

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, May 11, 2020
6:00 p.m. – via ZOOM

Selectmen Present: Chair Phil Winslow, Vice-Chair Keriann Roman, Selectman Bill Epperson

Others Present for Town: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron, Police Chief Kevin Walsh, Recreation Director Lee Arthur, Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy and Fire Chief Mark Cotreau

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (i) Emergency Management

At 6:00 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (i) Emergency Management. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 6:29 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

6:30 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement by Phil Winslow:

As chair of the Rye Board of Selectmen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video and other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during

this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone number: 646-558-8656 and Password: 986486 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com ID #826-2983-3639.

Public notice has been provided to the public for the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the board at: town.rye.nh.us go to the Board of Selectmen page and click on the agenda for this meeting.

If anyone has a problem accessing the meeting please email the Town Administrator at: BBergeron@town.rye.nh.us

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Roll call attendance of select board:

- Phil Winslow
- Keriann Roman
- Bill Epperson

(The Selectmen confirmed that they were the only ones in the room for the meeting.)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.
- B) The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26th due to the Memorial Day Holiday.
- C) A public meeting is being held with the Library Trustees on May 14th for the Parsonage Maintenance Agreement on Thursday, May 14th, via Zoom, time to be determined. Meeting agenda will be posted on the Town's website.
- D) Selectmen's Press Release regarding COVID-19

From the Rye Board of Selectmen:

The Rye Board of Selectmen would like to thank the Rye residents for their diligence in staying at home and their patience as we navigate the uncharted territory of COVID-19 together. Through resident adherence to the "Rye Way" we have been able to keep our number of positive cases low in relation to our proximity to Massachusetts.

We want to thank our Police Chief Kevin Walsh and our police officers for their long hard hours of work in enforcing the closure of the beaches and adjoining parking areas. We ask for your continued support and respect to our police officers, as it is already a stressful time for everyone, including our police officers who work hard everyday to protect us and keep us safe.

We understand that with nicer weather residents will want to make use of Rye's beautiful beaches. However, opening up town beaches, even for residents only, while New Hampshire State beaches and adjoining state beaches remain closed, would be an impossible situation to manage.

Both Massachusetts and Maine have Stay at Home Orders in force. Unfortunately, there have been some who have ignored the request and decided to travel to our seacoast putting us at greater risk. One only needs to travel a short way from Wallis to Central to see large groups have gathered at seaside restaurants and to a large extent these are out of state patrons. Rye Police Officers would not be able to identify Rye residents from non-Rye residents without approaching each person on the beach, which would put additional strain on our police force who are already busy patrolling our neighborhoods and responding to calls. It also puts our police force at risk for COVID from high risk persons from outside of Rye. Furthermore, if town beaches were open to Rye residents, it would give a perception the beaches were open and beachgoers from neighboring areas and states would flock to Rye. Our beach closures are done to minimize community based COVID-19 transmission and to protect Rye residents.

The Governor has outlined a phased approach for opening up the State in a responsible and safe manner. We ask for your help and support in adhering to this plan. Soon, we will safely be able to enjoy the beauty of our seacoast beaches again.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT** – (at the beginning of the meeting, for any comment by any Rye resident on any topic. Requested time limit, up to 5 minutes each person.)

Rebecca O'Brien, 396 Miller Ave., Portsmouth, spoke to the Selectmen in regards to granting access to trails and beaches for people's well-being and exercise. As a volunteer chair of the N.H. Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, she is actively engaged in issues that pertain to quality of water and accessibility of access points. The organization has been actively in close talks with the Governor's Reopening Task Force with regard to the sections relative to seacoast beaches. She applauds the Selectmen for looking diligently at the Governor's plan and how it will affect Rye and the region as a whole. She encourages the Selectmen to look closely at Phase I of the plan, which has to do with the State's plan to expand permitted activity, including all ocean and coastal recreation that can be enjoyed solo will moving; running, jogging, swimming and surfing. She also encourages the Selectmen to adopt the State wide plan to advocate for restricting parking protocol to limit the crowding and help people physically distance for safe beach experience.

