



Bayside Safety Committee – Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: June 5, 2024

Present at this Zoom meeting were committee members Michael Tirrell (chair), Jessica Medoff, Beanie Einstein, Jim Huning, and Gina Cressey. Dan Webster also attended as a village resident.

Lifeguards Update

Michael Tirrell updated the committee on Bayside lifeguard coverage for this summer. The village will return to daily lifeguard coverage beginning the last weekend in June. We are fortunate to have recruited two new lifeguards, Danielle Hicok and Miles Cannon. Danielle will work Monday-Friday and Miles will cover weekends. Both Danielle and Miles are fully certified waterfront lifeguards, including AED/First Aid certification. Lifeguards will be on duty in Bayside each day from 10AM-6PM, with a half hour lunch from Noon to 12:30PM.

Police Recruiting Update

Despite efforts over late winter and spring, we did not find candidates for the police officer position for summer 2024. Bayside's one seasonal position is tough to fill in a competitive environment that has many communities looking to hire police officers for permanent positions that include benefits and hiring incentives.

Safety Awareness

The committee members discussed how to heighten safety awareness this summer. Parents are urged to watch their children even more closely. Speeding is perhaps the biggest concern and Baysiders are asked to pay particular attention to posted speed limits. Of course, many speeding offenders are not village residents.

The stationary digital speed signs in two village locations are important for deterring speeding. One sign is located on George St and the other on Shore Road. The mobile digital sign will be moved around the village at various intervals. The question of positioning the police car around the village as a visual deterrent was raised, but use of the car for non-official police duties is restricted

The subject of speed bumps and humps was raised in the committee discussion, as it has been in the past. This has been explored in the past and not advanced. Maine DOT regulates speed bumps and humps. Michael Tirrell said he would inquire with Bill Paige for more information. NOTE: Speed bumps and humps public roads are restricted by DOT vs. installation of them on private roads. Additionally, speed humps require sidewalks, which Bayside lacks. Also of note: DOT is responsible for approving and posting speed limit signs and stop signs.

Bayside Safety Bulletin

Michael Tirrell said we would distribute a regular update about safety issues – under the name: Bayside Safety Bulletin. This piece will update safety issues, remind folks of timely safety issues, and provide whatever updates are necessary. The first of these will be timed to the July 4th holiday period.

Dock Signage

Bill Paige has posted a new 'do's and don'ts' sign on the main wharf to alert children about restrictions on certain behavior that could cause safety issues on the dock. The lifeguards now have a clear sign to refer to in calling out unsafe behavior.

Fires on Beaches

The committee discussed the issue of fires on beaches. It was agreed that we would recirculate the *Be Fire Smart* fact sheet ([available here](#)) that the Governance committee has created as part of the effort to revise/update the Bayside Fire Ordinance. The revised Fire Ordinance will be voted on at an upcoming Overseers meeting, pending finalization by the Governance Committee.

Fireworks in Bayside

All fireworks are prohibited in Bayside. The committee discussed the need to remind residents and guests about this rule. We will include an item about fireworks in the upcoming Bayside Safety Bulletin. [Learn more about fireworks in Bayside here.](#)

Parking Enforcement

The Parking Ordinance, which spells out where parking is allowed in the village core and parks, has had very good compliance. Dan Webster offered to post the ordinance again. Bill Paige repainted the No Parking indicators on road surfaces in high parking areas.