

# Friends of Nantasket Beach

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*Friends members Jason McCann and Paul and Tande Newman take measurements of the shape of the beach for the Stone Living Lab's beach profiling community project. Photo by Steve Greenberg.*

## Friends assist in beach profiling project

Throughout 2020, the Friends of Nantasket Beach assisted the Stone Living Lab in their ongoing beach profiling project. The purpose of this project is to evaluate the impact of storms, tides and climate change on the shape of beaches in the Boston metropolitan area. Using "the Emery Method," volunteers take regular measurements of the slope of the beach from the berm all the way to the water line. The Lab is publishing data consistently on their website. According to the Lab, *"Researchers, community members, city planners, and educators can use this information to better understand the responses of nearby beaches to storms and climate change."*

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# Joint friends group letter sent to DCR Special Commission

The Friends of Nantasket Beach signed on with 45+ additional Friends groups across the Commonwealth in submitting a joint letter to a DCR Special Commission. The Commission was set up *"to recommend ways for the [DCR] to improve the management, operations, and asset condition of the natural, cultural and recreational resources held by the department."* In this joint letter, made several recommendations for DCR funding and support *"particularly in light of the Governor's recent infrastructure investment announcement, including \$100M for parks, recreation and open space to enhance and modernize park facilities."* The Special Commission's Report was released in December 2021. The Friends are digging through the Report and identifying ways to continue our advocacy for Nantasket.

## First Nantasket Beach Turkey Trot A Big Success!

On Thanksgiving 2021, Szabo Fitness hosted Nantasket Beach's 1st Turkey Trot, with proceeds going to the Friends of Nantasket Beach. The Friends worked closely with Szabo Fitness to secure a special permit from the DCR for this event. The course was an out-and-back 5K starting at the end of State Park Road. The tide was low, the weather was welcoming and the event a great success!



### OTHER NEWS

- The Friends made some new "friends" at 2021's Endless Summer Event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- Board members attended and commented at several beach-related meetings in 2021 including one on beach accessibility and one on a business improvement district

Know anybody interested in advocating for the Nantasket Beach Reservation?

They can get in touch directly by emailing us at [friendsofnantasketbeach@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnantasketbeach@gmail.com).