

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, March 11, 2019
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

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

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

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 (e) Litigation**

At 6:30 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Jenness – Yes, Winslow – Yes, Roman - Yes.

At 7:07 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Jenness – Yes, Winslow – Yes, Roman - Yes.

At 7:08 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel and (e) Litigation. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Jenness – Yes, Winslow – Yes, Roman - Yes.

At 7:23 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Jenness – Yes, Winslow – Yes, Roman - Yes.

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Priscilla Jenness reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Jenness reminded everyone that town voting is being held on Tuesday, March 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Rye Elementary School.

Vice Chair Winslow announced that the St. Thomas Saints won their first Statewide Hockey Tournament. Several of the boys on the team are from Rye, including his grandson.

Motion by Keriann Roman to take agenda item VII, Discussion Item B, out of order. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

B. Chief Kevin Walsh – Hiring of Full Time Police Officers Charles Graham and Joshua McAllister.

Chief Walsh introduced Charles (Chad) Graham from Hampton Falls. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Chief Walsh also introduced Josh McAllister from Epping. Josh has an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a background in marine patrol.

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Amy Thibodeau conducted the official swearing in ceremony.

The Board of Selectmen welcomed and congratulated both Officer McAllister and Graham.

Vice Chair Winslow asked to take agenda item VII, Discussion Item C, out of order.

C. Arthur Ditto – Seacoast Drinking Water Commission and House Bill 495

Water District Commissioner Arthur Ditto addressed the Board regarding the Seacoast Drinking Water Commission and House Bill 495. House Bill 495 established the long-term seacoast commission on drinking water. This commission will run through November 1, 2029. The new commission will continue the work of RSA 485-F:5 seacoast commission on long-term goals and requirements for drinking water which was repealed on November 1, 2018.

Vice Chair Winslow asked if Commissioner Ditto would be willing to continue to work on the new commission.

Commissioner Ditto stated that he wasn't sure how the new commission will work. He recommended waiting until the Bill is passed.

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.)

- **NONE**

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

- A.** Sign Request: Webster at Rye for a sign at Parsons Field announcing Rye Art in Bloom 4/12/19 & 4/13/19. The sign is requested from 4/7/19 to 4/13/19.
- B.** Email rec'd from John Loftus re: his resignation from the Historic District Commission
- C.** Letter rec'd from Frank Hwang re: his resignation from the Heritage Commission.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Chair Jenness asked that letters be sent to Mr. Loftus for his service on the Historic District Commission and to Mr. Hwang for his service on the Heritage Commission.

The Board took agenda item VII, Discussion Item D, out of order.

D. Rye Recreation Storage Facility Update

Recreation Director, Lee Arthur and Recreation Commissioner Cory Belden (Cory is also a civil engineer) presented the recreation storage facility update to the Board.

Commissioner Belden reported that the project was awarded to JRK Builders from Hampton, NH. It is a designed built contract. The Recreation Commission is close to signing the contract that has been vetted by the Town's Attorney. The Recreation Commission has met with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and building department on the project. Mr. Belden explained that the original location of the new building has been changed because when the old snack shack and storage building was taken down it revealed an amazing view out over the ball fields and the marsh out to the ocean. The Commission felt that they should not block that view so they rotated the building 90 degrees and put it along the stone wall area. The Recreation Commission has worked with the Conservation Commission to relocate the driveway to accommodate the changes and to access the gravel parking area in the back. Ideally, only one tree will need to be removed.

Mr. Belden stated that during this process the Recreation Commission has referred back to the original space needs study that was done in 2016. In looking at the short- and long-term recommendations that were made in that report, one of the short-term recommendations was to address the immediate storage needs with a new heated and controlled storage area. This new facility is addressing that issue. The Recreation Commission is currently working on updating the Rye Recreation Area Master Plan. They have already preformed the first stage of surveying the recreation area and plan to complete the full survey this summer. Mr. Belden also reported the Recreation Commission is working with the School Board on a long-term agreement for the after-school program. They are also working on a multi-year agreement with the Rye Congregational Church for space for the senior programs and possibly a program for junior high students.

Selectman Roman asked if moving the driveway will be an added expense.

Lee Arthur explained that the Recreation Commission have donations that are unrestricted funds that will be available to cover the costs.

