

Rye Beach Committee Minutes Wednesday Oct 20, 2021 7:00 pm via in person

Members present: Frank Hwang, Mary-Ann Sullivan, Seana Zelazo and Brendan Carney

Joined by: Bill Epperson, Selectman, Select Board Representative to Beach Committee

Assistance from Janice Ireland and Becky Bergeron

1. Call to order Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone present.

Frank read the attestation. The roll was called and all members were alone in their meeting rooms.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Mins - minutes were approved

4. Update on beach cleaning with Blue Ocean

- more updates to follow
- We will try and work with recycling committee
- People interviewed were happy this was going on
- Girl Scouts Adopted Sawyer beach for clean up
- In future we need more organization and a specific scheduled
- We picked up 23 pounds of trash and all went well
- Posting were at Rye Town Hall, Facebook and received lots of interest

5. Update / Next steps on commercial activities recommendation

- We will check in with Chief Police and Lt. Of Fire in May
- Move life guard parking? And Stands? Looking for optimal spot
- Commercial side is a tough situation
- SS Camps going from 30-15 - if 15 we would expect to get push back - this will be kicked back to BOS
- Recommend to north side of the Pipe at Sawyers or south end of Sawyers by Beach Club

6. General updates from sub committees

7. Open Alternate Committee Member position interest

Ann Baker was here to join us...

8. Discussion with Surfrider Foundation - updates from them, water quality testing / concerns, ways to partner together, educational opportunities, ect.

[NH.surfrider.org](http://NH.surfrider.org)

Ryan and Chris joined us

Spoke on water testing - summer of 2021 saw more closures

Goal make beach best experience we can for everyone

They are trying to build their chapter of Surfrider for years to come

They work with DES and speak frequently with them

June > Mid September is when testing is completed by DES

SR is going to build the testing for year round

SR also going to build testing sites for more then the current locations that are available

Example:

- SR tested Pirates and Jenness Beach - 7 fall days and 10 spring testing days
- Should we test Sawyers or other locations - perhaps!

What is a normal test result? - 98 count or below, 104 or above an advisory will be issued

Early Aug there as a 2,000 + count at Pirates

Perhaps heavy rain, septic overflow we don't know

Bottom line is that a follow up test called an MST test was never performed due budgetary restraints.  
This would differentiate the fecal source between human and water fowl ect.

9. Other business

10. Adjournment - Frank called the meeting to an end

The next meeting will be Nov 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Carney