

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, November 26, 2018
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Present: Chairman Priscilla Jenness, Vice-Chair Phil Winslow and Selectman Keriann Roman

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael Magnant, Finance Director and Assistant Town Administrator Becky Bergeron.

6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jenness called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

The non-public session was a non-meeting with the Town Attorney.

7:00 p.m. Reconvene Public Session

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jenness called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Jenness announced the annual Holiday Parade will be held Sunday, December 2nd, starting at Webster at Rye at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Jenness announced that the Town portion of the Tax Rate will remain at \$10.11.

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 and Rye Public Library Trustee**, invited everyone to join the Library after the Holiday Parade, Sunday, December 2nd. The Library will be serving refreshments, hot chocolate and bake goods. She also announced that the Library will be having a Quintessence Holiday Concert on December 12th at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Allen reported on the most popular books borrowed from the library this year.
 - Print Books:

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| ▪ Origin | Dan Brown |
| ▪ A Gentleman in Moscow | Amor Towles |
| ▪ The Stars are Fire | Anita Shreve |

○ Audio Books:

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| ▪ Little Fires Everywhere | Celeste Ng |
| ▪ Ellen Oliphant is Completely Fine | Gail Honeyman |
| ▪ The Great Alone | Kristin Hannah |

- **Larry Rocha, 39 Perkins Road and Chairman of the Beach Committee**, announced that the Rye Beach Committee is opposed to the placement of a port-a-potty at Sawyer's Beach. He stated that Sawyer's Beach is on a beautiful stretch of Route 1A and aesthetically the placement would take away from the coastline. Also, they feel it would have a negative impact on the environment, traffic and parking in the area.
- **Alex Herlihy, 55 Lange Road**, invited everyone to the special Civic League program on Tuesday, November 27th, at the Rye Public Library at 6:30 p.m. It is called "Rye the Last 50 Years - Rye the Next 50 Years".
- **Peter Crawford, 171 Brackett Road**, spoke in support of the Beach Committee in their opposition of the port-a-potty at Sawyer's Beach. He also expressed concern regarding the 6.4% proposed increase in the operating budget over last year.
- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road**, expressed concern that the Plan NH letter is not on the agenda.

Town Administrator, Michael Magnant, noted that the Plan NH letter has already been signed. He will follow up with Mr. Borne tomorrow.

- **Mr. Borne** also spoke about the population analysis that was done for the Civic League meeting being held on November 27th. He referred to a handout that was being passed around the audience, showing the population trends. He pointed out that Rye is nearing an era where over half of the citizens are over 50 years old. The 20-50 year age group is declining. He suggested that the town take a look at how the trending demographics of the community effect the development and schools. Also, what does this mean in the way of services that are needed from the town?

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

A. Appointment of Mary Jo Brown as a representative to serve on the State of NH Percent for Art Program.

B. Letter from Robert Gemmett re: Support for the proposed cell tower zoning amendments.

Chair Jenness requested that consent Item A be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Phil Winslow to recognize item B on the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

- A. Appointment of Mary Jo Brown as a representative to serve on the State of NH Percent for Art Program.

Chair Jenness explained that the State of New Hampshire Percent for Art Program is unfamiliar to many people. This program was enacted in 1979, by the New Hampshire Legislator, to ensure that all forms of art have a place in public spaces. It is administrated by the New Hampshire State Counsel of the Arts. New Hampshire allocated half of 1% of the bond price for state construction for art work. Ms. Jenness stated that the Board was pleased to hear that Mary Jo accepted the invitation to represent the town in the selection of the art piece as part of the Jenness State Beach redevelopment project.

Mary Jo Brown stated that she has not had an opportunity to volunteer for the town in a while. She is happy to have this chance to use her back ground and experience in the Fine Arts.

Vice-Chair Winslow asked Ms. Brown if she could come back to the Board with information on the project.

Ms. Brown agreed to report back to the Board.

