

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, January 28, 2019

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 and Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator Becky Bergeron.

6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

At 6:35 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: Jenness – Yes, Winslow – Yes, Roman - Yes.

At 6:58 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Jenness – Yes, Winslow – Yes, Roman - Yes.

7:00 p.m. Reconvene Public Meeting

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jenness reconvened the public meeting at 7:18 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** The Deliberative Session will be Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m., in the Rye Jr. High School Gymnasium.

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.)

Burt Dibble, 106 Harbor Road, stated that he was at the meeting representing the 'Friends of Rye Town Hall'. There has been significant activity to get the Town Hall listed as a Historical Resource on the National Registry of Historical Places. The Friends of Rye Town Hall have

raised nearly \$50,000 and would like to participate with the Heritage Commission to restore the monumental windows and to provide for storm windows. The 'Friends of Rye Town Hall' are making that commitment and asking the Board of Selectmen in theory, to support this effort. As the owners of the building, the Board of Selectmen will have to sign off on this plan.

Mae Bradshaw, 106 Harbor Road, stated that the Friends of Rye Town Hall have also agreed to participate with the Heritage Commission to assure that the architect that would be hired to design the interior of the Town Hall and the Parsonage, be qualified by the State Department of the Interior, in order to obtain any grant funding available.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, announced that Plan New Hampshire has accepted the Town of Rye's application. The plan is to set a date as soon as possible. The second weekend in May is being proposed.

Steven Borne, Rye Civic League, announced that the Rye Civic League is meeting Wednesday night to go over the Budget Analysis and Warrant Articles. The Rye Civic League will be supplying water at the deliberative session. He also stated that he has talked to the moderator about possibly using electronics and having a big screen that shows the amendments. This may help things move more quickly because everyone will be able to stay on track.

Kathleen McCabe, 135 Brackett Road, expressed concern that there is conflicting wording in Warrant Article #23 on the ballot in regards to the cell tower placement. She asked the Board of Selectmen to reconsider their recommendation on the warrant article and work on amending it at the deliberative session.

Peter Crawford, 171 Brackett Road, stated that he agrees with Ms. McCabe. He pointed out that the last sentence of the article is problematic because it seems to require that the Town wait to proceed with the tower on Port Way until after the study is done by the consultant. He also pointed out a typo in Warrant Article #22, which states that the parcel was tax deeded in 1995. It was tax deeded in 2011. This will have to be amended at the deliberative session.

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

- A.** Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: The Eastern States 210 Mile, Sunday, 3/24/19, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., running race, to benefit various Seacoast charities.
- B.** Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: American Lung Association, Cycle the Seacoast, Sunday, 5/5/19, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve consent agenda items A and B as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board agreed to move the following items to the front of the meeting; B. Beach Patrol Committee Report; C. Art Ditto – Final Report of the Seacoast Drinking Water Commission; and Old Business A. Cancer Cluster Commission Representative.

Beach Patrol Committee Report

Police Sergeant William Blais addressed the Board on behalf of the Beach Patrol Committee. He introduced the other officers involved; Corporal Mark Webster, Officer Daniel Fuglestad and Officer Brendan McKenney. He stated that they were asked to review the Police Department's practices on patrolling the beach and to look at some of the concerns regarding activity on the beach. The committee was asked to consider recommendations and improvements for handling the calls on the beach.

Officer Daniel Fuglestad noted that one of the complaints from people on the beaches is the lack of signage for no drinking. There are large signs for surfing and dog regulations, but the 'No Alcohol' sign is a small sub-script. He presented the Board with a copy of a recommended sign printed in both English and French, which could be put at every entrance.

Corporal Mark Webster stated that the Committee also wanted to review the way the evidence is handled for an alcohol violation. Currently, the officer will issue a ticket or a summons and then seize the container. Once that is done, the container has to be processed and is handled several times by the evidence technician, which is time consuming and takes up valuable space in the evidence room. Other departments are taking a picture of the evidence at the time of the violation. The committee is exploring ways to do the same thing. They will be working with the Town's Prosecutor to make sure that this will work.

Officer Fuglestad reported that the Committee reached out to other beach front communities in New England to see how they patrol their beaches. A lot of these communities use part-time or community service officers (CSO). None of these communities use full-time sworn officers. These communities have had great success with this and the Committee is interested in implementing community service officers for beach patrols.

