

1952 Report of the Rights of Way Committee

This committee respectfully presents the following facts and recommendations:

As of March, 1952, the town had 41 roads to the low water mark at various points around the shores. Through the efforts of this committee and the County Commissioners we have secured 19 additional ways to the shore. Three more are to be deeded to the town as gifts, and a deed to a two-thirds interest in a tract of beach on the South Shore, several hundred feet long has been offered to the town.

Several other tracts of beach are under investigation at this time as well as inquiry into the purchasing of all the share holdings of common land held by the Franklin E. Smith Estate.

We might add at this time that the acquiring of beach frontage is of the utmost importance to the economic salvation of this town, for without the bathing privileges and shore rights for fishing, etc., this island would become a paradise, not for the many, but for the few.

Therefore it is to your advantage to support this committee and your County Commissioners.

We recommend the following:

That cement posts about three feet above the ground with a brass plate set in each, marked "Public Way to Shore", be set at the entrance to each road to the shore. This also to prevent the blocking of these roads.

That land known as Smith's Point should be taken by Eminent Domain, as a shore reservation.

That land known as South Beach be taken by Eminent Domain as a shore reservation.

Respectfully submitted,

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