

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 25, 2018
6:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Present: Acting Chair Phil Winslow and Selectman Keriann Roman

Not Present: Selectman Priscilla Jenness

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael Magnant

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation

At 6:00 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation. Seconded by Phil Winslow.

Roll Call: Keriann Roman – Yes, Phil Winslow – Yes

The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 6:29 p.m.

6:30 p.m. RECONVENE THE PUBLIC MEETING

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Winslow called the public meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** The Fourth of July Celebration will be held at Parson's Field on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting).
- B.** Town Offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

- C. Acting Chair Winslow thanked everyone who attended the Heritage Commission's White Nights Summer Cruise on Monday, June 18th, aboard the Thomas Loughton to benefit the Rye Town Hall.
 - D. The Rye Conservation Commission closed on the acquisition of 56 acres off South Road, known as the Stoneleigh Preserve open space. This also includes part of the White Cedar Forest.
- 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.)

Karen Allen, 81 Grove Road, Library Trustee, gave an update of events happening at the Rye Public Library.

- Summer Kick-Off Program 'Rye Rocks'
 - June 26th - Magician Norman NG will entertain the kids at 6:30 p.m., which is sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.
 - July 9th - Michael Quinn, Rye resident and geologist, will give a presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. on how the local geology fits into the broader geologic history of the Appalachian Mountains. This presentation will be made jointly with the Rye Historical Society.
 - Recently, the second of four presentations was held in the 'Care Giver Summer Speakers Series', called 'Being Mortal', which addressed perspectives and approaches to end of life care and issues that families grapple with. The next presentations in the series is 'Self-Care for the Caregiver' and 'Falls and Fractures'.

Ms. Allen noted that the compensation study by Thornton and Associates has been completed and the library now has a draft compensation policy for the library staff. This will be introduced at a public meeting on Tuesday, July 24th, at 6:00 p.m. A formal invitation, along with the draft policy, will be sent to the Select Board and Budget Committee at the beginning of July.

Sally King, Wallis Road, speaking on behalf of the Rye Conservation Commission, stated that she attended the recent meeting of the 'Dogs at Large Committee'. During that meeting, there was a phone consultation with Attorney Donovan in regards to control of the Rye Forest. Attorney Donovan's opinion was that it was the town that controlled the Rye Town Forest usage. She continued that she has been on the Conservation Commission for 15 years. In that time, the commission helped develop an easement for the town forest. The commission has done all the management in the town forest, has controlled the trails and been a guardian of the property. The Selectmen have not been involved in the decision making for the town forest. Given the history, and also the fact that the commission's funds go to trail maintenance and every decision that has ever been made has been made by the Conservation Commission, she would like this considered when the 'Dogs at Large Committee' makes recommendations to the Selectmen. She would appreciate it if the commission was consulted because they have always been involved in every decision and have been a part of that process.

Peter Crawford, 171 Brackett Road, stated that he was also at the 'Dogs at Large' meeting. Attorney Donovan seemed to indicate that the Selectmen and the town could regulate the town forest but not the conservation land. The Conservation Commission would have to impose those regulations. He thinks it would be unfortunate to have a patchwork of regulations on dogs throughout town. He would hope that everyone could get on board with one policy for all the town lands. He continued that at the cell tower meeting held recently, there were a number of people who were upset about the ability to get documents from the planning office. There was also a complaint from a gentleman that the only way he was able to get into the meeting was when someone was leaving the library because the door was locked. He noted that when there is a public meeting, it must be open to the public for the entire meeting. He hopes the Selectmen and the Town Administrator can follow up on this. He thinks the residents are frustrated and feel like they are being left out of the process. He does not think the place that is proposed is even close to ideal for the cell tower and other places need to be considered.

Fire Chief Mark Cotreau commended the town's team of lifeguards for the 2018 season, led by head lifeguard Sarah Wade. He is very impressed by the maturity and dedication of the lifeguards. The department has some good hires this year. In the last week, there have already been some rescue instances that were handled very professionally. He is very excited about the team this year.

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

- A. Appointment: CIP Committee – Unlimited Term**
 - 1. Paul Goldman: Requests appointment as a member, email rec'd 6/05/18
 - 2. Recommendation letter rec'd 6/12/18 from Mae Bradshaw, chair
- B. Appointment: Energy Committee – Unlimited Term**
 - 1. Carl Nicolino: Requests appointment as a member, letter rec'd 6/08/18
 - 2. Recommendation letter rec'd 6/08/18 from Danna Truslow, chair
- C. Heritage Commission requests permission to accept and expend funds received from donations in the amount of \$5,000 for Town Hall purposes and unrestricted funds received in the amount of \$400.**

Selectman Winslow commented that the \$5,000 donation made to the Heritage Commission was for the painting of the Rye Town Hall from the Lois and Jim Champy Fund. He thanked them very much for their generous donation. He also thanked the additional people who donated to the Heritage Commission.