Sergeant William Blais explained that currently the Rye Animal Control Officer is a civilian. He patrols the beaches and issues citations for violations relating to dogs. Community service officers are civilians that have more responsibility and training. They look for alcohol, littering, dog and other violations on the beaches. The department will be short staffed this summer, because of the resignation of Officer Miller, so the Committee feels that this would be an opportune time to try this program. Also, using community service officers will come at a reduced cost. They require less training than a full certified officer. This will also allow the fulltime officers more time on the road patrolling and investigating crimes. The Town of Rye does not have a detective so the officers investigate most of their cases themselves.

Selectman Roman asked if a CSO can issue tickets.

Sergeant Blais stated that a CSO can issue tickets for town ordinance violations only. A sworn officer would have to be called to handle anything more serious or if it pertained to State law.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that he can see two of these issues that could be done right away.

1. The 'No Alcohol' signs written both in English and in French.
2. Talking to the Prosecutor about taking pictures of the evidence in an alcohol violation case.

He added that starting the CSO program deserves more discussion because it will require a training program as well as establishing guidelines. He said these are great ideas and exactly what the Board was looking for.

Chair Jenness asked about funding the CSO program and the number of CSO's that the committee is recommending.

Sergeant Blais said that the budget is something that the Chief would have to be consulted about. However, right now the idea is to use the animal control officer as the CSO. He would take on the additional responsibility.

Chair Jenness asked where the officers are located when they are at the beach. She pointed out that a lot of the complaints about nudity and public urination are not coming from the beach, as much as Old Beach Road and Perkins Road between parked cars. She asked how the officers are spending their time when patrolling the beach.

Sergeant Blais explained that the patrols vary. The officer is not spending the entire time walking on the sand. Some of it is on the beach and some is patrolling the beach neighborhoods.

Selectman Roman asked if the program would allow for a situation where the Town could hire summer college students that are interested in law enforcement who could be trained.

The committee confirmed that this was a goal.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that the Board should challenge themselves to be more responsive to this idea. He recommended that the Board meet with Chief Walsh and Lieutenant Blaisdell and follow up with the Committee.

Chair Jenness said that the Board will take it under advisement at this time.

Sarah O'Brien, 56 Perkins Road, asked how many fines are paid by out-of-state people.

Sergeant Blais stated that as far as number of tickets being issued, about a third of the alcohol related tickets issued are to Canadians.

C. Art Ditto – Final Report of the Seacoast Drinking Water Commission

Arthur Ditto, Rye Water Commissioner and Rye Representative to the Seacoast Commission for Long Term Goals and Requirements of Drinking Water, gave the Board of Selectmen the highlights of the commission's final report that was issued November 1, 2018. It was submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The commission's charge included:

- a) Utilize and expand upon existing studies to plan for seasonal or drought supply issues.
- b) Prepare for mutual aid between seacoast towns for firefighting.
- c) Prepare for mutual aid agreements for emergency or replacement drinking water supply where contaminated.
- d) Create a centralized planning group to encourage coordination and support between towns.
- e) Evaluate threats to groundwater quality due to environmental issues.
- f) Monitor possible new emerging contaminant threats to groundwater and drinking water quality.

Mr. Ditto explained that the commission met monthly at Pease. Brandon Kernan, of NHDES, provided important information on the current extent and coverage of the public water systems and what interconnections between those systems exists; as well as, what naturally occurring contaminants and manmade contaminants exist and where. Mr. Ditto went on to explain that the commission divided into subcommittees to focus on the individual task.

One of the first tasks was to define the extent of the seacoast area. While HB 431 stipulates specific towns shall be represented on the commission, it did not explicitly define the geographic extent of the seacoast area. The commission decided that for the purpose of its work, the geographic extent of interest for drought and water supply in the seacoast area should include Rockingham, Strafford Counties and the coastal watershed.

The Commission reviewed past studies; such as, a 2006 "The Seacoast NH Interconnection Study" addressing water supply strategies, shortages and impacts of the environment. It looked at the possible mutual aid interconnections of the various municipalities. That study contained 20 possible interconnections. In 2011, New Hampshire Water Sustainability Commission was created with a final report in 2012. In 2016, the NHDES released an updated drought management plan.

