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and...Mother Nature
Squibnocket Farm and Bight
S. F. Homeowners Causeway & Town Beach, Parking, Skiff Access

Squibnocket Pond

Causeway, Beach, Parking, Skiff Access
Squibnocket Farm Homeowners

- 1,192-acres (80 % Conservation Land)
- 14 homes + 5 undeveloped lots
- 1 road
Current Town Beach, Parking, Skiff Access
Mother Nature

Security Gate

Utilities
The Challenges

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- Squibnocket Beach is now much smaller and mostly used at low tide.
Beach Shoreline Migration
1888 - Today
Current Lease 1950 - 2050
Assessors Map
1950 Survey of Leased Land (Notice Squibnocket Pond Shoreline)
Leased Land - Today
(Notice No Pond Shoreline)
1950 Survey of Land – Today
(Notice Leased Land in Ocean)
The Solutions
(after 4 years of planning and permitting)

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The Access Alternatives
Solution = Elevated Causeway
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Expanded Town Beach Lease

Current Squibnocket Beach = Approx. 280 ft

+ Additional Beach = Approx. 1,125 ft

New Total Squib. Beach = Approx. 1,405 ft (1/4 mile)
Town new 99-year lease
$200,000 CPA

Current Beach

New Skiff Launch

Additional Beach
New Expanded Beach

Mussel Bed

Current Beach Limit
Relocate the Parking Lot - Alternatives
Land Acquisition $350,000 CPA
Solution – Relocate Parking Lot
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Remove Man-made Structure
Restore the barrier beach and dune (Early 1900’s – no revetment)
Permitting & Construction

- Town Meeting Approval of the complete plan: 2/2/15
- MEPA, ENF: Completed 11/18/15
- Massachusetts Historical Commission: Completed 3/24/16
- Martha’s Vineyard Commission: Completed 5/19/16
- Chilmark Conservation Commission: Completed 5/25/16
- Issue RFP, Award town project July - September 2017
- SF causeway staging: 9/15 – 9/30/17
- SF causeway construction: 10/1/17 – 1/31/18
- Town begin construction: Est. Feb. 2018 - $400,000
- All construction complete: May 25, 2018 (before Memorial Day weekend)
- FY 2017 NOAA Coastal Resilience Grant: (please)
Memorial Day Weekend 2018
For the Record…
1\textsuperscript{st} Annual Inter-Island Fishing Tournament – June 20-22, 2008
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Nantucket Anglers Club

vs.

Martha’s Vineyard Surfcasters Association
2008 Results
Hosted on Martha’s Vineyard

Total pounds: **NAC 56 lbs.; MVSA 26 lbs.**

Largest Striper 20 lbs. - Diana Brown

Largest Bluefish 6 lbs. - Ralph Hardy, Jerry Smith
The Secret Fishing Spot
Island Cup results 2008 – 2016 (9 years)

Nantucket Anglers Club: 4

Martha’s Vineyard Surfcasters Association: 4

(In 2016 the inter-island ferry broke down so Nantucket couldn’t make the trip. The contest was uncontested.)
The Motley Crew and Founders
Thank You