

**Town of Kennebunkport**  
**Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee**  
**32 North Street, Village Fire Station**  
**Tuesday, April 28th, 2015**  
**6:30 PM Meeting Agenda**

A Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Kennebunkport Village Fire Station.

*Members Present: Robert Sherman – Chairman, Margaret Barry, Paul Hogan, Beth Ramsey, Richard Driver, Mike Weston*  
*Others Present: Ms. Laurie Smith Town Manager, Katie Nixon (via teleconference)*

**Estimated Allocation of Time**

- 6:30     *Call to Order: Bob Sherman, Chairman - affirms quorum*  
Mr. Sherman affirmed the Committee had a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- (5)     *Secretary's Report: Beth Ramsey –*  
          *Consider approval of minutes of January 15, 2015 meeting*  
Mr. Driver made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Ms. Barry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Ramsey reminded the audience to email any comments or questions to [grbadvisory@gmail.com](mailto:grbadvisory@gmail.com).
- (5)     *Open floor to questions and comments from guests attending meeting*  
There were no questions or comments at this time from the audience in attendance.
- (5)     *Status of BAC elections (Beachfront, Back-Lot, At-large positions)*  
Mr. Sherman encouraged all property owners who signed the Beach Use Agreement to please vote in the upcoming Beach Advisory Committee elections. Ms. Smith explained that Mr. Weston is serving in the At-Large position that is appointed through the Town election in June. Ms. Smith added the ballots for the other BAC positions have been mailed out and are due back to the Town Office by May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- (10)    *Report from Natural Resources Committee*  
          *1. Signage in Dune Areas*  
Mr. Hogan provided samples of the approved signs as were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Hogan explained the signs are available at the Code Enforcement Office to beachfront owners who are restoring the dune system, with the necessary permits, and could also be posted where watercrafts have traditionally been stored to prevent further destruction of the dune system. Mr. Hogan added Port Hardware would carry the materials necessary to post and/or string the signs and suggested the Committee adopt a policy detailing when and how these would be used to assist the Code Office.
- 2. Plans for remediation of Invasive Plants*  
Mr. Hogan announced on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 17<sup>th</sup>), the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust will hold an invasive plant removal day. Any volunteers can send an email to [grbadvisory@gmail.com](mailto:grbadvisory@gmail.com). Mr. Tom Bradbury will supply all of the equipment necessary. If there are plovers present in the area, Mr. Hogan explained, the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife will send someone to determine what work could be done in that area. A beach fire permit will be obtained in order to burn all the plants that are removed, Mr. Hogan added. Lastly Mr. Hogan explained the Committee would like to replant the cleaned area with indigenous grasses and flowering natives as permitted. The cost of replanting could be as much as \$10,000 which would be split between the GRB Advisory Committee and the Trust.
- Ms. Nixon added that the GRB Advisory Committee would also provide lunch for all the volunteers and the Beach Club would sponsor a dinner at The Dory afterwards.
- Mr. Sherman asked if this was a one-day event and if the Trust thought to reach out to colleges to get volunteers. Mr. Hogan responded, Yes, it is a one-day event with the replanting occurring the following Saturday and the Trust will launch a solicitation for volunteers on Facebook.

Mr. Driver asked where the funds for replanting would come from. Mr. Hogan replied the GRBAC would need to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to spend \$5,000 for replanting and the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust would contribute the same amount.

Speaking from previous experience, Mr. Weston strongly recommended they use the correct tools when removing the invasive plants to ensure all of the roots are fully extracted.

Mr. Bill Leffler addressed the Committee to ask how the beach would be monitored to ensure the invasive plants are not re-growing. Mr. Hogan replied he would think it would be part of the beach clean-up routine. On behalf of the Rotary Club, Mr. Leffler offered to help incorporate that into the beach clean-up in the fall.

Mr. Hogan made a motion the Committee spend \$5,000 from the Beach fund to be used for the invasive species cleanup and replanting on the lots on Proctor Avenue, the Trust lots and the Town lots in accordance with all permits granted. Mr. Sherman amended the motion to state "up to \$5,000". Ms. Nixon seconded the motion. Ms. Smith stated the Board of Selectmen will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> and asked for details on the area to be worked on and the quantity of plants to be purchased and replanted. Mr. Hogan agreed to provide further details to the Town Manager. There were no further questions or discussions on the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### *PLOVERS*

Mr. Sherman noted the area where the plovers typically nest has seen a lot of washout making it challenging for the birds to nest. Mr. Hogan stated the Audubon Society roped off an area at the west end where 4 pairs of plovers have been spotted. More recent sightings only report of 1 active pair, Mr. Hogan added.

#### *(40) Updates from other sub-committees including areas of focus in 2015*

##### *1. Communications*

Ms. Barry explained due to possible changes to be made to the beach signs and brochure; the Communications Subcommittee designed stickers to be placed over the old language. Assuming the Dog Ordinance is passed by the voters in June, Ms. Barry continued, the new stickers would be placed over the language currently on the brochure.

Ms. Barry provided copies of the current signs at the beach and gave samples of the proposed stickers.

Mr. Hogan added that assuming the Dog Ordinance is passed; there would be two different beach signs, one for summer and one for winter.

Ms. Smith brought to the Committee's attention that the proposed Dog Ordinance wordage regarding dogs on leash is not consistent with the wording for the proposed signs and brochures Ms. Barry presented. The Committee agreed their intent in drafting the language for the Dog Ordinance currently on the June ballot differs than the actual wording of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Smith informed the Committee there can be no change to any language of the Dog Ordinance on the June ballot at this time.

Mr. Driver suggested the Board of Selectmen could address this correction. Ms. Smith stated the Selectmen could address it in November with another election.

Mr. Weston made a motion the Committee table any further discussion on this matter until Ms. Smith has time to confer with the town attorneys. Mr. Driver seconded Mr. Weston's motion and the Committee voted unanimously to table this discussion to a future date.

Ms. Barry made a motion the GRBAC authorize no more than \$300.00 to print 9 signs, one at each entrance and approximately 5,000 stickers to be printed for the beach brochures. Ms. Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

##### *2. Traffic and Safety*

Mr. Weston and Mr. Sherman announced there was nothing new to report on this issue.

##### *3. Status of Dog Ordinance*

This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting.

##### *4. Report from Laurie on Town's SOP Calendar for Goose Rocks*

Ms. Smith passed out copies to each Committee member of a draft of the Goose Rocks Beach SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) and explained they are listed chronologically. Mr. Sherman suggested adding the dates of the

Rotary's Beach Clean-up days in the spring and fall. Mr. Hogan suggested adding those dates to the Beach Newsletter as well.

Mr. Bill Leffler addressed the Committee and asked why there was not a dog bag sign and bag dispenser at every beach entrance.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to install in any public Right of Way a dog bag sign and dispenser. Ms. Barry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sherman commented on the Town's exceptional job this past winter with plowing and keeping the streets clear during this long snowy season.

Ms. Smith informed the Committee there has been a lot of change-over with regards to the summer reserve personnel and the town is in the process of hiring and training several new staff members to be patrolling the beach this upcoming season.

Ms. Smith also informed the Committee the town will keep a similar schedule as last year with staggering patrols at the beach to cover from 6 am to 8 pm.

(10) *Establish dates for next BAC meetings:*

1. *May 19 (Tuesday) or May 21 (Thursday)*

2. *June 16 (Tuesday) or June 18 (Thursday)*

The Committee agreed to hold the next BAC meetings on May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>.

7:45 *Adjourn meeting*