



KENNEBUNKPORT Town Review

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Town ordinance for Goose Rocks Beach successfully implemented in 2013

By The Beach Advisory Committee

At a special town meeting in August 2012, the residents passed a new Beach Use Ordinance (BUO) establishing an advisory board for Goose Rocks Beach, thereby cementing the Beach

Use Agreement (BUA) signed by the Town, 183 backlot owners, and 63 beachfront owners. The implementation of the ordinance was put in the hands of the Beach Advisory Committee (BAC), which

consists of an eight person committee comprised of six Goose Rocks property owners, an at-large member elected by the Town, and a member of Kennebunkport's Board of Selectmen. The BAC's role is as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen. Both the BUA and the BUO are available on the Town's website (www.kennebunkportme.gov). Click on Appointed Boards, then Beach Advisory Committee to view all documents including minutes of BAC meetings and the names of the members of the Committee.

The Beach Advisory Committee's first meeting was held in December 2012 at the North Street fire station, as were subsequent winter and spring meetings. In July and August, the Committee meetings were held at the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust and the Goose Rocks Beach fire station to encourage more property owners from the beach



to attend. What has been affirmed to the Committee members through all of our meetings is that nearly all Goose Rocks property owners and others in Town have a single goal. That goal is to preserve Goose Rocks Beach as a family beach, encouraging all who use the beach to do so in a reasonable recreational manner, while being respectful of the beach property, the natural environment, and each other.

Since its inception, the BAC has been working hard to communicate and educate all parties regarding the Town ordinances that apply to Goose Rocks. The cornerstone of this effort is a new

See GOOSE ROCKS BEACH page 8

Town Clerk April Dufoe receives professional award

By Arlene McMurray, Town Manager's Assistant

On September 11, the final day of the State's Election Conference, April Dufoe was surprised to hear her name announced by Secretary of State Matt Dunlap as the recipient of the 2013 Lorraine M. Fleury Award. Dufoe, a registrar of voters and town clerk, said she had no inkling that she was nominated for this award but was thrilled to receive it.

The Fleury Award began in honor of the longtime State Elections Director. This award has been presented annually for the past 19 years to recognize individuals who have made a significant impact to the election process, and Dufoe fits the bill. A former high school physics teacher, she has applied her educator skills to teaching municipal elections class for the past 10 years.

Dufoe was nominated for the award by two York County Clerks, and other York County Clerks joined in and sent their letters of support. They described her as knowledgeable, dedicated and very accessible to any clerk who has questions.

This award is not just for registrar of voters. Past recipients include a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a longtime election worker. Secretary Dunlap complimented Dufoe with his statement that "Maine's a national leader in the administration of elections. Committed municipal elections officials like April Dufoe are the reason why."



April Dufoe holding the Lorraine M. Fleury Award.

RSU 21 school renovations dialogue continues

By John M. Fraser, Interim Town Manager

Everything has an expiration date and our school buildings are no exception. For the past several years, there has been continued discussion on school renovations for the Kennebunkport Consolidated School, Mildred Day School, and Kennebunk High School. Committees were formed, budgets assessed, studies completed, and design concepts developed. In a nutshell, these buildings were determined to be outdated, inadequate in meeting the needs of our students and faculty, and not in compliance with ADA requirements or current building codes.

On September 16, 2013, the RSU 21 Board of Directors reviewed renovation proposals for the three schools mentioned above. The cur-

rent proposal would cost \$9.96 million for Kennebunkport Consolidated School, \$11.32 million for Mildred Day School, and \$53.55 million for Kennebunk High School. The estimated monthly impact on a taxpayer in each of these towns, in the highest repayment year, based on \$100,000 of assessed property value at current valuations would be: Kennebunkport: \$12.17, Arundel: \$13.75, and Kennebunk \$13.83. For each year of the 20-year bond, this amount would be reduced.

For more information about each project, please visit the RSU 21 website at www.rsu21.net and scroll down to the "Initiatives" section at the bottom of the homepage.

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TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT TOWN WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 5, 2013

State of Maine

County of York, SS

To: April Dufoe, a resident of the Town of Kennebunkport, in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Kennebunkport in said County of the Town Meeting described in this warrant.

