

# Fires at Seapoint

Tiana Holt <[REDACTED]>

Mon 5/24/2021 12:33 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Cc:Kendra Amaral <KAmaral@kitteryme.org>;

To the Kittery Town Council and Town Manager,

I am writing to express my concern and displeasure for the proposed public hearing to prohibit beach fires at Seapoint Beach. I have been following recent council meetings where letters from residents who live close to Seapoint have been read indicating that they are concerned with noise violations, trash, and property trespassing. These are all already violations of other laws and ordinances, and do not seem to provide sufficient reasoning to prohibit fires at the beach. They are not even concerns unique only to beachgoers having fires – these are all things that happen during the day as well. The current ordinance regarding fires at Seapoint does seem to need revision and clarity, but surely we have other options before prohibiting fires altogether?

It seems that this is the most recent attack on the small town character of Kittery, and would be an incredibly disappointing decision by this council. Many of you campaigned under wanting to maintain the Kittery that we all know and love, not make it just another city suburb full of rules and regulations. I walk the beach many mornings and evenings during the week and do not see indication of unruly fires and trash that would warrant this decision by the council. Fires on Seapoint should not be prohibited without just cause, and from the evidence I have seen both in person and from recent council meetings I do not see justification for this decision.

Thank you,

**Tiana DiNola**

13 Foyes Lane

Kittery Point, ME

# Seapoint Beach Fires.

Kevin And Susan O'Maley <[REDACTED]>

Mon 5/24/2021 8:27 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>; Kendra Amaral <KAmaral@kitteryme.org>;

Dear Town Council,

A great perk in living in close proximity to Seapoint beach and Kittery in general is being able to enjoy a family and friends fire gathering at the beach.

We have never experienced or witnessed any unruly behavior by others. Not even loud noise. Often there are a few fires going at the same time but spaced out so we are not even aware others enjoying the beach and fire.

For the most part I haven't witnessed trash left behind. I volunteer once a month through the Blue Ocean Society to do beach clean up and there are a few cans left in the brush. Fires or not, I'm sure the cans will continue to be tossed. A fire ban won't stop that. By far dog poop bags or dog poop not picked up are the bigger problem.

Please don't take away one of the last enjoyable FREE outdoor activities and privileges left in Kittery!

Thank you,

Susan O'Maley

51 Tenney Hill Rd

Kittery Point

Sent from my iPad

# Chapter 16 Ordinance Changes - Marijuana Business Amendments

Ryan Bailey <[REDACTED]>

Thu 5/27/2021 10:58 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Hi,

I am writing to comment that the way the ordinance is currently written is seemingly at odds with some other goals the town has around climate change, traffic control, and pedestrian accessibility.

By restricting the marijuana businesses to parts of the town that require cars to access (C-1, C-2, C-3 and M-U), we are reinforcing the town's reliance on vehicles for decades to come, and making it harder for us to develop a pedestrian accessible town. I get that the intent of this was to keep these businesses out of the core of Kittery, but by doing so, we are forcing Kittery residents to get in their cars and drive out to Route 1 or 236.

Allowing it in the business local or mixed-used (KF/BI) districts in addition to the commercial zones would allow Kittery residents to have a more accessible option, supporting efforts to decarbonize the town's transportation footprint and creating a more diverse and resilient group of businesses downtown.

Thank you,

Ryan Bailey  
16 Charles Hill Road  
Kittery Point

# Comment on Proposed Title 12 Changes

Ryan Bailey <[REDACTED]>

Thu 6/3/2021 9:41 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Hi,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed amendments to Title 12 - Fires at Seapoint and Crescent Beach. I also am writing in support of the postponement of the public hearing to a later date.

During the pandemic, bonfires at the beach were one of the only safe ways for groups to socialize during the pandemic. Restaurants were closed and hosting groups in backyards or private residences could prove difficult. Meeting on neutral ground like a beach often felt like the best option. This led to a dramatic increase in bonfires at Seapoint and Crescent Beach.

It is short-sighted of the town council to observe this dramatic increase during a pandemic and then propose a ban. What is even more tragic about this timing is that the ban is being proposed right as the pandemic is finally getting under control, with restaurants, concert venues, and homes finally open to people without masks.

Please take a deep breath and either postpone this till after the summer, or observe how improved enforcement impacts behavior.

Thanks

Ryan Bailey  
16 Charles Hill Road  
Kittery Point

## Kendra Amaral

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**From:** Contact form at Kittery ME <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:43 AM  
**To:** Kendra Amaral  
**Subject:** [Kittery ME] Camp fires on Seapoint Beach (Sent by MaryAlice LaPoint, [REDACTED])

Hello kamaral,

MaryAlice LaPoint [REDACTED] has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.kitteryme.gov/user/28/contact>) at Kittery ME.

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Message:

Hi Kendra, I just want to express my STRONG support for keeping camp fires permissible on the beach. First, I don't think any decisions about outdoor activities should be judged during/just after a pandemic. THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE SAFE TO DO!!!! Obviously, there were more people down at the beach at night, it was one of the only places to meet with friends, virus-free.

I have had campfires down there several times in the last few years. Not only is it one of the most magical, simple, relaxing ways to enjoy nature, but everyone down there has been respectful, quiet, and compliant each time. Please don't take our happy places away from us. I would site it as one of the top 5 things to do in Kittery Point, without spending money, particularly.

Sure, go ahead and make our wild little beach for Kittery Point residents only, if that would help. But don't take away our night access.

MaryAlice LaPoint  
115 Pepperrell