



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHO: Concerned Citizens of Montauk  
WHAT: Annual Meeting: Beaches or Boulders: Montauk's Future Shoreline  
WHEN: Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3pm  
WHERE: Montauk Firehouse, 12 Flamingo Avenue  
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Join your friends, neighbors and two world-renowned coastal experts at 3 p.m. on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Montauk firehouse for CCOM's Annual Meeting: **Beaches or Boulders: Montauk's Future Shoreline.**

Ensuring Montauk does not become a beach town with no beach requires planning. A year after Hurricane Sandy, East Hampton Town officials have yet to develop a plan for managing erosion on Montauk's beaches and preparing for rising sea levels and more frequent and stronger storms. Instead, local officials have abdicated their responsibility to the federal government refusing to hire experts to review plans from the Army Corp of Engineers to spend between \$20 and \$40 million on a stone seawall in downtown Montauk.

Presenting first on October 5<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Orrin H. Pilkey, a James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of Earth and Ocean Sciences at Duke University, a pre-eminent marine and coastal geologist specializing in the study of ocean beaches and coastal policy, particularly in resort communities. Dr. Pilkey is the author or co-editor of 40 books, including *The Corps and the Shore* and *Living with Long Island's South Shore* and 250 technical publications. He has received a number of awards including the Shepherd Award for excellence in Marine Geology, the Priestley Award and public service awards from several geologic societies.

Also presenting will be Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, Professor and Director of the Laboratory for Coastal Research at Florida International University. Prior to joining FIU, Stephen was Professor and Director of the Laboratory for Coastal Research at the University of Maryland, Director of the National Park Research Unit at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology at Boston University. Dr. Leatherman has authored, co-authored or edited 16 books including *Sea Level Rise: Causes and Consequences* and *Cape Cod: From Glaciers to Beaches*. He has also authored over 200 journal articles and technical reports and is well known for his annual report, *America's Best Beaches* under the title "Dr. Beach."

Prior to the coastal presentation, there will be a brief election of the Board of Directors of CCOM for the next twelve months.