

Town of Rye
Beach Committee
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Rye Town Hall

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Mary-Ann Sullivan-Chair, Mary Connolly-Mitchell-Vice Chair, Bill Epperson- Select Board, Cybele Grier-Alternate
Also – Joan Zofnass- Alternate Candidate

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mary-Ann Sullivan called meeting to order at 5:30pm and led the pledge of allegiance

2) Public Comment

None

3) Approval of Minutes- September 21, 2022

Motion by Bill Epperson to approve the minutes of September 21, 2022, seconded by Mary Connolly-Mitchell,. All in favor.

4) Results from Beach Cleanup on Oct. 1, 2022

190 items collected, 22.4 lbs.

5.) Update and Comments from Select Board:

- Bike Racks – Bill Epperson reported that Jason Rucker, Director DPW, will budget for this project, although it is not certain the number of racks. The Beach Committee members will look at beach access points that could accommodate a bike rack without taking up parking or scooter spaces. One definite area is near the access point to Cable Beach.
- Dog Waste Containers- While there are still irresponsible dog owners using the beaches, the trial period has been successful. The Select Board will review usage within the larger view of Rye's Carry-In-Carry-Out policy
- Parking Survey-recent conversation and interest Mary-Ann Sullivan spoke with Giles Ham. Bill Epperson will follow up. The Beach Committee is fully supportive of the parking survey.

6.) Recommendations &Vote on Open Positions for candidates who have applied

a. How the System Works

Mary-Ann explained the rules re: 30-day posting for openings, recommendations/vote at Beach Committee meetings, and Select Board's role in accepting resignations and new candidates,

- b. Current Open Member Position
Beach Committee recommended/voted for Cybele Grier for Member
- c. Open Alternate Position
Beach Committee recommended/voted for Joan Zofnass for Alternate

7.) Feedback and Questions on Activities/Responsibilities 2022-2023

- a. April 1st 400th Anniversary Beach Cleanup 4 for 4 beaches
(01-4 dates?)
Cybele Grier suggested a team approach with a prize for the largest collection of marine debris. The Committee brainstormed ideas, such as planning a pre-season cleanup on 4 beaches in April, asking other committees to form a team, reviewing the best day and considering tides. We will connect again with the 400th Anniversary Committee.
- b. School Posters – Design of Stickers (note to include 400th)
Anne Baker is working on sticker design. Andy Stecher, Chair Rye 400th gave the Beach Committee permission to use the 400th logo.
- c. School Posters – Connection with RJH & ES, lamination, DPW, Placement
Most all posters have been removed from beaches by the DPW. Committee members will check to see if there are a few still in place and remove them.
- d. Beach Access, including handicap access & parking
Members will be vigilant, especially throughout the summer season. Concerns have included bushes blocking access points, individuals blocking some beach areas with large flower points, sea grass and 6 unused beach chairs in a semi-circle in front of a house near F-access.

8.) Other Business

None

9.) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mary-Ann Sullivan at 6:45 pm, seconded by Mary Connolly-Mitchell, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Ann Sullivan