

Cliff House Beach Draft Interim Management Steps Process

What: Interim management steps for Cliff House Beach

Who: The Conservation Committee will recommend interim management steps with the beach neighborhood. Town Manager Matt Sturgis has approved this effort as appropriate for the Conservation Committee to take on.

When: May 8, 2018 Conservation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

How: The Conservation Committee will open the meeting by outlining a streamlined process that is intended to have interim management steps ready by June 15, 2018. The committee is asking the neighborhood to assemble their list of concerns and methods they would support to address concerns, and then select 2-3 representatives to present a proposal at the May meeting. In addition, the Conservation Committee will open up the meeting for 15 minutes of public comment, limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker. At the meeting, all attendees will have an opportunity to use dots to vote for the proposals they prefer. The goal is for the elements of interim management steps to be identified by the conclusion of the meeting.

For the June 12, 2018 Conservation Committee meeting, a complete draft of interim management steps will be reviewed by the committee with public input. If there is general support, the interim management steps will be recommended and implementation will begin as soon as possible after June 15th.

The interim management steps are intended to quickly address primary concerns for the summer, 2018. Implementation will be monitored over the summer, with successes and deficiencies noted.

The Conservation Committee will evaluate the interim management steps results during the winter 2018/2019, with public input. It is the hope that a final management plan will be adopted prior to the summer 2019.

Why: This approach is proposed to address concerns raised by neighbors, and to get something in place for the summer, 2018. The Conservation Committee will not be getting to the Dog Ordinance referral from the Town Council before summer arrives. This interim approach will also give the town an opportunity to apply some management techniques and

evaluate what works, and also to fully engage the public in caring for the beach.