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting of this municipality will be held at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, in said Town on Tuesday, the 5th day of November A.D. 2013, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of acting on Articles numbered one (1) and one a (1a) and Questions 1 through 7 as set out below. The polls for voting on Questions 1 through 7 shall be opened immediately after election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on November 5, 2013, and shall close at 8:00 p.m. While the polls are open, the Registrar of Voters will hold office hours to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, to accept new enrollments, and to make any necessary correction or change to any name or address on the voting list.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 1a. To vote on the following referendum questions:

QUESTION 1

AMENDMENT TO THE KENNEBUNKPORT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Shall an ordinance entitled "November 2013 Amendment to the Kennebunkport Administrative Code" be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is incorporated by reference.)

[Note of Explanation: This amendment will make some minor changes to the municipal departments, appointed officers and the number of members on certain boards and committees.]

QUESTION 2

AMENDMENT TO THE KENNEBUNK RIVER ORDINANCE

Shall an ordinance entitled "November 2013 Amendment to the Kennebunk River Ordinance" be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is incorporated by reference.)

[Note of Explanation: This amendment will limit the size of a vessel eligible for a mooring in the Kennebunk River and establish rules for assigning moorings that are consistent with state law.]

QUESTION 3

AMENDMENT TO THE FIRE CODE ORDINANCE

Shall an ordinance entitled "November 2013 Amendment to the Fire Code Ordinance" be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is incorporated by reference.)

[Note of Explanation: This amendment will, from a legal liability perspective, eliminate several components of the Fire Code that the town does not enforce.]

QUESTION 4

AMENDMENT TO THE GROWTH PLANNING COMMITTEE ORDINANCE

Shall an ordinance entitled "November 2013 Amendment to the Growth Planning Committee Ordinance" be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is incorporated by reference.)

[Note of Explanation: This amendment will reduce the number of members of the Growth Planning Committee from 7 to 5.]

QUESTION 5

LAND PURCHASE ON SCHOOL STREET

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or its agent to negotiate the purchase of approximately 8 acres of land located adjacent to Parsons Field on School Street in Kennebunkport, which is identified as Map 9, Block 4, Lot 50 in the Town's Assessor's records, for possible municipal needs including waste water treatment, school and recreation needs, at a cost not to exceed \$400,000 to be funded from the Town's undesignated fund balance and will result in no increase in the tax rate and further require the Board of Selectmen to obtain Town Meeting approval prior to initiating any change of use to the property?

Selectmen recommend adoption of this question - Voted 5-0.

Budget Board recommends the adoption of this question - Voted 9-0

QUESTION 6

ACCEPTANCE OF SQUIER LANE AS A PUBLIC STREET

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town a street and way known as Squier Lane which serves the Shawmut Woods residential subdivision, and a quitclaim deed from

the Shawmut Woods Homeowners' Association, conveying its interest in said Squier Lane to the Town for acceptance as a public street and way, which street and way to be conveyed is subject to additional protections granted by the Shawmut Woods Homeowners' Association to the Town under an Agreement requiring the Association to maintain at its sole cost certain improvements located within said public street and way, including street lights and landscaping? (True copies of said Agreement and the quitclaim deed are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are incorporated by reference.)

[Note of Explanation: The Planning Board, as part of the approval process, required that Squier Lane, located off of School Street and 1300 feet in length, be built to town standards. This item would make the Town responsible for the maintenance of the street, but not for the maintenance of associated street lighting or landscaping.]

QUESTION 7

LAND EXCHANGE IN THE TOWN FOREST ON GOOSE ROCKS ROAD

Shall the Town vote, in order to connect two lots in the Town Forest for recreational and other uses, to authorize the Board of Selectmen or its agent to negotiate an exchange of land with the owner of Map 3, Block 2, Lot 3 located between two lots owned by the Town, shown as Map 3, Block 2 Lots 1 and 4, so that the Town obtains a portion of Lot 3 in exchange for a portion of Lot 1 and/or Lot 4 so as to connect Lots 1 and 4 owned by the Town?

[Note of Explanation: This item would allow the Town to develop a trail connecting two separate Town Forest lots near the corner of Log Cabin Road and Goose Rocks Road.]

HEREOF FAIL NOT TO MAKE DUE SERVICE of this Warrant and a return of your doing thereon, at a time and place of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 12th day of September, 2013, Kennebunkport, Maine.