Steve Borne, 431 Wallis Road, asked for information on how to access the Conservation Commission's Forest Management Plan Public Hearing via Zoom, which is being held on May 14th. He also commented on the RFP results for the beach rubbish pick up and the possibility of the Town taking care of this task instead of outsourcing the work. He noted that the items listed on the BOS agenda are hard to understand, as they are only one line. He suggested having a hyper-link on the Town's website with the meeting agenda for the Zoom meeting.

Bob Glowacky, 22 Pine Street, noted that he helps run T.V. stations and Zoom meetings for the Town of Exeter. He would be happy to speak with the Town about Zoom bombing and how Rye can be protected from this. He thanked the Selectmen for their work on the beach closures. He also thanked the Police Department for doing a great job in keeping the community safe.

Chair Winslow asked Mr. Glowacky to reach out to the Selectmen's Secretary with more information with regard to the Zoom meetings.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – (to be discussed at the meeting only if pulled off the consent agenda by on the three Selectmen.)

- A) Authorization for Town Administrator Bergeron to sign the acceptance of the Certified Local Government Grant.
- B) RFP Results for Beach Rubbish for the Public Works Department.
- C) RFP Results for Asphalt Paving for the Public Works Department.

Selectman Epperson requested discussion on Consent Agenda Item B.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Items A and C as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

Roll Call: Keriann Roman – Aye; Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye

Motion passed.

- RFP Results for beach rubbish services – DPW

Referring to the beach rubbish proposal and bid that DPW accepted, Selectman Epperson asked Director McCarthy how it fits if it's "carry-in and carry-out".

Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy replied that carry-in and carry-out is what is wanted. Typically, it is carry-out as far as the edge of the road and then there are piles of trash, unless there are trash receptacles. Over the years, trash barrels have been provided with a collection system at the beaches. It is something that is heavily used. Usually, there are about six to ten barrels at the end of each beach. On the weekends in the summer, it is not unusual for those barrels to be full and have to be emptied a couple of times. This is a function that Rye has had for years because of the number of people using the beaches.

Selectman Epperson asked how often the barrels are emptied.

Director McCarthy replied that the contractors have to monitor the area constantly and the barrels have to be collected anytime they are completely full. The contractor is at the beach multiple times on the weekend. They also have to get to the beach very early in the day to start; otherwise, it is difficult for them to get in and get out. He further explained the reason the trash removal is contracted is because of the cost in overtime and union issues with DPW staff, which would require a minimum of two people working for multiple hours. It was found that it was less expensive to contract out the work to a contractor who is set up to do the work. He noted the cost is \$7,300 for the time frame of the Friday before Memorial Day to the week after Labor Day. The price covers the cost of emptying the barrels as many times as it is needed. He noted the contractor who will be handling the work is based out of Stratham.

Vice-Chair Roman asked if this work is something that could be done by volunteers, if there were enough people with the right trucks and equipment.

Director McCarthy commented that they may not mind doing it a few times; however, consistency would be a problem. It has to be done every single weekend and every single holiday, week after week. It is a lot of work.

Vice-Chair Roman stated this is tied right into beach access. This may be an area where the Town and Surfrider can work together, where it is something that is very near and dear to them and it would help out Rye. Surfrider would probably have to take the first step and she is not sure what it would look like. She commented it would be much appreciated and would be a good way to work together.

Director McCarthy noted that many organizations; such as Surfrider and Blue Ocean Society, do beach clean-up, in which they go down onto the beaches and pick up the rubbish. Typically, they will pile the rubbish in locations where public works can go down and pick it up. He commented that this is very helpful. However, there is a substantial amount of rubbish out there day in and day out.

Town Administrator Becky Bergeron noted that Mr. Borne asked whether the Town still pays for rubbish removal if the beaches do not open.

Director McCarthy replied yes. It could potentially be prorated for the weeks the beaches are not open, but at this point it is a full season contract.

