

Town of Kennebunkport
Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee
Goose Rocks Fire Station
Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017
6:30 PM Meeting Agenda

A Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Kennebunkport Village Fire Station.

Members Present: Richard Driver, Kate Bauer Burke, Russ Gorney, Joanne Gustin, Bob Sherman, Bill Nixon, Mike Weston,
Others Present: Ms. Laurie Smith, Town Manager

1. Call to Order

Mr. Driver called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum for tonight's meeting. Mr. Driver also explained tonight's agenda stating following the formal BAC meeting, attendees were invited to stay to hear a presentation by Mr. Dick Stedman and Ms. Barbara Barwise on the anniversary of the 1947 Fire in Kennebunkport.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 17th meeting

Mr. Driver deferred approval of any minutes from previous meetings until the next Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee meeting.

3. Public Comments on matters not included on agenda

Mr. Driver asked the audience in attendance if they had any questions or items to be added to tonight's agenda. There were no comments or questions from the audience.

4. Plover report

Ms. Carol Sherman gave a brief report on the plovers and least terns at Goose Rocks Beach. Some of the information reported was:

- Final tally has been reported to the State of Maine
- 64 adult plover pairs, 96 nest attempts
- Total of 102 fledglings compared with last year's 101 fledglings
- Goose Rocks Beach had 7 adult pairs, 9 nest attempts with total of 6 fledglings.
- Top local beaches in the state were Ogunquit, Wells, and Scarborough
- Almost half of the State's total fledglings were hatched on the 3 top beaches
- Least Terns had a more difficult year with most of the eggs and all of the chicks not surviving.

Ms. Sherman also noted more details on the shorebirds can be found on Facebook at Friends of Goose Rocks Beach.

5. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Smith announced the final numbers will be tallied after Labor Day.

Mr. Sherman reminded all dog walkers on the beach to please discard of your pet waste responsibly.

6. Other new business

Mr. Driver noted the Committee continually receives comments/questions from people concerned about the possible addition of another pool or increased lodging at the Sandy Pines Campground. Ms. Smith reminded everyone the campground is not under the jurisdiction of the Beach Committee; adding the easiest way for citizens to stay informed on the town boards and agendas is to sign up on the town website to receive email notifications.

7. Date for next meeting

A date sometime in October will be set for the next Beach Advisory Committee meeting.

8. Adjourn

Presentation by Dick Stedman and Barbara Barwise on the 75th anniversary of the fire that destroyed much of Goose Rocks Beach.

Following the adjournment of the formal meeting, Dick Stedman (Kennebunkport Fire Administrator) and Barbara Barwise presented an excellent and informative discussion of the wildfires which burned in Maine and which severely impacted Goose Rocks Beach in October 1947. For more information on this presentation, please refer to the Town's website.