

**Town of Kennebunkport**  
**Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**May 6, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting (Via Zoom)**

A virtual meeting of the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee was held on May 6th, 2021.

Members participating were Richard Driver, Kate Bauer Burke, Carol Sherman, Jon Dykstra, Joanne Gustin

*1. Call to Order*

Chairman Richard Driver called the meeting to order and performed a roll call of all members.

*2. Approval of Minutes*

Mr. Driver explained there was a minor change to be made to a section of the March 31, 2021 Beach Advisor Committee minutes regarding the new BAC email address. Mr. Driver described the proposed change to said minutes. Mr. Dykstra made a motion to approve the amended minutes as described for the March 31, 2021 Beach Advisory Committee. Ms. Burke seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

*3. Election*

Mr. Driver announced there is one person running unopposed for the beachfront property owner seat on the Beach Advisory Committee to replace Jim Mulvihill and there are 3 people running for the backlot position. All ballots must be returned by May 17<sup>th</sup> to the Town Clerk's Office.

*4. Email address for BAC*

Mr. Driver also announced the Beach Advisory Committee has a new email address

([GRBadvisorycommittee@kennebunkportme.gov](mailto:GRBadvisorycommittee@kennebunkportme.gov)) which can be found on the town website.

Ms. Gustin added she has included the new email address on the bottom of the Constant Contact notice that gets sent out to announce these meetings.

Mr. Driver stated the GRBAC Secretary will go through the emails once a week.

*5. Dog Ordinance hearing*

On the June 8<sup>th</sup> ballot, Mr. Driver explained there are some revisions to the current Dog Ordinance with a public hearing at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. At least three BAC members should attend that meeting in case there are any questions, Mr. Driver added.

*6. Public comments on matter not on the agenda*

Ms. Lisa Miller of 4 Henchey Way asked the Committee since the new dog ordinance is on the ballot in June, does that mean the current rules are in effect until the vote? Mr. Driver replied yes, that is correct.

There were no further comments from the viewing audience at this time.

*7. Brochure and signs re: dogs on beach subject to vote on dog ordinance*

Mr. Dykstra reported they have a few designs in production and are waiting until the town vote to print stickers for the beach signs. Mr. Dykstra showed one of the newly designed signs on the screen which will be placed at the West End of the beach informing folks that no kayaks/canoes can be left on the beach overnight. Another sign will be placed at the East End of the beach where the boat racks are located on the Trust's property.

*8. Design of sign re: kayak storage at west end of beach*

This item was covered in the previous Agenda item.

*9. Staking and roping dune grass and beach cleanup schedule*

Ms. Burke announced this year's Beach Clean-Up and Dune Protection Day will be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Notice has been sent to all beachfront owners about the staking and twinning of the dune grass, Ms. Burke added, as well as notices have been put out in the community and on the bulletin board at the General Store.

There was a brief discussion on the timing and specific duties of some of the committee members for the Beach Clean-Up Day.

*10. Request for funds for Plover coordinator*

Ms. Burke made a motion the Committee ask the town to approve a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 for a Plover Coordinator. Mr. Dykstra seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

*11. Plover report*

Ms. Sherman gave a summary of the plover report, details of which can be found on the town website. Ms. Sherman also announced if anyone is interested in becoming a plover volunteer to please contact the Committee. Mr. Driver noted the fine for disturbing these federally protected birds has increased significantly over the years and can now exceed \$50,000 per incident.

*12. Invasive species cleanup*

At the last BAC meeting, Mr. Driver stated the possibility of holding an invasive species clean-up day was raised by Ms. Wasserman. Mr. Dykstra volunteered to reach out to Ms. Wasserman and discuss scheduling a clean-up day and perhaps coordinate it with the kayak rack installation at the East End of the beach.

*13. Dates and format for summer meetings*

After much discussion, the Committee members agreed to come to the June meeting prepared to discuss meeting dates and possible speakers for the meetings.

*14. June meeting*

The Committee members agreed to hold a June meeting after the town vote on June 8<sup>th</sup> to welcome the newly elected Committee members and to vote on officers of the Beach Advisory Committee.

*15. Other business*

Mr. Dykstra gave a quick update on what has occurred over the winter and spring with the Maine Healthy Beaches and bacterial analysis done over the years by our volunteers. Mr. Dykstra shared on the screen the new GIS mapping of the data collected that was developed with the aid of UNE students.

Mr. Driver commented there was a notice sent out to residents from the town regarding Goose Rocks Beach parking stickers that can be purchased at the town offices. This year there will be two kiosks placed at the beach: one at the General Store and one at the corner of Proctor Avenue and Kings Highway. The General Store will no longer be selling parking stickers, Mr. Driver added.

*16. Public Comments*

Mr. Driver opened the meeting up for comments from the public.

Mr. Brendan Donovan of 876 Kings Highway asked the Committee to comment on the Private Property sign that was placed by the Anchorage on the Kings Highway easement. Mr. Donovan explained he thought the Committee would like to be made aware that the owners of the Anchorage have placed their sign in the town's Right of Way.

*17. Adjourn*