Chair Winslow noted the beach opening date proposed by the Governor's Task Force is June 1st. The contract should not be started until at least June 1st. He suggested to Vice-Chair Roman that they may want to reach out to Surfriders to see what their interest might be in the future.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Item B for the beach rubbish removal contract. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye

Motion by Keriann Roman to name Town Administrator Becky Bergeron as duly authorized to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of the Town of Rye within the State of New Hampshire acting by and through the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and as further authorized, to execute any documents on behalf of this municipality which may be in her judgement desirable or necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

Seconded by Bill Epperson.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow - Aye

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Transportation Advisory Council Update – Dania Seiglie

Dania Seiglie, Rockingham Planning Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Representative for Rye, gave an update to the Selectmen on the work of the TAC and some of the projects the committee is considering. Three regional projects and one statewide project that are being reviewed and discussed by the committee. The regional projects are in Hampton, Kittery and Stratham. The statewide project is to install road and weather systems around the State. She spoke to the Selectmen about a project being worked on by the TAC relating to congestion management. The objective of the project is to improve congestion in the region by looking at magna data that is available, which allows for detailed periods of

time to be studied. This information could be very beneficial to Rye's Police Chief in looking at oversight of the Town's congestion. She proposed to bring a summary to the select board at the next meeting. She also agreed to send this information to Chief Walsh.

The Selectmen discussed with Ms. Seigle ways she can best represent the Town as the representative to TAC. Ms. Seigle agreed to keep the Selectmen updated and bring projects of interest to Rye to their attention. TAC will be holding their next meeting via Zoom on May 28th.

B) Transfer Station Return to Normal Operations

Public Works Director McCarthy spoke to the board about the process for reopening the Transfer Station and returning the facility to normal operations. He suggested it be done in a two-step process with the recycling being brought back online first. The second step would be to bring back the collections that are charged for where there is some interaction with the public. He noted that the facility is at a point where it can start recycling.

There was some discussion about how the facility can maintain a 6-foot separation between people in the recycling area to limit contact. The Selectmen agreed with the idea of a phased approach to opening with bringing the plastics online first. A 6-foot block will be around the plastics window and the rubbish container. Signs will be posted recommending that masks be worn and asking people to respect the 6-foot rule. If the first step in reopening goes well, they can move on to the next phase. Mr. McCarthy agreed to come back to the board with some feedback before moving on to Phase 2. He also agreed to continue to collect glass in a separate area.

C) Conservation Commission Requires for Rep. at Public Hearing 5/14

Vice-Chair Roman agreed to attend the public hearing with the Conservation Commission for the Forest Management Plan which is being held on Thursday, May 14th, 5:00 p.m.

D) Beach Committee

The Selectmen agreed the Beach Committee is valuable to the community and should continue. Residents who are interested in being on the committee should call Kate Drago, Selectmen's Secretary, at Town Hall to express their interest. The Selectmen also agreed to review the Beach Committee's Charter at the next BOS meeting.

E) Parsonage Maintenance Agreement

**Public meeting to be held May 14th.*

F) Cell Tower Buyout Proposal

Chair Winslow stated that the Town has been offered an opportunity to accept a payment of \$900,000 from SBA Communications in lieu of them making payments for the next thirty-four years. He suggested to the Town Administrator that they get an analysis of the present value of money to get a look at what that would really mean over thirty-four years. He suspects that it is probably not going to be worthwhile. A response is due back to SMA Communications by May 31st.

The Selectmen agreed to wait until they receive more information before making a decision.

G) Re-Opening Strategy in Conjunction with Stay at Home 2.0

Police Chief Kevin Walsh gave an update to the board with regards to reopening strategies in conjunction with Stay at Home 2.0. Businesses are encouraged to prepare a reopening and operational plan following the CDC Guidelines. The Governor's Task Force has sent out a memo outlining guidelines for businesses to follow. This information will be posted on the Town's website and Facebook page. The information also includes details on how businesses can obtain PPE through the State in order to maintain safe operations. The Governor's Task Force is continuing to monitor the beaches and discussing ways they can be reopened safely. Hampton has a plan to close a section of Ocean Boulevard so the local restaurants can have some of their business operations on the street. It is intended that Hampton's beaches will open up on June 1st. The idea is for the beaches to be open for running, walking, jogging, surfing and paddle boarding, which requires people to keep moving. If Hampton opens on June 1st, Seabrook, Rye, New Castle and North Hampton should all fall in line. A key component of this plan is dependent upon the State of Maine and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the State of Massachusetts right now, the sand is open but there is absolutely no parking. They are having some challenges with people parking to access the beach anyways. The Governor of New Hampshire is still reviewing the Task Force proposals for re-opening the beaches to see how it will fit in with Phase 1 and how it can be done safely. The reason Hampton is being looked at strongly is because they have submitted a proposal to the State for reopening and other locations have not.

