

**TOWN OF RYE - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
Monday, August 26, 2019  
5:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

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

*Others Present: Acting Town Administrator Becky Bergeron*

**5:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

**At 5:33 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Keriann Roman. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson - Yes**

**At 6:25 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.**

**6:30 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

**III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 6:36 p.m.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chair Winslow thanked Chief Walsh for providing information regarding Team Sport Turtle Beach Cleanup. Two young ladies, 12 years old, Lucy Yakola and Carina Fujimoto cleaned three beaches, Hampton Beach, Rye Beach ext. and Jenness Beach this summer. He commended their efforts.
- Chair Winslow passed out an announcement for the Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market. The event will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 to 3:00pm. He invited all to attend.

**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, 55 Lang Road**, announced that the Civic League will be hosting a celebration of Peter Crawford's life on Tuesday night (August 27<sup>th</sup>) at the Rye Public Library. Peter's sister, her husband and their son will be present at the event. Mr. Herlihy invited all to attend.

- **Anthony Comeau, 711 Washington Road**, expressed his concerns regarding Town Ordinance 22; Soliciting/Canvassing, which was adopted March 18, 1995. He stated that as written, this ordinance seems to violate the public's first amendment right, as individuals and organizations with political or religious proposes are not included as exempt. He suggested an update to the ordinance may be needed.

The Board agreed to look into the matter.

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

- A.** Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director – MS4 – Designation of Authorized Representative
- B.** Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director – Catch Basin Cleaning Bid Results
- C.** Letter rec'd 8/14/19 from the UNH Technology Transfer Center announcing that Lee Adams, Public Works Department, has achieved the status of **Senior Roads Scholar**.
- D.** Request from Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market Committee to allow a sign announcing the event to be placed in front of Parsons Field from 9/15-9/22
- E.** Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: Granite State Wheelmen, Inc., Saturday, 9/21/19 – Sunday, 9/22/19 7:00am – 5:00 pm to benefit bicycle safety & education.

Chair Winslow requested that Items C and E be taken off the Consent Agenda for discussion.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve Items A, B, and D as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.**

- Letter rec'd 8/14/19 from the UNH Technology Transfer Center announcing that Lee Adams, Public Works Department, has achieved the status of **Senior Roads Scholar**

Vice-Chair Roman noted that the Board of Selectmen received a letter from the UNH Technology Transfer Center stating that Lee Adams, from the Public Works Department, has achieved the status of Senior Roads Scholar. He achieved this status by taking additional levels of education. She would like to recognize and commend his achievement.

The Selectmen congratulated Mr. Adams.

- Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: Granite State Wheelmen, Inc., Saturday, 9/21/19 – Sunday, 9/22/19 7:00am – 5:00 pm to benefit bicycle safety & education.

Chair Winslow pointed out his concern that this event will be overlapping with the Goss Farm Open House. He asked Chief Walsh if there will be police support at the intersection of Harbor Road and Ocean Blvd.

Chief Walsh confirmed that there will be coverage at that location from 11 or 11:30 to the end of the event.

Chair Winslow noted there will be parking on both the south and north bound lanes of Ocean Blvd, and east on Harbor Road to the bridge.

Chief Walsh stated that there should be no problem with the plan that is in place. He added that there will be traffic cones set up to make sure the activity is controlled for the safety of vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve Items C and E as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.**

## **VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Unmerger Request – 10 Richard Road – Ernest & Joyce Corbin**

Acting Town Administrator Bergeron explained that an unmerger application, for lots that were involuntarily merged, has been submitted for approval by the selectmen.

Vice-Chair Roman noted that in 2005 a permit was issued for a shed. She asked if the shed was put on the lot and where it is located.

Mr. Corbin stated that the shed was put on the lot. (He pointed out the location of the shed on the map for the board.) He stated the shed is located on the lot they want to unmerge.

Chair Winslow asked if the shed straddles the two lots.

Mr. Corbin replied no.