Motion by Keriann Roman to appoint Mary Jo Brown to serve as the representative to the State of NH Percent for Art Program. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 2018

The following corrections were noted:

Page #5 Town Custodian; Last sentence reads: This budget covers the grounds ~~persons~~ salary from April to the end of 2019, it should read: This budget covers the grounds person's salary from April to the end of 2019,

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of October 25, as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor

2. Meeting, Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the minutes of October 31, as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

3. Non-Public Session, Wednesday, October 31, 2018

- (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition
- (2) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Litigation
- (3) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (I) Legal Advice

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-public session of October 31, as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor

B. Alyson Eberhardt, Coastal Ecosystems Specialist – Potential Dune Restoration in Rye

Alyson Eberhardt represents the **New Hampshire Sea Grant extension at the University of New Hampshire**. Ms. Eberhardt introduced Kirsten Howard from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program. Ms. Eberhardt explained that this is not a purposed project for implementing plans right now. It is just informational in order to initiate dialog about current efforts that are happening in the State and to have people thinking about the potential of dunes restoration in Rye. Ms. Eberhardt referenced the Rye Master Plan, the Natural Resource chapter. The chapter talks about important natural resources, such as sand dunes and managing the shoreline. She suggests that this is because of the dune's habitat value and the role they play in coastal revitalization and protection. Sand dunes naturally develop on the landward side of sandy beaches. They are typically in high energy systems. She pointed out a lot of the development along the New Hampshire Coast happened on historic sand dunes. Ms. Eberhardt stated that the efforts are all funded by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program. The current efforts are:

1. Beach Profiling: This is a volunteer program where they are trained to collect monthly data, and data before and after storms on elevation changes on the beaches. In Rye there are four sites; two on Wallis Sands and two on Jenness Beach. These show the erosions, as well as beach recoveries over time.

Ms. Eberhardt pointed out that Wallis Sands and Jenness Beach are sand starved. There is not a lot of sand sources for the northern beaches in the State. Because of this condition, these beaches could be targeted for potential nourishment activities, such as dredging materials.

2. Community Based Sand Dunes Restoration: This is federal money for work on public land. Currently, there is work being done in Hampton and Seabrook; however, the work can be expanded to any publicly own land in New Hampshire.
 - Common Garden Sand Dune Plants: As part of the Community Based Sand Dunes Restoration program, a common garden of sand dunes plants has been created; located at Hampton Beach State Park. This program is to empower residents who have dunes on their private properties to restore them. The resident should contact Ms. Eberhardt and she will help them through the wetland permitting process. They would meet her at

the Common Garden to select from this free source of native dune plants and she will teach them the best practices of planting these plants.

There was discussion regarding where planting should be allowed. There is concern regarding too much planting, obstructing public access to the beaches, and the actual use of the beaches.

3. Living Shoreline Suitability Assessment: Ms. Eberhardt explained that dunes are considered one of a suite of options in a living shoreline. Living shorelines are approaches that are based on natural systems. Currently, these assessments are being piloted in Portsmouth and Durham. These assessments are conducted where there might be a piece of infrastructure using a high-bred approach. In Rye, the potential of using these high-bred approaches is greater than the traditional approaches. The product will be coming out in 2019, which will give an overview of some of the options for Rye.
4. Land Owner Technical Assistance Program: This program is for the landowner that is looking to increase the resilience of their coastal property. The landowner can contact the New Hampshire Sea Grant Extension Team at the University of New Hampshire. The landowner will fill out a survey of what their goals are for their property. A member of the team will visit their property to provide them with information covering options to help in the protection of the property.

Selectman Roman asked what would be needed from DES prior to a private landowner planting grass.

Ms. Eberhardt stated that the landowner would need a wetlands permit. She explained that bare sand may not be a jurisdictional wetland; however, the minute grass is planted, it is considered a sand dune and becomes a jurisdictional wetland. Additionally, the wetlands jurisdictional buffer extends 100 feet beyond the mean high-tide line. Wetland permits would be required for certain activities within that 100 feet.

Kirsten Howard, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program, pointed out that although the meeting this evening was informational, regarding the dune restoration program, there is grant funding available for public beach sites in need of dune enhancement. This is totally separate from the private property issues and programs.

C. Presentation of Capital Improvements Plan 2019-2024 for acceptance

Mae Bradshaw, Chair of the Capital Improvement Committee, presented the 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Plan to the Board. Ms. Bradshaw thanked the committee; Selectman Roman, Jeanne Moynahan, Ned Paul and Bill Epperson. The committee has spent over two hundred hours on this process. She also thanked the departments and staff, especially Kimberly Reed, Janice Ireland and Becky Bergeron. She explained that the plan captures non-recurring municipal capital improvements of \$15,000 or more over a six year period. The process starts in late May when notices go out to the department heads. The department heads send the CIP Committee their information by July and the CIP Committee starts the review.