Police Chief Walsh noted that he has drafted a memo of ideas to coordinate with the State parks and the Rye Harbor Port Authority for safely reopening together. There will be some substantial challenges if the reopening is not done at the same time. At this time, the date of June 1st is being discussed; however, there has not been any concrete decisions. Chief Walsh stated he has received emails from residents asking for the beaches to be open for residents only. He noted this would be very challenging for the police staff to manage. In regards to Surfriders idea about fifty percent parking, he does not think this is a good idea for Phase 1. Director Bryce, as well as Hampton, were talking about twenty-five percent parking being allowed. Hampton has a lot of privatized parking lots in town. The owners of those lots will need to be in agreement with the twenty-five percent parking, which will be a challenge. Chief Walsh noted that he has already started to contact some of the owners of Rye's private parking lots to discuss how this can be managed; such as, parking vehicles 6-feet apart to help reduce the amount of cars in the lot and using message boards to let people know when the lots are full. Chief Walsh noted that more work needs to be done with some concrete plans in place for a June 1st opening for the beaches. He will keep the Town Administrator and Selectmen updated as things continue towards the June 1st possible reopening.

Chair Winslow asked that it be communicated to Director Bryce that the State will need to have staff at Jenness Beach State Park, as the Town cannot be managing that area fulltime. He asked Chief Walsh if the plan is to stop or prohibit parking on Ocean Blvd.

Chief Walsh replied that the State is still onboard that under Phase 1, Route 1A would still be "no parking". This is the way that the twenty-five percent parking is going to be managed in the State parking lots. The select board will need to take a look at the Town's permit parking as to how it should be handled so it falls in line with Phase 1. He will put his thoughts in writing for the board to review for the next meeting, so a plan can be put into place.

Chair Winslow pointed out that parking on side streets also needs to be considered. He also pointed out that the May 8th presentation talked about fifty percent of parking being available.

Chief Walsh explained the twenty-five percent was for Rye State Parks. He continued that the restrooms are also going to be a challenge for social distancing, as well as for cleanliness. He suggested to Director Bryce that centrally located port-a-potties be used, which would be overseen by a contractor. He pointed out the state parks have not started hiring for the season. Even if they started the hiring process right now, they would probably not be full staffed for June 1st and this will be a challenge for maintaining the parks. In regards to the trash pickup, this has been a constant issue at the beaches for years and will continue to go on. People are being asked to carry-in and carry-out but they are still not doing this. He reiterated that he will draft up a memo for the board on some of these ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that her understanding is that the Governor and the Task Force were quite clear that it has to be a statewide effort in terms of opening the beaches. The message is that it has to be done all together as an overall plan. The task for the Town is to figure out how to do that but it's not really an option or a good idea for the towns to do whatever they want. She asked Chief Walsh if that is the message that has been given by the Governor. All the towns in the State need to work together, as well as working with the States of Massachusetts and Maine to make sure this is all done together.

Chief Walsh noted that Governor Sununu is working with Governor Baker and Governor Mills. When those beaches start lifting the closure order, NH will start opening its State beaches and it will funnel down to the town's beaches. The date that has been proposed is June 1st. He stated there is some internal work that needs to be done in Rye so the Town is prepared with an opening plan.

Town Administrator Becky Bergeron stated that every Wednesday, the coastal communities from Old Orchard to Salisbury, participate in a Zoom call geared to a cohesive, comprehensive plan to open the beaches along the seacoast. Currently, Old Orchard Beach is open and has never been closed. They are allowing transitory only; running, walking, swimming and kayaking. York is looking at opening their four beaches. In Maine, there is no order from the Governor to close the beaches so it is a local option only. Beaches in Massachusetts are by and large open. Salisbury is open. The sand is open; however, there is no parking. She continued that the group is trying to figure this out together. If it is not done together, it is going to be problematic because one area is going to be inundated over another. She will have more information after the group's next meeting.