Chair Winslow stated that Attorney Donovan advised that there is some activity on the lot. Which could preclude the unmerger from taking place. Chair Winslow commented he does not see a reason to block the unmerger.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that if the shed was straddling the property line, she would be inclined to deny the application; however, it is clear that this is not the case.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the unmerger application of Ernest and Joyce Corbin of 10 Richard Road, Tax Map 5.2 – 154, due to the unique circumstances of how these lots were treated. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.**

### **B. Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee**

Chair Winslow introduced David Maxson of Isotrope. Chair Winslow read the committee charge as follows:

*The Committee is charged with developing a plan to investigate and identify types of telecommunications infrastructure which will eliminate basic text and voice cellular dead spots throughout the Town of Rye. The plan will identify and rank potential locations for such infrastructure, listing pros and cons and identifying specific town actions that will ease the burden for infrastructure approvals, deployment and maintenance. The Committee will be assisted by a telecommunications consultant hired by the town.*

*The Committee will consist of not more than five members and shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for an initial term ending on September 30, 2019. The Committee will present their recommendations at a Selectmen's meeting. Staff members may be appointed as non-voting members of the Committee. It is the Selectmen's intent to sunset this committee after completion of its charge, unless the Selectmen vote to continue the Committee.*

***The Rye Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Committees established by the Board of Selectmen.***

**Motion by Keriann Roman to change the date of the initial term of the committee from September 30, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

Chair Winslow announced the three members of the Committee as:

- Kathleen McCabe, 135 Brackett Road
- Howard Kalet, 90 Colbourn Road
- Brett Zola, 15 Rock Orchard Lane

Mr. Maxson of Isotrope explained the process to the Board. He pointed out that what will take most of the time is conveying information to the committee and then, where appropriate, sharing that information with the public and getting the feedback. The first thing is to look at the current coverage in the town. One of the other steps is to talk to the public safety units; police and fire. With this information, Isotrope will map out the existing coverage of each of the wireless carriers. He reminded the Board that drive testing was not included in this proposal. This is something that can be added, if the computer modeling doesn't give the detail that they are looking for. The next step is to do an integration process, where different techniques and technologies that are available are looked at with regards to provide coverage in difficult coverage areas. From there, they will look for places where the community might be willing to invite wireless carriers to these places, the kinds of technology it should be, and whether adjustments to the ordinance are needed.

Chair Winslow asked Mr. Maxson if carriers are amendable to working with towns to work out a solution.

Mr. Maxson stated that between 1997 and 2000, many towns adopted ordinances that created telecommunications overlay districts. The unintended consequences were that some towns had districts that were less than sufficient to supply the coverage that was needed. The wireless companies would go in and use the leverage of the 1996 Telecommunication Act to force infrastructure where the towns didn't want it. When the carriers come up with money to solve the coverage problems in a problem area, they look at the town's ordinance, the report of the technical assessment and propose a solution that is consistent with the community's sensibilities. The trick is to try to align what is available in the ordinance with what the carriers are willing to do.

Chair Winslow asked how receptive carriers have been to localize service where a tower is not included but there are reflectors on telephone poles.

Mr. Maxson stated that was a battle fought about ten years ago in North Hampton. There was a proposal for a tower on the coastal plain and residents in the area felt that they didn't need a massive tower, but perhaps some utility pole mounted antennas (at the time called a distributor antenna system). The distributor antenna system model was built by a third party and was offered to wireless companies. Some wireless companies are now deploying small cells on their own. The small cells enjoy some recently added protections by the FCC. This is also something that Isotrope will be looking at with the ordinance and other regulations. Carriers are coming in and saying they can put small cells on any pole, on any street, and the town does not have a say in it. The FCC has carved out very specific and narrow controls that a community can put on the small cells.

Selectman Epperson asked if the controls were reasonable.

