

# **TOWN OF RYE BEACH COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 16, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Rye Town Hall**

**Present:** *Acting Chair Mary-Ann Sullivan, Mary Connolly-Mitchell, Anne Baker, Brendan Carney and Selectmen's Rep Bill Epperson*

## **I. Call to Order**

**Acting Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.**

## **II. Public Comment**

*None*

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

- **April 20, 2022 Meeting**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Mary Connolly-Mitchell. All in favor.**

## **IV. Sub Committee Updates**

There was some discussion about the recent comment from a resident that Member Carney received about the Town revisiting "resident only" parking on Old Beach Road. It was noted that people who want to submit complaints to the Committee should do so through the town's website or submit an email, so the comments are documented.

It was noted that parking is allowed on one side of Old Beach Road. The alley way to the beach off Old Beach Road is resident only parking. Selectman Epperson agreed to follow up with the Public Works Director in regards to the right-of-way in that location. It can then be determined if people are parking in the right-of-way or on private property, which would be an issue.

It was agreed that the parking on Old Beach Road is worth looking at again.

Acting Chair Sullivan asked if the Committee has any input on the work of the subcommittees.

Member Carney suggested looking at the rising sea-levels and making sure the Town has some education around that matter.

Acting Chair Sullivan commented that this is a good point because as people build homes and ask for variances, this is a factor.

Selectman Epperson pointed out there are also the FEMA Maps that need to be considered.

The Committee will revisit the subcommittees when Chair Hwang returns.

#### **V. Poster Project Next Steps**

The status of the posters is not known at this time, as students have gone remote recently due to Covid cases increasing. There has also been a change in staffing at the schools. Acting Chair Sullivan will follow up with the schools one more time. Selectman Epperson will check on the stakes.

#### **VI. Update on Commercial Permit Holders**

Selectman Epperson reported that the commercial permits for use of the beach were vetted and approved. The events will not overlap, so there should be no problems on the beach.

Acting Chair Sullivan noted that she believes the yoga class with Common Roots were approved for an 8:00 a.m. class. She doesn't see this being an issue during the week; however, Sundays are packed on the beach.

Selectman Epperson pointed out there was a minimal number of people involved. He also pointed out that the Police Department is monitoring all the events at the beach.

#### **VII. Other Business**

There was some discussion about the recent trash on the beach at Cable. Selectman Epperson showed the Committee photos of the debris. He noted that the Town has allowed cans to be put out for dog waste, which seems to have intensified the problem of people leaving trash at the beach. The Select Board will be discussing whether to take the cans away altogether and have signs saying "carry in/carry out - \$100 fine".

Some suggestions from the Committee include: parking enforcement checking the beach for people littering; increasing the times the barrels are emptied; ticketing; and increased signage.

➤ **Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Mary Connolly-Mitchell. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger