

SHOREHAM CIVIC ORGANIZATION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TOWN BEACH AT SHOREHAM

THE ROAD AND BEACH COMMITTEE OF THE SHOREHAM CIVIC ORGANIZATION, HAVING MET TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW ISSUES OF CONCERN RELATIVE TO THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN PUBLIC BEACH AT SHOREHAM, HAS DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN OWNS AND OPERATES A PUBLIC BEACH ON LONG ISLAND SOUND IN THE HAMLET OF SHOREHAM. THE FACILITIES AT THE BEACH INCLUDE AN ACCESS ROAD PROVIDING ENTRY FROM NORTH COUNTRY ROAD, ENTRANCE GATES, A GATE HOUSE, A PARKING AREA, BATHROOM FACILITIES AND A PEDISTRIAN WALKING RAMP FROM THE PARKING AREA TO THE BEACH FRONT, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET IN WIDTH.
2. THE TOWN CODE (Chapter 10) PROHIBITS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FISHING, BOATING, CAMPING, LITTERING, LOITERING AND OPEN FIRES AT THE SHOREHAM BEACH.
3. THE BEACH AREA TO THE EAST OF THE SHOREHAM BEACH IS OWNED BY NATIONAL GRID, INC. AND THE BEACH AREAS TO THE WEST ARE OWNED BY HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS AND THE COUNTY.
4. PRIOR TO 2008, THE PREEXISTING TOWN CODE RULES WERE UNENFORCED AT THE SHOREHAM BEACH WHICH RESULTED IN BOTH TOWN RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT RECREATORS LEAVING THE DEFINED TOWN BEACH SITE AND MOVING ONTO THE ADJOINING PRIVATE PROPERTIES. THESE ACTIONS RESULTED IN CERTAIN ABUSES OF THE PRIVATE PROPERITES, SUCH AS LITTERING, FIRES, TRESPASSING, ATV USE AND CAMPING.
5. IN 2008, THE TOWN ENFORCED THE APPLICABLE TOWN CODE RESTRICITONS AT THE SHOREHAM BEACH WHICH RESULTED IN A STEEP DECLINE IN THE AFORMENTIONED ABUSES.
6. PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHOREHAM BEACH AT THIS LOCATION, THE TOWN HAD OPERATED A PUBLIC BEACH EAST OF THE CURRENT BEACH FACILITY.

THE SHOREHAM CIVIC ORGANIZATION HEREWITH:

1. SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS BY THE TOWN IN CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE SHOREHAM BEACH DURING THE 2008 SEASON AND THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE FACILITIES.
2. ENCOURAGES THE TOWN TO CONTINUE ENFORCING THE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE TOWN CODE AT THE SHOREHAM BEACH.
3. SUPPORTS THE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL USE OF THE TOWN BEACH BY ALL FACILITY USERS.
4. RECOMMENDS THE TOWN DEVELOP A SHOREHAM BEACH USE PLAN THAT WOULD DESIGNATE BATHING AND PERMITTED FISHING AREAS AND THE TIME FRAMES FOR USE THEREOF; THAT ACCESS TO THE BEACH FROM NORTH COUNTRY ROAD BE SECURE AND GATED AT ALL TIMES, EXCEPT DURING BEACH HOURS; THAT DURING BEACH HOURS, ACCESS TO THE BEACH BY RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS BE CONTROLLED BY A GATE ATTENDANT, PURSUANT TO THE TOWN CODE, INCLUDING THE COLLECTION OF NON-RESIDENT FEES.
5. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE RELOCATION OF THE TOWN BEACH TO THE FORMER BEACH AREA EAST OF THE CURRENT FACILITY, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE SHOREHAM HAMLET STUDY. THIS RELOCATION WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED ACCCESS TO THE BEACH, BETTER SECURITY AND THE POSSIBLITY OF EXPANDING SUPPORT FACILITIES, SUCH AS A PLAYGROUND.