

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 22, 2020
5:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron

5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

**II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring
(2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (l) Legal Advice**

At 5:30 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 5:57 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 5:57 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (l) Legal Advice. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 6:05 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 6:05 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (i) Emergency Management. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 6:16 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

7:00 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order 7:00 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: 397128 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com ID #878-6565-5415.

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
- Bill Epperson
- Keriann Roman

Note: The Selectmen stated where they were located and confirmed that they were the only ones in the room for the meeting.

IV. 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.)

- **Robin Wehbe, 20 Spruce Ave and owner of Common Roots Yoga Café Catering** spoke about beach permitting. He stated that the Yoga business is taking a hit because of COVID-19. At 50% capacity, it allows only 4-5 people in the studio at a time. They are finding it hard to make the numbers work. He asked for special permission for permitted beach use. Yoga on the beach provides ample safety for the participants. It also provides an opportunity for the people of the community to exercise and practice health and

wellness. They would be off the beach very early in the morning, so there would not be any interference with beachgoers.

Chair Winslow instructed Mr. Wehbe to contact Chief Walsh for the proper paperwork. He stated that after the application is made the Board would review it.

Mr. Wehbe stated that he had done that.

Chair Winslow stated that they will discuss it under 'New Business' on this agenda.

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, for the Civic League**, noted that the Civic News will be going out this weekend. If there is anything that needs to be announced please get the information to him this weekend and he will get it added in.

He also spoke about the "Big Brother Policy" that the Board discussed at their last meeting. It was about all employees of the Town having to report where they were going and what they did. He stated that he is assuming that Attorney Donovan told the Board not to require this, if not he would like to be noticed. He prefers not to include this at all in the Civic News.

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, Rye resident**, stated that he noticed the changes that were made to the Town's website and thanked the Board. He recommended that the Board look at the North Hampton website and how much better they did with the same platform.

Mr. Borne pointed out that Portsmouth High School is cutting a lot of services and sports and yet the Town is paying the same tuition. SAU 50 sends a lot of students to Portsmouth High School. He just wanted the Board to be aware of this.

Mr. Borne mentioned that he had e-mailed Chair Winslow and Administrator Bergeron, copies of the Parson's Creek tests results for 2017, 2018 and 2019. He stated that he talked to Alden Philbrick. Mr. Philbrick told him that back before the Town put in the sewer, he rode around town with the Selectmen (of that time) pointing out the hot spots. Many of them are the same Parson's Creek spots that the Town is dealing with today. Mr. Philbrick also stated that the new septic systems have just as much sludge in them as the old systems and are breaking down. All of the systems at Sea Glass Lane had to be replaced. He recommended that the Board talk to Mr. Philbrick and to take a look at the Parson's Creek tests reports.

Chair Winslow announced that prior to the Consent Agenda, Chief Walsh will present a new hire.

Police Chief Kevin Walsh stated that the department has hired a new part-time officer. Her name is Heather Cote. Heather is very familiar with Rye, as she worked as a full-time officer for Rye from 2000-2013. She was then hired by the Strafford County Sheriff's Department. While she was with the Sheriff's Department, she was promoted a number of times, including Sergeant and Captain. Officer Cote is interested in retiring as a full-time officer, but is interested in staying on as part-time.

Chief Walsh said that it is a great opportunity for the Town of Rye to hire Officer Cote. Her experience includes; supervisor, police administrator, police trainer and investigation.

Heather Cote gave the Board some of her background. She stated that she started with Rye as a part-time officer in 2000 and got a full-time position in 2001. She worked her way up to Master Patrolman. During the same time, she obtained her Masters in Justice Administration. She always wanted to do more with her law enforcement career, particularly in the area of criminal investigation. So, she went to a larger agency in 2013. Her duties included oversight of operations, which means prisoner transportation and civil process. She also had an opportunity to create an investigation bureau working with detectives for the last three years.

Chair Winslow welcomed Officer Cote back to Rye.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – (to be discussed at the meeting only if pulled off the consent agenda by one of the three selectmen.)