Mr. Maxson stated that they are reasonable from a utility point of view. The FCC is trying to have the same kind of limitations on pole mounted antennas as electric, phone and cable companies have with putting their equipment on the poles. The aesthetic concerns are not as easily regulated by municipalities with these pole mounted

installations. The reason is that the FCC has been convinced that with the deployment of the new 5G technology there will be hundreds of thousands of utility mounted antenna facilities across the United States within the next five to ten years. To go out and get a zoning permit for each and every one of those will be too much of a burden to the wireless industry. So, there are conditions that need to be addressed as the ordinances are modified. This will also be further addressed in the public process.

Chair Winslow asked if there is a financial impact that would cause the carrier to not invest in an area; such as reaching 5,000 residents (as in Boston) verses reaching 200 residents in Rye.

Mr. Mason answered yes. There will also be an analysis as dollars per megabit per day, dollars per kilometers and other different types of measurements of efficiencies of the wireless facilities. There are pretty densely developed communities, especially close to the coast that might be addressed by this approach.

Chair Winslow asked if safety is also a deciding factor.

Mr. Maxson stated that economically the carriers are interested in providing services that satisfy their customers. However, in the general sense, they are interested in providing reliable service and one of the benefits to that liability is lines of communication.

Chair Winslow recommended that the committee develop a timeframe that would incorporate Mr. Maxson's thoughts, outline some benchmarks and come back to the selectmen with updates.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that because of the Right-to-Know Law, Mr. Maxson can send information to the members of the committee, but further discussions must be done in the form of a public meeting.

Mr. Maxson recommended having just one person as the point person for the committee who would relay any information to the other members.

Chair Winslow noted that the meetings will have to be public and noted seven days prior. He asked if there should be a selectman on the committee.

Vice-Chair Roman suggested not making it a requirement, but just encourage the selectperson to attend as many meetings as possible. In this case, she would be willing to take it on.

Mr. Maxson suggested that Selectman Roman could also be the point person for the selectmen. He confirmed that he will work out the committee schedule with the members.

### **C. Nancy Barba, Barba & Wheelock – Town Hall Renovation Process**

Chair Winslow explained that through an RFP procedure the Board has hired Nancy Barba of Barba & Wheelock Architect to do an analysis of the Town Hall to make it ADA compliant, to facilitate ease of movement, to allocate departments and open up additional meeting room space. The second part of the proposal is to look at using the downstairs of the building for office space and the upstairs for voting, meeting rooms and social occasions. In order to do this, there would have to be six offices on the first floor. He suggested looking at other potential locations; such as, the trolley barn or the TD Bank building.

Ms. Barba stated that she received a call from Becky Bergeron regarding this idea and would be able to roll it into the proposal. She stated that they had done the floor plans with the HSR in order to bring the building into compliance; however, they have not done the overlay of how the people would be using the building. She

explained that her understanding of the project is that they would look at the present staff and configure the best use possible, with the most efficient way to use the building as it is now, without changing the upstairs. The second idea is to restore the upstairs meeting room to its original glory and to remix the departments to be more efficient, with some maybe off campus.

Chair Winslow pointed out that they would be looking for an entry from the parking lot at the church to the upstairs of the building.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that resident John Loftus has already talked with the staff and done measurements in regards to office space needs. The Board has that information. Vice-Chair Roman asked if any of this information could be used.

Ms. Barba confirmed.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that a great example of using the downstairs only for offices, with the upstairs as meeting space, is the Wakefield Town Hall. She offered to have Ms. Bergeron send Ms. Barba a copy of the schematic that Wakefield used. Vice-Chair Roman stressed the need to keep offices that work together, close to one another.

Selectman Epperson explained that the town is also involved in a charrette process with Plan New Hampshire. He stated that they have pretty extensive information regarding the town center, which will be helpful.

Ms. Barba asked about a previous proposal that was grander in scale than what is being talked about now, which didn't pass. It had a programing element that was done with the input from the administrator and the staff. Ms. Barba asked if that was available for review.

Vice-Chair Roman informed Ms. Barba that there are six or seven binders of the previous work at the library in the New Hampshire room. She asked Ms. Barba if she wanted that information copied for her.

Ms. Barba stated that she will look at the information first.

Chair Winslow asked about the time frame.