Mr. Belden reported that the building permit was submitted today. Once the contract has been finalized and signed, the hope is to start construction by April 1st with substantial completion by September 1st. However the contractor has stated that he has other projects lined up for this summer and is hoping to complete this project in two months.

Lee Arthur acknowledge that this is not an ideal time to build at the recreation area. The summer is the busiest time. There are provisions in the contract that address this issue; however, it is not going to be easy. She stated that they are just going to have to be proactive and communicate with the groups that use the facility.

The Recreation Commission will present the Board of Selectmen with the contract at their next meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS - Moved to the end of the meeting.

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Monday, January 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
2. Non-Public Session, Monday January 28, 2019(1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring
3. Meeting, Monday February 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
4. Non-Public Session, Monday, February 11, 2019 (1) Per RS 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring
5. Meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall
6. Non-Public Session, Thursday, February 21, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition
7. Non-Public Session, Thursday, February 21, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personal
(2) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation

B. Chief Kevin Walsh – Hiring of Full Time Police Officers Charles Graham and Joshua McAllister. **Taken out of Order. Please see above.**

C. Arthur Ditto – Seacoast Drinking Water Commission and house Bill 495 **Taken Out of Order. Please see above.**

D. Rye Recreation Storage Facility Update **Taken Out of Order. Please see above.**

E. Proposed Parking Ordinance Changes

Chief Walsh reported to the Board that there have been issues with the parking on Central Road in the area of St. Theresa's Church. During Mass, the members are not using the parking lot and are parking on the road. He explained that there is enough parking in the lot. The police department has been working with the church ushers to correct the situation. The ushers are putting out cones to try to manage the situation and there have been announcements and notices put on the church's bulletin boards asking

everyone not to park on the road in front of the houses in the area. Chief Walsh explained that the challenges are that when cars are parked on the road near the driveways of the homes in the area, as the home owner is trying to get out of their driveways, there is little-to-no visibility. St. Theresa's is good at informing the department when there will be a significant event so that there can be police coverage to manage the traffic.

Chief Walsh asked the Board to implement a temporary town parking ordinance for "No Parking" on one side of Central Road on Saturday and Sunday. He stated that he would like to have it added to the parking ordinance and to post signs to that effect. He would work out the details regarding the signs with the highway director.

Town Administrator Michael Magnant explained that there would need to be a public hearing before this could go into effect. If the Board agrees to the ordinance, a public hearing would be scheduled. He further explained that the Board has the authority to create a parking regulation; however, in the past it has been the Board of Selectmen's policy to place any temporary ordinance on the ballot for a town vote in the upcoming election.

The Board agreed to hold the public hearing.

F. Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director – Red Mill Lane Culvert Replacements

Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy reported that the Red Mill Lane Culvert project has been completed. He asked the Board to authorize him to sign the final acceptance of completion in order to close out the file. He explained that the town is holding \$5,100 as a warranty on the two culverts.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the Red Mill culvert replacement as complete and to authorize Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy, to sign the final acceptance. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Mr. McCarthy also reported that the Harbor Road Bridge project has been completed and that he needs the same acceptance and authorization from the Board.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the Harbor Road Bridge Project as complete and to authorize Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy, to sign the final acceptance. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

G. Discussion about sending a letter to the State re: Assistance – financial and/or manpower – during the summer

Selectman Roman presented an article from Seacoast Online. She explained that Hampton sued the State because they felt that the town was not getting enough help with the beaches. She pointed out that part of that issue pertained to police and fire. She stated that she knows that Hampton has a much larger State beach but the issues are the same for Rye, only on a smaller scale. Selectman Roman said that the State and Hampton have worked out a joint operations plan. Senator Sherman was instrumental in getting all the parties to the table. She asked if maybe the Town of Rye could invite the same parties to come and talk about having the same kind of plan with the State.

Vice Chair Winslow agreed that the meeting would be a great idea. He recommended that before the meeting is scheduled the board sit down and develop what that plan should look like.

Selectman Roman asked if the town administrator could get Hampton's Plan to go by. The Town of Rye's issues will be similar. She recommended that after getting the Hampton plan, the board have a working session with Chief Walsh, Chief Cotreau and Dennis McCarthy to identify what Rye needs and then put together a document to work from. After that, they could contact Tom Sherman to get involved.

The Board agreed.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A.** Letter rec'd 2/11/19 from the UNH Technology Transfer Center announcing that Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director, has achieved the status of Safety Champion.

