Squibnocket Bight 1970
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and...Mother Nature
Squibnocket Farm and Bight
The Problem
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Security Gate
Additional ¼ Mile Town Beach, New Skiff Access

Old Skiff Access

New Skiff Access

Current Beach 280 Feet

Additional Beach
Work in Progress

Skiff Access

Access Causeway

Parking Lot

Additional Beach

No Revetment
Expanded Town Beach

New Beach Limit to Mussel Bed

Old Beach Limit
Over 36,000 Beach Grass Culms
SHOW ME THE MONEY!
The Challenges

Planning: 3 Years
Court construction delays: 2 Years
All construction: 8 Months
What was the Town’s Cost?

- **Total Town Cost:** $1,315,000
  - Design, Permitting, Legal: $140,000
  - Land for New Parking Lot: $350,000
  - New Beach Lease, Legal: $220,000
  - Town Construction Bid: $440,000
  - Arch. Protection Change Order: $100,000
  - Move 3,500 Cu. Yds. Sand: $35,000
  - Miscellaneous Reserve: $30,000
## Town Sources of Funds

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Town Cost

- $1,331,000 = 13.7% Town FY ‘18 Budget
- Funded with no debt.
How Did We Raise The Funds?

The Necessary Steps:

1. Assemble the key decision makers.
2. Reach agreement on the overall goals.
3. Town voter agreement on the problem, need and goals.
4. Town voter approval of the final plan.
5. Embrace state agencies as planning partners.
6. Town voter approval of the cost and funds.
7. Seek additional financial assistance.
The Necessary Steps

1. Assemble the key decision makers – not a committee (May 2013).

- President Squibnocket Farm Homeowner’s Association (and their attorney).
- Town Selectman.
- Town staff (me).
- State agency: CZM-Steve McKenna
The Necessary Steps

2. Reach agreement on the overall goals (June 2013).
   - **Homeowner’s**: Safe, reliable access and utility service.
   - **Town**: Expand and restore the Town beach, relocate parking lot.
     - Homeowners agree to acquire additional beach for the Town from VOLF and renew the lease to the Town.
   - **State CZM**: Best plan to achieve goals with net positive resource impact. Walk the site for 3 hours to identify optimal locations for access causeway and new parking lot.
The Necessary Steps

3. **Town voter agreement on the problem, need and goals.**
   - Selectmen host five public forums/presentations on problems, goals and possible solutions (2013-early 2014).
   - Present at Town Meeting for formal voter input and decision (April 2014).
     - Agree with goals. Form a committee appointed by Town Moderator to evaluate options, present final plan for voter approval.
The Necessary Steps

4. **Town voter approval of the final plan.**
   - Town Meeting plan approval (Feb. 2015).
The Necessary Steps

5. **Embrace state agencies as planning partners.**
   - Pre-permitting review of concept among DEP, CZM, NHESP, Div. of Fisheries (spring 2015).
   - Permitting: ENF, Town ConCom, DEP, Martha’s Vineyard Commission. Received all permits (May 2016).
   - Apply for FY 2015 CZM Coastal Resiliency Grant: Awarded $280,000. Court appeal delays—only spent $20,000 in engineering, arch. surveys.
The Necessary Steps

5. Embrace state agencies as planning partners.

- Apply for and receive second CZM Coastal Resiliency grant FY 2016: $280,000.
- Only able to spend $52,000 due to additional court delays.
The Necessary Steps

6. Town Voter approval of land acquisition, beach lease and partial construction funds:

- $350,000 CPA land acquisition (2015)
- $260,000 CPA beach lease (2015)
- $150,000 CPA construction (2016)
- $200,000 free cash cash construction (2016)
- $100,000 CPA construction (2017- higher cost due to 2-year delay)
7. **Seek Additional Financial Assistance:**

- Denied CZM Coastal Resiliency grant for FY 2017—3rd year; much more competition.


- Awarded $199,550 Gov. EOE&EA Sea Wall removal grant (FY 2017)
May 25, 2018

GONE FISHIN'
Thank You