Ms. Barba asked if there was a time frame that the Selectmen were trying to achieve. She added that usually this process takes about three to four months.

Chair Winslow explained that they are backed up against the town warrant. If any plan comes out of this process, it will have to go for a vote in March. He commented that it would be good to see each of the options laid out with the costs and the pros and cons of each. The option that is appropriate to pursue would go to the town warrant.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she is not in favor of rushing this and likes the idea of working with the library. She explained that the library has been working on plans for an expansion for a long time. However, they have learned that the town residents are not inclined to donate money for the expansion of the library until they know what is happening with the Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen met with the Library Trustees to talk about presenting an overall plan for the library, the town hall and perhaps the town center. By doing this, people will be more likely to donate and support the warrant article because they will know that the plan is phased and what is going to happen.

Chair Winslow reminded the Board that they were talking to the Library Trustees about a plan that would be ready in 2023. He does not want to wait until 2023 to present a responsible plan. If they miss the March warrant, he would like to be able to present the plan later in 2020.

Vice-Chair Roman agreed. She added that the next step would be public education and feedback with a warrant article in 2021.

Ms. Barba asked if it would help to do private fund raising.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that is exactly the conversation the Board had with the Library Trustees. Private fund raising could happen for both the library expansion and the Town Hall project, which would help offset some of the tax increase.

Ms. Barba informed the Board that part of her proposal is to identify funding sources. Chair Winslow told Ms. Barba that there is currently a group called "Friends of Rye Town Hall". They have funds that they have raised and there is an opportunity to expand on them. He suggested that the Board could put Ms. Barba in touch with them.

Selectman Epperson stated that once Ms. Barba discovers what the space needs are on the bottom floor of the Town Hall, it will trigger other discussions; such as, what happens to the trolley Barn and the TD Bank building. This is critical in order to expand the thought process.

Ms. Barba asked if there may be an opportunity with the expansion of the library to have a small meeting room that would service both.

The Board said that may be possible.

Chair Winslow went on to explain that there are currently two meeting rooms in the library that are constantly booked. There is a new bank in town called Partners Bank. They are offering their entire top floor for meetings; however, they can only accommodate thirty people.

Vice-Chair Roman pointed out that there are opportunities in town for extra space, depending on the finances of it. If Ms. Barba finds the best use of Town Hall is to move some of the offices elsewhere, then it is up to the Selectmen to figure out what makes sense as to where to move them.

Ms. Barba asked if it is important philosophically to have the new space for the town hall in the existing town hall building.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she felt that it was.

Chair Winslow said that it is obviously good for the staff; however, if it is going to cost a half a million dollars, it's not going to happen.

Ms. Barba pointed out that from a preservation stand point, it makes total sense to revert the upstairs to the original hall, if it fits the needs for the voting and meetings, because it is still intact and there is very little work that needs to be done.

Selectman Epperson pointed out that in cases where there is a controversial issue at a meeting, there can be 75 to 100 people that want to attend, which shows there is a need for a larger meeting space.

Ms. Barba pointed out that the upstairs meeting room could potentially accommodate this need. Ms. Barba continued that a reasonable time frame for the project would be about three to four months. However, four to six months would be better in order to get an understanding of what the library is doing. She noted that she would also like to see the other buildings to make sure they can be adapted into the overall plan.

Vice-Chair Roman stated with the plan that restores the upstairs meeting space, it is inevitable that some of the offices are going to have to be moved elsewhere. In that case, the Board would need to know which offices and where that location could be.

Ms. Barba agreed and explained that by reviewing the other buildings she will be able to help with that process.

Vice-Chair Roman asked if Ms. Barba could figure out how many people the upstairs meeting space will hold. Ideally, they would like to use it for voting as well.

Ms. Barba confirmed.

Chair Winslow noted that if the building is made ADA compliant, there will have to be an elevator, which will take up space.

Ms. Barba pointed out that the elevator will be on the outside of the building.

Chair Winslow recommended including the Rye Historic District Commission in this process.

Ms. Barba asked if there is a building committee she should be reporting to.

