CAHOON	TBD	RESEARCHING COST/OPTION	TBD
DOANE PARK	1 MEMORIAL PLAQUE	NA	AWAIT REC COMM VOTE	HAR GARDEN CLUB, DPW& HAR REC
OTHER PARKS/MEM.SQUARES	NONE AT THIS TIME			

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ACCOUNTS FOR:
0100 GENERAL FUND

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
016302 RECREATION & YOUTH EXPENSE							
016302 517900 OTHER FRIN	500	0	500	500.00	.00	.00	100.0%
016302 521100 ELECTRIC	8,500	0	8,500	6,926.49	.00	1,573.51	81.5%
016302 524200 OFF EQU RE	400	0	400	.00	.00	400.00	.0%
016302 527000 RENT&LEASE	4,000	0	4,000	4,370.00	.00	-370.00	109.3%*
016302 534100 ADV	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
016302 534400 TELEPHONE	1,100	0	1,100	722.69	.00	377.31	65.7%
016302 538000 OTHPURCHSV	1,250	0	1,250	700.00	.00	550.00	56.0%
016302 542000 OFF SUPPLS	2,500	0	2,500	1,013.87	.00	1,486.13	40.6%
016302 543000 MAINT EQUIP	800	0	800	.00	.00	800.00	.0%
016302 548100 BULK FUEL	1,700	0	1,700	429.30	.00	1,270.70	25.3%
016302 553000 P.W. SUPPL	4,550	0	4,550	1,985.60	.00	2,564.40	43.6%
016302 558000 OTH.SUP.NE	10,000	0	10,000	7,170.90	.00	2,829.10	71.7%
016302 573000 DUE,SB,TRV	175	0	175	.00	.00	175.00	.0%
016302 578000 OTHER UNCL	10,000	0	10,000	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00	50.0%
TOTAL RECREATION & YOUTH EXPENSE	45,575	0	45,575	28,818.85	.00	16,756.15	63.2%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	45,575	0	45,575	28,818.85	.00	16,756.15	63.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	45,575	0	45,575	28,818.85	.00	16,756.15	

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JOURNAL DETAIL 2021 8 TO 2021 8

ACCOUNTS FOR: 1540	RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	ESTIM REV ADJSTMTS	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE		REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
15405001 RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT								
511800 PART-TIME YEAR-ROUND S&W								
15405001	511800 2000 PART-TIME Y	0	0	0	2,344.25		-2,344.25	100.0%*
	2021/08/000035 02/05/2021 PRJ	-495.00	REF PR2131			WARRANT=PR2131	RUN=2 TOWN PAY	
15405001	511800 3000 PART-TIME Y	0	0	0	2,012.00		-2,012.00	100.0%*
	2021/08/000035 02/05/2021 PRJ	800.75	REF PR2131			WARRANT=PR2131	RUN=2 TOWN PAY	
	2021/08/000172 02/12/2021 PRJ	765.00	REF PR2132			WARRANT=PR2132	RUN=2 TOWN PAY	
	2021/08/000197 02/19/2021 PRJ	446.25	REF PR2133			WARRANT=PR2133	RUN=2 TOWN PAY	
	TOTAL PART-TIME YEAR-ROUND S&W	0	0	0	4,356.25		-4,356.25	100.0%
	TOTAL RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	0	0	0	4,356.25		-4,356.25	100.0%
15405002 RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT								
538000 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES								
15405002	538000 OTHER PURCHASED	0	175,000	175,000	.00		175,000.00	.0%
15405002	538000 2000 OTHER PURCH	0	0	0	792.00		-792.00	100.0%*
15405002	538000 5000 OTHER PURCH	0	0	0	1,700.00		-1,700.00	100.0%*
15405002	538000 6001 OTHER PURCH	0	0	0	604.22		-604.22	100.0%*
	TOTAL OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	0	175,000	175,000	3,096.22		171,903.78	1.8%
558000 UNCLASSIFIED SUPPLIES								
15405002	558000 2000 UNCLASSIFIE	0	0	0	280.90		-280.90	100.0%*