Stuart E. Barwise, Chair

Sheila A. Matthews-Bull

Edward W. Hutchins

Allen A. Daggett

Patrick A. Briggs

A majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Kennebunkport, Maine

A true copy of the warrant attest:

April Dufoe, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots now available

By April Dufoe, Registrar of Voters/Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are now available at the Kennebunkport Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming State Referendum and Special Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the Village Fire Station, on 32 North Street in Kennebunkport. If you have any questions about absentee voting or about this election, please call the Town Clerk at 967-4243 ext. 110.

Registrar of Voters holds evening hours

By April Dufoe, Registrar of Voters/Town Clerk

The Kennebunkport Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters will hold evening hours at the Kennebunkport Town Hall on Wednesday October 30, 2013, from 4:30-6:30 PM to conduct absentee voting, to register any person eligible to vote and to accept any enrollment/address changes.

REMINDER: The last day to request an absentee ballot for this election is Thursday, October 31, 2013, by 4:30 PM.

Deb Eaton says "good-bye" to police department

By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

After 26 years of service to the Town of Kennebunkport, Deb Eaton has decided to call an end to her public service and spend more time with her family. On August 29, a cookout was held at the police department in her honor. Many community members, former employees, and family members attended the cookout. She was presented with a plaque from the Town as well as other small gifts.

Eaton served the agency in many rolls from court officer to dispatcher. "Deb is always positive with a

big smile," said Chief Craig Sanford. She was the go-to person when you needed to know the background on something involving the PD or other town departments. She plans on spending the cold months away and returning in the spring to keep an eye on us.

We wish Deb well on her road to new adventures, but we have no doubt she will keep her husband Pete very busy! We love you Deb, and you are always welcome back to the PD for a visit.



Deb Eaton

Antenna to help with radio reception

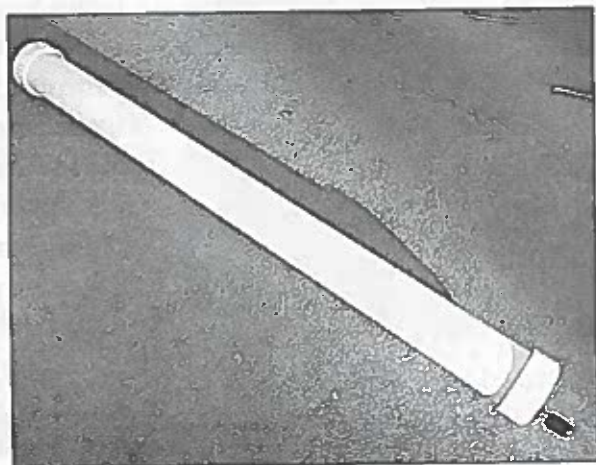
By Craig Sanford, Police Chief

The police department has had continual radio reception issues when officers are out of their cars and working from portable radio units. The problem seems to have been made worse since the narrow banding change in September 2012. This change was mandated by the government to assist with inter-agency operability in times of large scale emergencies over many jurisdictions.

In an attempt to help improve the issue, monies left over in the 2012-2013 budget were used to come up with a solution. An agreement with the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells Water District and the Town of Kennebunkport has allowed the work to begin for a new antenna to be installed on the water tower near the sight of

the old police department. The installation should only take a few days once ground and electrical preparations have been made.

The new antenna should improve radio reception between officers out with their handheld radios and the dispatch center. Many times officers are unable to reach dispatch as they walk in Dock Square.



Picture of an antenna similar to one to be installed.

Turbats Creek Road work near completion

By Michael W. Claus,

Road Commissioner/Highway Superintendent

The Kennebunkport Highway Department is close to finishing up a shared use path on Turbats Creek Road. As you drive along Turbats Creek Road, you will see a new 5 foot wide path on the west side of the road. The Kennebunkport highway crew started the project by installing a new gravel base course along the road edge from Ocean Avenue to Wildes District Fire Station. On the east side of the road, shoulders were improved for support of the road edge and improved drainage. An 18 inch-deep concrete slipform curb was installed on the hill by the Wildes District Fire Station to control stormwater runoff and prevent washouts at the driveways below the fire station.

