

**Town of Kennebunkport**  
**Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**November 21st, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**Village Fire Station Meeting Room, 32 North Street, Kennebunkport**

A meeting of the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee was held on November 21st, 2022.

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

*1. Call to Order*

Mr. Hogan called the meeting to order.

*2. Approval of Minutes*

Mr. Dykstra made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Stafford seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

*3. Public comments for items not on agenda*

Videographer Dave Powell confirmed there were 10 attendees at tonight's meeting on Zoom.

Ms. Kate Bauer Burke addressed the Committee from the audience inquiring about the previous request to install a stop sign on Community House Lane. Mr. Hogan responded that item is on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen's meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*4. Committee reports*

- *Public Safety/streets – Barry*

Mr. Engel reported the striping that was recommended at a previous meeting has not been done yet but in speaking with Chris Simeoni, Director of Public Works, the town is hoping to have it done this Fall or at least by next Summer.

Mr. Engel also noted the data they reported to Chief Sanford on traffic will be turned into a communication to be distributed to rest of the beach community. Mr. Hogan suggested adding that information to the next beach newsletter. Mr. Stafford offered to help with that.

- *Natural Resources –*

- *Water quality – Jon*

Mr. Dykstra shared a PowerPoint presentation on the screen and gave a detailed report on the water quality data collected this past year and how it compares with previous years. The entire presentation can be viewed on the town's website or on YouTube at Kennebunkport Television.

- *Beach Profiling Request for next season's funding – Paul*

Ms. Czekanski made a motion the Committee recommend the expenditure of \$3,000 for the coming year to support the Beach Profiling program. Mr. Dykstra seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Czekanski made a motion to recommend spending \$150 for software for drone mapping of the beach dunes. Mr. Engel seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Dykstra abstained from voting.

- *Communications – Fred*

Mr. Stafford reported in his meeting with the Town Manager, Ms. Smith was very open and supportive of what we presented to her and suggested using icons on the re-designed signs. The next step Mr. Stafford informed the Committee is to make some revisions to be able to present to the Committee and Board of Selectmen in the near future.

*5. Old Business*

- *Follow up on Kayak storage issue—report from Subcommittee*

Mr. Hogan provided a brief background on this issue and asked Mr. Dykstra to present the findings from the subcommittee's meeting.

Mr. Dykstra reported the subcommittee came to the conclusion that the policy at the beach should change to a carry in/carry out policy noting the following items:

1. Storage kayaks or other items on the beach would not be permitted.
2. The exception is for signers of the Beach Use Agreement on their reserved area.
3. The other exception is an allotment will be allowed to store small watercrafts at Dinghy Point.
4. Other than the 2 noted exceptions, there would be no overnight storage on the beach.
5. Stickers would be given to those signers of the Beach Use Agreement and for those leaving crafts at Dinghy Point and for each of the moorings out in the bay.
6. The CSOs would be responsible for monitoring the beach and if they find any watercraft on the beach without a sticker it will be tagged. After 48 hours if it not removed it will be removed by a contracted service.
7. The fee for removal would be \$85 plus \$10/day for 10 days for a maximum fee of \$185.

Mr. Dykstra explained they would like to get public input on this proposal before presenting it to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Stafford added this proposal included paddleboards, and any large inflatables in addition to kayaks and small dinghies.

Mr. Engel asked if there is a kayak left in the 25-foot reserved area that does not have a sticker, will anything happen to it. Mr. Dykstra explained it would be tagged and they have 48 hours or it would be removed. Mr. Dykstra added at one point when he did a quick survey of the beach this summer there were 191 kayaks and paddleboards and that was on the main beach area, not the entire length of the beach.

Mr. Dykstra also added that if a property is rented out they will provide extra stickers.

Mr. Hogan asked how this change in policy would be enacted or would an ordinance have to be passed. Mr. Dykstra replied that is yet to be determined. The Board of Selectmen have a set of rules, Mr. Dykstra continued, and he believes they the authority within the Beach Use Agreement for the Board of Selectmen to pass such a policy.

Mr. Dykstra asked if the Beach Advisory Committee could have a special meeting in December solely for discussion on this proposal.

The Committee members discussed the timing and scope of holding a meeting in December and how to notify folks of such a meeting.

- *Board vacancy –Jon report on BOS follow up to BAC request*

Mr. Hogan announced there is vacancy on the Committee that needs to be filled and so far there are no nominees for the vacancy.

- *Additional data from town on parking ticket collections - Paul*

Mr. Hogan reported the collection rate of the parking tickets given out last season had an 80% pay rate so far, which is up from the past 2 years.

- *Additional Accessible Walkway*

Mr. Hogan explained the recent request to install an additional accessible walkway at the Broadway entrance is not achievable as it would not meet ADA standards without compromising the dune grass. Another suggestion, Mr. Hogan explained, was to add one at Jeffry's Way which would impede access by the emergency responders in the event of a water rescue.

The Committee asked the community at large if they have any suggestions, please contact them.

## *6. New Business*

Ms. Sherman suggested to ask people, on a voluntary basis, to add their house number and/or street name to the beach side of their house so that in the event of any emergency on the beachfront, it would be easy for the CSO's or other first responders to identify the location. When speaking with the Police Chief, he commented that it would be incredibly helpful to the CSOs.

Mr. Hogan suggested having a section of the kayak stickers contain the house number as well. Mr. Hogan also suggested sending out a letter to the beachfront community from the Committee and also signed by the Police Chief asking homeowners to do this as a courtesy. Mr. Stafford suggested having the Fire Chief included in that communication.

All Committee members agreed and were in support of Ms. Sherman's suggestion.

*7. Next meeting tentatively January 23 subject to availability (ZBA tentative date)*

After some discussion, the Committee members agreed to hold their January meeting on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 pending confirmation on the meeting room availability.

*8. Adjournment*