

TOWN OF RYE - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, June 24, 2019
6:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael Magnant and Finance Director/Acting Town Administrator Becky Bergeron

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring
(2) 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: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson - Yes

At 6:38 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.

At 6:39 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 6:50 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.

6:45 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Winslow called the public meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 6:58 p.m.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Epperson stated that the Selectmen have received tragic news about the passing of resident Peter Crawford. Peter will be remembered as a passionate person who stood by his convictions. Ever present at meetings, he was not afraid to voice his opinions. He served in the capacity of filming most of the town's site walks, which were instrumental in documenting the events. Additionally, Peter was a member of the Budget Committee where he asked a lot of questions on behalf of the taxpayers of Rye. He was always prepared and plainly articulated his position no matter what. He certainly kept everyone on their toes. He will be missed. Thank you, Peter, for dedication and service to the Town of Rye.

- A. The Fourth Of July Celebration will be held at Parsons Field on Thursday, July 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
- B. Town Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- C. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector has closed her office on Friday, July 5th the other Town Offices will be open regular hours.
- D. Charrette Work Session, Monday, July 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Rye Public Library

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

Alex Herlihy, Lang Road, spoke about Peter Crawford, who he first met at the Deliberative Session in 2012, who was an extraordinary man. Peter joined the Rye Civic League soon after he moved to town and served on the board for many years. He continued that as he was writing a tribute to Peter, he was reminded of Joan LaFrance who attended many meetings of Rye's boards and commissions. Peter Crawford was a latter-day Joan LaFrance. Every town needs someone like that and Peter took it very seriously. He was part of the legislative branch of government as a citizen, not just serving as a member on committees and boards. He was diligent about attending meetings and offering his ideas. He noted that a tribute to Peter will be published in the Rye Civic News.

Mel Low, Washington Road, stated that he was on the Parsonage Committee. He would hate to see the use change for the Parsonage. The price of housing in town has "skyrocketed" and it is growing. He thinks the town needs affordable housing in Rye's town center. The town can find some way to support the renewal of that building, which is in the center of the Historic District. He continued that when he was a selectman, he was on a committee to study the condition of the building. The building was in deplorable condition. At that time, his idea was to sell the building and let a developer take care of the building. That idea was voted down at town meeting by the voters. The residents did not want to sell the building and they were committed to keeping the property. He suggested that a committee be formed to work on ideas for preserving the property.

Ronna Werner, Washington Road, stated that she was on The Housing Partnership Board when their original lease was negotiated. She felt so proud to live in the center of town and across from low-income

housing. She noted that she was a social worker but is now retired. In moving the residents of the Parsonage to another community, all kinds of issues are going to come up and be very hard for them, as they are not people with a lot of resources. She is really upset that the town is so close to terminating their relationship with The Housing Partnership.

Jane Holway, Washington Road, noted that she has worked on the Senior Serve bus for 14 years. She continued that these people need stability, kindness and compassion. If this town doesn't have that, she will be really disappointed.

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

- A.** Grove Road Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Results April 2019
- B.** Letter rec'd from Senator Jeanne Shaheen re: The Dredging of Rye Harbor
- C.** Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: Granite State Quest, Saturday, 7/20/19, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. to benefit Mass General Hospital

Chair Winslow removed items A and B from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

- Grove Road Landfill monitoring results

Selectman Epperson recommended that someone that represents the Grove Road Landfill monitoring, come to a meeting to discuss the results because it is so important.

Referring to the report, Chair Winslow noted that under the PFOAs and PFOSs, there were no significant changes in the test results. The town's policy is to test again next year. The testing to this point has been every three months and now it will go to once a year.

Vice-Chair Roman requested that the two-page report cover letter be posted to the town's website. She noted that the PFOA and PFOS for testing well 6 and 101 did exceed the 70ppt when detected together.

Chair Winslow noted that these tests are measuring ground water, which is different from drinking water.

- Letter from Jeanne Shaheen – Dredging of Rye Harbor

Referring to the letter from Jeanne Shaheen, Chair Winslow noted that she states that she is trying to obtain funding for the dredging. Once funding becomes available, it is available for small harbors throughout the entire country. The town will have to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to get Rye Harbor higher on the list. He continued that he contacted Mike Walsh, Army Corps of Engineers Manager, who offered to visit the harbor. An email was also received from Senator Hassan's office saying that she would like a tour of the harbor also. A date is being coordinated and the Selectmen will keep the residents informed of when it will happen.

