

Beaches Working Group
July 21, 2021 5 pm
Conference Rm. A, Kittery Town Hall

- I. Introductions
- II. Council Charge: Propose a policy for fires at Seapoint/Crescent
- III. The Problem: some evenings close to 20 fires, some built up against high marsh; sometimes not extinguished; logs and construction debris burned; branches broken from trees in marsh; public urination in marsh and on private property; late night noise, trash. Balanced by a community tradition of fires on the beach
- IV. Group Process:
 - Discuss policy goals (fair, enforceable, protects marsh and beach, other)
 - Timeline
 - Collect background information for Kittery and surrounding communities on beach fires
 - Determine who owns what and location of property lines
 - Consider options and evaluate with respect to policy goals
 - Make a recommendation to Council
- V. Current Rules
 - 12.4 Fires**

No person may start or allow any fire to burn within Seapoint or Crescent Beaches except in suitable facilities provided by the municipality or where permission has been obtained from the municipal Fire Chief, Town Forest Fire Warden. A permit will not be required for the use of portable stoves which are fueled by propane gas, sterno or briquettes. In the event that any cooking or other fire or burning herein allowed is undertaken by any person, said person before leaving such fire must totally extinguish the same.
 - 12.4.10 Entering upon salt marsh**

A. No person may trespass or enter upon the publicly owned salt marsh immediately adjacent to Seapoint or Crescent Beaches except for educational or scientific purposes and only after approval is granted by the Town Council or its duly designated agent(s). Requests may be made to the Town Clerk, who is to refer all such requests to the Town Council or its designated agent(s).
- VI. Schedule Next Meeting