

To: Members of Hidden Valley HOA

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Subject Beaches –Initial Progress Report

As you know we are placing a major focus on the upgrading of our recreational assets. With the Tennis courts being restored at this very moment and the plans in place for the new Marina and pathway access to be installed next spring we have moved to the consideration of an upgrade for our beaches.

I have just now returned from a meeting on second beach-by far our biggest challenge of the two. While the committee assigned to the project consisted of four members of the board eight were in attendance as well as the vice president of the Conservation Commission and a number of other friends and neighbors. The friends and neighbors included Jeffery Lynn a stonemason who has done a number of projects in the Valley and Association member Scott Ducharme whose work is centered in excavating and a number of stone-related projects.

If you are at all familiar with Second Beach you know that a number of efforts and associated expense have been implemented over the years. From both a functional and esthetic aspect the current perched beach demands attention.

With expert advice and the inputs of all, we formulated the basic design elements that will address the erosion issue as well as some preliminary thinking re: esthetic appeal.

Consensus reached included:

- *Removing the wooden stairs [Major erosion issue at subsurface] to be replaced with a wall, possible top railing and stairs on one or both sides.
- * In doing this will allow for a level grassy area above the wall which will be the top frame of a perched sandy beach that will have a water's edge frame.
- * An initial step will be to seek and secure the necessary permits. The Board voted authorization for the funding necessary to secure them.
- * The permits as well as the associated costs will in part determine construction materials and dimensions.
- *Design provision will also consider sledding and snow machine access.

When the design elements are solidified and permission through permits is received we will work toward a final design with a commitment first to the engineering to best address

the erosion issue and secondly with an eye to the esthetic components and the associated costs. We will be sharing the product of those considerations with you.

Actual construction of Second Beach project will not be initiated until next year due to the time involved getting the components together as well as the funding.

Recreation Chair Chuck Wilcox has some confidence that most of the issues that need to be addressed on First Beach can be handled though repair of what is already in place as well as some landscaping and hopes to begin that project between now and next year's summer season.

Once again on behalf of all of us I express gratitude to all involved in maintaining and enhancing our shared assets.

David

P.S. NEWS ITEM ---Our Entry Sign has returned thanks to Frank Cannon, who created it forty years ago, with a big assist from Bill and Jake Dawson.