

Beach Committee Minutes
Meeting: June 29, 2017
Rye Town Hall
10 Central Road – Rye, NH 03870

In attendance: Police Chief Kevin Walsh, Chair Larry Rocha, Lori Carbajal, Keper Connell

Meeting 6:44 PM – 7:27 PM

Discussion as to cooking on the beach due to the number of Hibachi coal and gas grills noticed on busy weekends. Chief Walsh stated a permit from the fire department would be needed and they are only issued to Rye residents.

Keper Connell brought up the issue of a group from Boston doing stand -up paddle yoga in the harbor near a breakwater stating these groups are there in the AM hours and that area is impacted by recreational and commercial boats as well as the whale and fishing charters. He stated there are concerns that the fishermen are not sure if that group can see their boats or are aware of their passage and depending on the size of the boat can be obstructed at times.

Access Streets in the Jenness Beach Area: Some streets south of E street and north to Straws point which may in some cases are private ways, are open as access points to foot traffic. Some access points are posted with a sign while others off of Old Beach Road are not posted as “access”

Perkins Road is still a bit of a hot spot in terms of traffic though it seems not as bad as prior years due to the slow start to summer. Chief Walsh stated there had been an issue with surfboards at the surf shop being placed near the street which blocks the view of cars exiting the lot and Perkins Road. He stated Mrs. Leary the owner of the commercial building has been proactive with her response to assist with any issues with the lot and the commercial tenants.

Committee members again asked if the state could pick up trash along their route during weekends since the state parks workers go to Jenness and Wallis state beaches. Chief Walsh stated it's the Town of Rye's responsibility to take care of our beaches. He stated the state helps with our beach grading. Some debate as to the grading by the state since the town beaches north of Jenness had a lot of seaweed and didn't appear graded whatsoever.

Keper Connell asked on the metered/kiosk parking, Chief Walsh indicated there is nothing concrete.

Board of Selectmen – Beach Committee is charged with counting automobiles to determine which are from out of state, out of country and in state. Lori Carbajal raised issue with the charge stating the car counting has been part of the committees charge for the past four years and there is no real purpose to the charge other than data which apparently is data for data's sake. She wanted to know what the town doing with this information as it seems an attempt at simply counting cars with no end game since no meters were installed after an expensive study done in addition to the car-counting charge, and no additional parking has been added or eliminated. Larry Rocha stated he is continuing to count cars from Jenness to Wallis Road.

Dogs – Two dog bites so far this year, one human and two dogs. Chief Walsh stated the dog advocates have been policing other, and is hopeful they can educate those that are not managing their dogs and leaving their trash behind.

Needles – PD is policing all areas at night and none found at this point.

Fireworks – 4 permits issues, Two Private, one on a barge cake style fireworks. Surf Club, Beach Club and the two private. There was some concern voiced by Keper Connell regarding setting precedence for private fireworks and the resulting trash.