H) Financial Update

Town Administrator Bergeron gave a town financial update to the select board. Motor vehicle registrations are down about \$20,000 to \$30,000 for this same time period last year. Year-to-date property tax revenue payments received is up by about \$100,000 more for 2020 than for the same time period last year. A lot of those tax payments are prepayments at this time. The tax warrant is on track to go out with a due date of July 1st. The school payment is due at the end of June. The Town is progressing with putting a TAN in place through TD Bank.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) Email rec'd from Joanne Hardin re: Beach Comments on Nextdoor Rye

The Selectmen asked Chief Walsh to follow up with a response to Ms. Hardin.

B) Letter rec'd from Alan Smith re: TAP Grant Request

A letter was received noting that the TAP Grant may not be offered for 2020. More information will be available in June.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

**None*

X. OLD BUSINESS

- **Review Events for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Rye Day**

Recreation Director Lee Arthur stated that at the last meeting it was decided to move into a virtual Memorial Day. The format that will be used will be similar to Zoom. She will be speaking with the Town Administrator about how the recordings are done for the existing meetings. The event may be prerecorded with it being posted on Memorial Day. The parade and presentation of colors will not be held, but the rest of the program will be able to be held. The poster and writing contest will be awarded, as has been done in the past, and those students will be asked to participate via Zoom. The program will be held in the same respectable manner as always and will be available remotely on Memorial Day.

There was some discussion about the Fourth of July Celebration. Police Chief Walsh noted that it would be impossible to manage social distancing, as the Town's celebration has been increasing in numbers every year. It would also be a challenge to manage the crowds as the City of Portsmouth and the Beach Club have cancelled their celebrations for 2020. Lee Arthur agreed to follow up with Jack Tobey about the board's decision. Town Administrator Bergeron will be sure a notice is posted on the Town's website.

With regards to Rye Day for September 27th, Vice-Chair Roman pointed out that the point of the event was to bring families and residents of the community together. At that time, if seniors and families are not able to come out for Rye Day, it will defeat a big part of why this is being done. Her thought is the event could still be done without sponsors on a smaller scale. However, at this time, they have to just wait to see how things are going closer to the event.

The Selectmen agreed to revisit this topic at future meetings.

- **Transfer Station Re-Opening**

Director McCarthy stated that he has had some cross talk with staff and the public during the meeting. People have asked if it would make sense to also open cardboard. There would be two sections open both with 6-foot boxes around the area. So, plastic and cardboard would be open now and the rest would wait. He pointed out the table would be at the opposite end of plastic.

The Selectmen agreed it made sense to open both plastics and cardboard.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Sand Removal Request from Residents on F Street**

Chair Winslow explained that every year Greg Bauer spreads out the sand that has built up over the winter. This will be done before the beach opening takes place.

There were no issues or concerns with this work being done.

A) Meeting Minutes

- 1) Non-Public Session, Monday, March 2, 2020, (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the non-public minutes of March 2, 2020 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye

Motion passed.

- 2) Non-Public Session, Monday, March 2, 2020, (2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

Motion by Keriann Roman to accept the non-public minutes of March 2, 2020 as written and to seal the minutes as it eludes to protected medical information. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow - Aye

Motion passed.

- 3) Meeting, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m., TD Building

Note: Phil Winslow confirmed that he made some minor changes which were already incorporated into the minutes.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the minutes of March 4, 2020 as presented. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye

Motion passed.

- 4) Meeting, Monday, March 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

The following correction was noted:

- Page 8, 1st paragraph, 3rd line from bottom should read: **The Selectmen do not want to jeopardize this responsibility.**

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the minutes of March 23, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye

Motion passed.

- 5) Non-Public Session, Monday, March 23, 2020 (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation

Motion by Bill Epperson to accept the non-public minutes of March 2, 2020 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow - Aye
Motion passed.

6) Non-Public Session, Monday, March 23, 2020 (2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the non-public minutes of March 23, 2020 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow - Aye
Motion passed.

Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the non-public minutes of the meeting held earlier this evening under reputation. Seconded by Phil Winslow.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow - Aye
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Epperson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

Roll Call: Bill Epperson – Aye; Keriann Roman – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye
Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger

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Date: May 7, 2020
To: Becky Bergeron, Town Administrator
From: Dennis G. McCarthy, Public Works Director
Subject: Beach Rubbish Collection – 2020

Results of the bid opening for the above referenced project held on April 30, 2020 were as follows:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>PROPOSAL</u>
NER Recycling, LLC P.O. Box 65 Stratham, NH 03885	\$7,396 Lump Sum For entire season

I am recommending contract award to the only bidder, NER Recycling, LLC., of Stratham, NH. NER was the only bidder the last five years and has done an excellent job each year in the past.

RYE PUBLIC WORKS
 309 Grove Road
 Rye, New Hampshire 03870
 Telephone (603) 964-5300
 Fax (603) 964-9708
 dmccarthy@town.rye.nh.us

Date: May 7, 2020
To: Becky Bergeron, Town Administrator
From: Dennis G. McCarthy, Public Works Director
Subject: Paving Products – 2020

Proposals received for the above referenced work on this date are as follows:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>Machine Applied</u> (per ton)	<u>Shoulder Shim</u> (per ton)	<u>Grind In- Place</u> (sq. yd.)	<u>Milling</u> (Sq. Yd.)	<u>Hand Applied</u> (per ton)	<u>Adjust Structure</u> (each)
Bourassa Construction, LLC 85 Heritage Ave., Suite #1 Portsmouth, NH 03801	\$78.50	\$50.00	\$3.50	\$30.00	\$150.00	\$600.00
R & D Paving 563 So. Main Street Dracut, MA 01826-5439	\$82.66	\$50.00	No Price	\$13.25	\$145.00	\$400.00
Bell & Flynn 69 Bunker Hill Road Stratham, NH 03885	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$500.00
Pike Industries, Inc. 650 Peverly Hill Road Portsmouth, NH 03801	\$83.00	\$50.00	No Bid	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$450.00
New England Paving P. O. Box 1933 Seabrook, NH 03874	\$83.00	\$50.00	\$4.50	\$2.25	\$150.00	\$200.00

I am recommending award of the work to Bourassa Construction, LLC of Portsmouth, NH, based upon their low bid price, and satisfactory performance for the Town of Rye and other municipalities in the past. However, I will not award the contract until such time as the Board of Selectmen authorizes said award.

5-11-20 Correspondence Item A

Katelyn Drago

From: Joanne Hardin <joannehardin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Katelyn Drago
Cc: Joanne Hardin
Subject: Letter for Board of Selectpersons > Nextdoor Rye thread Re: How about a partial open of beaches?

Greetings,

I am not sure if you are aware, however, there is a software tool out there that works to connect people in neighborhoods; to help one another, sell or buy something, look for a lost dog and express points of view. Ours is called 'Nextdoor Rye'. Currently there are three posts regarding the closing of beaches. I posted my comment below. After that are two responses to my post from fellow Rye citizens. I felt it was important to bring this to your attention for review and hopefully a change.



Joanne Hardin

Rye

I am taking the precautions seriously for all of us. I wear a mask and gloves when I go out. I did my bi-weekly shopping this past week and saw all the orange barriers along Rte 1A. I think that is a travesty! I know the beaches are closed. However, to prevent anyone stopping in their cars, to breathe in the air or take a walk on the rocks is overdone. Being near the beach is good for our physical, mental and spiritual health. I believe social distancing is going to with us for a while, rightfully so; we all want to be safe, yet to barricade the small side parking areas is overdone. When it is time to open the beaches, limit the amount of cars in, when someone leaves, someone else can come in. Please get rid of those ugly orange barriers. I have lived here 23 years and have always found the rocks to provide social distancing. We are better than this!

1 day ago

From: "Nextdoor Rye" <reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>
Subject: Re: How about a partial open of beaches?
Date: April 27, 2020 at 7:55:12 AM EDT
To: joannehardin@comcast.net
Reply-
To: reply+GQZTIOJXGI3DEX3QOJXWI5LDORUW63S7KBHVGVVC7GE2DKMRSGQZDONY=
@reply.nextdoor.com

DRAFT MINUTES of the BOS Meeting 5/11/2020

	22,269
New Jersey	109,038
	5,938
Massachusetts	54,938
	2,899
Illinois	43,903
	1,933
California	43,720
	1,723
Pennsylvania	42,616
	1,816
Michigan	37,778
	3,315
Florida	31,532
	1,075
Louisiana	26,773
	1,729
Connecticut	25,269
	1,924
New Hampshire	1,864
	60
Maine	1,015
	50
Vermont	851
	46

Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Cases on cruise ships are not included.

