

## KINNEY SHORES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

On Saturday 6/27/15 President Jane Kerns called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM with 31 members in attendance. The meeting was held at Bruce and Jane Kerns home at 10 Shore Avenue, Saco, Maine.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: for 8/23/14 meeting there being no questions, Nancy Smith made a motion to accept Secretary's report and Maureen Sullivan made the second, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for 8/23/14 meeting, there being no questions, Nancy Smith made a motion to accept Treasurer's report and Aldona Shumway made the second, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for 2015 will be sent out with the agenda for the 8/22/15 KSA meeting, John is still receiving \$\$ from KSA members paying their dues, by August he should have a more accurate report.

CORRESPONDENCE: I sent a letter to the Code Enforcement Officer Richard Lambert regarding Saco's appeal to the updated FEMA Flood Maps, this is his reply.

*"Not much new to report on the Flood Mapping situation. I understand the Scientific Resolution Panel met to review the issues associated with the appeals in MA that have some bearing on what happens with our maps but to the best of my knowledge, no official report has been issued yet. We have not heard from FEMA on the opening of any appeals period for our maps and I am sure with as many people interested in this as there is, I would have heard if something was afoot. I will check in again with Bob Gerber just to make sure. So we are still in a holding pattern on the preliminary maps."*

I also asked Mr. Lambert about the lot on the corner of Outlook and Oceanside that the City of Saco owns; he said that the Planning Board recommended to the City Council that the City retain that lot for the present time.

CURTIS AVENUE: Several residence on Curtis heard that the City of Saco was considering giving up it's rights to the unpaved (called Paper Street) part of Curtis Avenue and that would mean that the property would go to the abutters. The residence are very upset to hear that this might take place, this would mean that they would have to walk on RT 9 in order to get to the beach, etc. I sent an email to Bob Hamblen who is chair of the Planning Board this is his reply

*"Neither the City Administrator's office, the Department of Public Works, or the Planning Office has received an abandonment or discontinuance request re: Curtis*

*Avenue. The city has no intentions regarding any change to the status of Curtis Avenue either planned or contemplated."*

I have since heard that the City does review the status of Paper Streets every two years, so in 2017 this question may come up.

I received a nice email from Lynn Carlson who is from upstate NY, and spends several weeks at her home at 21 Oceanside Drive, she was asking about logo-wear, and she was offering to do the watering at the South sign for the weeks of August 2nd, August 9th and August 16th.

At our 8/23/14 meeting Vanja Somerville mentioned how difficult and dangerous it was to walk from KS to Ocean Park, that what was left of the side walk was being over grown by vegetation etc. Vanja followed up on this issue with Melissa Hutchins Office Manager of OOB, and she promised to send a crew out to cutback vegetation and sweep what was left of sidewalk on West Grand Avenue after the brook. Vanja was thanked for doing this, it is so nice to see people seeing an issue and following up on it.

BEACH REPORT: Last year we were very fortunate to have the Biddeford & Saco Rotary repair and sweep all 6 of the KSA walkways to the beach, this year they have several other projects that will consume their time. Jim Godbout who is both a member of the KSA and the Rotary will continue to take care of small repairs, as he has been doing. He has also built some more replacements that will get installed where he feels it needs it. Jim has also discussed the status of stairs with Patrick Fox.

At present very little has to be done to the walkways, except for sweeping and trimming back growth on the side of the walkways, I will contact the Team Leaders that volunteered in May of 2012 to do this with other Volunteers.

COTTAGE: Jane, Bruce, Jena Kerns and Jonathan Gagnon  
SHORE: Janella & Joel Swartz and Jane & Rick Campbell  
PALMER: John Thibeault and Stephen O'Brien  
Piney Woods: Claudette & Paul Ramsey  
Dune: Brian Mula-Howard  
Outlook: Ed Kane and Curtis Chase

LIFEGUARDS: There will be two guards at Bay View and two at Kinney Shores, they will start 6/27/15 and end on 8/28 or 30.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Thank you for filling in your membership form, this will Assist us in updating our data for our KSA Directory.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: New KS property owners:  
14 Dune Brad & Alyssa Adams  
9 Shore Mark & Jane Rigazio

2 Oceanside Mike & Maggie Thorne  
31 Oceanside West & Mary Thistle  
62 Oceanside Dennis & Ann Coleman  
500 Seaside Sheila & Jim Johnston

If I forgot someone, please let me know and I will update it at our August 22, 2015 meeting.

