

Town of Kennebunkport
Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee
Goose Rocks Beach Fire Station
Wednesday, August 12th, 2015
6:30 PM Meeting

A Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, Aug 12th, 2015. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Goose Rocks Beach Fire Station, Kennebunkport.

Members Present: Paul Hogan – Chairman, Margaret Barry, Katie Nixon, Richard Driver, Mike Weston, Russ Gorny, Sheila Mathews-Bull, Bob Sherman

Others Present: Ms. Laurie Smith, Town Manager

Guests: approximately 30 guests were present in the audience

6:30 *Call to Order: Paul Hogan, Chairman - affirms quorum*

6:35 *Secretary's Report: Bob Sherman –*

Consider approval of minutes of June 15, 2015 meeting

Mr. Driver and Ms. Mathews-Bull abstained from voting as they were not in attendance for this meeting, as did Mr. Gorny who was not a member of the committee at that time. The remaining members voted approval of the minutes as presented.

Mr. Sherman agreed to be the Secretary for the BAC for this fiscal year.

Mr. Hogan welcomed Mr. Gorny as the Committee's new beachfront member, and again expressed appreciation to Mrs. Ramsey for her excellent work as Secretary during her term of service to the BAC.

6:40 A brief discussion was held to consider establishing a standard day each month for future BAC meetings. The Committee agreed to work toward the fourth Tuesday of each month.

6:45 *Consider Approval for a proposal to Amend the Dog Ordinance*

Mr. Hogan requested that the Committee consider approval of an amendment to correct an error contained in the Dog Ordinance approved by the voters in the June Elections. The committee voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

6:50 The Communications Sub-Committee reported that it had successfully installed stickers on existing signage to reflect the changes to the Dog Ordinance. The Committee will work on new language for signs and brochures for 2016, which will include looking into consolidation of some existing signage. The Committee noted the popularity of the new "Friends of Goose Rocks Beach" posting on Facebook.

6:55 The Natural Resources Sub-Committee again thanked everyone for participating in the May 16 weekend project to remove Invasive Plants from the property owned by the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust. The project continues to appear successful, and similar projects are being planned in the future.

7:05 Town Manager's Update. Ms. Smith reported that the Police had undertaken data collection on heavily trafficked roads at GRB again this summer, and report that most vehicles met the acceptable speed limit allowances. The Police made contact with more bicyclists this year, and further noted an increase in compliance with helmet laws. Separately, the wake zone buoys were not placed at the entrance to the two GRB rivers, as ACOE permits are required. The buoys are expected to be in place next year.

Ms. Smith also thanked Carol Sherman the articles written connecting the community, the Police and the Town regarding plover activity.

7:15 *Open floor to questions and comments from guests attending meeting*

Mr. Leifler spoke to several issues including: a.) trash between Bellaire and Broadway does not appear to be picked up on a regular basis, b.) no bicycle rack at Edgewood this year, c.) several places have only one bicycle rack this year where there had been two in the past, d.) a child had a fish hook stuck in his arm, raising the question of

specifying hours for fishing, and e.) the number of beer bottles and cans in the trash would indicate that people are drinking while at the beach, raising a question of who is responsible for monitoring drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Mr. McDonald stated some of the speed limit signs had been taken down and he would like them put back up. In order to improve the percentage of children under the age of 16 to wear helmets while riding bicycles, Mr. McDonald suggested a “click it or ticket” program be considered for implementation at the beach, especially during the busy summer months. Marie Hendricks spoke up in support of pursuing better bike safety.

Mr. Griswold spoke to the issue of speeding on New Biddeford Road. While traffic studies have not shown speeding in the area of foot traffic close to areas where people park to access the beach, Mr. Griswold continues to observe speeds which he believes exceed the current 25 mph speed limit.

Ms. Denise Moser spoke regarding an issue of Moped Parking in the striped areas adjacent to the bicycle parking areas. Mr. Sherman and Ms. Smith agreed to meet with Ms. Moser after the meeting to better understand the issues being raised.

The Committee and the Town Manager thanked the persons for their input and will look at further steps that might be taken as deemed appropriate to resolve these issues.

7:40 *Establish dates for next BAC meetings:*
The next BAC meeting will be held on October 27, 2015.

7:45 *Adjourn meeting*