HIGHLIGHTS

The first 26 pages are dedicated to:

- The narrative of each department.
 - What are their achievements and what are their goals?
- The overview of the capital assets of the town.
- The status of on-going projects.
- The status of current bond/debt service.
- Bonds that are anticipated within the six year plan.
- The impact on taxes for any proposed project.

Table 9 summarizes all of the proposed projects. The largest are:

- Conservation Commission; land acquisition - \$3 million (bond)
- Public Works; town-wide culvert replacement - \$800,000
- Fire Department; quint pumper - \$1.2 million (lease)
- Rye Water District; water treatment plant - \$9.3 million

The CIP Committee has assigned the following priorities:

- Priority 1: To secure life and property;**
Priority 2: To maintain the present standard of living; and
Priority 3: To improve the community by advancing toward the vision as set forth in the Master Plan

The CIP Committee has ranked the following projects by CIP Priority:

Department	Project Name	2019 Amount	Comment	CIP Priority
Public Works	Salt Shed Replacement	700,000	Current facility deterioration	1
Fire Department	Radio Base Replacement	30,000	Final yr. – 3 yr. program	1
Town Administration	Land Development Regulations Update	20,000	Overdue	2
Town Administration	Old Police Station/Trolley Barn	45,000	Must be Sold	2
Public Works	Shoals View Drive Reconstruction	200,000		2
Sewer	Hampton WWTP	51,203	Contracted to Pay	2
Public Works	Perkins Road Culvert	25,000		2
Public Works	Road Paving	400,000		2
Fire Department	Ambulance Stretcher	19,000	Needed	2
Fire Department	Seadoo Search and Rescue	35,000		2
Fire Department	RTV 4WD Utility with EMS Slide Out	30,000		3
Fire Department	Pumper Ladder Quint Replacement	492,750	Lease to purchase contract	2
Police	Police Cruiser	48,000	Funded through outside details	2
Public Works	Glass Crusher	30,000		3
Total		\$2,125,953		

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The CIP Committee has ranked the following projects by Position Priority:

1	Fire Department	Radio Base Replacement	30,000	Final yr. – 3 yr. program
2	Public Works	Salt Shed Replacement	700,000	Current facility deterioration - water protection
3	Fire Department	Ambulance Stretcher	19,000	Needed – Old stretcher does not work with new Ambulance
4	Sewer	Hampton WWTP	51,203	Contracted to Pay
5	Fire Department	Pumper Ladder Quint Replacement	492,750	Lease to purchase contract – Town does not have a Ladder
6	Fire Department	Seadoo Search and Rescue	35,000	Beach Community - Water Rescues
7	Police	Police Cruiser	48,000	Vehicle Revolving Replacement Program
8	Public Works	Road Paving	400,000	On-going Road Paving Maintenance Plan
9	Town Administration	Land Development Regulations Update	20,000	Overdue – Legally Required
10	Public Works	Perkins Road Culvert	25,000	Part of Annual Culvert Replacement Plan
11	Fire Department	RTV 4WD Utility with EMS Slide Out	30,000	Rescue Services to wooded and other areas not reachable by regular vehicles
12	Public Works	Shoals View Drive Reconstruction	200,000	Question if this is a Maintenance Issue
13	Public Works	Glass Crusher	30,000	Revenue Generating
14	Town Administration	Old Police Station/Trolley Barn	45,000	Cost of tear down
<u>ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED</u>				
	Rye Water District	Garland Road, Pump House Refurb	535,000	
	Rye Water District	Service Truck #103D-Replacement	45,000	
		Total	\$2,705,953	

Vice-Chair Winslow recommended that the Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy, work on a cost/benefit analysis for the salt shed project. He stressed the importance of the public understanding their payback of their \$700,000 investment.

Ms. Bradshaw stated that the CIP Committee is in agreement that the practice of depositing funds annually into the capital reserves and expendable trusts is important and beneficial to the town. The CIP Committee recommends that this practice continue in order to plan ahead for emergencies, as well as capital expenditures. The CIP Committee recognizes that this system helps to keep the tax rate level and is good policy.

Vice-Chair Winslow thanked the committee for their hard work. He added that this document is an important road map of where the expenses are and aids in balancing the budget.