- A) Email rec'd from Tom Aspinwall re: His Resignation from Rye Mosquito Control Commission
- B) Application for Use of Parsons Field: Rye Water District, Annual Meeting, July 11, 2020. (Rain Date July 18, 2020) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - o Request waiver of the \$50/day fee for use of the field
- C) Approve Town Administrator to be Agent Regarding Ownership of Restricted Property

Vice Chair Roman asked that Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C be pulled for discussion.

A.) Email rec'd from Tom Aspinwall re: His Resignation from Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Vice Chair asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Aspinwall for his years of service. She also recommended that the vacancy be posted on the Town's website.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the resignation of Mr. Aspinwall from the Rye Mosquito Commission, Seconded by Bill Epperson.

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

Motion passed

- B) Application for Use of Parsons Field: Rye Water District, Annual Meeting, July 11, 2020. (Rain Date July 18, 2020) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - o Request waiver of the \$50/day fee for use of the field

Vice Chair Roman noted that the Rye Water District Meeting will be held outside and all CDC precautions will be followed for the safety of the water district voters.

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the event application from the Rye Water District. Seconded by Phil Winslow.

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

Motion passed

C) Approve Town Administrator to be Agent Regarding Ownership of Restricted Property

Motion by Phil Winslow to authorize Town Administrator Bergeron to initiate eviction proceedings, once the Governor’s stay on evictions has ended. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

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

Motion passed

Motion by Keriann Roman to authorize Town Administrator Bergeron to accept service regarding restricted property. Seconded by Phil Winslow.

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

Motion passed

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) 2020 U.S. Census Update – Rick Perris

Richard Perris, Partnership Specialist with the US Census Bureau, spoke in regards to the 2020 U.S. Census:

1. The Census is very easy to fill out
 - It takes about eight minutes
 - It is a great teaching tool for children
2. If anyone needs help there is a number, they can call toll free: 844-330-2020.
 - There are 12 languages in addition to English by phone and 59 languages on-line.
3. The Census is very important.
 - There has been a delay getting the word out because of COVID-19
 - It helps to determine the distribution of Federal funding to organizations
 - This includes: bridges, schools, free lunch programs, etc.
 - The Federal government will distribute over \$675 billion to all the States and local towns
 - The total count of every person directs the amount of funding a community will receive
4. The Census is safe.
 - The answers are all confidential – lawsuits against the Census to get the information have failed
 - The confidentiality has never been breach
 - Census workers take an oath of confidentiality
 - Census workers face a fine of \$250,000 and/or 5 years in jail for a breach of the oath

- They never ask for money or donations; they never ask for social security numbers or for information regarding political or religious affiliations; they do not ask about citizenship.

Mr. Perris pointed out that Rye's response rate is at 59.28% which is good. Out of the 204 towns in the State, Rye is 108 which is right in the middle. He stressed the need to get the word out. He would like to have everyone counted. The higher the count the better the funding.

He stated that he has sent to Ms. Bergeron the Media Tool Kit. It has videos and messages for the town website. It also has community letters and Facebook information. He also offered to drop off posters and yard signs or anything else the Town needs at the town office. He added that individuals can fill out the census at: **2020census.gov**. Individuals will have until the end of August to answer the Census.

Steven Borne stated that he will get the information into the Civic News.

B) Rye Beach Committee – Standing Committee Appointments

- 1) Mary Ann Sullivan – Appointment as member, email rec'd 04/30/2020, 3-year term to expire 03/31/2023
- 2) Frank Hwang – Appointment as member, letter rec'd 05/1/2020. 2-year term to expire 03/31/2022
- 3) Roseann Clark - Appointment as member, email rec'd 05/23/2020, 1-year term to expire 03/31/2021

Mary Ann Sullivan of 754 Central Road in Rye Beach: Ms. Sullivan introduced herself to the Board. She explained that she was born in New Hampshire. During her career as an international educator, she lived in seven different countries but spent summers in Rye. In the 1980's, her parents retired to Rye and lived into their 90's. They left her their house. She returned to Rye six years ago and is interested in getting involved with the community. During her career she was very active in environmental issues, as well as school issues; including, PT counseling; administration; traffic patterns and safety issues.

Selectman Epperson stated that he read Ms. Sullivan's application and resume'. He noted that the Town is very blessed to have such qualified people to volunteer their time and energy.

