

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Conservation Committee
DATE: October 19, 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 four members of the public provided comments.

At the October 13, 2020 meeting, two residents representing the neighborhood gave a presentation on the results of a neighborhood survey with 133 respondents. In addition, six people provided comments. Chief Fenton reviewed his written report and on-site observations with the committee.

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

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 the east side Seaview Ave to preserve adequate access for emergency vehicles, as well as east side of Glen Ave from Seaview Ave to the driveway of 16 Glen Ave This parking restriction should be year round.

2. Bike racks to accommodate approximately 20 bikes should be installed at Cliff House Beach Park. Bike racks should be installed on a flat surface and are therefore recommended to be installed in 2 parking spaces on the east side of Seaview Ave, north and south of the telephone pole in front of Cliff House Beach Park. The bike racks can be removed from the road to facilitate winter snow plowing. Bike rack style recommended is the Dero Hoop and Rail "corral" style rack.

Attachments:

Map of Cliff House Beach Park
Report from Chief Fenton

