

## Rye Beach Committee

### Rye Beach Committee Minutes

February 23, 2022 7PM Town Hall

Members present:, Mary-Ann Sullivan, Seana Zelazo, Mary Mitchell, Frank Hwang (remote), Bill Epperson - Select Board Representative, Alternates: Anne Baker  
Assistance from Janice Ireland

**Call to Order:** Mary-Ann called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment :** none

**Approval of Minutes:** All approved minutes.

**Agenda:** Sub Committee Updates

**Beach stickers:** Bill noted overall reaction has been favorable to the revision of beach/parking access stickers; very few complaints. Bill commented that it might have to be reviewed for next year depending on the feedback after the summer.

**Educational activities:** Full summary will be given for the next meeting for the education activities. Mary-Ann had suggestions on limiting the size of the signs for the beach poster program that students will create, also looking for feedback from local businesses and new businesses to approach for this year to display signs.

**Water Quality/environmental:** Bill commented that the Town of Rye has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for water testing for human and animal waste in the beach area and will hopefully find the root cause of the increase of poor water quality. The next step will be to wait for the results of the testing.

**Commercial activity/boundaries:** Beach use applications are due in March. Chief Walsh to provide input for the safety committee possibly at the next meeting.

**Pease air base/air cargo traffic impact to beach:** Overnight air cargo flights are being proposed at Pease. How will this affect the beach area and quality of life in Rye? Bill said it was on the agenda for Monday's Select Board meeting and commented that Rye does want to voice an opinion. Rye might want to craft a letter to inform the public.

**Other Business :** New beach dog signs were discussed by Anne. She had examples from a DPW program with nice colorful signs that Rye may want to consider for future signs as the current signs are aging and not very noticable. Anne also informed the committee about Blue Tubes that collect plastic bags for use at the beach for dog/trash waste. Possibly more discussion and research for the next meeting on this. The garbage cans at the beach over the winter months are working out well for dog waste.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting will be March 16 2022 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mitchell