Frank Hwang of 18 Olde Parish Road: Mr. Hwang described himself as a frequent beachgoer and surfer. He has lived in Rye for 8+ years. He has served as an alternate for the Heritage Commission. His motivation is to get back involved with the community by getting involved with the beaches.

Chair Winslow asked if there is an updated charge for the new Beach Committee.

Administrator Bergeron stated that she has the original charge to the old Beach Committee. The new Committee will need to formulate their own going forward. This is something that administratively they will do at their first meeting.

Chair Winslow recommended the importance of providing directions, because they will have to elect a chair, vice chair and secretary. They will also have to follow through on the process of doing minutes and getting them posted.

Administrator Bergeron stated that she will see that they get the standard board, commission and committee packet. She will also provide them with the former committee's charge. She also suggested that she will reach out to either Larry Rocha and Lori Carbajal to see if one of them would attend the first meeting. She will also provide them with the final beach report.

Motion by Phil Winslow to appoint Mary Ann Sullivan, Frank Hwang, and Roseann Clark as members to the Rye Beach Committee. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

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

Motion passed

Chair Winslow welcomed the new members.

C) DPW – Deferred Spending

Administrator Bergeron reminded the Board that there were three items that were deferred:

1. Road Paving
2. Road Analysis
3. Engineering on the Salt Shed

Ms. Bergeron stressed the need to get these items under contract. If not, the paving will not get done this year. If the engineering for the salt shed is not done, the Town will not be able to get it under contract this year and if the road analysis is not done the Town will lose the funding. Ms. Bergeron reported that financially the Town is just under the halfway mark for expenditures from the budget. She pointed out that the Town is submitting all the expenses that are allowable to the CARES ACT for reimbursement. The Town has been notified by the Governor's office that State funding is not going to be cut. They have also been notified by Health Trust that the Town will be seeing a substantial premium savings, due to the fact that, no one has been going to the doctors over the last four to five months. This has created a premium savings that they distribute back to the membership. She reminded the Board that the TAN will be in place for the second tax issue, in case taxes becomes an issue.

Ms. Bergeron stated that she has expressed her concern to Mr. McCarthy that if the Town does not get on the paving schedule there will be no paving done this year. The Town can encumber the money if it is under contract, but it just puts the Town further behind in terms of scheduling.

In terms of the site preparations on the salt shed, if the engineering is not done, the Town has no hope of sending out the RFP for a Contractor and getting under contract by the end of the year. If this can be done, the money can be encumbered and it can be paid for in 2021.

Mr. McCarthy stated that if he had to forego one of the projects it would be the road analysis. That project was about \$27,000.

The Board agreed to move forward with the road paving and the engineering for the salt shed. They will revisit the \$27,000 for road analysis at the end of August.

D) Acquiring High Water Access Vehicle

Fire Chief Mark Cotreau reminded the Board that the Town is waiting on the delivery of a new ladder truck, which is almost a million-dollar investment. He also reminded them that the department has a new ambulance. He pointed out that the more modernized the fleet gets, the more damage that can be done by exposure to salt water. Salt water damage is really bad for the new fire trucks, as they have a lot of computerized equipment on them, unlike the old trucks. Hampton has a truck that was not very old that was used in a rescue. It went through some salt water and had to be taken from the site on a flatbed and there were some extremely expensive repairs. There are, and will be, situations that necessitate going into salt water. The equipment that the department is buying is top shelf but it is very susceptible if it gets damaged by water, especially salt water. There are departments that buy high water vehicles to preserve their fleet. The problem is that they don't know what they are buying.

Chief Cotreau explained that the department was not looking to add another truck to its fleet. However, the same vendor that is delivering the ladder truck, is also delivering a truck to Chief Cotreau's former employer. That town is trading in a truck. Chief Cotreau stated that he has personal knowledge of the truck. The cab and chassis are similar to a linemen's truck. Chief Cotreau was there when this truck was loaded. He thinks this is a great opportunity for the department. It has been garaged and it doesn't even have ten thousand miles on it. The brakes and the tires are in great shape. Not part of the trade-in deal, but Chief Cotreau stated that he thinks they will be getting a load of 3-inch hose with it, which was something the department was going to have to buy anyways. The department will be getting the truck for essentially zero costs, perhaps to make up for some of the hardship of having to wait for the ladder truck. Chief Cotreau has talked to four different subject matter experts, including Ralph Cresta, President of National Wrecker, and Wayne Perkins, who is the pump repair mechanic that has serviced this truck for its life and also services the Rye vehicles. All have agreed that for essentially no money, it is a no-brainer.