Motion by Keriann Roman to accept the Capital Improvements Plan, with changes noted, but as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor

D. Sawyer's Beach Port-A-Potty Discussion

Chair Jenness announced that this is not a public hearing. It is a discussion. She explained that by law, the Board of Selectmen are not able to discuss matters of the town outside a public meeting. This is the Board's chance to discuss this matter. She pointed out that there is no plan at this point. Chair Jenness stated that the Board received a letter a couple of meetings ago, from what appeared to be a group of young mothers, requesting a port-a-potty at Sawyer's Beach. She acknowledged that this issue has created considerable debate. During the last couple of weeks, the Board has received e-mails and letters on both sides of this issue. She assured the audience that all the correspondence has been reviewed and considered.

Chair Jenness stated that one request is to evaluate this problem without emotion and instead look at scientific data and information. Chair Jenness reported that organizations in opposition included the Blue Ocean Society and Beach Committee.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that he sees this meeting as an opportunity to listen to the Beach Committee and the opponents concerns. This decision does not have to be rushed into.

Chair Jenness read the Beach Committee's report into the record as follows:

We are writing on behalf of all members of the Rye Beach Committee, regarding our unanimous opposition of the proposal within the letter received from Colleen Pavlas regarding her request for a port-a-potty to be placed at Sawyer's Beach. We would like the Board of Selectmen to deny this request. We realize port-a-potties are a nice convenience. There are currently enough facilities in the vicinity of Sawyer's Beach making this request, given its negative environmental impact, and duplicative nature, un-necessary. In addition, a port-a-potty will attract more traffic stopping on both sides of Route 1A, additional trash in and around the unit, and aesthetically be unpleasing along this beautiful stretch of the coast. We have attached a complete summary of our committee's research and views regarding this proposal and look forward to discussing these items with you at your next meeting.

Regulatory:

The town has the right to place a port-a-potty at Sawyers Beach, as long as the proposal is in conformance with RSA 485:a; Water Pollution/Waste Disposal (enbwq1607: Portable Toilet/Marine Sanitation Devise Waste Requirements).

1607.2 Section D: Eel Pond is thirty four to thirty seven feet from the proposed sight, depending on the current water level of the pond.

When measured today it was 35+- feet. The ocean at variant high tides, astronomic wind-swell storm surges, etc., would be less than thirty three feet on a regular basis, as it was today. (November 9, 2018).

Note: Sawyer's Beach is known both as conservation and wetlands. It is also within the Coastal Overlay District. Sawyer's Beach, like the other town beaches, is identified as an environmentally important property that requires special zoning considerations. Physically attaching to the ground by altering the sand/rock, or placing a concrete slab, would require conformance with a different RSA and most likely require, a Shoreline Permit as well.

Unintended Consequences:

Environmental Risk: The temporary port-a-potty could be knocked over, due to vandalism, car accident, or a strong storm. The town would be liable for the complete remediation of what would be a biohazard/hazardous waste spill site.

Water Quality: We have ongoing local/regional water quality issues. We should be doing everything in our power to use best practices so we are not adding to these issues.

Parking: Cars will most likely park briefly on both sides of the road to use the facility in an already high traffic area. It would also eliminate one to two Rye permitted parking places at Sawyer's Beach.

Trash: Garbage will be left inside or next to the unit.

Common Sense:

- *Aesthetically unpleasing, and with its "Proximity" to the beach, the smell would be unpleasing as well.*
- *Walk to Jenness Beach to use the new facilities.*
- *Bring a mini-potty to keep in the vehicle if you have very small children.*
- *Or go to a different beach in Rye that is more conducive to your personal situation.*

Opposition Support:

Rye Beach Committee/NHDES/New Hampshire Surf Rider/Summer Sessions Surf Shop/many Rye Residents/and more to come.

Steve Hillman, 399 Central Road and member of the Beach Committee, requested that Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Shop, Blue Ocean Society and Seacoast Science Center be added to the list in opposition. He also stated that he had spoken to the representatives from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the NH Sea Grant Program that spoke earlier in the evening and they told him that the port-a-potty would be in the 100 foot wetlands jurisdictional buffer and would require a permit.

There was discussion regarding the communication of this issue between the Board of Selectmen and the Beach Committee. There was concern by the Beach Committee that money has been put into the budget for this project.

The Board of Selectmen assured the Beach Committee that the money in the budget was just a "place holder" and does not mean that this is a done deal.

Mr. Hillman stated that this does not conform to the RSA's. It should be a non-issue at this point and taken off the table.