Mr. Ditto pointed out that the current commission was formed with the key goal of protecting and managing the water resources and to reduce exposures in the environment. The commission identified the threats to water quality included;

- Lead, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese as Radon
- PFES Compounds
- Pharmaceutical products
- Household septic systems
- Industrial septic systems
- Pesticide and fertilizer runoff
- Salt water intrusion
- Other Man made contaminates yet to be discovered

Mr. Ditto reported that the commission came up with a list of existing funds available for grants and loan sources for small public water systems in New Hampshire.

Mr. Ditto highlighted some recommendations as presented to the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate;

- There is an ongoing need to fund, develop and implement regional water supply planning in the seacoast region.
- Include Strafford County.
- Provide expanded funding to the regional planning commissions to take on the additional tasks.
- Expand groundwater/source water protection education programs with planning boards and local decision makers.
- Expand household hazardous waste programs

Old Business

A. Cancer Cluster Commission Representative

Chair Jenness announced that the Town of Rye was looking for a representative to the Seacoast Pediatric Cancer Cluster Commission. The Board has a letter of interest and a number of letters of support for Mindi Messmer, along with Mindi's resume.

The Board also received an e-mail of interest from Kimberly Jenlink of 3 Victory Lane. Ms. Jenlink was in attendance and spoke to the Board.

Ms. Jenlink stated that she grew up in Rye and is now raising two children in Rye. She has been a nurse for eight years and is currently working on her master's degree. She has a lot of background in research.

Ms. Messmer stated that she has been a member of the Cancer Cluster Commission for the past two years as the State's representative for Rye. She was involved with the task force that was started by Governor Hassen to investigate it. Her background has been environmental science for 30 years. She received her master's degree in public health last May from Georgetown

University. She added that she is very interested in continuing the work that is being done on the commission.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that he would like to set some standards for whoever is appointed. The Board would ask them to keep the Board up to date on the progress of the commission at least twice a year. Secondly, if there is a vote coming up, they need to confer with Mike Magnant about the intent of the vote and the Board's position on that vote, so as to represent the thinking of Rye. Third, the Board will reserve the right to be able to terminate a representative that the Board feels is not representing the Town properly.

After further discussion, the Board felt that for continuity sake it was important to allow Mindi Messmer to continue on the commission.

The Board thanked Ms. Jenlink for her interest.

Motion by Phil Winslow to appoint Mindi Messmer as the Cancer Cluster Commission Representative for the Town of Rye. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

D. Selectmen, please determine who will speak to the various warrant articles for consideration at the Deliberative Session.

Article	Description	Selectman
6	By Petition: Town Hall - Bond Article	By Petitioner
7	Salt Storage Facility - Bond Article	DPW Director McCarthy
8	Fire Pump/Ladder Truck – Lease/Purchase	Chief Cotreau
9	Town Operating Budget	Vice-Chair Winslow
10	Shoals View Drive	Chair Jenness
11	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	Selectman Roman
12	Fire and Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund	Selectman Roman
13	Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund	Chair Jenness
14	Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust	Vice-Chair Winslow
15	Discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund	Vice-Chair Winslow
16	Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	Selectman Roman
17	Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund	Chair Jenness
18	Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust	Chair Jenness
19	Acceptance of Town Roads-Autumn Lane & Signature Drive	Vice-Chair Winslow
20	Authorization of Conservation Commission to purchase property outside of Rye	Chair Jenness Sally King
21	Ratification of Town and Cellco/d/b/a Verizon Wireless Lease	Selectman Roman
22	Retain Tax Deeded Property – Tax Map 23/Parcel 1	Selectman Roman
23	Approval of road layout – Starboard Way	Selectman Roman

DRAFT MINUTES of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting 1/28/2019
See minutes of 3/11/19 for approvals/corrections