Chief Cotreau proposed bringing the truck to Rye. Then move the exhaust and the two intakes up high on the truck. This will cost about \$1,000 to do. He plans to offset this cost with the money for the 3-inch hoses that the department was going to buy. This will more than offset the cost.

The truck will be used to flush out the larger culverts in town. It is in great shape and will be able to support the department in bigger bush fires. It has an eight-thousand-pound wench and the department does not currently have a wench in its fleet. Most importantly, it gives the department a heavy-duty tow vehicle and access to basement flooding and will protect the rest of the fleet.

The vehicle is not going to be certified as a fire truck. Water will not be stored in it. There will be a box heater on it and it can be stored out behind the station. Down the line, if the Town adds a shelter for the Senior Serve Van, he may ask that it be made a double bay to cover this truck as well. The truck will be checked weekly just like the rest of the fleet. Chief Cotreau stated that the truck is a 1990 and anything could happen. However, he is anticipating that it could last the department twenty years.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve and accept the acquisition of the high-water access vehicle as described by Chief Cotreau. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

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

Motion Passed

E) Town Hall Re-opening Plan

Town Administrator Bergeron explained that she has met with the department heads to discuss the plan to reopen town hall to the public.

She outlined the general criteria as follows:

1. All individuals of the public will have to wear masks before entering the building
If they don't have one, one will be provided for them.
2. There will be hand sanitizer stations in the foyer and in each individual office.
3. Employees must wear a face mask when interacting with the public (unless there is a shield at the counter).

Selectman Epperson disagreed with the mandatory requirement of the public wearing face masks.

Vice Chair Roman pointed out that the Board of Selectman are the managers of all town properties and have a legal obligation to protect the town's employees.

Chair Winslow noted that other towns are requiring the public to wear face masks.

Vice Chair Roman suggested that if an individual can not wear a mask due to medical reasons, they could call ahead and explain the circumstances and accommodations can be made on an individual basis. Most towns are doing this.

Administrator Bergeron recommended these criteria for the month of July and to be re-evaluated at the end of the month.

Vice Chair Roman also pointed out that there are a lot of elderly and/or people that have an underlying condition in the Town that may need to use town hall services, who may not feel safe if face masks are not required. By not requiring masks the Board could be pushing- out a whole subset of people from using the Town Hall. If there is no spike at the end of July and the Governor and the CDC advice changes, then they can adjust it at that time.

Chair Winslow recommended communication to the public.

Vice Chair Roman asked what the process will be when a person comes to the Town Hall that has an underlying condition and needs special consideration. This would be just for the people that can't wear a mask due to medical reasons. She recommended that they would need to call ahead.

Town Clerk Donna DeCotis stated that if the person did not want to come into the Town Hall, one of the staff would go out wearing their mask to the person's car or the person can drop off their transaction in the slot that they are using now.

Deputy Town Clerk Amy Thibodeau recommended that a phone call is a must and that an appointment is made for the person between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. She pointed out that the work load in the office has been the most she has seen in the four years that she has been with the Town.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A)** Letter rec'd from Elizabeth Norton re: Requesting Beach Sticker for her Daughter's car
- B)** Letter rec'd from Clementine Alexis re: Requesting Beach Sticker for her Daughter's car

Chief Walsh recommended that the Board not approve the issuance of these beach stickers. During this unprecedented time, there are more Rye residents that are requiring beach stickers. In 2018, there were 2,794 beach stickers issued. In 2019, there were 2,004. To date, the estimate on beach stickers issued is 2,800. There are only 132 spaces. There is just not enough space to accommodate the 5,000 residents and all of their guests. This just reduces the opportunity for the Rye residents to use the available spaces. However, if there are health issues, they can obtain a handicap plate from the State and park in the permitted area.

The Board stated that if a town resident does not have a car and a relative such as a daughter takes them to the beach in her car, the relative should be able to use the permit that would ordinarily have been issued to the resident.

