

Beach Advisory Committee Agenda
Monday May 9, 2016
6:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of March 22 meeting
3. Public Comments on Matters not included on agenda
4. Committee Reports
 - Communications
 - Natural Resources -- June 4 Beach Cleanup and New Plantings Checkup Day
5. "Walk-Around GRB" to Open New Walking Pathway -- Memorial Day Weekend or June 18 if not complete in May? Also to benefit Plover Education/Monitoring Project (see #7 below)
6. Followup -- Drone ban request going to Board of Selectmen for their May 12 Meeting
7. Proposal on Funding of Intern Position -- Plover Protection and Education
Carol Sherman -- See detailed request below
8. Town Manager's Report
9. Set date for June Organizational Meeting/Process; set summer meeting dates
10. Adjourn

Request for money to obtain an Intern for Goose Rocks Beach for Piping Plover Education/Monitoring

Last year Biddeford, Wells and Goose Rocks beaches had a paid Intern for education of the public and monitoring of the piping plovers. All the Interns were UNE students, and were specially selected by Dr. Noah Perlut, a professor at UNE. Compensation for the Interns came from York County Audubon and Rachel Carson NWR. The Intern that served at Goose Rock worked for 10 weeks, 20 hours a week, and was paid \$2000.00, a donation from Rachel Carson NWR for this specific purpose. This year an Intern has been provided for Biddeford beaches only. York County Audubon has contributed to this Intern's salary.

Goose Rocks does not have an Intern at this time. I have asked Rachel Carson NWR, Maine Audubon and IF&W if they would be able to help us again this year. All have told me that they do not have the funds available. IF&W said that they would look into the possibility of helping us next year. I believe that the Intern last year did an excellent job and provided an excellent service to all the people and plovers of Goose Rocks.

The Interns are trained by and under the supervision of Maine Audubon. Maine Audubon will educate the interns about plovers and how to talk to people about them. This is a quote from Maine Audubon, "I think education is key (they are NOT enforcement)- and their role is to monitor nests/chicks and talk to the public about them. The Intern can also help with general beach information/education. One big challenge at this point in the season will be getting a person that could help- I will talk to Noah to see if he has any potential candidates."

So as you can see this is not a "given", but I am still here to ask the BAC for \$3000.00 to pay the salary for an Intern for Goose Rocks Beach, for 20 hours a week, for 10 weeks. I would suggest that the money be given to Maine Audubon as has been done for the other Interns last year and that the Intern be under the supervision and responsibility of Maine Audubon.

Why more money than last year? Last year, the salary for other Interns was \$3500.00.

except for Goose Rocks, which was \$2000.00.

It is late.

We want a good Intern.

It is a fair salary, \$15.00/hour. They work weekends and holidays as needed. (I do not know what the other intern is being paid this year.)

Why BAC? It fits in our mission statement.

We have the money.

Shows 'good faith'

And honestly, you are my last hope.

What if no Intern can be found? BAC would get all their money back.

Cons for giving money? I see only one. You may worry that I will come back next year asking again. I may. :)

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sherman