Chair Jenness read the notification into the record.

The Board congratulated Mr. McCarthy.

- B.** Letter rec'd from Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders (SABR) re: Proposal to change the signs on Route 1A from "Share the Road" to "State Law – 3 Feet Minimum to Pass Bicycles".

Chair Jenness read the letter into the record. The Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders has over 700 members. One of the biggest concerns from the members is safety on the roads with multiple reports of close passes from automobiles. The New Hampshire DOT Complete Streets Committee has been analyzing bicycle use in the State. Their study shows that Route 1A has one of the highest rates of use by people on bikes in New Hampshire. Both signs have been approved by the DOT. The committee recommended that the current "Share the Road" signs be replaced by the "State Law - 3 Feet Minimum to Pass Bicycles" sign for both education and safety purposes.

Chair Jenness pointed out that Route 1A is not a town road and recommended that the town notify the State.

The Board agreed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- None

X. OLD BUSINESS

- None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Alex Herlihy re: The Historical Society Museum

Mr. Herlihy explained that over the years he has created personalized albums with photos for friends that have reach milestones in their lives. He pointed out that tonight's meeting was one of the last official duties for Chair Priscilla Jenness. Mr. Herlihy stated that he would like to present an album to Mrs. Jenness. He highlighted her achievements and contributions as follows:

Priscilla's mother, Vivian Volkman, is linked to Rye's golden resort history as she worked at the Seaview House/Hotel before it was torn down in 1918 to make way for the Rye Beach Community Hall and Post Office. (Vivian was a dear friend of Alex's mother Jessie.)

Priscilla graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1959.

Priscilla married Bill Jenness, Rye's long-time building inspector, and linked herself to one of Rye's founding families. She became a student of the town's past and present.

Mrs. Jenness went on to study art and became an art teacher in the Portsmouth School District for 35 years.

Mr. Herlihy said that the when his mother passed away in 1989, the Historic Society published her poetry about Rye and beyond. At that time, Mr. Herlihy asked Priscilla to do some illustrations to go with the poems. Photos have been included in the album that he is presenting tonight.

Mrs. Jenness started editing the Annual Town Report in 1999. With color photos, history and fine remembrances of those that have passed, she has brought Rye to life in these pages. Mr. Herlihy stated that these reports have been taken for granted all these years and he hopes that she will continue to help edit them in the future and train others to carry it on.

Mrs. Jenness became a Selectman in 2001.

Mr. Herlihy Thanked Mrs. Jenness for her service on the Rye Board of Selectmen and for all she has "put up with" and contributed. She has contributed greatly to the functioning of the Rye government and will be sorely missed.

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Monday, January 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

The following corrections were made:

Page 10; Next to the last paragraph reads; Mr. McGill stated that he is confident that the Board of Selectmen will not allow ~~antidotal~~..... ; It should read; Mr. McGill stated that he is confident that the Board of Selectmen will not allow anecdotal.....

Page 13; third paragraph reads; unintended ~~consequents~~; It should read; unintended consequences

Page; third paragraph, Lori Carbajal reads; The recommendations include: U-turn signs. It should read; The recommendations include: No U-turn signs.

Page; third paragraph, Lori Carbajal reads; unintended ~~consequents~~; should be unintended consequences

Page 15; last paragraph reads; She also pointed out that there are a number of more important issues ~~than that what~~ that money will be need for, it should read; She also pointed out that there are a number of more important issues that the money will be need for,

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

2. Non-Public Session, Monday January 28, 2019(1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-public session of January 28, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Motion by Keriann Roman release the minutes of the Non-Public session of January 28, 2019. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

3. Meeting, Monday February 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

The following corrections were made:

Page 5; second to the last paragraph reads; Staff members ~~may be~~ appointed; it should read Staff members may be appointed

Page 5; last paragraph; driveway should be driveways

Page 6; 6th paragraph, Mary Westover; ~~Her~~ and her husband should read; She and her husband.

Page 7; first line reads; one ~~bias~~ person. It should read; one unbiased person.

Page 7; second paragraph, last sentence; one ~~bias~~ person should read; one unbiased person.