Colleen Pavlas, (the resident that made this request to the Board of Selectmen), pointed out that anyone driving down Route 1A will see other port-a potties within the 35 foot area. She added that the opposition keeps saying that it is just a convenience and to walk to the new facility. She stressed that the new facility is not accessible at high tide. Being forced to walk on Route 1A with children is a safety issue because of the high traffic volume. She also added that Dennis McCarthy stated at the last meeting that it could be cut into the shale pile and be secured so that it could not tip over preventing an environmental hazard. Mr. McCarthy also said that there would be no loss of parking spaces. Ms. Pavlas stated that it was her understanding that this was going to be tried for a year. If it did not work out, then the issue could be revisited.

Mr. Hillman stated that when a shale pile is cut into, it is altering the wetlands. A shoreland permit is required. The shale pile is within the 33 foot non-conforming area.

Brad Fulkerson, 25 Washington Road and Beach Committee member, noted that he spoke with Summer Sessions Surf Shop. They have operated about 60 lessons a day at Sawyer's Beach for a number of years. They have managed over the years to have the kids walk to the bathhouse at Jenness. He stated that Summer Sessions had no problems with this and did not see the need for a port-a-potty at Sawyer's Beach. He also provided a map of the Rye coastline that showed Sawyer's Beach as the only stretch along the coastline, which is the highest level of protected operational management land.

Julie Struble, 10 Walker Lane, spoke in favor of the idea of the port-a-potty. She asked why the elements in the Beach Committee's report are important and part of this process, if the RSA precludes the placement of the port-a-potty on Sawyer's Beach

Town Administrator, Michael Magnant, made a correction for the record that it is not an RSA or a State law but a Department of Environmental Services administrative rule.

Vice-Chair Winslow summed up by pointing out that there are four components to this issue:

1. Cosmetic
2. Environmental
3. Safety
4. Regulatory

He suggested that it is important that the Board of Selectmen look at the regulatory, environmental and safety issues before any decision is made.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, suggested that a possible compromise would be to clear and widen the sidewalk along Route 1A, between Sawyer's Beach and Jenness.

Chair Jenness pointed out that Route 1A is a state road and not under the jurisdiction of the town.

Chair Jenness stated the Board will take all comments and information presented under advisement and return to the matter at a later date.

E. Lee Arthur, Recreation Director – RFQ Results for the Rye Recreation Multi-Purpose Storage Facility.

Recreation Director, Lee Arthur, reminded the Board that there was an article approved on last year's warrant in the amount of \$150,000 for this project. The Recreation Commission went through a process of a Recreation Master Plan and a survey of the recreation area. Because of the survey and the cost of the land work required, the original area for the placement of the facility has been changed to where the existing snack shack is. The process also required attendance of interested contractors at a mandatory site meeting in October. She reported that there were five contractors that attended. Of the five, the Recreation Commission received three RFQs. The Recreation Commission had a sub-committee review the RFQ's. It was the sub-committee's recommendation to the Recreation

Commission to award the contract to JRK Custom Builders. JRK is a local builder and was the only contractor that could work within the \$150,000 budget. The contract will be for a designed built facility, working within the parameters of the \$150,000 budget. There is also language regarding the necessary insurance coverage. The contract will be reviewed by town counsel. The Recreation Commission is requesting approval from the Board of Selectmen to proceed ahead with JRK Custom Builders, with construction to begin in the spring.

Motion by Phil Winslow to authorize the Recreation Commission to move forward in signing a contract with JFK Custom Builders. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

F. Chief Cotreau – Request Approval for Public Safety Building Floor Scrubber

Fire Chief, Mark Cotreau, reminded the Board that a few years ago there was a new floor put in the apparatus bays which cost approximately \$45,000. He pointed out that one of the issues the department is facing is that there is a lot of petroleum based products from the trucks that are on the floor. The solution cannot be scrubbed off so the floor becomes very slippery. This year the department was approved for a capital expenditure for a floor scrubber with an appropriation of \$6,000. He reported to the Board that the department had demonstrations of different models. The department is recommending the Viper-Fang 28T. The machine is heavy duty and has a five-year warranty and a two-year labor warranty. The final price will be \$5,975.

Vice-Chair Winslow asked if the weight of the machine would harm the floor.

The Chief stated that this machine is designed for this type of floor and would not damage the floor. The department will be using the machine several times a week. It is the machine for the job.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the purchase of the Viper Fang 28T in the amount of \$5,975. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Email rec'd from Alex Herlihy, Rye Historical Society requesting the Masonic framed display hanging in the Treasurer's Office in the Town Hall be donated to the RHS to be displayed in the Town Museum.