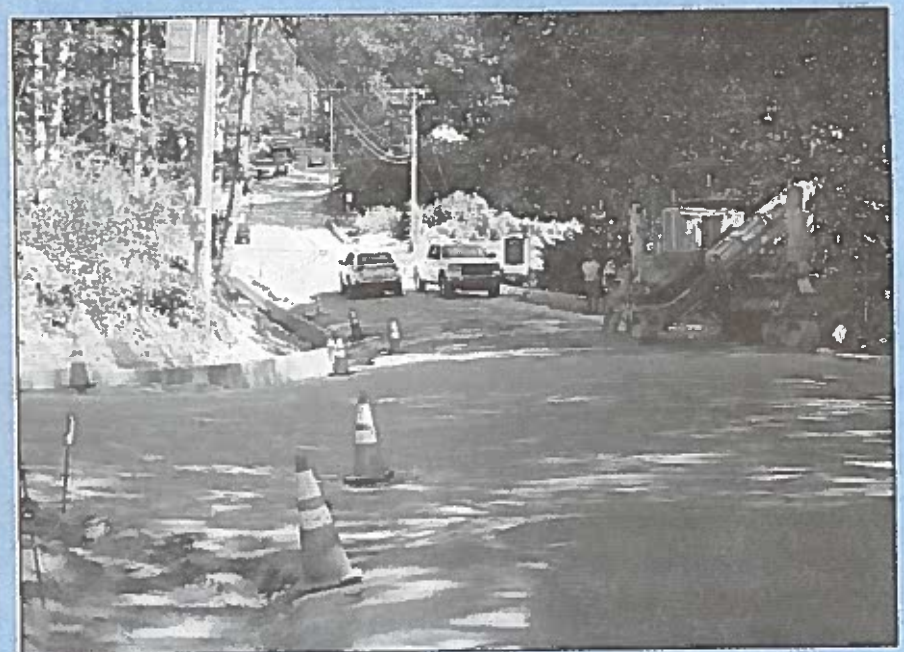
Turbats Creek Road will next be shimmed to level the road surface. Wastewater manhole covers will be raised 1 inch, and the existing road and 5 foot shared use path will receive a 1 inch structural paving overlay. White fog lines will be painted on the road to give a visual separation from the driving lane and the shared use path. The shoulder on the east side of the road will be topped with 1 inch of reclaimed asphalt to provide a stable shoulder and allow a smooth surface for pedestrians on that side of the road.

If you have any questions or comments on the work at Turbats Creek Road, please feel free to give us a call at 967-5728, or send an e-mail to mclaus@kennebunkportme.gov.

We would like to thank the residents of Kennebunkport for their patience with traffic control during construction work.



Eric Smith of the Kennebunkport Highway Department back-filling a replacement cross culvert on Turbats Creek Road.



Dirigo slipform crew installing full depth concrete curb across from Wildes District Fire Station.

Kennebunkport fire and KEMS adopt new volunteer alert system

By Dick Stedman, Fire Administrator

In a bygone era, the report of a fire would trigger the ringing of bells at fire stations and churches to summon the Town's firefighters to the scene. It was probably not always a very efficient response. In a more modern era, very loud and distinctive

sirens at the stations sounded the alert. Long-term residents likely remember stopping to count the number of blows of the sirens and referring to a chart that most everyone kept at home in order to learn the general location of the fire.

In the early 1980s, the Kennebunkport Fire Department and KEMS were able to equip their volunteers with small radio pagers to signal an emergency call. In this system, Kennebunkport Communications dispatchers transmit an alert tone which activates the pagers, followed by information about the nature of the emergency. These pagers continue to be our primary means of alerting our members.

The advent of the "smart" cell phone era has allowed us to take a step further toward insuring our members are alerted to an emergency. This spring, Fire and KEMS implemented the "I Am Responding" text messaging system used by several area communities as well as thousands of volunteer fire and EMS agencies across the country. In this system, a text message is automatically sent to members' cell phones with the location and nature of the emergency when our dispatchers enter the call in their computer dispatch system. An advantage to this method is that members

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A "smart phone" App from 2013.

who may be returning from work or otherwise do not have their pager with them can learn of the call. The theory is, of course, that no one ever forgets their phone!

Shortly after the system was implemented, a call for a person down with an apparent heart attack brought four additional responders to the scene, including two off-duty paramedics. They learned of the serious emergency through the "I Am Responding" message.

