

**Town of Kennebunkport
Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee
Minutes
Kennebunkport Village Fire Station
Friday, October 21, 2016**

A Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting was held on Friday, October 21, 2016. The meeting convened at 6:30 pm in the Village Fire Station.

Members Present: Richard Driver, Robert Sherman, Kate Bauer Burke, John Gorny, Joanne Gustin, Michael Weston, and William Nixon (by Facetime)

Others Present: Laurie Smith, Town Manager; Police Chief Craig Sanford

1. Call to Order

Chairman Driver called the meeting to order and asked each of the Committee members to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2016 Meeting

The minutes of the August 17th meeting were approved unanimously without any amendments or additions.

4. Public Comments on matters not included on agenda

Dr. Jim Mulvihill of 117 Kings Hwy voiced his concern over the recent purchase and ongoing renovations at the Sandy Pines Campground. Mr. Mulvihill raised several questions such as:

- Are any permits or approvals needed for the rentals or entertainment and retail activities?
- What are the arrangements for collection of town taxes?
- What services will be provided (i.e. water, sewer, & trash)?
- Will they be on public sewer or individual septic systems?
- Will this project aggravate or ameliorate concerns over the health of the marsh and river?
- Will the rules of Goose Rocks Beach be transmitted to the 300+ potential renters?
- Will this aggravate the parking situation and will there be buses or jitneys transporting guests to the beach?

Mr. Mulvihill also commented his understanding that ownership of Sandy Pines has been transferred to the Kennebunkport Resort Collection.

Mr. Driver responded that most of Mr. Mulvihill's questions do not fit within the scope of this Committee. However, since it is likely to impact Goose Rocks Beach, Mr. Driver asked if the Code Enforcement Office could attend the next GRBAC meeting to address some of these concerns.

Having personally visited the Sandy Pines property, Ms. Laurie Smith provided the following information in response to Mr. Mulvihill's questions:

- The ownership of the property was transferred to another party.
- The property was used as a campground in the past and it is a non-conforming use.
- The new owners intend on having a mix of transient and seasonal sites ranging from park model mobile homes to tents.
- The new owners plan to have the same number of sites as has been there.
- The owners have submitted plans to replace 15 of the 17 septic systems (2 systems were replaced in 2006).

- The owners are renovating the lodge and the bathhouses and have not submitted any plans to do anything different than what was previously done.
- The owners will pay property taxes for the land and if they do sell some park models those owners will also have to pay property taxes to the town.

Mr. Driver voiced his concern about new rental developments in neighboring towns and tour buses dropping people off at the beach which have difficulty navigating the narrow streets at Goose Rocks Beach with the low hanging utility wires.. Mr. Driver asked what the rules are for parking vans at the beach. Ms. Smith replied the laws in the Beach Use Agreement allows for 15-passenger vans. There was a brief discussion among all Committee members and Ms. Smith about parking at the beach, in particular along Community House Road and up Dyke Rd and New Biddeford Rd in areas marked No Parking. Mr. Sherman asked Ms. Smith if she could keep the Committee apprised of any developments regarding the Sandy Pines property.

4. *Committee Reports*

There were no Committee reports.

5. *Service/Comfort Dogs on the Beach*

Police Chief Craig Sanford stated that the Police Department will address any issues that arise with regard to persons bringing dogs onto the beach during non-dog hours. However, because of legal constraints the Department may have limited enforcement options with regard to dogs presented as service dogs.

6. *Boom Boxes and Other Beach Use Issues*

There have been more issues of loud music at the beach this summer. Chief Craig responded that the Beach Patrol Officers do request that music be turned down. The Chief also reported that this past summer has been the most difficult so far in cooperation to the Beach Patrol Officers.

7. *Town Manager's Report*

Ms. Smith reported on the totals for beach stickers for 2016 were 2560 Residential, 4,895 Daily, 348 Weekly and 213 Seasonal. This represented an increase in residential stickers. There were 729 violations issued this summer, down from 757 in 2015.

8. *Additional Business*

Mr. Gorny reported a request that the direction of the pedestrian walkways at the foot of Dyke Rd be changed to a diagonal. Ms. Smith will ask Public Works Dept to review but stated that the present arrangement is designed to limit the amount of time a pedestrian is in the vehicle traffic area. Mr. Sherman thanked the Town for the rapid response to removing a dead whale from the beach. He also asked that the Town consider including in the next budget funds to replace a number of faded beach signs. Ms. Barbara Barwise suggested a correction to the beach brochures for 2017 to clarify beach stickers are required in use at the beginning of Memorial Day weekend.

9. *Winter Meeting*

The next meeting will be scheduled in late January or early February 2017.

10. *Adjourn*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.