Chair Winslow stated “No”, that would be the Board of Selectmen. As part of the communication process, there should be one Selectman appointed as the point person. He would be willing to participate, with the understanding that if he can’t make some of the meetings that either Bill or Keriann could step in.

Vice-Chair Roman asked if the Board can have a review prior to a plan being drafted. She explained that she would not want to waste time and money on something, that in the end, the public sees as ineffective.

Ms. Barba explained that they could have a meeting just about the programing after the research has been completed.

Chair Winslow recommended having three or four points in the process in order to review the progress. He explained that he did not want to wait until the end of the six months to commit to a plan.

Ms. Barba stated that she would work with the point person on a schedule that would line up with the steps in her proposal. She agreed to a monthly meeting.

## **X. OLD Business – taken out of order**

### **• Building a Social Media Presence**

Police Department Executive Assistant Jessica Doucette addressed the Board with a presentation of the Police Departments online presence. She explained that this is one of the ways that the department gets out important information to the public. The Department uses a site called Hootsuite. This allows them to post to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram all in one step, so they do not have to do three separate postings. She also explained that the department has its own website for communication as well.

Chair Winslow asked Jessica to explain how the public can also sign up to get an e-mail notice of events.



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Chief Walsh stated that the e-mail alerts come through Home Land Security from New Hampshire Alert. Individuals can go online to the Home Land Security webpage and sign up for e-mail, cell phone or regular phone alert notices. He commented that he will work with Ms. Bergeron to get that information out to the residents.

Chief Walsh added that one of the new uses for the department's social media presence is with animal control. The Animal Control Officer will put out a notice on social media if he finds a dog at large and the owner is not known. The average retrieval time has been about thirty minutes.

Ms. Doucette pointed out that it is also used for things like road closures.

Chief Walsh commented it is important to cover as many sources of social media as possible, as not everyone uses every source. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram seem to be the most popular ones out there right now, so those are the ones that the department is focused on.

Chair Winslow asked if the department staff respond back to individuals that have concerns who reach out to the department through social media.

Ms. Doucette stated yes. Sargent Blais, Lieutenant Blaisdell and she, all have access to the social media sites, so they get immediate notifications on their cell phones. They will respond back with information that they are in the know about. She added that people do tend to send them private messages. While they understand that everyone wants anonymity, this is not the best way to get a hold of them as their pages are not monitored 24/7. If someone needs immediate assistance, they should call the department directly. Ms. Doucette also explained that the staff can view how many times information is shared. This helps to determine where they are getting the most responses. They have found that Facebook seems to get the most attention. Individuals do not have to friend the Police Department on Facebook. It is an open page and anyone can opt to follow them.

Vice-Chair Roman asked about the cost.

Ms. Doucette was not sure.

Vice-Chair Roman asked Ms. Bergeron to look into the cost and if as a town unit they could get onto the same Hootsuite with the Police Department.

Chief Walsh stated that Sergeant Blais would be able to answer those questions, but was unable to attend the meeting tonight. He promised to get back to Ms. Bergeron with the information.

Vice-Chair Roman questioned the time it takes to do a posting and manage the sites.

Ms. Doucette stated it takes about ten to fifteen minutes to do a posting.

Chief Walsh pointed out that it is important to have a person that is responsible to manage the information flow. The goal is to provide quality information. If a situation arises where there is negative information going back and forth on the site, the manager needs to have the ability to shut that discussion down, as it becomes non-beneficial to everyone.

Chair Winslow asked the Fire Chief how long it took him to respond to the negative comments regarding the new skidoo.

Chief Cotreau stated that he read the comments and then it took about three minutes to respond. He pointed out that he just put out some fact based, unbiased information.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that her proposal would be twofold. One would be to adopt a Social Media Policy for all departments so that they are all managing the sites the same way. It would outline things like how to deal with negative dialog, etc. She added that she, Becky and Janice could be posters for Town Hall and work with Jessica to see how she does it. Vice-Chair Roman asked Ms. Bergeron to put the Social Media Policy on the next meeting agenda.