KINNEY SHORES PAMPHLET: Stephen O'Brien will have this available for our August meeting. Ellen Gross & Jane Campbell will use this, when they visit new KS homeowners. A copy of the pamphlet was passed around at the meeting, and those present had positive feedback, and are looking forward to seeing the completed version. Those present at the KSA August meeting will also receive a copy and if anyone else would like one, they can request one.

WATERING SCHEDULE FOR NORTH AND SOUTH END PLANTERS:

**These are the dates that are still open:** North end August 9th  
August 16th  
August 30th

South End: July 26th  
August 30th

Thanks to Sheila Johnston for agreeing to do the week of August 23rd on the North end and to the following for doing 3 week of watering: Nancy Smith, Lynn Carlson, Aldona Shumway, and Jane & Jena Kerns.

Below is a note from Maureen Sullivan regarding the North and South Planters and watering.

*"Kinney shores has a long tradition of planting flowers in the boxes by the signs, telling people they are in Kinney Shores. Dana Amaral and Maureen Sullivan spent five hours shopping for and planting the boxes, the last week in June. The Association also spent \$72.00 to do this. We are slowly making the boxes Perennial. This work that has been going on for several years will all be for nothing and the boxes will die off unless they are watered!!!! Please call Jane to sign up to water one week this summer July- August / north or south. Watering means you bring at least four gallons twice in your week."*

KSA WEB SITE: The question about having a secure web site for KSA members was discussed. Some of the PROS were, we could send out the minutes, correspondence, directory updates, we could correspond back and forth in real time, all paid members could update info, or share info, it would save us \$\$\$\$ on postage, envelopes, printing of minutes etc.

CONS we would need to be sure it is a secure site, if someone does not have a computer, we can send them info via regular mail.

Questions that came up at the meeting, who would maintain the website, would this be the role of the Secretary?

A motion was made by Maureen Sullivan to determine if we should look into developing a web site for the KSA, I do not know who made a second to that motion, it was a unanimous vote to go ahead with a Committee to look into it.

The following volunteered to be on the committee; Rick Campbell, Ed Kane, Brian Mula-Howard and John Thibeault.

Jane K., discussed the importance of remembering many of the issues that have been addressed by previous members of the KSA, and the importance of maintaining our Association, and encouraging Kinney Shores home owners, who do not yet belong to join us. It is thanks to those who first established the KSA back in 1948, that we have, trash pick up, police and life guard service, stopping the development of Condo's, on KS side of the Marsh. Carol Z mentioned that her parents initiated discussion, which resulted in establishing parking on only one side of the street at KS, this was to ensure that Police, fire and ambulance would be able to go up and down the small Streets that we have.

Our membership fees go towards paying for postage, printing, envelopes, \$\$ to pay for the food and beverages for our June meeting, etc.,

As an association we have always worked to better Kinney Shores with cooperation and community involvement.

Jane K reminded everyone, that any homeowner can attend our meetings; only paid members are able to vote.

Discussion than turned to permit parking at KS, Nancy Smith mentioned that when she was President she spoke with the City of Saco, and some of the Councilors to try and have parking by permit only, and not enough people were interested in this at the time. A vote was made by Nancy Smith to look into this issue again and a second was made by Maureen Sullivan, 20 KSA members were in favor and 5 opposed, the motion passed. Jane K., will call our Councilor Kevin Roche to inform him of our interest in having permit parking for Saco residence only at KS, and Jane K encourages all who would like to see this happen, to also contact Mr. Roche by email or phone. A few members also mentioned that they were upset to see that people have to pay to park at BayView, some also mentioned all the parking that is taking place all along Seaside going North, it was mentioned that they could not stop the parking on Seaside due to it being a State Road.