Page 8; first paragraph reads; The Highway Department has striped the road so that the traffic going onto Route 1 must make a sharp right ~~turn~~ to the stop sign before Route 1. It should read; The Highway Department has striped the road so that the traffic going onto Route 1 must make a sharp right turn to the stop sign before Route 1.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

4. Non-Public Session, Monday, February 11, 2019 (1) Per RS 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-public session of February 11, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Motion by Keriann Roman release the minutes of the Non-Public session of February 11, 2019. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

5. Meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

6. Non-Public Session, Thursday, February 21, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition

The following correction was made:

Page 2; first word of the last sentence; the word competing should be completing

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-public session of February 21, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Motion by Keriann Roman seal the minutes of the Non-Public session of February 21, 2019, until proposal is finalized or withdrawn, because failure to do so could render the proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

7. Non -Public Session, Thursday, February 21, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personal

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-public session of February 21, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

8. Non -Public Session, Thursday, February 21, 2019 (2) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the Non-public session of February 21, 2019 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

- Alex Herlihy told the Board about an article in the archives of the New Yorker, dated July 2, 2018. The article addresses the decline in local civic participation in this country. It is suggested that this is because of national ideological followings. He said that he has contacted UNH and asked if there is anyone that is studying this issue. He said that there is a woman from UNH that has agreed to come to Rye to do a presentation on this topic. She will be talking about the issue as well as what other communities are already doing to turn this around.

The program will be held Wednesday, April 10th.

The Board agreed that it is a great idea.

Vice-Chair Winslow suggested that she be invited to do a 30-minute presentation at a future Selectmen's meeting as well.

Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the minutes of the Non-Public session of earlier this evening, per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Litigation, until the matter is resolved because failure to do so could render the proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn 8:58 p.m. Seconded by Priscilla Jenness. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger

3-11-19 Consent Item B

Janice Ireland

From: JOHN LOFTUS <jloftus333@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Janice Ireland
Cc: Michael Magnant; Rosalie Andrews; James Tegeder; David Choate; daryl Kent; Katharine Brown; Karen Stewart; Kaitlyn Coffey; Tom King; Charles Hoyt; Phil Winslow; mbradshaw@sklawyers.net; Robert Eaton; Jeffrey Quinn; Jay Brack; Lee Sullivan; Mike Coutu; Mike Steinberg; Tony Manfredi
Subject: HDC Resignation
Attachments: John Loftus Brochure.pdf; Cobble Hill Brochure.pdf; Fine Homebuilding Article.pdf; R. A. Schaefer Recent Projects.pdf

Date: 21 FEB 2019

From: John Loftus

108 Straws Point Road

Rye, NH 03870

To: Board of Selectmen

Rye, NH 03870

Via: Janice Ireland

cc: Mike Magnant, Town Supervisor

Members of Historic District Commission

Robert Eaton, Esq., Town Moderator

Members 2019 Committee for New Town Hall

Dear Select Board Members,

Please accept my resignation from the Rye Historic District Commission, effective immediately.

After 3 years, and 5 months, of service, I do not feel I can further be an effective member of this body. Following the misleading statements of Mae Bradshaw at the Deliberative Session, I no longer find it possible to serve with a member whose has displayed such conduct. While I respect Ms. Bradshaw's right to have a different opinion on any topic, the behavior she displayed at the Deliberative Session is beneath the dignity of a Rye Commission Chairperson, or any citizen for that matter.

Her comments at the Deliberative Session went well beyond expressing an opinion and amounted to an unwarranted personal attack on my character and integrity. I do not take that lightly. Freedom of speech is the bedrock of our Constitution and expressing contrarian views is a hallmark of democracy. That right, however, does not provide an unfettered license to engage in conduct, which seeks to call in question the integrity and honesty of another citizen's good faith opinion. At best, her comments amounted to distortion, misrepresentation, and half-truths. I would have expected Ms. Bradshaw to promote her views on Renovation based on merits and not on the small-minded pettiness she displayed.

Ms. Bradshaw stated the reason for her amendment to ARTICLE 6, was to vet the architect. Fair enough, we have no problem with being vetted. This she could have done without the verbal attacks on both myself and the architect that I have engaged. Instead, she claimed: "John Loftus has chosen.....an architect who is a bathroom designer". She later said: "I do not believe we should have an architect who designs bathrooms design our town hall".

We have taken a very wide and varied investigative approach at looking at the problems of the current building for use as a Town Hall, and our conclusions, including economic return, were based on that data. Ms. Bradshaw's approach has been singular in nature, and would like to preclude any discussion other then the renovation position.

