

Town of Kennebunkport
Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee Meeting
July 18th, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM
Goose Rocks Beach Fire Station, 2 Winter Harbor Road, Kennebunkport

A meeting of the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee was held on July 18th, 2022 at the Goose Rocks Beach Fire Station.

Members participating were Paul Hogan, Pam Czekanski, Carol Sherman, Barry Engel, Paul Hayes, Fred Stafford, Jon Dykstra

1. Call to Order

Mr. Hogan called the meeting to order and performed a roll call. Mr. Hogan also congratulated Mr. Jon Dykstra on his recent election to the Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen and thanked Mr. Bill Dugan for arranging tonight's meeting to be held at the Goose Rocks Fire Station.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Czekanski made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20th, 2022 Beach Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Engel seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote 6-0-1. Mr. Dykstra abstained from voting.

3. Public comments for items not on agenda

There were no comments or questions from the audience in attendance.

4. Committee reports

Mr. Hogan asked each of the sub-committees to provide a brief update if possible.

Mr. Engel reported he has met with fellow Committee member Tom Ferrara and will meet with 2 other volunteers to the Traffic and Safety Sub-Committee, Art Lemay and Tom Adler in the coming weeks to work on the list of things to follow up from last and along with items to work on for this coming year. Mr. Engel also reported the Sub-Committee has on their agenda to meet with the Police Chief about updating some speed reports.

An audience member asked about adding a speed bump on New Biddeford Road closer to Winter Harbor Road. Mr. Hogan responded the Traffic and Safety Sub-Committee will discuss that with their meeting with the Police Chief.

Ms. Sherman provided the Plover Report from the Maine Audubon Society stating at Goose Rocks Beach there are 12 pairs of plovers with 5 active nests, 11 chicks with 5 fledglings for a total of 17. Ms. Sherman also reported the Plover Volunteer Coordinator Kaleigh Potter is looking for additional monitors so anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please contact her or a Committee member and they will be happy to pass along your information to Ms. Potter.

Mr. Dykstra gave a detailed summary of the water sampling the Natural Resources Sub-Committee has been assisting with as part of the town's participation in the Maine Healthy Beaches program and stated the intent of the program is to notify folks when the indicator bacteria gets above the EPA threshold of 104. Mr. Dykstra also reported the town has initiated a DNA study to better determine the source of the contamination by sending certain samples to the University of New Hampshire laboratories.

Mr. Dykstra further explained with the additional DNA testing, the goal is to demonstrate to the EPA that beaches that are behind a large salt marsh should not be measured at the same contamination levels as beaches that are not near large marshes. Mr. Dykstra also offered to share the data obtained with the Kennebunkport community.

Dr. Pam Morgan suggested the Sub-Committee contact the University of New England as they are participating and conducting similar testing in the Biddeford Pool area and performing their own DNA analysis on site.

There was no update to report currently from the Communications Sub-Committee.

5. New Business

In reference to a comment made at the last Beach Advisory Committee meeting, Mr. Stafford stated there are currently 2 boats at Dinghy Point with multiple tags on them along with other beach paraphernalia and asked how the no overnight storage ordinance is being enforced. Mr. Hogan responded stating he was sent some pictures of the items left at Dinghy

Point and has forwarded them to the Police Chief and he will follow up on that and will let the Committee know the outcome.

Mr. Hogan announced the next Beach Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, August 15th, 2022 at the Goose Rocks Fire Station.

Mr. Hogan also wanted to thank Mr. John Kraeuter for his informative article on sand dollars in the beach newsletter and Ms. Audrey Lakin for all her work on the Goose Rocks Beach Facebook page.

Mr. Hogan also noted the Goose Rocks Beach Association is celebrating their 75th anniversary this Saturday and anyone interested in attending can purchase a ticket on their website.

6. *Adjournment*

7. *Guest Speaker: Professor Pam Morgan*