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| 24 | Damages sustained by owners of land due to the taking of land | Selectman Roman |
| 25 | Approval of extension of sewer system on Route 1 | Chair Jenness |
| 26 | Beach Ordinance amendment to Section 11 | Vice-Chair Winslow |
| 27 | Ordinance-Control of Dogs in Town Forest, on Town Beached and Town Property and in Other Public Places | Vice-Chair Winslow |
| 28 | Voice and Sight Control Tag Program | Vice-Chair Winslow |
| 29 | By Petition: Amend Ordinance #3 – Skateboard, Roller Skate, Bicycle, Pedestrian Regulations | By Petitioner |
| 30 | By Petition: Establish a Telecommunications Committee | By Petitioner |
| 31 | By Petition: Stop spending on the Town Hall Building | By Petitioner |
| 32 | By Petition: Establishment of Clean Fill/soil standards | By Petitioner |
| 33 | By Petition: Increase Parking Fines | By Petitioner |
| 34 | By Petition: Make Rye Beach Committee a standing committee | By Petitioner |
| 35 | By Petition: Prohibit placement of portable toilets at Sawyers Beach | By Petitioner |
| 36 | By Petition: Prohibit parking of RV's and Campers along Route 1 | By Petitioner |
| 37 | To authorize the Board to sell surplus Town Equipment | Selectman Roman |
| 38 | To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting | Chair Jenness |

Steven Borne, Rye Civic League, asked if the articles could be rearranged so that like kind subject matters are discussed together.

Chair Jenness pointed out that a lot of people that attend the deliberative session have already scanned the warrant and may be timing their arrival to match approximately when the things they are interested in will be talked about so this may not be a good idea.

Moderator Robert Eaton stated that the warrant has already been posted so it should not be adjusted before the meeting. He added that at the meeting anyone can move to take an article out of order.

Kathleen McCabe, 135 Brackett Road, asked for clarification on how the articles can be moved at the meeting if the warrant has already been posted.

Chair Jenness explained that the warrant has been posted, however the meeting is the people's meeting, which allows for the people to make that decision.

Moderator Eaton added that it would go to the majority vote.

E. Rails to Trails Agreement

Town Administrator Magnant presented the agreement and an e-mail from the State. He reminded the Board that when Mr. Bogle met with them, they had a couple of concerns. One was the removal and disposal of the railroad ties. Mr. Magnant stated that DOT is not willing to put that into the agreement; however, they assure the Town that that is their intention. The Board was also concerned about fencing along Berry's Brook. DOT has committed to some limited fencing. Mr. Magnant reminded the Board that the insurance language was also an issue. Greenland approved the agreement with the original DOT language. Portsmouth has also signed with the original DOT language. He pointed out that there is also the language that the Town of Hampton is pushing for. The State has not changed the language, but wants an opinion from the Attorney General, which they don't have at this time. Mr. Magnant reminded the Board that Primex has approved the Hampton language.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the agreement with the Hampton insurance language. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Motion by Keriann Roman that if the Attorney General rejects the Hampton language, the Board authorizes Mr. Magnant to sign the original insurance version, provided that Primex signs off on it. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

F. Approval of Agreement to Convey Limited Access Easement (over Port Way to Tax Map Parcel 23/1)

Town Administrator Magnant reminded the Board that Mr. & Mrs. Knapp were interested in signing a limited access easement that their neighbors have signed. The Town Attorney sent the easement to the Knapps, which they have signed, and it is now before the Board.

Steven Borne, Rye Civic League, asked how many leases and monetary stipulations are connected with the cell tower agreement.

Mr. Magnant stated that there is only one lease agreement with Verizon. There are no other leases between residents and Verizon that he is aware of. The only other agreements are the non-monetary access agreements between the Town and the residents.

Selectman Roman explained that the Town will take over maintaining that portion of the road.

Motion by Keriann Roman to sign the agreement with Kevin W. and Stephanie M. Knapp of 1 Port Way, Rye, N.H., to convey to the Town a Limited Access Easement for Port Way and Starboard Way. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

G. Discussion on Parking Committee

Ryan McGill, 21 Perkins Road, read a statement to the Board concerning the issue of a Parking Committee as follows:

