

**From:** stephaniebrandon@sbcglobal.net,

**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,

**Subject:** proposal for next Board meeting

**Date:** Thu, Aug 19, 2021 1:35 pm

**Attachments:** 2 PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.docx (1719K)

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Dear Board members,

I moved here so that my late, disabled husband could drive to the beach and enjoy the sun on the pier. I am a frequent, almost daily, beach goer, and at Main Beach, I often see disabled folks struggling to enjoy what they may indeed have moved here for too. I have helped wobbly older residents get to their chairs or towels on the beach and have seen folks I knew when I first moved here 17 years ago, age and become gradually more frail, myself included.

So I write to ask the board to review the attached proposal to make at least 2 of our beaches, those north and south, more handicapped accessible.

I hope to ask you again at our annual meeting on August 28 and to gather a sense of Black Point community support between now and then.

Stef Brandon  
15 Billow Road  
Black Point

**From:** gmusgrave12@icloud.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Handicapped beach access  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 19, 2021 3:58 pm

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I write in support of the proposal before you now requesting that the association purchase handicapped access mats for two of our beaches. I see the need almost daily as I enjoy one of our chief assets: Beaches on the Bay.

Gail and George Musgrave  
31 Sunset Ave  
Niantic, CT

**From:** s\_chodorov@yahoo.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Handicapped access to beaches  
**Date:** Sun, Aug 22, 2021 4:23 pm

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I write in support of the proposal before you now requesting that the association purchase handicapped access mats for two of our beaches.

Sue Chodorov  
Robert Crane  
61 Sea View

8/27/2021

Ramps

**From:** manu6174@sbcglobal.net,

**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,

**Subject:** Ramps

**Date:** Sun, Aug 22, 2021 7:06 pm

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I write in support of the proposal currently before you for ramps on two beaches for those with disabilities

Donata and John Manuck

19 Sunset Ave

Sent from my iPad

**From:** a.baril@verizon.net,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Handicap Access  
**Date:** Sun, Aug 22, 2021 8:05 pm

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I write in support of the proposal before you now requesting that the association purchase handicapped access mats for two of our beaches. I see the need almost daily as I enjoy one of our chief assets: Beaches on the Bay.

Sincerely

Alice Baril

17 SeaView Ave.

**From:** mrwill34@gmail.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Cc:** bpbcmanger@gmail.com,  
**Subject:** Aug 2021 small craft inventory  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 23, 2021 10:00 am

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Nehantic mooring area. 8 kayaks,2 inflatables. Sea View Beach. 20 Kayaks in racks,21 kayaks on beach,2 paddle boards in rack,21 paddle boards on beac, 2 dinghies, 3 sail boats. Sea Spray 25 kayaks in racks. Osprey Rd 10 kayaks racked 14 kayaks on right of way 14 on beach, 1 sailboat, 1 dingy. Old Black Point Rd 6 kayaks in rack, 1 kayak in grass. Totals 105 kayaks,20 paddle boards,3 dinghies and 4 sailboats. We have 216 kayaks with BPBC owner identification stickers on them. Note: in the space 4 kayaks utilize on the ground a rack in the same space can hold 12 kayaks.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** dianeboscscully@gmail.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Access to Main Beach and South Beach  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 23, 2021 6:11 pm

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Dear BOG of Black Point Beach Club:

I am writing in support of purchasing access mats and water wheelchairs for Main Beach and South Beach. These accommodations are necessary so that all of us will have access to our beautiful beaches and bay. The mats make walking on the sand to the water easier for the physically disabled, the elderly and those that may have poor balance or sensitive feet. The one time investment of the wheelchairs will provide access for the physically disabled for years to come. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Roger T. Scully jr  
6 Seabreeze  
Black Point Beach Club

**From:** joespalluto@comcast.net,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Beach access mats  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 23, 2021 6:17 pm

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To the BP Beach Club Board of Governors:

My name is Ellen Spalluto and I own 12 Indianola Road at Black Point.

I would like to ask the Board to consider purchasing beach access mats at Main and South beach. These mats are critical to allow handicap access to our beach's. It's hard to believe this issue hasn't been considered previously. I have had handicapped family members and it would have been a wonderful benefit if these mats had been installed earlier. Thanks for considering this request and thanks as always for your time and work on behalf of the BP Beach Community.

Regards

Ellen Spalluto



**From:** mgmcmahon@att.net,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Access mats  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 24, 2021 9:28 am

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Members of the Board of Governors,

We fully support the initiative to install access mats on our beaches. All members of our community should have equal access to the beaches. We urge you to take the steps necessary to implement this initiative.

Greg and Mary McMahon  
13 Indianola Road.

