

Beach Committee Meeting Minutes August 30, 2018
Called to order at 7:32 PM

Attendees: Larry Rocha, Steve Hillman, Lori Carbajal, Brad Fulkerson, Selectperson Keri Roman.
Absent Keper Connell

PARKING AT RYE TOWN BEACHES

Selectperson Roman opened the meeting picking up on the focus of the prior meeting of the Board of Selectmen regarding the lack of beach parking spots during the tourist season which in term limits the open spots for resident parking including the areas of permit-only parking.

Particular trouble spots noted in the Jenness Beach Precinct including Route 1A (governed by the State of NH) in the areas north of Jenness State Beach Parking Lot to F Street, lower Perkins Road, Sawyers Beach as well as Cable Road extension.

Steve Hillman stated there is little being done to deter visitors from parking in resident permit only spots as well as posted no parking areas, and there needs to be ramifications to deter.

Larry Rocha stated that although the town is not able to ordinance that no campers be parked along Route 1A as it is a state road, something must be done regarding the danger of these oversized vehicles parked there from 6 AM to 7 PM during all summer long.

Committee members were in full agreement that the State of NH is doing nothing to assist the Town of Rye with parking issues along Route 1 A/Ocean Blvd though they are absolutely advertising through the NH Bureau of Tourism to come to Rye Beaches.

Lori Carbajal stated the oversized campers take spots for 12 hours which prevents other day visitors from using those spots. This includes NH families that arrive by 9 or 10 AM. She stated that on the Labor Day Weekend, the parking lot at Wallis Sands at 2 PM in the afternoon was only at half capacity and it was one of the hottest weekends of the summer. She stated the State of NH and its' tax paying residents are losing revenue because the state is not managing the parking at the state parks by the mere fact they allow free parking along Route 1A.

Steve Hillman stated regarding this, the other towns along Route 1A have no parking signs posted and in fact had new signs posted along Fox Point over the winter. The parking congestion is entirely Rye as it starts at Bass Beach (Route 1A) at the town line as well as cars parked on Causeway.

All committee members in attendance felt that much higher fines for parking violations in the permit-only spots should be raised to \$250.00 and on streets marked as NO PARKING, the fines should be increased to \$100.00 and or Tow Zone signs posted in outside areas or trouble areas and the town should be utilizing the parking boot as well.

Posted "TOW ZONE" area signs to assist the town with management of these areas due to the constraints of personnel to assist with ticketing outlying areas.

The committee proposed RESIDENT ONLY – BY PERMIT areas extended throughout the area of Jenness Beach which include but not limited to the following:

ROUTE 1A/OCEAN BLVD – Starting at South Road, north to Harbor Road
SOUTH ROAD – Starting at Ocean Blvd/Route 1A westerly to Central Road

CENTRAL ROAD – PERMIT PARKING ONLY
North to Cable Road to include all streets within the Jenness Precinct grid west of Ocean Blvd/Route 1A and all streets east of Ocean Blvd/Route 1A to Harbor Road to include Old Beach Road.

NORTH BEACH/FOSS BEACH – PERMIT PARKING ONLY
No parking: Sunset Drive, Winslow Lane

WALLIS SANDS - PERMIT PARKING ONLY
Wallis Rd from Route 1A/Ocean Blvd west to Bracket Rd to include all streets north and south within this area

ADDED NO PARKING AREAS –
Washington Rd west of Sunset Drive to Coburn Rd
Bracket Rd from Coburn Rd, north to Wallis Rd.

Causeway Rd

The committee believes the town should petition the state for assistance in this matter of safety along route 1A with large vehicles and timed parking.

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM