

**Town of Kennebunkport  
Beach Advisory Committee Meeting  
32 North Street, Village Fire Station  
July 16, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A Beach Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 16th, 2013. The meeting convened at 6:45 p.m. in the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust Headquarters at Emmons Preserve.

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

*Others Present:* Mr. Larry Mead, Town Manager

**Items:**

**6:30 – 6:45 PM Hospitality Time w/ cookies, ice tea and lemonade**

**6:45 PM Call business meeting to order / affirm quorum**

**Introductions (of BAC members) and information exchange**

Mr. Sherman introduced the members of the Beach Advisory Committee to the large audience in attendance. Mr. Sherman gave a brief summary of the formation of the Committee and its goals.

Ms. Nixon & Ms. Barry passed out a brief quiz on the history of Goose Rocks Beach to the audience. Groups of 4 people or less worked on answering the questions as a fun exercise. After a short break, Ms. Nixon and Ms. Barry reviewed the answers and awarded a small prize to the group that had the most correct answers.

**Secretary's report / approval of minutes for June 15 meeting – Beth Ramsey**

Ms. Ramsey asked if the Committee members had received and reviewed the minutes from the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. Ms. Nixon noted one correction. Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Ms. Nixon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Public forum – invitation to attendees to offer comments, issues, concerns and ideas.**

Mr. Sherman asked the audience if there were any specific concerns they'd like to present and discuss with the Committee.

Ms. Robin Phillips asked the Committee members to investigate those property owners who park their cars overnight in the on-street parking spaces instead of on their own property. Mr. Mead stated this issue has been raised before and is worth investigating.

Ms. Jean Ciarametaro asked about lowering or enforcing the speed limit along King's Hwy and Wildwood Avenue. Mr. Alex Lachiatto suggested putting a stop sign at the intersection of Bel Air Avenue and Wildwood Avenue.

**Reports and Updates:**

**Overview – Bob Sherman**

Mr. Sherman reviewed the main function of the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory committee is to communicate, educate and advise. Mr. Sherman emphasized the Committee welcomes input that is helpful and directed towards solutions. Mr. Sherman read the specific functions the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee is charged with as a result of the Beach Use Ordinance. Ms. Ramsey reminded the public that any questions, issues or suggestions can be submitted through email to [grbadvisory@gmail.com](mailto:grbadvisory@gmail.com).

**Communication – Paul Hogan**

Mr. Hogan gave a brief summary of the work the communications Sub-committee has completed to date including rewording the beach signs now posted at all 9 public access points to the beach and the new brochures, copies of which were provided at this evening's meeting. Ms. Nixon asked for public input to further develop the website and asked for pictures and suggestions.

**“State of the Beach”: - Larry Mead**

Mr. Mead complimented the Committee members on their focus as a goal-driven group with the best interests for the beach community. Mr. Mead noted the town, along with necessary input from the Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee has tightened up the parking signage and increased the hours of police patrolling during the June 15-Sept. 15 season.

### **Plovers – Carol Sherman**

Ms. Carol Sherman addressed the Committee and read a prepared statement on behalf of the Plover Committee, Maine Inland fisheries & Wildlife and the Maine Audubon society. Ms. Sherman stated at last count there are 12 adults and 11 fledglings and once the plovers have left the beach all fencing and signs will be removed. Ms. Sherman stressed that Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would really like to have no dogs allowed in the nesting area of the beach.

### **New Business**

Mr. Sherman made note of the group Goose Rocks Beach Gatherings, whose agenda is to improve the beach community through fun activities. Their email is [grbgatherings@gmail.com](mailto:grbgatherings@gmail.com) if anyone is interested in being added to their notifications of upcoming events.

Mr. Sherman thanked Lee McCurdy, the Harbormaster for placing a speed limit buoy on the Little River. Mr. Hogan informed the audience the Committee decided to have one speed limit buoy at the west end of the beach. The buoy was placed in the wrong locations and Mr. Mead acknowledged he was aware of the error.

**The BAC encourages the 7 Beachfront and 14 Backlot property owners who have signed the BUA but have not yet designated a voter representative for their property to do so.**

Mr. Sherman urged those 7 beachfront owners and 14 backlot owners to go to the town office and designate a voter.

**Larry to distribute to the BAC members the Growth Planning committee Worksheet**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

**Next meeting of the BAC will be held at the GRB firehouse on Aug 20.**

Mr. Sherman announced when the next GRBAC meeting would be held and encouraged public participation.

Ms. Nixon offered if anyone was unable to attend the next meeting and would like to provide the Committee with feedback they can complete one of the forms and submit it any of the Committee members.

### **Open up meeting to general Q& A**

Several members of the public addressed the Committee affirming their approval of the Committee's work to date and noting their focus on mending and improving the beach community is appreciated.

### **Adjournment**