The Board of Selectmen are considering the creation of a parking committee to address the concerns of residents on Perkins, Cable and Old Beach Road. Three years ago, residents of these same streets asked the Town of Rye to pay for an engineered parking study. The study performed by Tighe and Bond cost the tax payers of Rye nearly \$10,000. The results were unequivocal; there is not a shortage of resident parking, there is a shortage of public parking, the elimination of parking increases speed and congestion, creating more dangerous roads for pedestrians and drivers. These results were collaborated by Chief Walsh. In Rye Beach traffic data, last week Chief Walsh publicly opposed any plans to change Rye's public parking. Based on his experience in empirical data, he knows that the elimination of public parking will exacerbate existing parking issues and will force residents and tourists to search for parking further inland, adding to congestion and safety issues. This year the Board of Selectmen asked a non-partisan committee to address parking issues. The Beach Committee made many common sense suggestions that should be considered by the Board, including, raising parking fines, increasing the enforcement of the existing parking regulations, and increasing and adapting signage to clarify rules and regulations. They did not however, support the elimination of public parking. The results are clear and the data is indisputable. Changing or eliminating public parking would be unwise and most importantly unsafe. Professional traffic engineers agree, in the Tighe and Bond study, the Rye Police Department agrees, and a committee assigned by the Board of Selectmen to evaluate parking also agrees. So, the question is, what further does the Selectmen need to make a decision?

Mr. McGill stated that he is confident that the Board of Selectmen will not allow antidotal evidence from residents to precede facts and public safety. He added that the Town does not need a committee to address parking in Rye. The Town has the facts, professional data and professional observation.

Selectman Roman stated that she asked that this subject be on the agenda this evening so that the Board could discuss it. She said that she is in favor of having the committee. She recommended that the charge be focused on safety and quality of life issues. The charge for this committee isn't the need for more resident parking. Also, she pointed out that when a car turns onto Perkins from Route 1A, the parking is on the opposite side of the road. Everyone that comes from that end must turn around to park. She added that where it is important to have people on both sides of the issue on the committee, it is also important that anyone appointed to the committee is willing to compromise. There cannot be a stale-mate in the process. There is a very limited time to get the work done prior to the summer season.

Vice-Chair Winslow suggested a time restraint be set for recommendations. He suggested the end of April. The next Board of Selectmen's meeting is February 11th. The members could be appointed then. That would give them approximately eight weeks. The Committee would have to present their recommendations at the last Selectmen's meeting in April.

Chief Walsh commented that his department would need about a month to get the education piece out to the public on any changes that have been made.

It was agreed that there will be five members and the focus will be on Perkins Road.

Selectman Roman asked Larry Rocha, Chairman of the Beach Committee, about his opinion regarding the time frame, the charge, and number of members.

Mr. Rocha stated that he felt that five members was good, as long as there is one neutral person. He added that he felt that focusing on Perkins was a good place to start. He pointed out that in looking back over the last several years, that area has become more and more congested. He also stated that getting the recommendations implemented for May, before the beginning of the season, is critical.

Chief Walsh stated that he would appreciate being part of the committee. He added that he has information to contribute, such as past files and history of what has happened in the area.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that he spoke to Greg Mikolaities and he was interested in being on the committee.

Selectman Roman suggested one of the McGills, RJ from the Carriage House and a resident of Perkins Road would make good members. It will be posted on the Town Website and letters of request will go out.

Dennis Foss, 47 Foss Circle, stated that the safety issue is the key issue. He felt it was a mistake to limit it to Perkins Road. There is a need for a broader plan.

Steven Hillman, 399 Central Road and Member of the Beach Committee, stated that the Beach Committee has done a lot of the leg work on these issues. When this committee starts up, the Beach Committee will be glad to hand over all the information that they have. There are comprehensive items that all speak to these issues, as well as other recommendations that the Beach Committee was going to make. Later this evening, the Beach Committee will be making a presentation and it will be a springboard for the Parking Committee.

James Cassin, 17 Perkins Road, stated that originally the residents wanted "No Parking" on Perkins Road because it was a safety issue. After talking to more people, it seemed that this was being restrictive and that was not the intent. It was strictly a safety issue. They were not trying to deny people access to the beach. So, with the idea that residents would probably show the neighborhood more respect, the request was changed to making it "Resident Only Parking". He

stated that he felt the residents are flexible and open to about any solution. It remains a safety issue, which has been getting progressively worse over the years. If someone is injured the Town could be liable and could face a potential law suit.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, stated that he was not disagreeing with the parking issues, however, the truth of the matter is, that there is not enough overall parking. Until the Town creates more parking there is always going to be issues.