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ACCOUNTS FOR:	RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	ESTIM REV ADJUSTMTS	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
15405002	558000 3000 UNCLASSIFIED	0	0	0	104.82	-104.82	100.0%*
	2021/08/000133 02/11/2021 API	39.99 VND 006763 VCH		VERIZON WIRELESS	681454887-00001		222986
15405002	558000 5000 UNCLASSIFIED	0	0	0	1,820.04	-1,820.04	100.0%*
	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED SUPPLIES	0	0	0	2,205.76	-2,205.76	100.0%
	TOTAL RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	0	175,000	175,000	5,301.98	169,698.02	3.0%
15405004	RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT						
484099	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE						
15405004	484099 RECREATION REV	0	-175,000	-175,000	.00	-175,000.00	.0%*
15405004	484099 1000 MISCELLANEO	0	0	0	-20.00	20.00	100.0%
15405004	484099 2000 MISCELLANEO	0	0	0	-7,758.00	7,758.00	100.0%
15405004	484099 3000 MISCELLANEO	0	0	0	-3,610.00	3,610.00	100.0%
	2021/08/000146 02/10/2021 CRP	-2,155.00 REF 1938401					
	2021/08/000292 02/23/2021 CRP	-150.00 REF 1944791					
15405004	484099 5000 MISCELLANEO	0	0	0	-18,057.40	18,057.40	100.0%
	2021/08/000292 02/23/2021 CRP	-1,957.40 REF 1944791					
15405004	484099 6000 MISCELLANEO	0	0	0	-628.22	628.22	100.0%
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0	-175,000	-175,000	-30,073.62	-144,926.38	17.2%
	TOTAL RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	0	-175,000	-175,000	-30,073.62	-144,926.38	17.2%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: 1540 RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	ESTIM REV ADJSTMTS	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
TOTAL RECREATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT	0	0	0	-20,415.39	20,415.39	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-175,000	-175,000	-30,073.62	-144,926.38	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	175,000	175,000	9,658.23	165,341.77	
PRIOR FUND BALANCE				3,207.53		
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - NET OF REVENUES/EXPENSES				20,415.39		
REVISED FUND BALANCE				23,622.92		

Eric Beebe

From: John Mahan <jfmcapecod@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Eric Beebe
Subject: Fwd: Plague in Doane Park- Tree In memory of Buddy Hall

Please put this on the April agenda. Picture of plaque to follow. Thanks.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cyndi Williams** <Cyndi@harwichcc.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 2:14 PM
Subject: Plague in Doane Park- Tree In memory of Buddy Hall
To: John Mahan <jfmcapecod@gmail.com>, John Mahan <johnmahan@jackconway.com>

Hi John: The Pilgrim Masonic Lodge has come to me and the Christmas Tree we have in DOane Park was donated by the lodge. They have a 4 x 6 plague they would like to place in the ground by the tree and do a dedication May 6th . Can this be done?

Thanks Cyndi

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Cyndi Williams
Executive Director
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Harwich Port, MA 02646
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www.harwichcc.com



IN MEMORY OF
EMULOUS "BUDDY" HALL, JR.
A GREAT FRIEND AND MASON

PILGRIM LODGE
A.F. & A.M.



Eric Beebe, Recreation Director

Harwich Recreation & Youth Commission

100 Oak Street

Harwich, MA 02645

Dear Eric,

Our beaches are no longer the beaches once walked by Thoreau. Today's beaches are littered with trash: plastic, litter, and marine debris. It is easy to step over and ignore. We are proposing a project to heighten every beach going visitor's awareness of today's environment: displaying in artistic format the vast accumulation of trash that is found on today's beaches.

Suzanna Nickerson and Patrick Otton are residents on Cape Cod. We live here because we love the seashore, the woodlands, the ponds, and the beaches of Cape Cod. We are sensitive to the environmental degradation and human impact in the area. On her beach walks, Nickerson picks up the trash she finds underfoot and creates artistic displays of the found trash.

It is those artistic displays that we wish to mount in display cases and erect at every public beach entrance on Cape Cod. The displays will act as an implicit reminder of the human environmental impact that can be seen on all our beaches.

Otton will fabricate custom waterproof wood and plexiglass display cases for the artwork. Fabrication, mounting, and erection details are all open for discussion.