Interestingly, Ms. Bradshaw brought up the topic of qualifications last year. Below, you can read the statement I read at the 2018 deliberative session regarding qualifications, along with further verification of the architect's abilities, as well as attached documents of my own credentials. Since the 2018 Deliberative Session neither the Board of Selectmen, nor Ms. Bradshaw has made any query to me about qualifications.

Other plan submissions from Hutter, or Ground Root, relating to renovation have been nothing more than non-dimensioned floor plans. Ms. Bradshaw wasn't worried about vetting them, because it furthered her agenda. Conversely, we have developed fully dimensioned floor plans, showing furniture, bookshelves, and filing cabinet layouts, computer layouts, etc. Additionally four detailed elevation drawings showing specified windows – all to scale. And a site plan showing a new one way traffic pattern, new angled parking, new grading to take care of water drainage problems currently existing, and a green space between the retaining wall at the cemetery and the new angled parking near the current entrance.

Advocating for her position is absolutely fine, but what Ms. Bradshaw did was to suggest that I had hired a non-competent architect; an inference wholly unsupported by the facts.

That Ms. Bradshaw would assert, in a public forum, that I would hire anyone who is less than competent goes well beyond expressing one's opinion and at its core, sought to personally attack my credibility and that of the of Mr. Schaefer's firm. Her remarks further smack at the 2019 Committee for Town Hall itself.

Mr. Schaefer's firm, did list on their website, bathroom design. However, they also list Architecture, CAD and drafting services. They also do an occasional Custom Home; in fact they did a rather expensive one here in Rye. Good architects can do more than one thing! In a conversation I had with Mr. Schaefer after the deliberative session, he stated that they haven't kept up the website in about 8 years. All of their work is by referral; they have more than they can handle. Mr. Schaefer's firm has done hundreds of millions of dollars of successful projects. Their projects generally range between 6 - 40 million dollars. Ms. Bradshaw's focus was one distinct part of Mr. Schaefer's firm, and she used it in a most supercilious manner to further her own agenda.

Further, Mr. Schaefer did not design the new town hall, I did. What Mr. Schaefer did was to transfer my drawn to scale, dimensioned drawings, into CAD, check for code layout, general arrangement, review specifications, look for any possible problems, and after discussions we made some very minor changes. I did all of the specifications from the footings up, framing, siding, windows, interior specifications, insulation, roofing, site layout, new grading, traffic patterns, parking, drainage, lighting, office layouts, electrical service, emergency generator, fire pump, fire line, etc., etc., etc. Again, all reviewed by the architect, and this would again be further scrutinized by specialty engineers, i.e. site engineer, structural engineer, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer. Ms. Bradshaw's attack on my ability is unfounded, except in the hysteria she has conjured up in her mind.

Her desire to thwart this initiative wasn't enough; she also found it necessary to hide that a Rye citizen committed personal resources, not for his benefit, but for the benefit of the town and its citizens. Why is that?

Noticeably, Ms. Bradshaw also took out of the warrant article: "(Please note: Mr. Loftus has not been offered, has not asked for, and will NOT accept any remuneration for any of his design work.)" What does that have to do with vetting? Her action, consistent with her effort to discredit me, seeks to minimize my contribution of time (over 300 hours) and money (many thousands of dollars) in support of a path forward different from her own.

In a rather nefarious way, Ms. Bradshaw has tried to deflect attention from her true agenda, by casting doubt through specious statements about me, the architect, and the substantiated benefits of a new town hall, all while failing, in the eyes of many town residents, to promote the merits of renovating the existing building.

By copy to my Historic District Commission colleagues, I have enjoyed working with you, and listening to many opinions, and solutions, over the last 3 plus years. I wish you all well with your future endeavors.

Resigned,

John Loftus

SEE BELOW FOR MY REMARKS AT THE 2018 DELIBERATIVE SESSION, PARTICULARLY, THOSE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW:

Deliberative Session, last year (2018)

Good Morning Ladies & Gentlemen,

Warrant Article 9 is the fulfillment of last year's warrant, that passed with a 55.5% approval, to study, design, and price a new design to replace the current town hall. We now present this endeavor as Warrant Article 9 for next month's vote.

This a turnkey operation, including all of the soft and hard costs associated with this type of construction. Some voters are being told this or that is not included, and this is not true. Everything is indeed included.