Another major feature of the system, however, is that our members can use "I Am Responding" smart "App" to signal that they are responding to the call. This information instantly appears on the incident commander's phone or tablet computer. It will no longer be a situation of wondering who may be enroute to the call. A decision to request additional manpower or mutual aid from another department can be made quickly and possibly change the outcome of the emergency.

A bonus feature of "I Am Responding" is the ability to send group text messages to our membership concerning information of immediate importance. These messages could include notification of fire apparatus or the ambulance being out of service for maintenance, road closures or urgent weather information. Reminders of training and other events can be programmed to be sent in advance. Such messages will normally be read immediately and have a greater impact than a more traditional email notice. Quite a change from the ringing of a bell!

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A fire alarm card from 1969.

September 11, 2013



A contingent from the Kennebunkport Fire Department honor guard stood watch by the flag in Cape Square on the morning of September 11 in observance of the 12th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Thanks to Lt. Bob Kember, Firefighter Sue Stedman and Honor Guard Coordinator Jenne James.



Time to register your dog



By April Dufoe, Town Clerk

It's that time of year again! Time to renew your dog's license. According to the laws of the State of Maine, a dog may not be kept anywhere within the limits of the State unless the dog has been licensed. An owner of a dog that is 6 months of age or older and kept in town must obtain the license from the Town Clerk **between October 15 and December 31 each year**. The fee to license your dog is \$11.00 if the dog is capable of producing young or \$6.00 if the dog has been spayed or neutered.

When you come to the Town Office to license your dog, you must bring proof that a veterinarian has immunized the dog against rabies. Also, if you are licensing the dog for the first

time and the dog has been spayed or neutered, you must bring with you the dog's Certificate of Neutering that was provided by the veterinarian after the surgery.

If you apply for the dog's license after January 31, a late fee of **\$25.00**, in addition to the annual license fee, will be charged.

So, don't wait until the last minute. Come early (**anytime after October 15**) and avoid waiting in line. The Town Clerk's hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. You can also license your dog by mail if that is more convenient for you. If you have any questions, please call April Dufoe, Town Clerk at 967-4243 ext. 110.



Bridget Grant

New faces at town hall



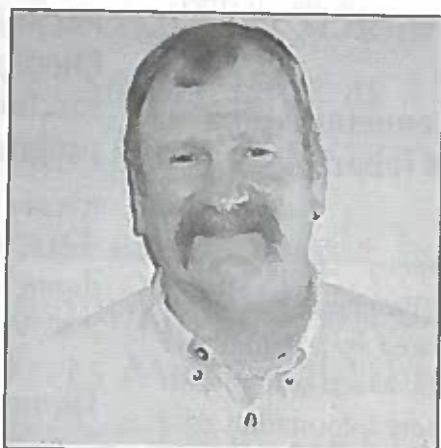
John Fraser
Interim Town Manager



Michael Claus
Highway Superintendent/
Road Commissioner



Becky Nolette
Assessing Clerk/
Deputy Town Clerk



Wayne Mathews
Code Enforcement Officer/
Building Inspector

TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 5, 2013 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

To the voters of Kennebunkport: You are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting of this municipality will be held at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, in said Town on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, AD 2013, at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of acting on Article 1 and 1a (Referendum Questions 1-7) as set forth in the Town Warrant. The polls for voting on Questions 1 through 7 shall be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator at 8:00 a.m. on November 5, 2013, and shall close at 8:00 p.m.

The Referendum questions to be voted on relate to:

1. Amendment to the Kennebunkport Administrative Code.
2. Amendment to the Kennebunk River Ordinance.
3. Amendment to the Fire Code Ordinance.
4. Amendment to the Growth Planning Committee Ordinance.
5. Land Purchase on School Street.
6. Acceptance of Squier Lane as a Public Street.
7. Land Exchange in the Town Forest on Goose Rocks Road.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

An attested copy of the Town Warrant is posted at the United States Post Office, Temple Street; Atlantic Hall, Main Street, Cape Porpoise; Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Maine Street; Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company, Winter Harbor Road; and at the Town Offices, 6 Elm Street. Complete Ordinance amendment language is available from the Town Clerk or on the Town's website (www.kennebunkportme.gov).