- D. Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: Saunders 10K, Thursday, 8/16/18, 4:00-10:00 p.m. to benefit NHSPCA**

- E. Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: National MS Society – Bike MS: NH Seacoast Escape, Saturday, 8/25/18, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to benefit National MS Society.

Items B and D were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Discussion:

- Appointment: Energy Committee – Unlimited Term
 1. Carl Nicolino: Requests appointment as a member, letter rec'd 6/08/18
 2. Recommendation letter rec'd 6/08/18 from Danna Truslow, chair

Carl Nicolino, 461 Brackett Road, spoke to the Selectmen in regards to his interest in serving on the Rye Energy Committee. His background includes a long career in technology and management. He and his wife have retired to Rye. They have installed a geothermal and solar system at their home four years ago. He looks forward to serving on the committee.

The Selectmen welcomed Mr. Nicolino to the committee and thanked him for his participation.

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the appointment of Mr. Carl Nicolino to the Energy Committee. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

- Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: Saunders 10K, Thursday, 8/16/18, 4:00-10:00 p.m. to benefit NHSPCA

Police Chief Kevin Walsh spoke to the Selectmen regarding the change in route for the Saunders 10K Run, which has been held in Rye for 42 years. This year, the race will start and end at Odiorne State Park. Information about the event and the new route will be advertised to the community to make residents aware of the changes. It is anticipated that there will be 500 to 700 runners in the event with 8 to 12 officers stationed along the route.

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the event permit application for the Saunders 10K to be held on August 16th. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve Consent Agenda Items A, C and E. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Monday, June 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall

The following correction was noted:

- Page 3, under approval of minutes for May 29th it should read:
Page 1, the motion at bottom of page should read: Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3; for if information was released it could jeopardize the decision and reputation.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes for June 11, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

2. Non-Public Session, Monday, June 11, 2018 (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Session of June 11, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

Selectman Roman noted that the non-public minutes of June 11th can be released because they were not sealed.

3. Meeting, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 3:00 p.m., Rye Public Library

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session held on June 25, 2018 per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation of any person, until the Select Board decides to take further action regarding tax deeding. Seconded by Phil Winslow.

Roll Call: Keriann Roman – Yes, Phil Winslow - Yes

B. Chief Cotreau – Fire Works Permits (*motion required*)

Fire Chief Cotreau spoke to the Selectman about the applications received for fireworks permits for the Fourth of July Celebration. All paperwork is in order, licenses and insurances have been confirmed. The Fire Marshall's Office has been notified of the events. Each display will have details scheduled from when the fireworks arrive at the location to the end of the show. The details are paid for by the applicant with the town covering the costs for Parsons Field.

It was noted that the application for the Beach Club lists a rain date of July 7th; however, the insurance certificate has a rain date of July 5th. Chief Cotreau will follow up with the applicant to make sure the date is corrected.

1. Sawyer's Beach July 3rd Beach Club Fireworks

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the application for the Beach Club's July 3rd Sawyer's Beach fireworks display as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

2. Rye Surf Club July 5th Fire Works 1200 Ocean Blvd

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the fireworks display for the Rye Surf Club on July 5th at 1200 Ocean Blvd. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

3. July 4th Fireworks at Parson's Field by Jack Tobey

Motion required: "To approve the fireworks at Parsons Field on July 4, 2018 as a town event coordinated by Jack Tobey and assistants acting as volunteers on behalf of the Town of Rye."

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the fireworks at Parsons Field on July 4, 2018 as a town event coordinated by Jack Tobey and assistants acting as volunteers on behalf of the Town of Rye. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

C. Alternate Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board

Town Administrator Michael Magnant explained that he has received a request from the Planning Board Chair that the Selectmen appoint an alternate representative to fill in on the Planning Board during Selectman Jenness' absence, specifically for the Verizon Cell Tower application.

Selectman Roman stated that she would be willing to fill in on the Planning Board; however, she cannot vote herself in as representative and it needs to be more than one vote.

It was agreed to reach out to Selectman Jenness by telephone to see if she is available to for a vote.

