

KSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 06/29/19

Held @ the home of Mike & Maggie Thorne, 2 Oceanside Drive



KSA President Rick Campbell called meeting to order @ 4:12pm.

SECRETARIES REPORT – The secretaries report from August of 2018 was emailed to membership prior to this meeting. An overview of this report was had led by Rick Campbell and Brian Mula-Howard. The re-zoning proposal that was written last year has not progressed any further as is considered a “dead issue” at this time. A motion was made by Doug Matheson to accept the secretaries report as written, 2nd made by Ellen Gross, no further discussion and accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KSA Treasurer Vanja Somerville reviewed the KSA financials as of xxx in main account, (attach Vanja’s current report). Vanja reported that the KSA had 42 paying members prior to this meeting out of the 70 that were paid last year. Board member Lisa Gorman recognized Vanja for her great work as treasurer. Brian Mula-Howard made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, 2nd made by Rick Campbell, no further discussion, accepted.

BEACH REPORT – Mike Thorne reviewed the condition of the Kinney Shores beach. Recently, a number of volunteers pitched in and cleaned up the boardwalks. Many thanks to Mike Thorne, Rick & Jane Campbell, Richard Somerville, Brian & Griffin Mula-Howard, and others for their help! Also, a new doggie bag station was installed to replace the one that had been washed away during a recent storm. Volunteers have also been working on pruning and trimming boardwalk areas. A volunteer signup sheet was distributed – will be added to the online Google doc for the watering schedule.

The issue surrounding large amounts of driftwood was addressed – this came from the dredging activity in the Saco River. A tractor was brought down to the beach on one occasion to pick up the majority of the debris but is not expected to return. Driftwood and debris can be collected and bagged in “lawn Bags” and placed at the end of the boardwalks (on the street side). Seagrass may not be ripped out as this is illegal and furthermore helps retain the dune structure. Beach trash barrels are not to be used for personal trash from home/rental, these are strictly intended for beach trash.

Mike highlighted some of the rules/laws relative to the beach. Temporary beach structures are not allowed to be left on the beach overnight. Smoking/alcohol are also prohibited on the beach. For everyone’s safety, please fill in holes on the beach to avoid accidents (especially at night). Fires are not allowed on the beach at any time.

Dogs may be on the beach but must be on leash at all times – this is a change from previous years. Jane Campbell shared an incident where a family had dogs off their leash and refused to put them on – it is the law, police should be called in these cases. When visitors to the beach are non-compliant to these rules/laws, it is best to let local law enforcement handle the issue. The non-emergency number to call to report violations is: 207-284-4535.

A question was also raised related to why the city doesn’t maintain the boardwalks. This property is not owned by the city but rather by the property owners surrounding these areas.

WEBSITE UPDATE – Brian Mula-Howard shared that the Kinney Shores Association website (www.kinneyshoresassociation.com) had been hacked which required significant time/investment to repair. This stemmed from a setting that allowed unlimited password attempts to login to the site. The website has now been repaired and password attempts are now limited.

As a reminder, the login name for each member is the first part of the primary email address that each member provided. For example, for Brian his email address is bmulahoward@gmail.com, so his username on the kinneyshores.com site is 'bmulahoward.' To obtain your password, first time users will need to follow the 'Forgot your password?' link. A temporary password will be emailed to you at the email address on file.

SUMMER SOCIAL – This year's Kinney Shores Day will be held Sunday, July 28th from 3-6pm and will include a dunk tank, ping pong, t-shirt sales, and more. The event will once again benefit the Sac-Biddeford Rotary's "Red Ribbon Project" which benefits programs aimed at protecting area youth from the dangers of substance abuse. More information on this program can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RedRibbonCommittee>

WATERING SCHEDULE – 8 gallons of water needed each week. Perennials have been planted in the North and South planters. Volunteers are still needed, so please follow this link to sign up to help! https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10X0-5L9OyhKB02nfpeNGajtO6wYvhSiTsZegfR-TU_M/edit?usp=sharing

ECOLOGY – Rick Campbell spoke to those in attendance regarding a number of ecology related topics in Kinney Shores. Please do not pull out the seagrass – it is illegal to do so, and it is critical to maintaining the structure of our dunes. The Army Corp project has come to a standstill. The Camp Ellis jetty will stay as is for the foreseeable future. The water quality issue was discussed – especially down by Goosefare Brook. The water quality is significantly affected by the runoff from Ocean Park & Old Orchard Beach. www.MaineHealthyBeaches.org is updated regularly with a water quality report. Here is the direct link for Kinney Shores: <http://www.maine coastdata.org/public/Beach.aspx?id=1040>

What can we do to help? When caring for your lawn and spraying for insects, please consider using organic products. Consider that all of Kinney Shores is all on sand, so whatever is applied to lawns will quickly seep into the local water table. Mosquitos & Ticks are an issue in Kinney Shores. True Green is one option for organic alternatives. Rick Campbell mentioned that he has had great success with this treatment on his own property.

LIFEGUARDS – Rick confirmed that there will be 2 lifeguards at the Kinney Shores station and 2 at the Bayview station. Some of the same lifeguards are returning from last year.

PARKING/DRIVING – Rick Campbell addressed parking issues in the neighborhood. There is now active Saco parking enforcement and they are ticketing. Parking in front of mailboxes is not allowed.

Rick Campbell also asked the membership to please drive no faster than 15 MPH when driving in the neighborhood to preserve the safety of pedestrians (particularly children) present in the area.

BEACH INFO MAGNETS – Rick Campbell spoke to the creation of refrigerator magnets with the beach rules, emergency contacts, trash day, etc. A copy of the file used to create these magnets has been uploaded to the website under the Other KSA Files link.

Motion to adjourn made at Rick Campbell, No discussion, All accepted.

UPCOMING DATES:

August General KSA Meeting – Saturday, August 17th @ 4pm, location TBD