- Granite State Quest event permit application

Speaking to Chief Walsh, Vice-Chair Roman asked if the insurance certificate has been received.

Chief Walsh confirmed and submitted a copy to the selectmen for review.

Vice-Chair Roman asked if the insurance certificate could be sent to Primex for review.

Chief Walsh agreed to get their approval.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Items A and B, as written, and Item C, upon approval by Primex. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

Vice-Chair Roman requested to take item A under 'Old Business' out of posted agenda order.

- DPW timeline for striping Perkins Road

Paul Paradis, DPW Foreman, met with the Selectmen to discuss the timeline for striping Perkins Road.

Vice-Chair Roman noted that she would like to escalate the timeline for striping Perkins Road, if possible. The reason is because the Selectmen asked that committee for recommendations by April 30th, for the specific purpose of seeing how the suggestions would work over the summer. It is important to monitor it over the whole summer. The second issue, is there are no shoulders on Perkins Road for the "no parking" boxes adjacent to the driveways.

Mr. Paradis suggested blacking out the fog lines to mark 10ft on each side of the driveway with "no parking" as it is done on Ocean Boulevard.

Vice-Chair Roman expressed concern about the lines extending into the line of travel.

After discussion, Mr. Paradis came up with a plan for the parking boxes that the Board agreed to. He also assured the Selectmen that he would be able to do the striping on Perkins Road, as soon as the weather permits.

Vice-Chair Roman noted that there was also a recommendation to put out temporary bollards or adjust the entrance at Perkins onto Ocean to make it a right angle.

Chair Winslow pointed out that the State asked that they hold off on bollards, until they come up with a plan for that intersection.

Acting Town Administrator Becky Bergeron noted that the State is considering an island in that area. The State has asked the town to hold off on putting in bollards, until they come back with their recommendations.

The Selectmen agreed that DPW could move ahead with the striping on Perkins and to wait on the bollards.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Town Hall RFP Results

Chair Winslow explained there is \$10,000 in the budget, and a commitment from the Heritage Commission and 'Friends of Rye Town Hall' for additional funds, to hire an architect to look at reconfiguring the interior of the town hall to make it ADA compliant and to accommodate needed office space. Three proposals for the work have been received.

Selectman Epperson noted that one of the proposals was for \$35,500. He was wondering if there is something this firm is providing that the others are not, which are for half the cost.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that one thing that the firm was going to provide was CAD drawings, as opposed to just sketches, which might be part of the expense. If the project was to move to a construction set of drawings, having CAD drawings would reduce that expense. She pointed out that the architect also uses an engineer in his work. The proposal covers those costs, which is an additional expense.

Town Administrator Mike Magnant suggested that the Selectmen interview the top firms to get a better understanding of the details of the proposals.

The Selectmen agreed.

B. Wireless and Telecommunications Services RFP Results

The Selectmen reviewed the proposals received from wireless and telecommunications experts for an evaluation of the town to determine its cell phone coverage needs. Three proposals were received; one for under \$10,000 and two for over \$30,000.

Town Administrator Magnant noted that he read through the three proposals. There is a proposal from a company from New Jersey and one from Florida. Those companies are proposing to send in teams, which might be what caused their proposals to be more inflated. The third proposal is from a gentleman, who seems to be a sole proprietor, based out of Massachusetts. He pointed out that he spoke with references and there were great reviews for his firm.

Vice-Chair Roman commented that if this work moves forward, the board is going to have to move quickly with zoning amendments. The intent of this work is to get a proposal on how the town can address its cell coverage needs. It might be that the town can pull off a tower in another town or build off an existing tower that is being used for something else. She continued that the town cannot force a company to come in and do what they want them to do; however, zoning can be set up so it makes it easy for them to do it the way the town wants them to. She reiterated that this work is going to produce a plan in regards to cell coverage weaknesses in

town. Without the planning and zoning amendments in place, it leaves the town a little vulnerable.

The Selectmen agreed that they would like to speak with the firm from Massachusetts.

The Selectmen took item B under 'Old Business' out of posted agenda order.

- Heritage Commission LCHIP Grant application

Bev Giblin, Heritage Commission Chair, was present to speak with the Selectmen about the LCHIP Grant.