#### **D. Dania Seiglie – Central Road Speeding Complaints**

- **Ms. Seiglie, 633 Central Road**, thanked the Board for adding this issue to the agenda. She explained that she would like to tell the Board what she thinks the problem is, tell them why it's a problem and propose a solution. She read her statement to the Board as follows:

*The problem that I wish to address this evening is not new. Hopefully, the approach I will share with you, (which is a summary of many neighbors' helpful insights), will inspire us all to seek effective solutions to the speeding problems that we have in Rye Beach District; particularly on Central Road and roads adjacent to Central Road. We need to be honest about resources that are available, but also, we must monitor speeding in increments and enforce penalties for speeding. We are prepared to help you and our police department to implement these solutions. My husband, Roger and I, have lived on Central Road for two years now and we see this problem daily. We are retired, work from home, and have two dogs that need frequent walks at all hours of the day and evening. So, in fact, we are kind of your neighborhood watch. In preparation for my recent meeting with Chief Walsh, I reached out to neighbors and friends for their insight. I was generally surprised by their feedback. Speeding has been a problem in Rye Beach District for some time. I have been on the Rye Beach and Board of Selectmen website reading the agendas and the meeting minutes, but did not find any mention of this problem. But grant you, those were very recent, so you probably have addressed those in previous minutes. Yet, based on the traffic analysis reports that are on the website, regarding Perkins Road and Dow Lane, we see that speeding has been a broad concern. We see that attempts have been made to address them, but we still lack effective solutions that should be implemented. This is not just a concern of traffic violations, as you know. It is a safety problem for pedestrians, joggers, cyclers, motorist, and pets, who are all in danger as they travel along Central Road. Those that speed are both cars and trucks of all kinds and at all hours, but especially in the early morning hours and the early evening hours. Traffic into and out of the Abenauqui Country Club is also a contributor to the problem. As we see it, this is the problem that we need to discuss and hopefully solve.*

*Why is it a problem? The speeding behavior has not been monitored or enforced as well as would be if we had stop signs, speeding monitors, consistence signage in all of Rye Beach District. When you are coming into the District from Rye, the speed limit is 35. As you get into the District the speed is lower but the drivers continue to go 35 miles per hour and many times 45 mile per hours. Rye Beach looks a lot like Central Road. Central Road, in the district, gives the appearance that it is wide enough to allow faster traffic in opposite directions. This is a serious problem and puts pedestrians and cyclists at risk.*

#### **Proposed Solutions:**

1. *Use the community that wants to help in identifying measurable action plans. Communicate on the solutions and provide updates. We would like to propose setting up a Friends of Rye Beach District Facebook Page.*
2. *We would strongly recommend implementing a uniform lower speed limit across all of Rye Beach District. There are comparable other towns, like New Castle, were 25 miles per hour is used and clearly marked.*

Questions:

1. *What are the challenges to changing the speed limit to 25 miles per hour in Rye Beach?*
2. *What impact would this have on the budget?*
3. *Why can this not be considered and implemented?*
4. *Why do I see speeding on Central Road daily?*

*My conversations with other residents of Rye Beach convince me that the problem exists also on South Road and other places. Regardless, the speed limit should be made obvious with the use of more speed limit signs, placed appropriately and visible to all.*