With 560 miles of coastline, we think Thoreau, Beston, Kennedy, 200,000 Cape residents and 5 million yearly visitors would like this idea! What do you think?

We would like to opportunity to meet with you to discuss this proposed beach trash art project. Please see the attached descriptive flier and please take time to watch Nickerson's West Tisbury Library's video link: <https://www.wtlibraryvirtualgallery.org/archivesnov2020>

Please contact us for more information and for scheduling a meeting. We are looking forward to meeting with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanna Nickerson, Artist

774-563-0775

suzannaan@yahoo.com

Patrick Otton, Helper

617-244-2761

p_otton@yahoo.com

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Eric Beebe

From: patrick otton <p_otton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Eric Beebe
Cc: Suzanna Nickerson
Subject: Re: Harwich Beach Trash Art

Yes, Please put this proposal before the Rec Commission, April 27. Any additional information needed?

Thank you, Eric. The season is about to begin!

Patrick

Patrick Otton
617-244-2761
p_otton@yahoo.com

On Monday, March 29, 2021, 11:24:53 AM EDT, Eric Beebe <ebeebe@town.harwich.ma.us> wrote:

Hi Patrick,

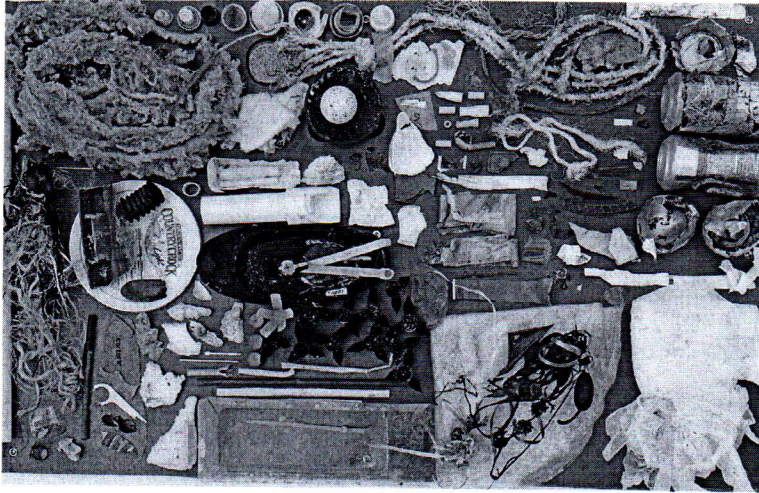
This would be something that would have to go before the Recreation Commission. They meet again on April 27. The meetings are still run virtually, but I can get you on the agenda to present if you would like. The meetings begin at 5:30pm through gotomeeting.

Eric

From: patrick otton [mailto:p_otton@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:40 AM
To: Eric Beebe <ebeebe@town.harwich.ma.us>; patrick otton <p_otton@yahoo.com>; Suzanna Nickerson <suzannaaan@yahoo.com>
Subject: Harwich Beach Trash Art

March 28, 2021

BEACHES, PLASTIC, and LIFE

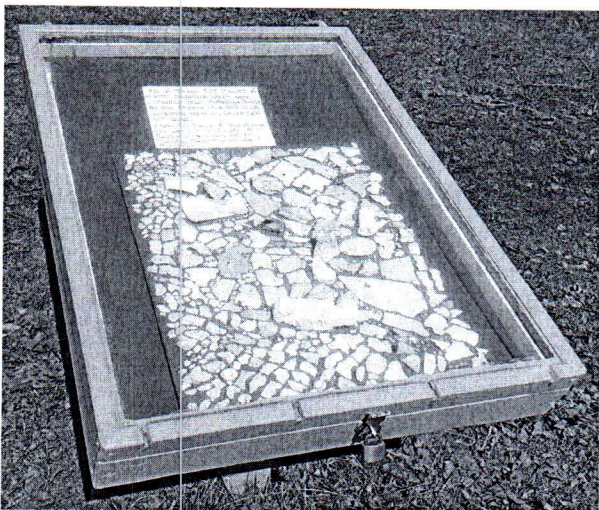


An artistic display of the variety and amount of “found” plastic on Cape Cod beaches