Chair Winslow stated that the board had a concern about the constraints of the grant (for the town hall windows), which would restrict the town from making changes to any historic component for five years. Town Administrator Magnant sent a letter to LCHIP asking them a number of questions. It was verified that there are a number of constraints. He stated that if the town applies for the grant, it is awarded, and it is found out that the restrictions are so comprehensive that it is going to prevent proposed work on the town hall, a decision to accept the grant could be made at that time.

Vice-Chair Roman noted that the select board sent an email to LCHIP stating that they are looking at the town hall to make it ADA compliant and may also rearrange the space for office use. There was a question as to whether things done internally would comply with the grant agreement. The response from LCHIP was that the structure and the internal historical aspects, which are determined by LCHIP, have to be maintained in the same or better condition. Whatever is deemed to be a "historical structure" by LCHIP, cannot be torn out or replaced. Also, anything that is done internally must be submitted to LCHIP for review and approval. The reason there are these restrictions is because LCHIP wants to make sure that the resource they are giving money to remains a historical resource.

Ms. Giblin stated that when this was discussed in the past, she thought that LCHIP just wanted to protect the building from being torn down, for a certain period of time, once they put money into it. She did not realize the restrictions were this intense. This is much more detailed.

Town Administrator Magnant pointed out that anything that is approved has to meet the Secretary of Interior Standards as well.

Chair Winslow explained that LCHIP pulls in the Secretary of Interior Standards, which can be very restrictive. (He read from the standards items #9 and 10.)

After discussion, the Selectmen agreed to move forward with the application, which has a due date of June 28th. If the town is granted the award, they will ask representatives of LCHIP to speak with them to address any questions they may have in moving forward with acceptance.

C. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 6, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence should read: **Senator Sherman stated that it may be a good idea to talk with Kate because she is on the Finance Committee.**
- Page 15, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence should read: **Vice-Chair Roman explained that it seems the concern is that if Verizon were planning to let the shot clock expire and not extend it, the Town does not have time to put together a written denial.**
- Page 15, 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence should read: **With Port Way, that argument from Verizon is already off the table.**

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

2. Non-Public Session, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 (1) per RSA 91-A:33, II (b) Hiring

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the non-public session of May 18, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

3. Meeting, Friday, May 31, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Rye Public Library, Plan NH Charrette

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Plan NH Stakeholders meeting of May 31, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

4. Meeting, Saturday, June 1, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Rye Jr. High School, Plan NH Charrette

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Plan NH presentation of June 1, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

5. Meeting, Monday, June 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall

The following correction was noted:

- Page 10, 4th paragraph, 1st sentence should read: **After some discussion, Vice-Chair Roman stated that she is big on safety; however, she thinks it would be foolish to do anything, even if it is temporary, because the board had no idea that the State was doing anything yet.**

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

6. Non-Public Session, Monday, June 10, 2019 (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring
(2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation

Keriann Roman moved that the non-public session of June 10, 2019 should have been done under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Pending Claims or Litigation, not RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the non-public session of June 10, 2019 as amended by Keriann Roman. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the non-public session, of June 10, 2019, per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring, as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in favor.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Email rec'd from Natasha Goyette re: The Parsons Creek Watershed Committee

Chair Winslow read the letter received from Natasha Goyette, 750 Brackett Road, regarding her interest in reestablishing the Parsons Creek Watershed Committee.

Town Administrator Magnant stated that he thinks there was a sense from the last Board of Selectmen that all remedial actions had been exhausted when it came to the Parsons Creek Watershed. The town has been doing testing for five years and also found some failed septic systems. Probably the most positive outcome was the creation of the Pump-out Ordinance for the Parsons Creek Watershed, which was a recommendation of the original committee. The only work that was left to do was in regards to the certification of the septic, to assure it is in working order, upon the sale of a building. That idea was put on the back burner.

Chair Winslow stated that back in the fall, Peter Rowell (building inspector) had said that there were a number of systems that had not been repumped. The requirement is that the system be pumped every three years.

Mr. Magnant noted that they have been discussing the next steps for homeowners who are not in compliance, such as notifications being sent.

Chair Winslow asked what the next steps would be for the town if the homeowner has been notified and they are still not complying.

Mr. Magnant explained that the next level of enforcement would be direct contact with the owner by the building inspector. The town would then be looking at engaging the town attorney to start enforcement action for compliance. He commented that he is not sure if the town is ready to take on another zoning ordinance requiring certification of the septic upon the sale of a property in the watershed.

Selectman Epperson stated that he thinks it is a great idea.

Vice-Chair Roman agreed.

