

**Town of Kennebunkport
Beach Advisory Committee Meeting
32 North Street, Village Fire Station
May 1, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A Beach Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 1st, 2014. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Kennebunkport Village Fire Station.

Members Present: Robert Sherman – Chairman, Margaret Barry, Richard Driver, Paul Hogan, Katherine Nixon, Beth Ramsey. *Members absent:* Stuart Barwise, Mike Weston

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

Items:

6:30 Call to Order: Bob Sherman, Chairman - affirms quorum

6:35 Secretary's Report: Beth Ramsey –Consider approval of minutes of March 31, 2014 meeting

Ms. Nixon made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2014 meeting. Ms. Barry seconded the notion and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Ramsey reminded the audience to send any questions or comments to the Committee to grbadvisory@gmail.com.

6:40 Open floor to questions and comments from guests attending meeting

There were no questions or comments from the audience at this time.

6:45 Status reports regarding top Five focus issues:

a. Dogs / protected species birds – Sherman, Smith

Mr. Sherman reported that the BAC recommended to the Board of Selectmen to consider enacting some restrictions on dogs on the west end of the beach where the plovers nest. The Board of Selectmen decided to defer any change until the fall of this year. The town agreed to increase the enforcement of the existing dog ordinance. Police Chief Sanford addressed the Committee stating the Department began stricter enforcement of the dog ordinance on April 11th and have performed 106 checks and issued 13 warnings to non-residents and 11 warnings to residents. Chief Sanford clarified a non-resident is defined as someone who may own property in Kennebunkport but have a legal residence outside of the town. Ms. Ramsey asked if the checks were done only at the west end of the beach. Chief Sanford replied they were conducted all over the beach area.

Mr. Bob Kember addressed the Committee stating his dog is “120% under his voice control” and asked where in town he can exercise his dog. Ms. Smith explained the Dog Ordinance has been in place for years. Mr. Hogan offered the Trust properties such as Tyler Brook and Emmons Preserve allow dogs off leash if under voice control. Mr. Mic Harris asked if there was a way to test and certify voice control. Mr. Wes Phillips attended the meeting to voice his concern about the new enforcement initiative.

Mr. Hogan suggested setting some time at the July meeting to discuss possible ways the town could have a mechanism for people to demonstrate their dogs are under voice control and possible identification of those owners.

Ms. Smith and Chief Sanford presented a schedule for a police presence on the beach during the summer season. Chief Sanford explained with this new schedule there will be at least 2 people on the beach at a time from 6:00a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Chief Sanford urged the Committee and public to call the Police Department for any issues (dogs, parking, campfires, etc.) rather than approach any individuals themselves.

b. Parking and Traffic Safety – Hogan, Weston, Barwise

Mr. Hogan reviewed the stop sign recommendation at Wildwood, Proctor, and Community House Rd. Mr. Driver made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that there be two stop signs installed; one at the end of Proctor Road and one at the end of Community House Road. Ms. Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Barry made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to put a no parking sign on Community House Road. Ms. Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to move one parking space opposite the intersection of Bellewood and Kings Hwy to 251 Kings Hwy. Ms. Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Driver asked if commercial/construction vehicles parking on Kings Hwy are required to have parking stickers. Chief Sanford replied he has spoken with contractors in the past if they are taking 4 or 5 spaces about obtaining parking stickers for their vehicles. Chief Sanford added when the season starts to get busy and there's an issue he will go to the construction site and speak with the contractor to work out a fair solution.

d. Trash – Driver, Ramsey

Ms. Ramsey reported their recommendation is to increase the number of trash barrels to 2 barrels at Dike Road, Jeffrey's Way and Belvidere across from the Tides Inn. Ms. Smith stated she has spoken with Mike Claus from the Highway Dept. and with the trash contractor and believes they could put an extra barrel at Dyke Road and Jeffrey's Way. The space at Belvidere Rd is tight. Ms Ramsey and Mr. Driver are not proposing the carry in/carry out policy at this time.

Mr. Hogan suggested adding a recycling container to those 3 locations as well. Ms. Smith responded the recycling pick-up is a different contractor and is not done on a daily basis as the trash collection is but she would speak to the contractor.

Ms. Ramsey reminded everyone the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust is having a beach clean-up day on the morning of June 8th from 9-12pm.

e. Communication – Nixon, Barry

Ms. Barry provided the Committee members with copies of the newly revised beach brochure to be distributed this summer and pointed out the changes made for this printing. Ms. Barry reported she inquired about the cost of printing an insert to the brochure specifically for the plovers and found the cost would be \$454.50 to print 8,000 inserts. The printer does not offer a service to insert the additional page into the printed brochures.

Ms. Barry made a motion to ask approval from the Board of Selectmen to spend up to \$460.00 to print an insert to the beach brochure and \$150.00 payment to the graphic artist for the design of the brochure and insert. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Barry also reported the number of email addresses collected in the last 2 months using Constant Contact has increased from 492 to 519 addresses.

7:15 Beach Profiling and Water Testing

Mr. Sherman reported the Board of Selectmen approved at their last meeting the Committee's proposal to join the Maine Beach Profiling program.

Mr. Sherman also announced there will be two water testing training sessions provided by Judy Barrett on May 19th from 3-5pm and May 20th from 1-3pm at the Colony Beach. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Judy Barrett at 967-4401. Ms. Smith stressed the Maine Healthy Beaches is an important program for the town and urged people to volunteer.

Mr. Hogan announced there is an annual water testing opportunity for residents with well water. Free test kits can be obtained at the Nurse's office, the Police Station and the Village Fire Station. Completed test kits need to be returned by May 17th.

7:30 Town Manger Report – Laurie Smith

Ms. Smith stated there is no update at this point as the town is still waiting to hear from the court on the Motion for Reconsideration. Ms. Smith reported the balloting is ongoing with a deadline of May 12th The Selectmen will be voting next week on their representative for this Committee.

Consider standard format /stats for Town Manager report

Mr. Sherman volunteered to work with the Town Manager to compose a statistical format for which the Town and Committee can share data.

7:55 Confirm June 24, June Agenda will include BAC Leadership vote for 2014-2015 FY, and schedule dates and places for July and August BAC meetings

Mr. Sherman announced June 24, 2014 is the next meeting date and assumed if there are new members from the May ballot they would attend.

The Committee members discussed holding the July and August meetings at either the GRBA, the Goose Rocks Beach Fire House and/or the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust building at Emmons Preserve. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Hogan will contact those venues and report back with possible dates for each meeting.

Ms. Barry suggested adding a small 3-4 question survey in the May newsletter to solicit topics for the agendas of the July and August meetings. Mr. Hogan suggested having Judy Barrett attend one of the meetings to discuss the Maine Healthy Beaches program. Mr. Sherman suggested inviting someone from the town offices to discuss the new FEMA flood maps as well.

8:00 Adjourn

Submitted by Patricia Saunders, Recording Secretary