Alex Herlihy, 55 Lang Road and member of the Rye Historical Society, explained to the Board that he has taken a better look at the display and it is not Masonic. It is from the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics. He stated that the museum has a picture of all the members for the year 1947.

Vice-Chair Winslow suggested that not knowing what the plans are for the Town Hall, the Board should extend the display as a loan to the museum, with the stipulation that if in the future there is a need and an appropriate place for it, it could be returned to the Town Hall.

Mr. Herlihy stated that there are other items from the Town Hall on loan at the museum as well and this arrangement is very acceptable.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the loan of the JOURNAL framed hanging display to the museum, with the caveat that if the Town requests it to be returned to the Town Hall the Historical Society will do so. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Selectman Roman noted that the Board needs to schedule a public hearing as part of the road layout process for a portion of Starbord Way, which is attached to Port Way, for the purpose of access to the town owned parcel for the cell tower location. Notice will be posted and provided to the abutters.

Chair Jenness stated that this public hearing will be held on site.

The Board agreed on Thursday, January 03, 2019, at 10:00 am.

- Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy, presented the Board with the results of the bid opening for the replacement of the stand-by generator at the highway garage. He reported that he received two bids. The lowest was from Keith Bridge Electrical, a local contractor, in the amount of \$23,260. The new generator is 25kw, 200 amp service with 220/240 volt, three phase. The generator keeps the highway garage running, as well as the fuel pumps. Mr. McCarthy stated that he will be talking to the electrician to see if the current generator can be used at the Transfer Station, although he does not think it will work. He reminded the Board that this was budgeted and approved in this year's budget in the amount of \$25,000. As the lowest bidder, he recommended that the Board awards the bid to Kevin Bridge.

The Board did not have to vote on this proposal as it was the low bidder.

- **Steve Borne, 431 Wallis Road**, asked the Board if there is any interest in hiring a professional planner. Mr. Borne also asked if there was interest in having a five member Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Roman stated that the town has a planning administrator who works closely with the Rockingham Planning Board for guidance on projects so there is no interest at this time.

Chair Jenness stated that the Town of Rye had a five member Board for two years and got rid of it very quickly because it did not work in Rye. That does not mean that it would not work now but it did leave a bad taste for a lot of people.

XI. OLD BUSINESS – None

XII. SELECTMEN'S 2019 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the budget change for Recreation. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

Town Administrator, Michael Magnant, proposed the need for new gutters on the south side of the Town Hall.

Motion by Keri Roman to increase the Town Hall budget by \$5,000. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

Capital Reserves:

Town Administrator Magnant proposed a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be deposited into the Ambulance and Fire Vehicle Replacement Fund.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the warrant article in the amount of \$100,000 to be deposited into the Ambulance and Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

Finance Director, Becky Bergeron, reported the changes in the Building Department reflect the elimination of the request for the full-time position of the building assistant and adding \$15,000 for permitting software.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the decrease in the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement budget by \$16,161. Seconded by Keri Roman. All in favor.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Town Administrator Magnant asked what the staff needs to do in regard to helping the Board with the port-a-potty issue.

Vice Chair Winslow asked that the staff help with researching the regulatory piece.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn 10:22 p.m. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger

11-26-18 Consent Item B

To: Priscilla Jenness
Keriann Roman
Philip Winslow

Subject: Support for the Proposed Warrant Articles to Locate the Cell Tower on Town-Owned or Condon Properties

As a residents of Brackett Road and persons who have expressed strong opposition over the past year to Verizon's application to place a cell tower on 120 Brackett Road, we wish to express our full support for relocating the cell tower on either of the two parcels designated in your proposed warrant articles for consideration by the Rye voters in March 2019.

Both the Town-Owned and the Condon properties are far better alternatives than the 120 Brackett site by being, as Michael Donovan has expressed it, "reasonably distant from homes and not too obtrusive to the view shed." It is our understanding that the distance would be 500 feet in one case and 1500 feet in the other -- both in well-wooded areas. This is far better than having a cell tower within the fall line of three houses on Brackett Road and within 50 feet of a well-travelled State road.

So, we wish to commend you on your efforts to bring this whole matter to a reasonable conclusion. We also wish to add our support for the employment of DAS should this system be deemed feasible in the Town of Rye.

Yours sincerely,

Robert and Kendra Gemmett
150 Brackett Road, Rye

Cc: Bill Epperson, Chair of the Planning Board
Michael Magnant, Town Administrator
Michael Donovan, Town Attorney