At 7:09 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to recess the meeting while the Town Administrator tries to reach Selectman Jenness by phone. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

At 7:12 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to reconvene the public meeting. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

Selectman Priscilla Jenness joined the public meeting by telephone at 7:12 p.m. All parties could be heard.

Town Administrator Magnant explained the Planning Board request to Selectman Jenness.

Motion by Phil Winslow to appoint Keriann Roman as alternate to Priscilla Jenness as a Selectmen's Representative on the Planning Board for the purposes of hearing the Verizon Cell Tower application. Seconded by Priscilla Jenness.

Vote: 2-0-1 Abstained: Keriann Roman

Selectman Priscilla Jenness adjourned from the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Safety of driving on Central Road and Sea Road

Selectman Roman asked Chief Walsh if he has received a copy of the letter received in regards to the safety of driving on Central Road and Sea Road.

Police Chief Walsh replied that he has read the letter. The police staff are performing some job tasks to ensure the safety of the residents on those roads. He is also doing an overview of the signage as requested in the letter. He will discuss sign replacement with the Director of Public Works.

There was discussion on the things the police department is doing to address speeding vehicles throughout the town.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- None

X. OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Roman noted that a letter was received from resident Steve Borne regarding the proposed charrette with Plan NH. It is her understanding that there needs to be a full select board before there can be a discussion. At this moment, the Selectman are generally in support of the idea but in order to officially move forward there needs to be a full board and it is expected that this will happen soon.

Selectman Winslow stated that at the meeting with Plan NH there was discussion from everything from one building to the entire center of town. The representative from Plan NH cautioned that the charrette should be kept fairly condensed in order to be successful. Giving that some thought and bringing in a plan will be helpful in gaining support from the Selectmen.

Selectman Roman stated that it is her understanding that the first step, once there is a full select board, is to talk about whether the Selectmen generally support the concept and whether they want to move forward with it. If the select board agrees, the plan would be developed so the town would understand the scope. After that time, a letter of support would come because the Selectmen are not comfortable doing an actual letter before they know what the scope is. She reiterated that the Selectmen can give general consensus that they are in support of the concept so it can move forward.

Selectman Winslow agreed.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Town Administrator Magnant updated the Selectmen on the search being conducted by Municipal Resources, Inc. for a new finance director to replace Cyndi Gillespie who is retiring at the end of August. The intent is to have the top two or three candidates meet with the Selectmen in early July.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Keriann Roman to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger

DRAFT MINUTES of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting 6/25/18
See minutes of 7/09/18 for approvals/corrections

To: Chief Kevin Walsh, Board of Selectman: Priscilla V. Jenness,
Philip D. Winslow, Keriann Roman
Re: Reckless Driving in Rye
Date: June 11, 2018

As summer begins and traffic increases, I am writing regarding reckless drivers, often travelling at 40- 50 mph or higher on Central and Sea Roads. Last weekend, there were several cars that seemed to be racing on Central Road. While it is most noticeable in my area, especially as drivers accelerate passing Sea Road heading towards the Abeniqui CC or Perkins Road, it is not unusual to see similar patterns in other areas, such as Washington Road.

It has become extremely dangerous to cross Central Road or pull out of one's driveway. Crossing Central Road with children, pets, friends or older relatives can be perilous. There is no barrier between the road and the sidewalk, which also creates a potential hazard. How do we say "sorry" if someone or something is injured or loses a life?

Unfortunately, these issues are present all year. Offenders cross all age groups and genders. Some of the biggest offenders are landscaping, delivery, and heating trucks, school buses outside of Rye, and others who blatantly disregard the posted speed limit and also tailgate.

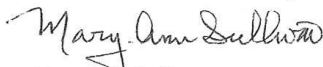
I would like to suggest some of the following options:

- Reduce the speed limit to 25mph
- Post signs with more reflective material
(I understand no one wants more signs but safety comes first.)
- Review current signs to assess the effectiveness of each placement
- Use devices that show each driver's speed limit (N. Hampton uses this system)
- Create a campaign to keep walkers, bikers and all drivers safe
(I am sure there would be volunteers to assist in this effort)

Finally, this in no way is intended to reflect upon the work of the Rye Police Department. Other than trying to cross the roads, I feel very safe in Rye.

Thank you for your consideration. My closest neighbors are copied below, and I am certain I can obtain many signatures, if needed. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Dr. Jeni and Phil Spead-763 Central Road
Kay and Scott McQuade-750 Central Road
Phil Patton-61 Red Mill Land (faces Central Road)
Kim and Scott Gardiner-762 Central Road