

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, August 31, 2020

12:30 p.m. – Via ZOOM

Present: Chair Phil Winslow, Selectman Mae Bradshaw, Selectman Bill Epperson

Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron, Police Chief Kevin Walsh

12:30 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

I. READING of ATTESTATION

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: 968740 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com ID #821-8426-0189

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
- Mae Bradshaw

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

II. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Winslow welcomed Selectman Bradshaw to the Board and thanked her for volunteering.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the resignation of Mae Bradshaw from the Budget Committee, the CIP Committee, the Heritage Commission, the Historic District Committee and the Town Center Committee. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

**Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye; Mae Bradshaw - Abstained
Motion passed.**

Motion by Phil Winslow to appoint Selectman Bradshaw to the CIP Committee, the Historic District Commission and the Town Center Committee, as a selectmen's representative. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

**Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye; Mae Bradshaw - Aye
Motion passed.**

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the resignation of Phil Winslow from the Historic District Commission Seconded by Bill Epperson.

**Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye; Mae Bradshaw - Aye
Motion passed.**

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Appointment of Selectmen's Representatives

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| 1. Budget Committee | Phil Winslow |
| 2. CIP | Mae Bradshaw |
| 3. Heritage | Bill Epperson |
| 4. Historic District | Mae Bradshaw |
| 5. Planning Board | Bill Epperson |
| 6. Town Center Committee | Mae Bradshaw |
| 7. Beach Committee | Bill Epperson |

Chair Winslow will also continue to attend the meetings of the Rye Water District in order to keep the lines of communications open and to stay updated on the District's current events.

Motion by Phil Winslow to appoint Selectman Epperson to the Beach Committee. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.

Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye

Motion passed.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Winslow reported that the Board received a request through Senator Sherman's committee, (he and Chief Walsh attend meetings on Thursday). The request was from Hampton and South Hampton to have the Select Board of Rye support their request for the Hampton marsh trail. This is a rail trail that goes from the Massachusetts state boarder to Maine, which will include a portion in Rye (about ¼ mile). However, the most expensive area is in Hampton because they will have to go through the marsh. Therefore, it must be included in the ten-year plan for transportation. They have filed their application with Rockingham Planning and are asking the surrounding seacoast towns to support this effort.

Motion by Phil Winslow to send a letter to Rockingham Planning supporting the portion of the rail trail going through Hampton and South Hampton. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.

Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye; Mae Bradshaw - Aye

Motion passed.

- Chief Walsh updated the Board on the weekend beach activity. He reported no major problems.
- Chief Walsh reported that he attended a meeting with State Parks, the Department of Transportation, and the North Hampton and Seabrook chiefs, (the Hampton and New Castle chiefs were not available). He has minutes from the meeting and is drafting an operation plan for when the Governor decides to open more of Ocean Blvd. He will be presenting the minutes, along with the draft operation plan to the Board, the fire chief and the public works director for their input.
- There was discussion regarding the parking on Ocean Blvd. during the pandemic. Some residents are enjoying not having the traditional summer volume of traffic and parking in the area and are asking the Board to make it permanent. Chief Walsh pointed out that although this was something the Board had the authority to enforce during the pandemic, once the Governor opens things back up to normal, the area will go back under the jurisdiction of the State.
- Selectman Epperson also pointed out that closing or interfering with access to the beaches is in contradiction to the Town's Master Plan which speaks to unfettered access to the beach.

- Chair Winslow mentioned that during the weekly meetings with Senator Sherman and the other seacoast towns, Chief Walsh has been pushing for a unified approach to parking on Ocean Blvd., so that all the towns will be working in the same manner.
- Selectman Bradshaw stated that she is aware that there is an opening in the finance office. She recommended looking into the cost of hiring a professional outside agency like MRI (Municipal Resources Inc) to take over instead of hiring a new full-time finance person.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Epperson to Adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.

Roll Call Vote: Phil Winslow – Aye; Bill Epperson – Aye; Mae Bradshaw - Aye

Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted
Dyana F. Ledger