April Dufoe, Town Clerk



Election Day
November 5, 2013
Polls Open
8 AM-8PM

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
are now available for the
November 5, 2013
State Referendum and Municipal Election
At the office of the Town Clerk
967-4243X 110

Kennebunkport Public Health

By Judy Barrett R.N., B.S.

Healthy Maine beach program:

The Kennebunkport Healthy Maine Beach team had a busy summer. An elevated enterococci bacteria advisory was posted 10 times. Unfortunately, our highest bacteria sample readings were very elevated. On June 27, Colony Beach had a bacteria count of 2,247. On June 12, the bacteria sample results at the mouth of the Batson River was 1,401. And then just after Labor Day, the official end of summer, we had over 5 inches of rain in less than 24 hours on September 2. Every sample site the next morning was elevated due to the inland runoffs. These readings are the result of post heavy rainstorm events that brought water from inland to the beach: Colony Beach: 1,616; Little River: 3,255; Public Access Broadway: 3,873; Kings Highway: 5,794 and Batson River: 12,033. EPA sets 104 enterococci bacteria in a teaspoon of water as the maximum limit for safe water contact. I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers, Bob Osthus, Linda and Steve Hanna. Every Tuesday morning, at 7:30 AM, the team collected the required data and water samples. If we had an elevated sample, a retest was done.



Well water testing program:

On June 8, the Public Health Department sponsored our third TEST YOUR WELL WATER DAY. Nelson Analytical laboratory, Route One, Kennebunk provided the test kits for free as well as offered reduced rates for Kennebunkport residents. Over 1,000 households in Kennebunkport have well water. We will be offering the next Test Your Well Water Day in the spring. Dug wells should be tested yearly, artesian wells every three years.



Rural active living assessment:

This past spring, did you see Larry Mead, Werner Gilliam, Carol Cook, and me walking in different sections of town with clipboards in hand and wonder what are they doing??? Kennebunkport was one of the first communities to participate in the Rural Active Living Assessment project offered by the Coastal Healthy Communities Partnership. Our task was to gather the necessary data, some of which included, sidewalks, curbing, lighting and cross-walk status. Meg Nadeau from the Partnership reviewed and analyzed our findings according to the project guidelines. This project gave the Town another tool in which to assess the areas of concern for our residents and guests. The goal for this project is to keep us active, healthy and safe. The good news is that we received \$1,500 from the Partnership to help meet these needs.



Stuff the bus:

The economy continues to be poor. Budgetary proposals before the federal and state legislatures continue to greatly reduce the amount of funding directed towards food, heating and housing needs. Requests for food assistance from the Community Outreach Food Pantry continue to be high. As the weather gets colder, the number of requests will increase. On November 5, Election Day, the Kennebunkport Health Council will again sponsor Stuff the Bus. Please bring nonperishable food or household/personal care items with you to the polls. Help us fill the food pantry shelves. Yes, we do accept cash donations. All checks are to be made out to Community Outreach Services. Cash donations are used to purchase food from the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.



Anyone in need of food assistance is encouraged to contact the Public Health Department at 967-4401.

Fuel assistance:

Have you signed up for the LOW INCOME FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM yet? If you are in need of help to meet your winter heating expenses, please contact York County Community Action 1-800-965-5762, today for an appointment. Kennebunkport residents are fortunate to have the Kennebunkport Emergency Fuel Program. Remember, this is an emergency only program. This program is not intended to cover your entire winter heating needs. Residents are responsible for monitoring the level of fuel in their tanks and notifying the General Assistance Administrator in a timely manner. It is not automatically an emergency if you run out.



State of Maine and Kennebunkport property tax and rent rebate programs:

The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund "Circuitbreaker" Program has been repealed. It has been replaced by a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit which will go into effect January 2014. For more information concerning this program's guidelines, please contact the Public Health Department. This past legislative session also did not pass the ability for individual communities to continue to offer a property tax refund program for their residents. Our local state representatives are working on correcting this oversight.

Secret Santa:

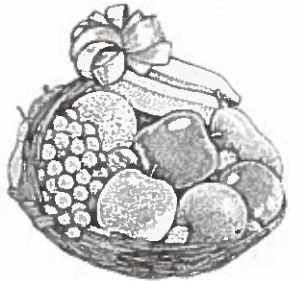
The holidays are coming up. Please contact the Public Health Department for a Secret Santa application if you are in need of some help meeting your child's special wish list.



