

Rye Beach Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2017  
Called to Order at 6:35 PM by Larry Rocha

In Attendance: Steve Hillman, Keper Connell, Lori Carbajal, Larry Rocha, Brad Fulkerson, Police Chief Kevin Walsh

Discussion of committee member Keper Connell , with regard to writing of warrant article and guidelines to obtain information for possible beach supervisor/coordinator.

Discussion of how this position would fit with the three departments, Police, Fire and Highway Department.

Committee members unanimously agreed the position would be paid seasonal position running from May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day.

Job aspects would be a work in progress with members working together over the next year to formulate function and how this would improve the overall load of the three departments.

Trash – Still an ongoing problem especially at Bass Beach and along the areas of street parking along Route 1A near all town beaches. The problem of trash appearing to be on the roadside and not on the beach with the exception of beachgoers placing their trash and dog bags on the access points as well as the roadside.

It was recommended that store keepers have trash containers outside of their establishments to take on the task of removing trash at their cost versus the town. This is believed to be a large portion of the roadside trash issue and would help in deterring this problem since the food and drink is purchased at these locations nearest the beach.

Water Quality – Beach Committee Members are hearing from the public regarding the bacterial issues at Concord Point as well as the invasive red seaweed that has overtaken a good portion of Jenness Beach and other town beaches. Recreational users such as surfers have complained to members of ear and eye infections as well as stomach viruses shortly after a swimming or surfing sessions. These issues are not isolated though are more defined at Wallis Sands.

Bathroom at Jenness State Beach – Committee Members in full agreement the bathroom should be built well before the funds are gone and nothing be done at all. The current condition of the bathroom is less than poor and a new facility would be a vast improvement and sorely needed by beachgoers to enjoy their stay at our shoreline.

Meeting Adjourned by Larry Rocha 7:34 PM