Vice Chair Roman pointed out that so far, they have received three requests. Each request would have to come through the Board of Selectman in writing stating that the resident does not have a car and it would have to be renewed every year. If in coming years there are 20 requests, then it would be time to re-evaluate.

Chair Winslow stated that also, if a member of the household has a car registered to that address, the beach permit should be issued to that car.

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve the Elizabeth Norton request because there is no car at that location. Also, to deny the Clementine Alexis request because there is a car at that location. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion: Passed

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Winslow asked Chief Walsh if he had an application from Robin Wehbe of 20 Spruce Ave and owner of Common Roots Yoga Café Catering to have yoga on the beach.

Chief Walsh explained there are several applications. He and his administrator have sent letters back to the applicants asking them to redo their applications based on the CDC recommendations and

asking them how they can scale their business down to accommodate the regulations, in order to keep everyone healthy.

Today is the 22nd and this was the date that the Board wanted to review all the Beach applications.

Chief Walsh stated that he feels it would be appropriate for the Board to review all the applications.

The Board agreed to meet June 29th at 5:00 p.m. to review the applications.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Vice Chair Roman stated that she would like to follow up on a letter from a former Beach Committee member regarding plantings on the beach and asking for the Board to do something affirmatively about it. She spoke to Ms. Bergeron and they pulled a legal memo from Town Attorney Donovan about this issue. About a year ago, Vice Chair Roman went on a site walk with Mike Magnant to one of the properties. She explained that the memo states that anything that is above the mean-high-water mark, the ownership is unclear whether it is public and the Town maintains it, or some of the property owners own it, or it has never been deeded out. Each property may be different. The Board had asked Attorney Donovan to look into it. The answer was that it would be a legal quagmire to figure all of this out. So, she and Administrator Bergeron discussed some kind of application process that would alert the Board and the Conservation Commission whenever plantings are being done. That brings the Board back to the legal quagmire issue. It also may imply that people have permission to do it. If the Town has an application for the plantings, it may imply that people have a right to do it. The Board is not saying that a home owner has a right to planting on the beach. The DES, legally has got to be a part of the process anyways. Vice Chair Roman stated that she does not know what to do with the situation. She understands the concerns. She suggested that what makes the most sense is to have the new Beach Committee monitor the situation and the Board would handle it on a case-by-case basis, where they talk to the property owner individually. She stressed that they do not want to advocate authority over it. The Beach Committee should keep an eye on any plantings and if they raise any concerns, with infringing on public access or about any of the access ways, they can send it to the select board and the Board can deal with it on a case-by-case basis. Otherwise, the Board stepping into this area could have the opposite effect and make things worse.

Vice Chair Roman pointed out that the Conservation Commission does not have the authority in this area. The select board might have the authority as stewards of the Town Beaches, but this is not an answer that can be clearly determined. The answer would probably require litigation.

Selectman Epperson noted that while looking through the documentation in the packet, it looks like the Coastal Adaptation Work Group is encouraging this. He asked if this group should be put on notice that this may not be the right thing to be doing. He pointed out that they are even supplying the grass. Shouldn't the Board notify them?

Vice Chair Roman agreed that a letter from the Board stating that they appreciate the dunes restoration process, but the Town does not have dunes and the plantings are causing additional problems with beach access.

Selectman Epperson stated that all these agencies should be put on notice that the Board is aware of this and that the Board is not sure that it is the right thing for the Town.

Chair Winslow stated that he will call Kirsten Howard (a member of the Coastal Adaptation Work Group) and talk to her about the situation. He would just explain the issue and get their feedback and asked them how to address the issue or how they could help. Kirsten works with UNH and had done a presentation for the Board about the dune's restoration program about a year and a half ago.

- Chief Walsh spoke to the Board regarding beach closures and drop offs/pickups. He stated that the Seacoast Science Center approached him today. The Science Center will be having camps one week in July and one week in August. They will be having drop-offs and pickups, Monday through Friday, at different beaches in town. The beaches include Sawyers, Old Beach Road and Wallis Road Extension. There would be ten kids and two counselors in each of two groups. Chief Walsh has explained to Jim at the Science Center that this cannot happen before the beaches are reopened.