H. Beach Committee Report Update

Larry Rocha, Chair of the Beach Committee, pointed out this issue is more complicated than most people think. The Beach Committee has done a tremendous amount of work over the past five years. He presented the Board with copies of a booklet of all the beach reports from 2014 to the present.

He referred to this handout and stated that right from the beginning in 2014, a major issue especially for the residents of Rye, was the issue of parking. He spoke about the Tighe and Bond Study saying that when it was first presented, he had said that he didn't agree with their conclusions. He noted that in 2014, there were 2,199 Beach Parking Permits issued. At the same time, there were only 120 to 130 spaces for Rye residents. He pointed out that when the Beach Committee was charged with counting cars, on average the number parked on Perkins was consistently 20. He also pointed out that during 2014 the Beach Committee made recommendations for the lifeguards and about controlling the littering. The Beach Committee recommended that the State provide seasonal funding to manage the beach use increase. The funds should be used to support enforcement and traffic management. It was noted that cars and trailers were parked on Maple. On average, there were 20 cars parked there. In 2014, the Beach Committee made the recommendation of having satellite parking.

Mr. Rocha highlighted the Beach Committees recommendations for 2016:

- Increasing the Parking fines to \$50.00
- Exploring satellite parking, with a fee and shuttle bus to the beach
- Supplying bike racks in certain locations
- No parking on the west side of Route 1A, parking on Route 1A should only be on the beach side and a limited number of large RVs and vans in the Jenness Beach parking lot and along Route 1A

Mr. Rocha pointed out that the Beach Committee was charged with observing, listening, hearing and talking to the citizens and beachgoers. These were the issues that were coming to the Beach Committee's attention.

In 2017, the committee recommended towing or booting cars. They felt that the tickets were not enough deterrence. Also, the concept of drop, walk and pickup was initiated with the owners of the Summer Session Surf Camp.

Mr. Rocha stated that the Beach Committee's meetings have always been open to the public. It wasn't until this year that anyone attended. The committee does listen and take things into consideration. After that, it is up to the committee to decide how to deal with the issues. It wasn't until he had written the 2018 report that the committee found there was a real issue on Old Beach Road. He pointed out that they went back to the report and included Old Beach Road and Cable Road for Rye Resident Parking.

Mr. Rocha explained that if the driveways are boxed off, for safety on Perkins Road like they did on Route 1A, it will drop the legal spaces to under 20. On Old Beach Road, between Sunset Path to Old Beach Way, there are 15 spaces. On January 19th, the Beach Committee met to reconsider additional resident parking. Two of the committee members were not able to attend. At the end of the meeting the three members voted. Two of the members felt that there should be a small increase in residential parking and one was against it. The two members that where not there had expressed that they were against it.

Mr. Rocha talked about some of his observations by pointing out that prior to 9:00 a.m. there are cars parked all along the west side of Eel Pond, where the surf camp is doing their drop offs. As soon as surf camp is started, the cars are moved along. Also, he referred to an entry at 1:00 p.m. when things were getting congested and cars were parking all over the place. He stated that the unintended consequents are already there. He suggested that the solution for that may be "Devine Intervention". There is no parking in Hampton along Route 1A so people will come to Rye because there is free parking. He also showed pictures of people parking on the west side of Route 1A and walking across the road to the beach, which is a safety issue.

Mr. Rocha summed up by acknowledging that the residents have put in a lot of time looking into the parking and safety issues. However, he wanted everyone to know that the Rye Beach Committee has been working on these issues for the past 5 years, since 2014. The Beach Committee always welcomes anyone who would like to attend their meetings. The committee feels that options that should be tested should include; signage, towing, fines, increase in fines, pro-active enforcement (the current situation is not a deterrent), no RVs, nothing over 20 feet, box in driveways on Perkins, and requesting help from the State.

Chair Jenness pointed out that the work the Beach Committee has done is to provide years of documentation. So often that is what is needed to move a project ahead. This documentation will be in the hands of the Parking Committee and will be a wonderful reference. The Board is very happy with all the work that has been done and the documentation is priceless.

