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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Conservation Committee
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
DATE: October 15, 2020
SUBJECT: Cliff House Beach Park Management Recommendations

Introduction

The Town Council has referred to the Conservation Committee concerns raised by a resident regarding how Cliff House Beach Park is used and impacts on the adjacent neighborhood.

Process

The Conservation Committee began discussion of Cliff House Beach Park at the August 11, 2020 meeting, when X members of the public provided comments. At the October 13, 2020 meeting, all members of the public who wished to comment were given 3 minutes. X people provided comments. In addition, x written comments were provided.

The Cliff House Beach neighborhood prepared survey and provided a summary report from 133 respondents.

At the October 13th meeting, Chief Fenton reviewed his written report with the committee.

Discussion

Following discussion, the Conservation Committee is making the following recommendation to the Town Council.

DRAFT Recommendation

Cliff House Beach Park is a public beach owned by the Town of Cape Elizabeth. Access to the water is one of the most valued assets to living in the greater Portland area and the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Committee fully endorses continued public access. Under its management responsibilities, the Conservation Committee recommends the following measures be considered to (1) protect public safety and (2) promote a positive park experience.

1. Parking on Seaview Ave east of the intersection with Glen Ave should be limited to one side of Seaview Ave to preserve adequate access for emergency vehicles. This parking restriction can be year long or seasonal.

2. Bike racks to accommodate approximately 20 bikes should be installed at Cliff House Beach Park, location to be determined by the Conservation Committee.
3. Two parking spaces closest to Cliff House Beach Park should be designated drop-off spaces with a 15 minute duration limit.
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Attachments:

Report from Chief Fenton
Map of Cliff House Beach Park