Chief Walsh explained that he and Selectman Winslow have been attending a weekly meeting with Tom Sherman and other area representatives. They should be working on having a phased in approach in allowing the drop offs and pickups. Chief Walsh recommended to Selectman Winslow that they present a phase in approach to the group that meets on Thursday, so that all the towns along the seacoast are in unison in this regard. The Board has another memo regarding the boat mooring at Rye Harbor. Chief Walsh has made a proposal with the Port Authority where small groups of people may use the landing for their moorings and skiffs. There will still be no parking in that area. He stressed that it is all about opening the beaches and moving forward in a way that everyone stays healthy. He asked Selectman Winslow if they could bring the drop -off and pickup issue to the meeting with the committee and Senator Sherman on Thursday. Chief Walsh stated that if the Board is in agreement with his proposed phase in approach to the reopening, and if the committee agrees, he would get the signs up in the areas on Friday.

Chair Winslow said that he would like to have the Board agree to this idea pending the outcome of the Thursday meeting with Senator Sherman. If there are any concerns from that meeting the Board will take it up at their meeting on the 29th.

Vice Chair Roman asked that the signs regarding no sitting on the beach be taken down.

Chief Walsh said that he planned to have the parts of the signs that no longer apply covered up and just leave the social distancing reminder.

Selectman Epperson asked what could be done regarding the parking areas along the rocks, where people pull in to view the ocean.

Chief Walsh stated that he will bring that up on Thursday also. He pointed out that the best way for the reopening is if all the communities along the coast are acting in unison, so that one area doesn't get hit all at once. He explained that if one area is open and the rest are still closed, the people will crowd to the open area.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Minutes

1) Meeting, Monday, May 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, May 11, 2020 as written. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion: Passed

2) Meeting, Thursday, May 14, 2020, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

The following correction was noted:

- Page 4: 1st paragraph: 5) **Plan must maintain the safety, security and functionality of the walkways.**

This should ~~not~~ be able to be incorporated into the agreement

- It should read: This should be able to be incorporated into the agreement

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, May 14, 2020 as amended. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion: Passed

3) Meeting, Monday, May 18, 2020 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, May 18, 2020 as written. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion passed

4) Non-Public Session, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 (1) per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve and to seal the Non-Public Session minutes of Tuesday, June 2, 2020 per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation as written. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion passed

- 5) Non-Public Session, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 (2) per RSA 91-A:3 II (i) Emergency Management

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve the Non-Public Session minutes of Tuesday, June 2, 2020 per RSA 91-A:3 II (i) Emergency Management as written. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion passed

- 6) Non-Public Session, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 (3) per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel

Motion by Chair Winslow to approve and to seal the Non-Public Session minutes of Tuesday, June 2nd, per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel as written. Seconded by: Bill Epperson.

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

Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Epperson to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Keriann Roman.

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

Motion passed

6-22-20 Corres. Item A

Elizabeth Norton
901 Ocean Blvd.
Unit 23
Rye, NH 03870

Board of Selectmen
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870

Dear Mr. Winslow, Ms. Roman, and Mr. Epperson,

I am writing with my yearly request for a beach sticker. I have resided in the town of Rye for over 30 years years at 901 Ocean Boulevard, Unit #23. I am 88 years old and do not drive, have a license or own a car. I am able to use the beach only when one of my children drive me. My daughter, Kathleen Bracken, is my predominant source of transportation. During the years I have lived in Rye, I have paid taxes in the town and consistently fulfilled my role and responsibilities in the social contract between citizen and government. I request a parking sticker in accordance with my residency in the Town of Rye, affixed to my daughter's car, which will allow me to walk the beaches of Rye and share their beauty with my children and grandchildren as well. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Norton

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June 15, 2020

Town Selectmen

Town of Rye, N.H.

Dear Selectmen,

My husband and I are part-time residents
and taxpayers since 1976, of Rye.

We have arrived at a place in life that we
can no longer drive on automobile.

We depend on our daughter to drive us -
even to the beach -

We wish to apply for a Beach Parking Sticker,
up to now we have used our auto for the
sticker. We are considering giving up our car.

We wish to have the sticker in our
daughter's Registration.

We have been told that this cannot
be done. Thus we are writing to you
to solve our problem.

Sincerely

Clementine B. Alex

1447 Ocean Blvd

Rye, NH

1412 Holyrood Ave

Lowell, MA 01852