

Town of Kennebunkport
Beach Advisory Committee Meeting
Kennebunkport Conservation Trust
July 22, 2014@6:30 P. M.

Members Present: Robert Sherman, Chairman, Meg Barry Co-chair, Beth Ramsey secretary, Katie Nixon, Richard Driver, Paul Hogan, Mike Weston
Others present: Laurie Smith, Town Manager

Robert Sherman affirmed a quorum was present.
The Secretary's Report from June 24, 2014 was accepted.

Questions and comments from community members in attendance:
Mr. Bill Lefler: Print "No Household Trash" on barrels, install doggie bags at each public way, who is responsible for trimming public paths to the beach, questions a stake and twine enclosure without piping plovers nesting in the area.

A person who lives on Wildwood noted that the two new stop signs are being ignored at Proctor and Wildwood. The speed still is excessive on Wildwood.

A gentleman in the audience mentioned that the DOT may be more agreeable to changing a speed limit if neighbors all signed a petition stating that they agree with the new proposed speed limit. Would the DOT take into account that there are no sidewalks?

Comments sent to BAC via email: two parking spaces moved at Forest property are too close to Bartlett Ave. crosswalk, speed and danger for pedestrians on New Biddeford Rd., canoes and kayaks stored near the Edgewood public path, reopen the discussion about Public Restrooms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Plover Report: 5 piping plovers have fledged and we are expecting 4 more. GRB produced 10% of the new piping plovers born in the State of Maine.

Traffic/Safety: Laurie Smith reported that the 2 spaces on Kings Highway will be rectified soon. Speed on New Biddeford Rd was monitored by a portable speed sign that let drivers know when they exceeded the 30 MPH limit. The device needs to be placed off the road on the Town's ROW, so locating it can be problematic. There are plans to use a data device on New Biddeford Rd. to collect information about how the road is used.

Trash: There are two barrels at each ROW. There is a recycle barrel for bottles and cans at Jeffrey's Way and Dyke Rd. The BAC encourages homeowners and renters to bring trash back to their home for regular weekly trash pick-up.

Communication: An updated beach brochure and a Piping Plover information insert are being distributed this summer. An electronic newsletter was sent early in July. A sheet was sent to collect emails from the audience and they were reminded of the BAC's email: grbadvisory@gmail.com.

New Subcommittee: Paul Hogan introduced a new subcommittee that will focus on Natural Resources and Environmental Issues. Members of that subcommittee are: Paul Hogan, Katie Nixon, Meg Barry, Carol Sherman, Mary Ellen Lemay, Tom Bradbury, Alex Lachiatto

Town Manager's report: Laurie Smith reported no problems with the weekly recycling pick-up. Part of the budget has been used to pay the salaries for the Summer Beach Officers. There will be a public hearing on changes the BAC recommended for Community House Rd. The BOS will vote on the changes on July 24, 2014. A consultant has been hired to study the FEMA mapping at Goose Rocks Beach. The front has already been done, so the new work will focus on the marsh areas.

General comments from the audience that were directed to Laurie: Bill Lefler wanted to let us know that the Portside Rotary does a beach clean-up in the Fall. Beth Ramsey mentioned the speed bumps installed at Fortune's Rocks may be worth looking into for New Biddeford Rd and Wildwood Rd. Peter McDonald offered his lawn on Community House Rd. to put the electronic speed sign.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON WATER QUALITY

Judy Barret: Public Health Nurse for Kennebunkport

Sarah Lachance: Lawns for Lobsters

Bernd Wolff: Lobsterman for twenty years

Judy spoke about the history of water monitoring in Kennebunkport under the guidelines of Maine Healthy Beaches. Volunteers test at the Batson River, Little River and Colony Beach once a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Sarah spoke about the Lawns for Lobsters program and outlined ways to think about the chemicals that are put on the lawns of Kennebunkport. She encouraged us to check in with our lawn care providers and make sure they are aware of the program.

Bernd has been a lobsterman for over 20 years and he is passionate about the sea. He has noticed some shell disease on the lobsters. Climate change has contributed to slightly warmer water and warmer winters that influence the shed of the lobsters.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ramsey
BAC secretary