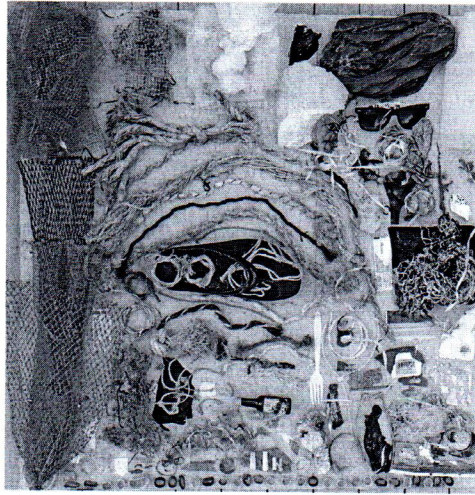
OBJECTIVE

At public beach entrances install display cases showing art collages of found beach trash. This helps remind us and visually informs us that our beaches are littered with waste, litter, and marine debris. All of which have an adverse environmental impact.

Artist, Suzanna Nickerson, creates the displays of found beach trash. Weatherproof wood and plexiglass display cases hold the art work. A descriptive note describing the location, time and date of the found materials is included. The artwork varies in materials and range in size from 1.5 x 1.5 feet to 4 x 4 feet.



An example display case with artwork



Another example of found trash Beach art

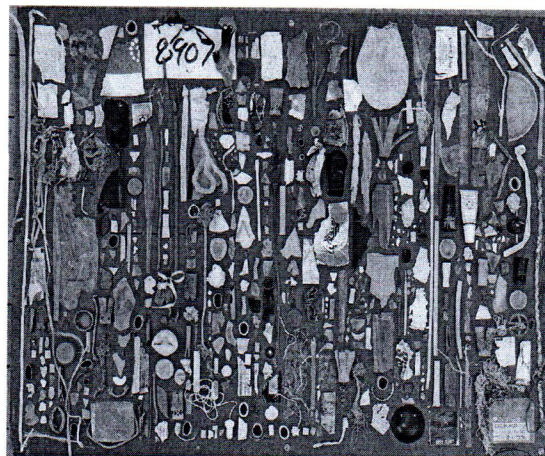
WHAT IS IT?

It has become an unavoidable habit: Chatham and Vineyard artist, Nickerson, walks almost daily picking up litter from our Cape Cod beaches. Sure, it could all be thrown in to a trash can but that does not diminish or eliminate the voluminous physical and emotional weight of finding so much plastic trash on our beaches. Instead, Nickerson, cleans, sorts and then creates artistic collages to remind us of the impact of plastic on our beaches and in Nature.

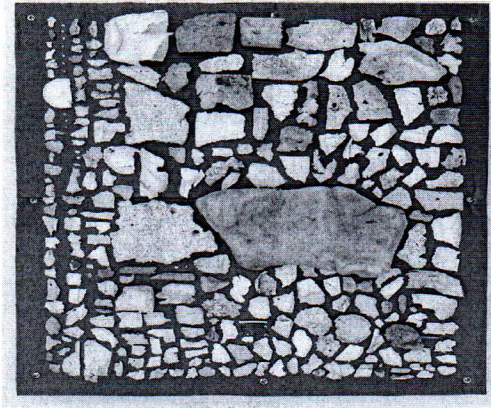
WHY?

Over five million tourists visit Cape Cod beaches, ponds and woodlands each year. The Cape Cod National Seashore alone has four million visitors. We are accustomed to appreciating Nature – the beauty around us. But what is it that we see and feel? How focused are we? Do we only see and enjoy the water vistas, the horizon, the rising and setting of the sun or moon? Or do we also see the human impact on Nature?

We propose that a visual prompt could help align our consciousness to our individual actions and behavior. Can we link our visitation spirit with the impact of plastic on Nature? That is the function and purpose Nickerson's art: helping people see the impact of plastic on wildlife and the environment.



Marine debris



Degrading foam

PROPOSAL

Working with you, determine display locations, choice of artwork, and specifying display case size and design. Cases can be oriented either vertical or horizontal. Deciding all the details, size, shape, color, etc., can be an interactive process. Each art work collage has a descriptor detailing the work. For example: "All of this trash was picked up by one person in an hour walk on Salt Marsh Beach, January 14, 2021."