Mr. Magnant suggested that they review the recommendations made by the original committee. They may be able to get Sally Soule from DES to come and speak with the board. She was very

involved with the project and has a lot of knowledge. They could also ask a representative from the firm that currently does the town's consulting and testing to meet with the board. It may also be beneficial to have Craig Musselman as part of the discussion, as he was involved with the committee and has quite a bit of knowledge about the watershed.

The Selectmen agreed. They also agreed to have Town Administrator Magnant send a follow up letter to Mrs. Goyette.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** DPW timeline for striping on Perkins Road
(Addressed earlier in meeting)
- B.** Heritage Commission LCHIP Grant Application
(Addressed earlier in meeting)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- **None**

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she would like to address the Parsonage. There was some talk at the Plan NH work session and group sessions with regard to the Parsonage. For whatever reason, there are a good amount of folks who are not clear about why the lease was not being renewed with The Housing Partnership. She continued that she asked Ms. Bergeron to pull the conclusion from the Parsonage Committee report and the minutes from the board's meeting with Marty Chapman (The Housing Partnership). Her understanding is that The Housing Partnership wanted the town to sell the property to them or give them a ninety-nine year lease. It was not that they were being difficult. It is what was needed in order to fund the project. She commented there seems to be information out in the community that is different from what she understood. The information that was pulled confirms her understanding. The conclusion of the Parsonage Committee was that the town not transfer the Parsonage in either a long-term lease or permanently to The Housing Partnership. The town should retain the building and try to negotiate a lease not to exceed twenty years. She continued that the select board's meeting minutes of April 18, 2018 show that there was a long discussion with Marty Chapman. For The Housing Partnership's own reasons, about needing a long-term commitment, the understanding of the select board (as the minutes show) is that a ninety-nine year lease was needed. It was her understanding that there could not be any negotiation for a twenty or thirty year lease; however, that may have changed since then.

Town Administrator Magnant noted that the Selectmen told The Housing Partnership that they wanted a twenty year lease and they were willing to work with that as well. Marty Chapman looked at the possibility of a twenty year lease, along with the rehabilitation of the building. One of the requirements from the town was that they did not want to use any public funds for work on the building. After looking at funds that would be available and a thorough assessment of the building, Mr. Chapman came back to the select board and said they would not be able to do a twenty year lease with a major rehab being needed for the building.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that another question that has come up is why the town does not just use town money or find grants themselves. She noted that a town being a landlord is really a bad idea. It comes with a whole host of additional issues and it would not be a good use of town time.

Chair Winslow pointed out that the select board is representing the entire town. It would be nice to support people who need help but it would put the cost burden on all the residents in town. Out of the eight apartments that are there, only two of them were occupied by Rye residents. The other residents are from other communities. He does not feel comfortable putting the tax burden on the taxpayers of Rye to support eight apartments that can't be constrained to just people from Rye. The apartments can be occupied by people from anywhere, including other states.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she would love to have the property be for low income housing. It was also asked why the town did not put money into the building as it was falling apart. The town couldn't because under the lease they did not have the ability to put in money. Also, the Selectmen are backed into a corner to try and do what is best for the whole town. Given that there was a committee that did a lot of work and came up with a recommendation to try to implement the twenty years, which could not be done, she did not feel it would be appropriate for the Selectmen to go against that recommendation and do a longer lease to keep the people there. The Selectmen were backed into a corner, which is not the fault of The Housing Partnership. It is just how things happened to play out. She commented it is a bad situation but that is what they are now presented with.

Selectman Epperson stated that he thinks everyone acknowledges the fact that the town needs elderly low cost housing. Other places in town were considered but those ideas did not go anywhere. He thinks there are some ideas that the Selectmen could discuss at a future date.

Chair Winslow reiterated that there is a total of eight apartments at the Parsonage. Six of the units are currently occupied and two are unoccupied. Marty Chapman and The Housing Partnership are working to find suitable housing for those residents.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Roman submitted copies of a photo taken by Mary Westover, a resident of Perkins Road (photo taken on Sunday, May 26th of Perkins Road near the Dunes). Vice-Chair Roman

stated that her concern is that the picture mirrors a picture the board saw previously that was assured would never happen again. She commented that the situation is not acceptable. She is not sure what the board should do. She asked if they should start another conversation with Mrs. Leary about the parking lot. She noted that the Perkins Safety Committee came up with some recommendations that might address some of these issues; however, the board may want to consider doing something more or speak with Mrs. Leary about the situation. It is a dangerous situation and something needs to be done.