This is the telephone # and email for Kevin Roche [councilward4@sacomaine.org](mailto:councilward4@sacomaine.org)  
207-282-6493 H.

A few members are also concerned about people speeding up and down Seaside and some of our side Streets, Jane K mentioned that if enough of us called the Saco Police @ 207-284-4535 they may have a patrol car police this area more often, and we should also contact our City Councilman K. Roche and let him know our concern.

Carol X., sent me an email the day of the meeting stating that she and her husband, John and a few of her neighbors are concerned with the number of people leaving tents, valley ball nets etc. on the beach over night, and also a concern of people building fires and having barbecues on the beach. They propose a note for KS homeowners to use as they see fit for the purpose of asking people to kindly remove their tent structures from the beach when they leave for the night. She proposed the following, " Please do not leave (abandon) tents, tent support structures and other temporary structures overnight. If these temporary structures are abandoned overnight it shall be deemed abandoned and could be removed according to a Saco City Ordinance, and Saco Police.

Temporary structures pose a safety hazard for nighttime beach walkers, and it also hinders enjoyment of the natural beach beauty for anyone during the early morning. Fires on the beach poses a fire hazard, that if it ignites the dune grass it would spread to the homes very quickly.

Jane K. mentioned that there is a City of Saco ordinance that prohibits fires on the beach and tents and etc. left on the beach overnight. Jane K mentioned when you see a fire on the beach, or items that are left up over night, please call the Police @207-284-4535.

Below is a copy of the Saco Beach Restrictions.

*A. Alcoholic beverages. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on any beach. For the purposes of this section, any person found within reasonable reach of an alcoholic beverage is deemed to be in possession.*

*B. Vehicles prohibited on beach. No motorized or vehicular traffic of any kind may enter or use the beach for any purpose, with the exception of public safety vehicles and those City vehicles designated for public works purposes.*

*C. Overnight camping on beaches prohibited. No person or group may camp or otherwise set up temporary, overnight shelter on a beach for any purpose. "Overnight" is defined as any time following sunset and before sunrise.*

*D. Camp fires or burning on beaches prohibited. No person or group may have a camp fire or otherwise burn on a beach for any purpose.*

A motion was made by Nancy S and seconded by Maureen S, motion was passed to put a copy of the Beach Ordinance in with the minutes, and all of the members were in favor.

It was also mentioned that KS property owners who rent out their property, should make sure that their renters are aware of the laws and ordinances of Saco, ie. No fires on the beach, that Fireworks are illegal in Saco, Maine etc.

LOGO WEAR: Nancy Smith had a number of order forms at the mtg. for people to order shirts, sweatshirts, hats etc. with the KS logo on them. She needs at minimum

of 10 pieces to place an order. Orders are needed no later than July 9<sup>th</sup>. Jane K. will send an order form via email to KS members. Please send the order form along with your check directly to Nancy Smith @ 2 Curtis Avenue, Saco, Maine 04072, and if you have any questions please call Nancy @ 207-934-5281.

At 5:20 PM a motion was made by Maureen Sullivan, and seconded by Ed Stearns to adjourn the meeting all at the meeting were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Jane Kerns thanked all those present for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the meeting. After the meeting good food and the company of our neighbors was enjoyed by all.

I also want to thank all of you who responded that you would not be able to attend the meeting this helps us determine how much food to purchase.

I want to thank Dana Amaral and Maureen Sullivan for all the work they do in planting flowers at the North and South end planters every year.

I also want to thank Janella Swartz and Jena Kerns for their great note taking, which was a big help in me completing these minutes.

You would have received these minutes last week if my computer had not crashed, and I lost all the notes I had completed.

I also want to thank my daughter Jena for being so patient in teaching me how to use her laptop to do these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane A. Kerns President KSA