The art work, materials, and labor is considered a donation contributed free of charge.

SUMMARY

Our beaches are no longer the beaches Thoreau once walked. We need to raise our perceptions and sensitivity to understand that we all impact Nature. It is our hope that this artwork will help individuals see that all our actions count.

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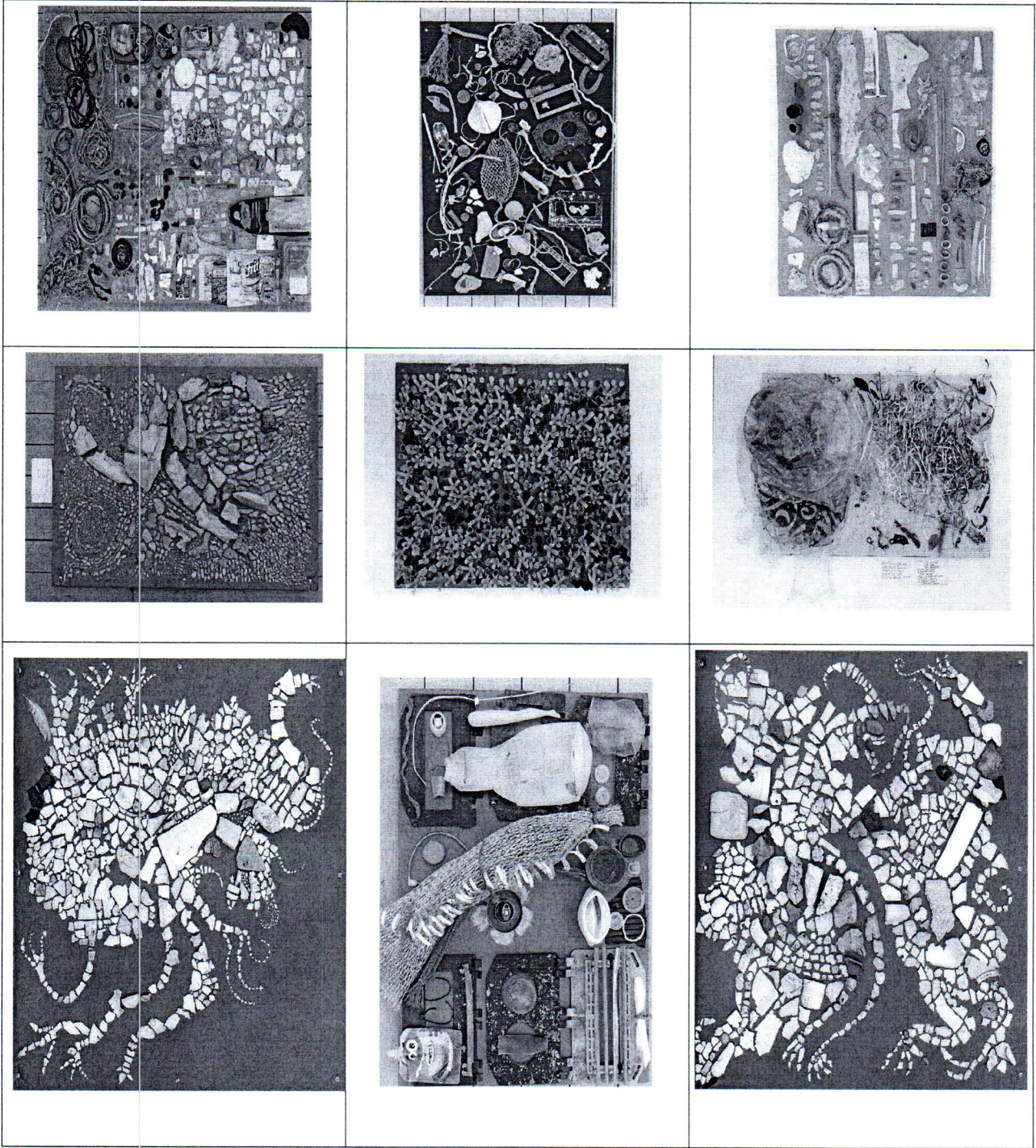
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Examples of Cape Cod "found" plastic art