Speaking to Police Chief Walsh, Chair Winslow pointed out that Mrs. Leary placed five cones on the north side of the building to preclude people from double parking. He asked Chief Walsh if he is comfortable that this will solve the problem.

Chief Walsh replied no. He continued that when he does spot checks, there are times when the Dunes' staff members are out there and other times when they are not. If the staff is not going to be consistent in being there, then it is not going to work. In regards to the photo, it is a really big challenge to get people to understand how to properly use the crosswalk. He continued that the message board should help with keeping the traffic from backing up. It is going to be a challenge that the department and parking enforcement is going to have to continually work on. Selectman Epperson asked what a short-term solution would be for the Dunes. He asked if it would be better if two attendants were at that location at all times.

Chief Walsh confirmed. He noted that he believes it is Mrs. Leary's intention to have that. Also, the State has not had the opportunity to get their staffing in place for the parking at the bathhouse.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she would like to have communication with Mrs. Leary about what is going to work and having more attendants out there is not working. She suggested putting out the temporary bollards to see how that will work. She also suggested an off-duty police officer, at the Dunes expense, in that location to direct traffic.

After discussion, the Selectmen agreed that a meeting should be set up with Mrs. Leary to discuss some solutions. They also agreed that the photo should be submitted to the State with a letter asking for them to expedite their decisions for that intersection. It was felt that Representative Sherman would be a help in addressing the issues with the State.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger

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See meeting of 7/8/19 for approval/corrections

JEANNE SHAHEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE

6-24-19 Consent Item B
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 12, 2019



Mr. Philip D. Winslow
Chairman
Rye Board of Selectmen
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870-2522

Dear Chairman Winslow,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the urgent need to dredge Rye Harbor. The functionality of Rye Harbor is vital to our community and the regional economy. I will continue to advocate for this important project and agree that dredging of Rye Harbor is long overdue.

As you know, Rye Harbor is currently maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). However, since last being dredged in 1990, the harbor has experienced shoaling that could very well cause the harbor to become nonfunctional. Given this need, I am pleased that the Corps has taken important steps toward beginning maintenance dredging of Rye Harbor. On February 25, the New England District of the Corps released a preliminary dredging plan for Rye Harbor. Shortly thereafter, the Corps released its proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, which requested \$200,000 for Rye Harbor maintenance.

However, in order for the Rye Harbor project to advance, this dedicated funding will need to be secured in the Corps' FY 2020 Work Plan, which will be developed once funding legislation for the upcoming fiscal year is signed into law. The Corps and the Office of Management and Budget together set this work plan annually and determine which eligible projects will receive maintenance funds. To be incorporated in the work plan, Rye Harbor must compete with small harbors from across the country through the Corps' Small, Remote and Subsistence Navigation account.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have advocated for additional resources for the Corps in FY 2020 to make projects such as Rye Harbor competitive for funding in this year's work plan. I have also spoken directly with senior leadership at the Corps, including R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the Corps and William Conde, Commander and District Engineer for the Corps' New England District, about the current conditions of Rye Harbor, and will continue to urge the Corps to advocate for the project when the Corps develops its FY 2020 Work Plan.

I appreciate the continued advocacy of the people of Rye on this important issue. Please be assured that I will keep advocating to preserve the usability of this important harbor.

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If my staff can be helpful to you on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Hill in my office at kaitlyn_hill@shaheen.senate.gov or Chris Scott at chris_scott@shaheen.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

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6-24-19 Corres. A

Janice Ireland

From: Natasha Goyette <natashagoyette@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Janice Ireland
Subject: Select Board Members, Parsons Creek

Dear Select Board Members,

I am writing to see if there is a renewed interest in the Parsons Creek Watershed Committee. Our home at 750 Brackett Road is within the watershed, therefore we have a vested interest in protecting this land.

Next door to us, wetlands were purchased a few years ago. We've heard from the conservation commission that the land owner is trying to mitigate building on this wetland by using a state level law to buy and donate wetlands in exchange for building on the originally purchased unbuildable wetland.

Having strong and active advocacy for the protection of the wetlands within the Parsons Creek Watershed and Rye overall will be helpful in defending our town's wetlands against pursuers to build where they should not.

Please let me know if I can help in any way to get this committee active again.

Thank you for continuing to keep our town such a special place to live,
Natasha Goyette