I also suggest that voters who are unsure, or who want to get the facts, attend one of our 9 upcoming information sessions at the RPL. At these information sessions we have received a lot of positive feedback, and people in general leave with a much better understanding than they had before.

My goal was to come up with a better solution than the Hutter Replication proposal of last year. What I have designed is a 3 story Town Hall with a full basement. It will be energy efficient, laid out appropriately for our town offices, and meet all required codes, including ADA requirements.

We have beat the Hutter price by \$338,000, while increasing the square footage by 600 square feet, adding a full basement, and increasing the specifications. The cost is about \$73 less per square foot.

This warrant article is supported by 5 prominent area builders who live in Rye, and along with my own experience, represent over 200 years of construction experience.

In the design, I feel I have accomplished, a welcoming feeling for those who will step through the front door. The entrance hall is flooded with light from both the front entry sidelights and transom, as well as from the rear palladium window, which will cascade light from the second floor, through the open staircase balustrade. This inviting front hall, will be distinctly different from the cave like feeling one now garners from the current entrance, which in reality is a side entrance. The true front entrance to the existing building long ago abandoned.

The exterior design resonates well with New England Architecture of the 18th century and will strongly complement the design of the Rye Congregational Church next door. Both buildings will create a synergistic effect and bode well for a strong sense of community, and well being, in the center of the Rye.

I spent a judicious amount of time discussing office layouts with all of the personnel who now work at town hall, which included measuring desks, file cabinets, bookcases to come up with the most efficient layout and office proximity for different departments. By the way, office proximity, i.e. the location of one office to another, was a key request of the current workforce. To my knowledge, last year, Hutter spoke to no one about office space needs!

VETTING: Mae Bradshaw has raised the issue of vetting, both at the budget committee and through the newspaper article.

Generally, I am not given to speaking about myself; today I will. As owner of a design and build company, I was active for over 25 years in construction. In about 95% of the projects, I was both the architect and the builder. My work was considered good enough to be featured as the cover story in Fine Homebuilding Magazine. When you think about how many builders there are in the United States, and that the magazine was published 10 times per year, one can get a sense of how hard an accomplishment that would be. Additionally my work has been published in a number of other periodicals, including Capital Region Magazine, Custom Home Builder, and Better Homes and Gardens to name a few. In total, I have been published in about 47 countries.

Educationally, I am a graduate of a Federal Academy, and have degrees in engineering and transportation. In terms of responsibility, I am licensed to command any Gross Tonnage size ship, anywhere in the world. I have traveled to about 100 countries, circumnavigated the globe, and seen plenty of heavy weather at sea. As Ship's Master, I was responsible for the safety of a ship and cargo valued at over 500 million dollars, and a crew of 28 men, thousands of miles from land with a fuel consumption of 1.6 million dollars/month. I know how to set a course, or a course of action!

Regarding the firm of David White & Robert Schaefer Architects:

David White is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, school of Architecture. He has been licensed in NH for over 44 years. At one time he owned the largest architectural firm in NH. I first met him around 30 years ago. I thought he was so good; I had him come to NY to advise on a PUD (planned unit development) of about 100 units.

Robert Schaefer is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon school of Architecture. He has been licensed in NH for about 30 years, and has worked with David for the last 27 years. Rob brings a great understanding of design principles, code issues, CAD design, and cost efficiency to the table. I have found him to be assiduous in his attention to detail, and excellent to work with.

The firm of D. M. White and R. A. Schaefer have received numerous accolades and press, for their work in NH, MA, and ME. I could not think of a better firm to recommend.

What Article 9 does, is give us a clear path forward. It stops what seems to be an endless discussion on how to handle the town hall situation, and puts an end to further wasted taxpayer money.

To date, over \$350,000 has been spent chasing renovation of the existing building. Think about that, \$350,000 of your taxpayer dollars gone, and with no resolution. There has been no resolution on ADA obfuscation, code issues, health hazards, nor how to handle the Pandora's Box of unknown repairs if the building is opened up. Yet here we are today with another plan by the B.O.S. to continue on another uncharted course. The plethora of problems with the current building do not go away by purchasing TD Bank, they just get worse!

The Town needs closure on this discussion, and Article 9 does that in a very unambiguous way, while providing a 21st century workspace for our town employees, something no renovation to the existing building will ever do.

The 3.048 million dollar bond would be spread over 10 years and the tax rate would be \$0.182/per thousand of assessed value the first year decreasing to \$0.142 by year ten. This information is on our website. For a \$500,000 assessment, the cost would be about \$91 for the first year.