Applications are to be completed by parents or legal guardians only. The child must reside in Arundel, Kennebunk or Kennebunkport in order to qualify for this program. Please, when you see the Secret Santa trees at your local bank, library, or town office, take a tag and purchase a gift for one of our children. The number of requests continues to increase. Secret Santa's goal is that every child in our tri-town area has a special holiday.

Holiday dinners:

And speaking of the holidays, Community Harvest volunteers are again providing holiday dinners for families that need a little extra help. In addition to holiday food baskets, the volunteers are also offering a free community dinner on Thanksgiving and Christmas, at Saint Martha's Church, Route One, Kennebunk. Please contact the Public Health Department if you wish to sign up for these programs or to volunteer.



Medication and Sharps Return Program:

Are you properly disposing of your medications? Flushing them down your drain can adversely affect your septic or sewer system. If you toss them in your household trash, your pet or wildlife could ingest them. Please drop off your prescription, over the counter and pet medications into our green medication disposal box located in the Police Department lobby. It is available 24/7. All sharps are to be brought to the Public Health Department, The Police Department dispatchers are not allowed to accept them.



Flu and Pneumonia vaccine program:

It is not too late to have your flu and pneumonia shots. We still have vaccine. Visit the nurses during our office hours Monday-Friday, 8:00-9:30 AM, and 1:00-2:00 PM.



Home Medical Equipment Loan Closet:

Are you in need of a walker, wheelchair, cane or commode? Visit our FREE durable medical equipment closet.



Public Health Nursing/Health Officer/Social Services:

Residents are reminded that there is an on-call R.N. working seven days a week. Yes, we do work on weekends and holidays. Contact the Public Health Office-967-4401, with any nursing, health officer complaints or social service needs.

Town boards/committee meeting broadcasts available online

The Town offers as a public service online availability to all town board and committee meetings that are broadcast on local cable channel 2. These meetings may be accessed via the internet at <http://www.townhallstreams.com/locations/kennebunkport-maine>, or visit the Town's Website at <http://www.kennebunkportme.gov> and click on the blue button for on-line meetings.

All meetings broadcast on cable channel 2, such as the Board of Selectmen, Beach Advisory Committee, Planning Board, Growth Planning Committee, and RSU #21 are streamed "live" on the internet at the above

address and available for viewing at any time for one year after the initial broadcast.

This web access is hosted by Town Hall Streaming, a Maine company based in York. This service allows residents to view meetings at the individual's convenience, and benefits households that do not have cable service or property owners who do not live year-round in Kennebunkport.

In addition to board and committee meetings, the Kennebunkport Town Hall Stream's site will make available other local broadcasts of interest.

Town of Kennebunkport SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Village Fire Station
32 North Street

Tuesday, November 5, 2013
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

To vote on Articles relating to:

- Amendment to the Administrative Code.
- Amendment to the Kennebunk River Ordinance
- Amendment to the Fire Code Ordinance
- Amendment to the Growth Planning Committee Ordinance
- Land Purchase on School Street
- Acceptance of Squier Lane as a Public Street
- Land Exchange in the Town Forest on Goose Rocks Road

A copy of the Warrant and sample ballots are posted at:

Kennebunkport Town Offices
Graves Memorial Library
Kennebunkport Post Office
Atlantic Hall

Goose Rocks Beach Fire Station

The Warrant and the Proposed Ordinance Amendments
can be viewed on:

www.kennebunkportme.gov

A copy of all documents can be obtained
from the Town Clerk.

Kennebunkport Public Officials

Board of Selectmen

Chair

Stuart E. Barwise

Vice-Chair

Allen A. Daggett

Patrick A. Briggs

Edward W. Hutchins

Sheila Matthews-Bull

Interim Town Manager

John Fraser

Visit the Town Website at
www.kennebunkportme.gov

Town holidays observed

(Town offices closed)

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

Presidents' Day

Patriots' Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Friday

Christmas

Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation

967-4304

www.kennebunkportme.gov
Click on "Recreation News"

Trips for Adults

Youth Basketball

Family Ski Programs at Shawnee Peak
and Sunday River

After-School Programming and ERW

Goose Rocks Beach

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pamphlet made available to all rental agents, with additional distribution at all public rights of way to the beach and at town hall and other places where beach parking stickers are sold. The public rights of way also have new signs placed highlighting key "do's and don'ts" of respectful recreational use. As the BAC did not recommend creating any new town ordinances in 2013, the information pamphlet consolidated appropriate information for beach use from several existing town ordinances, including the new BUO. The Committee also recommended to the Town to hire additional personnel to monitor and police the beach area, which has improved enforcement of these ordinances.

