

**Town of Kennebunkport**  
**Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**February 27, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**Village Fire Station Meeting Room, 32 North Street, Kennebunkport**

A meeting of the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee was held on February 27, 2023.

Members participating in person were Pam Czekanski, Carol Sherman, Barry Engel, Jon Dykstra, and Fred Stafford  
Member participating via Zoom were Paul Hogan and Paul Hayes.

It was confirmed by the videographer there were 19-25 people signed on to participate via Zoom during this meeting.

*1. Call to Order*

Ms. Czekanski called the meeting to order.

*2. Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made, seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes from the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee Meeting.

*3. Beach Rules and overnight storage*

This item was deferred until the next Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting.

The next meeting date will be set soon with the sub-committee, Town Manager, and Police Chief. The meeting will be announced and open to the public as soon as the date and location are determined.

*4. Report on proposal from town on Water Quality Strategy/budget for summer 2023 (Jon Dykstra)*

Mr. Dykstra gave a presentation on water quality which can be viewed on the town website. Mr. Dykstra, as a representative of the town, asked the Beach Advisory Committee for a one-time fee of \$13,300 be paid to Woodard & Curran to expand their water testing. The goal is to improve the testing process and turnaround time. A vote was taken, and the Committee members unanimously approved the expenditure as stated by Mr. Dykstra.

Ms. Kate Bauer Burke asked if the fee to Woodard & Curran is an annual expense. Mr. Dykstra replied no, it is a one-time fee.

Mr. Hogan voiced his objection to some of the language in Woodard & Curran's proposal, adding he thinks the town should spend more money on testing and less on education.

*5. Report from Conservation Commission on their activities at GRB (Carol Morris)*

Ms. Morris spoke to the Committee on the Conservation Commission's success in the removal of invasive plants at Dyke Road and Kings Highway and the planting of more dune grass. Ms. Morris also informed the Committee the Commission has received a grant of \$28,000 along with money for an intern to be managed by the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust. The Commission has also been granted approval by the town to do some testing for pesticides in the waters of Kennebunkport and will be working with the Casco Bay Estuary program to help identify the right places to test. Ms. Morris also informed the Committee they are considering putting forth an ordinance to ban the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers but first they need to have an idea of how much there is in our waters.

Mr. Hogan suggested installing the kayak racks this summer but to spread them out on the beach and possibly have some installed on town property.

Ms. Maureen Somers addressed the Committee via Zoom suggesting to not put out the kayak racks at all this summer and see how the public responds to a carry in/out policy. Ms. Somers also noted she has seen 2 businesses that bring kayaks to the beach and it should be made known to them that they can't just drop off kayaks on the beach. Ms. Czekanski responded stating the commercial kayak companies are only to drop off at residential locations and are responsible for bringing them on/off the beach.

After some discussion, the Committee members agreed to hold their next meeting on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

*6. Adjournment*