Steven Hillman, 399 Central Road and Beach Committee Member, spoke about the warrant articles that the Beach Committee are sponsoring this year. He also stressed the need for the community service officers to enhance pro-active enforcement. He talked about the need to get the State involved.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the Parking Committee will be focused on the safety issues, taking into consideration the Tighe and Bond Study and the documentation from the Beach Committee. There will be five members. Selectmen Roman and Chief Walsh will be on the committee as non-voting members.

Vice-Chair Winslow recommended that the focus be on Perkins Road. The committee also has to look at the unintended consequences and make recommendations for them as well.

Lori Carbajal, 18 Tower Ave. and Beach Committee Member, spoke about Perkins Road. The recommendations include; U-turn signs, fines listed on the signs, stationary enforcement officers and no through passage from east to west from Ocean Blvd. Ms. Carbajal added that the load/unload zone idea is the biggest component of unintended consequences. She explained that if a family has already unloaded prior to finding a parking space, it is not easy for them to move to another beach if the driver cannot find a space to park. Consequently, the driver is more apt to park illegally. She suggested that the only way to provide safe load/unload zones is to provide remote parking.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

IX. NEW BUSINESS – None

X. OLD BUSINESS – None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes

Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the minutes of the earlier non-public meeting; per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor

1. Meeting, Thursday, December 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the meeting minutes of Thursday, December 20, 2018 as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

2. Meeting, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Town Hall

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 15, 2019 as written. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

3. Non-Public Session, Tuesday, January 15, 2019;
 - (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation
 - (2) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (I) Consideration of Legal Advice

Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting of January 15, 2019; per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

The following corrections were noted:

Page 2, Sentence 2 reads: will not be making any decisions should read; will not be making any decisions at this meeting.

Page 2, paragraph 5; the abbreviation Off should read Officer

Page 2, paragraph 6; the abbreviation Off should read Officer

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the non-public meeting of January 15, 2019 per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the minutes of the non-public meeting of January 15, 2019 and to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting of January 15, 2019; per RSA 91-A:3, II (I) Consideration of Legal Advice as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, asked the Board to take up to \$5,000 from the \$11,000 that is being moved to the General Fund from the Ambulance Fund to pay for Plan New Hampshire. He suggested that Article 16 be amended to read that no more than \$5,000., at the discretion of the Select Board, be used to fund Plan New Hampshire. He stated that they already have \$1,000 from the Heritage Commission so they only need \$5,000 more. This could be amended at the deliberative session by the Selectmen

Selectman Roman stated that first they will have to find out if the amendment will change the intent of the article.

Chair Jenness stated that her issue with this idea is that at the time that Plan New Hampshire was proposed, the Board was told that raising the funds would be no problem. She also pointed out that there are a number of more important issues than what that money will be needed for, such as paying for extra officers to patrol the beaches this summer.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that if there was going to be an issue raising the money, a petition warrant article should have been written in order to raise the money.

Mr. Borne stated that this was just an idea and that there is no issue with raising the money. He said that he just saw that there was \$11,000 left over and thought that maybe this was a way to use it.

Mae Bradshaw, 106 Harbor Road and Chair of the Heritage Commission, asked that the Board consider a motion to include an RFP for the internal architectural study of the Town Hall and the Parsonage, and to set up one pool of money from the Heritage Commission and the Friends of Town Hall. Ms. Bradshaw explained that the town has \$10,000 in the budget allocated for this project. That is not going to be adequate to pay for an architect who will be qualified under the Secretary of Interior Standards and the Granting authorities in New Hampshire. She suggested that the Board work toward an RFP so that the Town can obtain funding to pay for it.

Chair Jenness asked Ms. Bradshaw if she has a job description.

Ms. Bradshaw stated that she will get it to the Board so that the RFP can be developed.

Vice-Chair Winslow stated that the focus should be just on the Town Hall at this point because there is uncertainty as to the use of the Parsonage.

There was further discussion on combining the two historical buildings in the RFP for the purpose of architectural requirements and cost savings.

Town Administrator Magnant stated that the money is in the budget. He has been waiting until the budget has passed.

After further discussion, Mr. Magnant stated that he'll get the process started.

The Board agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 p.m. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Dyana F. Ledger