To help focus on the issues important to property owners, the summer meetings were used as workshops, inviting property owners to guide the Committee in identifying and prioritizing key issues. As an example, an existing town ordinance requires that all dogs be on a leash on any beach in Kennebunkport. The dog leash issue has several layers of complication. First, the ordinance has not been consistently applied in the past. Second, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries

and Wildlife has designated Goose Rocks Beach an "essential habitat" to protect threatened and endangered wildlife. Third, the Piping Plovers (an endangered species) come north for the summer - from as far away as the Bahamas - to use Goose Rocks Beach as one of only a small number of areas in Maine to nest each year. Because substantial fines can be imposed for disturbing the protected nesting areas or harassing these birds, the Committee improved signage, alerting dog owners to keep dogs on leashes and to stay away from the protected nesting areas. The BAC also requested support from the Maine Audubon Society, which responded by providing information packets, sponsoring education programs and providing a video about Piping Plovers for the Town's television channel. Embracing all of these factors, more discussions are likely this winter to determine how the Town's leash ordinance might be better applied at Goose Rocks.

Other topics put to the BAC included several centered on safety such as: excessive car speeds in the congested areas, various issues regarding parked cars, as well as bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The Kennebunkport Police reported that cars parked without stickers generated the single largest issue handled by officers in 2013. The Police did respond to concerns about reports of excessive speeds along Wildwood Avenue by

increasing radar surveillance. With the cooperation of the Police, the BAC will continue to address safety issues in future meetings.

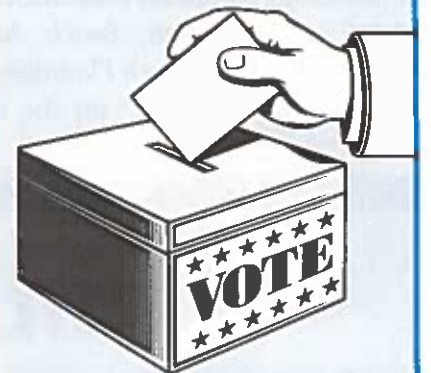
Based on the feedback given by the property owners in the summer meetings and from the measures provided by the Town, this first summer at Goose Rocks with the Beach Ordinance in effect, supported by the actions of the BAC, was not without challenges, but generally has been quite successful. Most importantly, there was a tremendous amount of cooperation from the Goose Rocks property owners, renters in the area, and the visitors. People have responded favorably to the new pamphlets and the friendly signage describing reasonable and respectful recreational beach use. The BAC's goal of providing essential communication and education seemed to support the goodwill of neighbors on and off the beach.

Your communication with the BAC is encouraged. The Committee welcomes comments to assure Goose Rocks remains the exceptional family beach that has served the community for many years. Watch our televised meetings on cable channels 2 or 16, or view the online video streams. Attend a meeting in person. Send your comments (*helpful suggestions are especially appreciated*) to the BAC at www.grbadvisory@gmail.com.

We are listening!

REMINDER

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the upcoming election is Thursday October 31, 2013



Reduce Reuse Recycle



The Board of Selectmen meeting schedule for November and December 2013

The Board of Selectmen routinely meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7 PM, at the Village Fire Station, 32 North Street, with the exception of those meetings that fall on or near the holidays.

Holiday meetings are generally brief, held at the town hall during the morning hours, and typically, the only agenda item is signing the Treasurer's Warrant.

Below is their meeting schedule for November and December 2013:

Thursday, November 14, at 7 PM, Village Fire Station

Tuesday, November 26, at 9 AM, Town Hall

Thursday, December 12, at 7 PM, Village Fire Station

Friday, December 27, at 9 AM, Town Hall



Eric Smith and Kevin Paradis installing new drainage structures on Ocean Avenue.