Credit: Daniel Wood, Stephanie Adeline, Sean McMin, Thomas Wilburn and Connie Hanzhang Jin/NPR

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May 4, 2020

Board of Selectmen
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870

I would appreciate your time to consider the comments in this letter.

By now you are probably aware of the significant financial impact the Chinese virus has on federal and state government budgets. New Hampshire will see a sizeable decrease in revenue from the business, meals and the interest& dividend tax, etc. The state is also spending millions of dollars for unemployment insurance and support for the medical community.

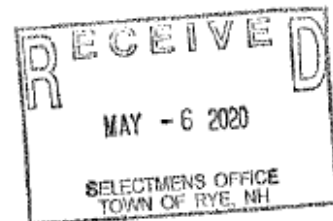
Based on this substantial decrease in state funds, many residents feel it is inappropriate to request a \$500,000 grant for Rye's center project, whether it is state or federal money.

During the past two months, many residents have been walking and riding bikes around town. Consequently everyone had the opportunity to see the terrible condition of our roads. I personally have witnessed people tripping in pot holes and bike riders falling due to broken pavement. I suggest the town would be better off concentrating on maintaining the infrastructure we already have before embarking on enhancements for the town center. I am sure the town could explore other alternatives to address the safety issue for less money without hiring expensive consultants.

Sincerely



Alan Smith
47 Pine Street



05-11-2020 Zoom Chat Transcript

00:26:26 Steven Borne: Do we still pay if we don't open the beaches?

00:34:36 becca obrien: We as Surfrider are always working with communities, municipalities to encourage beach and water access for all and also water quality issues. I am not sure we as volunteers have the capacity to take on trash removal for the Town for the summer months, or more. What we can be involved with is education around a better carry in carry out process, within the Town borders? Let's keep the conversation going as there could be ways for patrons at the beach/seaside businesses to institute as a pay as you throw, a complete trash ban or only offer compostable products for takeaway. Lots of options! We need to know more about your current contract, your issues, the fees, the big challenges, etc. Thanks, Becca

00:53:39 Steven Borne: Does Keri have the Zoom info for CC - the public does not?

00:54:22 Bob Glowacky: I'm interested!

00:54:44 Steven Borne: Beach - you should discuss why they all quite

00:56:00 Steven Borne: Yes, but the old Board drove what happened....

00:56:38 Frank Hwang: yes it would be worthwhile to understand why the committee quit vs when it was a commission

00:57:05 Keri Roman: Steve, I don't have it, we will get it and send it along and post on website and FB.

00:57:08 Frank Hwang: and thanks to Becca for joining us

01:11:56 becca obrien: I believe it's 50% limited parking capacity in Phase 1?

01:14:21 Frank Hwang: could Chief Walsh share some of the suggestions with a broader group? so the public is a greater part of the conversation? i think people in the town would like to or might like to be involved in the process.

01:15:16 becca obrien: And Chief Walsh, is there discussion to reopen beaches - State Parks, other surrounding coastal towns, town resident parking, etc. - prior to June 1? Get the kinks out of the system prior to a bigger summer rush?

01:15:23 Keri Roman: The Governor's reopening task force has public meetings weekly, that is where the Chief gets most of this information.

01:16:30 Frank Hwang: Keri, thank you. I am referring to his comment of drafting his recommendation to the town administrator and board, specific to rye.

01:16:55 Frank Hwang: I'd recommend you open the process to the town.

01:27:01 becca obrien: Thank you all for your time and effort. Signing off.

01:32:05 Bob Glowacky: I'd be happy to help edit something together if any video help is needed

01:33:10 Bob Glowacky: rglowacky@outlook.com feel free to shoot me an email

01:46:41 Dania Seiglie: Thank you all and stay safe. Signing off