**From:** cherylcolangelo@gmail.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Sent to me erroneously  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 24, 2021 6:55 am

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**From:** whbourget (null) <whbourget@aol.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 23, 2021, 11:37 PM  
**Subject:** Beach Mats  
**To:**

Dear Board of Governors,

I understand a request has been submitted to the board to purchase beach mats to make main and south beaches more handicap accessible as well improve accessibility for all residents given the challenge of walking on hot sand and rocks. I have used these mats at other beaches and have found them helpful. I know that the Auth family and others have been asking for more accessibility to the water for many years. I hope the Board will act favorable on this long overdue request.

Best,  
Wendy Bourget  
1 Osprey Road

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com, secretary@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Use of Pickleball Courts during Club  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 25, 2021 9:57 am

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Pickleball

To: BOG

I am writing this on behalf of the Men's Club members who use the tennis courts for Pickleball at the same time as the Rec Program. There appears to be a concern of having pickleball players on the courts during Club hours.

For many years pickleball players have used these courts at the same time as playground activities are going on with Club. There have been no incidences or negative situations that have occurred. It is one of the community's facilities that is well used and hopefully will continue to be used. It is my understanding that Men's Club helped fund the pickle ball courts with the intent of being open to the community.

There appear to be concerns with having adults in the vicinity of our kids during pickleball, but the same is not an issue with bocce. We do not clear the beach when our kids have swimming lessons. The logic is confusing to many.

The Clubhouse and playground are obviously reserved during Club. However, could the BOG please clarify use of other facilities that are not specially reserved for Club. Our kids and adults are part of our community and can co-exist.

Thank you,  
Rick Diachenko  
Black Point Men's Club

**From:** rldfam1@aol.com,  
**To:** BOG@blackpointbeachclub.com, secretary@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Handicap Ramp(s)  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 25, 2021 10:43 am

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#### Handicap Ramps on Beach

To BOG

A petition for ramp access has been circulating in our community. I am for full participation of our community and access of our assets by all our members. However, the petition has raised multiple questions that should be addressed before the BOG can act. Questions include but are not limited to:

- Will the ramps hinder equipment access for morning raking/cleaning?
- Will the DEP limit length of ramps to only the mean high tide mark? If so will this hinder the petitioners argument of beach access for handicapped?
- Maintenance issues for cleaning will be done by whom?
- Will people that normally set-up where these ramps are placed be ready to move and not set-up on ramps? (Please reference previous BOG discussions on Dinghy beach.)
- Ramps in maritime environments get slippery with contact with sea water. Cleaning responsibilities? Safety for those who would use?
- Have petitioners researched whether the town/state have access to ACA funds that we could use at BP?
- Have the petitioners considered fund raising to fund this cost?
- Lifecycle costs?
- Engineering details for the best locations?
- One or more?

My Mom was in a wheel chair for over 25 years and normalizing access is ideal. The idea is good but details should be addressed. I suggest that the petitioners form a group to answer the above and other concerns and then report their findings to the BOG. More information is necessary before a decision is made. To do it right will require facts and capital.

Rick Diachenko  
25 Sunrise Ave

**From:** amliashek@gmail.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Handicap Beach Mat Proposal  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 25, 2021 11:31 am

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We are writing in support of the proposal to purchase beach access mats for our Main and South beaches. We have seen them used successfully in other areas including the Town of East Lyme beaches. Access to the water has been difficult or impossible for several of our residents. It is important that we provide safe access to all our residents. Both suggested mat products totalling approximately \$8000 seem to be appropriate solutions to this problem.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann and Peter Liashek  
3 Waterside Ave.

**From:** bpsheer@sbcglobal.net,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** Access Beach Mats  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 25, 2021 1:45 pm

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PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
BLACK POINT BEACH CLUB  
August 26, 2021

I am writing to propose that the BOG approve the purchase (approximately \$8000) of access mats and water wheelchairs for handicapped access at 2 of our beaches: Main Beach and South Beach.

#### RATIONALE

Several residents of Black Point are disabled to the extent that they cannot negotiate the sand to gain access to our beaches and the cooling water.

The largest population group in the U. S. is currently the baby boomers, an aging population now between 55 and 75. In the past few weeks, at least three senior adults using walkers with the help of family tried with great difficulty to gain water access to cool themselves seeking relief from the recent heat. In addition in recent years, families/couples who have begun to downsize are retiring to their beach house.

Even Black Point's younger residents can struggle with beach access. Mothers loaded down with children's beach toys and other beach accessories would be helped by a mat which made it easier to pull their beach carts over the sand.

Please consider purchasing two access mats for our beaches.

Sherrie Weiss

**From:** cherycolangelo@gmail.com,  
**To:** bog@blackpointbeachclub.com,  
**Subject:** beach access mats  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 26, 2021 8:19 am

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Dear members of the BOG,

I write in support of the proposal before you requesting that the association purchase handicapped access mats for two of our beaches. I see the need almost daily as I enjoy our primary physical asset. BP's primary intangible asset is, I believe, our concern and consideration for all of our community. Please let us make sure that the beach is available to all. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cheryl Colangelo