For those that think the TD Bank purchase will be a cheaper way to go, get all of the facts. It will not be, nor will the product be anywhere near as good. It will lead to more discussions and divisiveness, and more wasted taxpayer dollars. The cost of TD Bank, and the planned painting at town hall amount 23.6% of the cost of the new building.

Please come to our information sessions and become engaged, because you the voters will make the decision in March.

End of deliberative session discussion

Attached please find:

My company brochure

A marketing flyer on a house I designed and built.

Fine Homebuilding Article

Recent work projects by Robert A. Schaefer, A.I.A.

3-11-19 Consent Item C

March 5, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to give notice of my official resignation from the Rye Heritage Commission. I fully support the mission of the Heritage Commission, but my professional and family life has kept me from truly being active with the Commission.

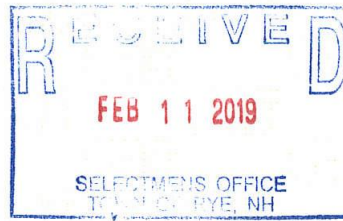
I look forward to seeing all the amazing work the Commission does come to fruition.

Sincerely,



Frank Hwang
18 Olde Parish Rd

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February 4, 2019

Technology Transfer Center

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Durham, NH 03824

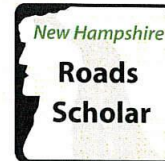
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Select Board
Town of Rye
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870



Re: Roads Scholar Program

Dear Sirs and Madams:

It is our pleasure to inform you that Dennis McCarthy has achieved the status of **Safety Champion**. The T² Center has created the Roads Scholar Program to recognize various achievement levels in our educational program for people who work in public works.

Safety Champion is a side award given once a recipient achieves 20 Safety hours, regardless of what Roads Scholar Level he has reached in the Program.

On behalf of the Technology Transfer Center, I am pleased to notify you of the extra effort and commitment that Dennis has demonstrated in order to achieve this status. He deserves to be congratulated for his persistence and drive to maintain a leading edge in the field of local road maintenance and construction.

Sincerely,

Marilee LaFond

UNH Technology Transfer Center Manager

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cc: Dennis McCarthy

The UNH Technology Transfer Center is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. One of the missions of the Technology Transfer Center is to provide educational support for the people who build and maintain the nation's infrastructure



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To Selectmen, Town of Rye, NH

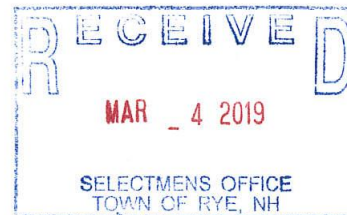
Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders (SABR) is a non-profit working on behalf of our 700+ members to make "The Seacoast Better For Biking". Recently a survey of our membership showed that one of their biggest concerns is safety on the road, with multiple reports of close passes by automobiles despite the "three foot" law.

Beginning in 2013 with Delaware, many states are now replacing their "Share the Road" signs with signs showing the minimum safe passing distance for cyclists or the "bikes may use full lane" signs. This is because many motorists mistakenly believe the "share the road" signs means that bikes should "share" by getting out of automobiles' way, despite bicycles being legal vehicles with an equal right to use the road.

Maine began using these signs a few years ago. Here in New Hampshire both signs have been approved by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) for use.

NH DOT's Complete Streets Committee has been analyzing bicycle use in the state. Their studies show that Route 1A has one of the highest rates of use by people on bikes in New Hampshire.

SABR proposes that in order to both educate and improve safety for all road users on 1A and on the Seacoast, the current "Share the Road" signs in Rye be replaced with the updated "State Law - 3 Feet Minimum to Pass Bicycles"



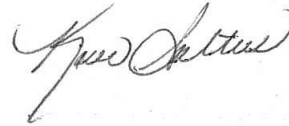
Currently there are 4 "Share the Road" signs in Rye.

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See minutes of 3/25/19 for approvals/corrections

SABR would like to team up with the Town of Rye to replace these signs. If the Town of Rye will approve the use of the signs, SABR will purchase the signs and deliver them to Rye for installation.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you. You can reach me at 207 438 9055 (landline) or info@seacoastbikes.org.

Sincerely,



Karen Saltus
President SABR
www.seacoastbikes.org