3. *Recommend assessing Central Road traffic lanes and determine if they can be made narrower to force drivers to be more careful.*
4. *More police present and radar monitoring of speeds. I know that our police resources are stretched very thin. What does Chief Walsh need for us to make this presence a reality? What are the costs to the budget? Can the community raise funding for such equipment? The answer is that unless we know what the monetary ask is, we cannot find a solution. Enforcement is a key success factor. Without it, we would be wasting valuable funds and precious time. Issuing warranted speeding tickets would be a huge deterrent and added funding for the Town; more so than parking tickets.*
5. *Abenaki Country Club adds to the speeding problem. I recommend a three-way stop sign configuration be placed at the exit of the club and on both sides of Central Road at that intersection. What would this cost? What would it require? Abenaki would obviously have to be actively involved in implementing this easy and safety enhancing option. There was a serious accident five years ago at this very spot.*
6. *We should consider increasing stop signs generally, in order to keep the speed under control. Central Road is a very long road and drivers just forget. So, stop signs, both visually and behaviorally, will cause them to rethink how fast they are going.*
7. *Talk to other towns who also experience speeding problems. What are they implementing? Can we benefit from improved pricing on items that they are ordering that we could maybe piggyback on? For example, Seabrook is considering installing metal speed bumps that can be removed in the winter. We should consider this option. At a minimum, check with them to find out what analysis they took to make this determination. Basically, what are the follow-ups? What should they be? Clearly measure tasks to be adopted and reviewed in a timely manner.*
8. *Communicate with Chief Walsh on commercial trucks that are speeding on Central Road. This is an easy way to alert the companies in advance that speeding will be monitored and they will be ticketed.*

Ms. Seigle finished reading her statement.

Chair Winslow asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak about this subject.

- **Mary Ann Sullivan, 754 Central Road**, agreed with Mrs. Seigle. She added that she lives across from the Abenaki and the cars are going 50 to 60 miles per hour. Times when she has been walking on the road, she has had to jump out of the way of speeding motorists. On Friday afternoon, her neighbor's cat was killed by a car. There is a cut through by Red Mill Lane that people zoom through. She stressed that the next time it could be someone's son or daughter. She added that she feels very strongly that these issues must be addressed. She would volunteer in any way that she can to help the community. It is not

just the Abeniqui, it is any of the seasonal commercial places where people are going to meet, including the churches.

- **Nancy Conklin, 82 South Road**, stated that she lives on South Road between Central and Ocean Blvd. She pointed out that there are the same issues with the Beach Club. Although there is a stop sign there at Central, the speed that people can get up to, between that stop sign and Ocean Blvd, is incredible. There were two motorcyclists going through, not too long ago, that were traveling about 80 miles per hour. Waste Management also flies through. Waste Management killed her dog. The traffic now is going much faster than when her dog was killed. She added that she lives across from St. Theresa's and the church traffic is not a problem at all. People park at St. Theresa's every day for all sorts of activities, so the traffic on South Road with the pedestrians and bikers and kids working at the Beach Club is incredible. It is congested with pedestrians. Cars going 50-60 miles an hour is unsafe. South Road is curvy until Central Road. Once the cars get to Central, it is straight to Ocean Blvd so they accelerate. There are no certain times of the day. It is all the time and all kinds of traffic; surfers, landscapers, campers, people going to and from the Beach Club.
- **Peter Clark, 785 Central Road**, agreed with most of what everyone has said. He suggested looking at a more phased-in approach to control the traffic. He recommended having Chief Walsh give them ideas as to how the traffic can be slowed down, over time, with police monitoring. Maybe signs that tell motorists how fast they are going, or some sort of speed bumps. He stated that he does not think that 25 miles per hour is a good idea. He is not in favor of that; however, he would be in favor of whatever else it takes to slow people down. Mr. Clark added that he lives on the corner of Central and Sea Road. He has observed cars leaving the Abeniqui and traveling up Sea Road to take a left. They never take a ninety-degree turn. They take a very tight corner. Why someone hasn't been hit by somebody flying up Sea Road, and turning at that corner, is beyond him. That is a real problem area for a real severe accident to happen at some point.
- **Joan Zofness, 693 Central Road**, totally agreed with everything that was said. She stated that she saw the motorcycles that were mentioned earlier. They had to be going between 80 to 90 miles an hour. She has picked up a number of animals that have been killed in her area. She is very afraid for her dog and the children that walk in the area.
- **Jennifer Madden, 620 Central Road**, agreed with what has been said. She added that at Perkins and Central, the visibility is so bad that when she is pulling out of Perkins, when cars are moving so fast, she prays that she is not hit. The visibility is horrible in both directions.
- **Cathleen Hodson, 616 Central Road**, reported that she has had three deer killed in front of her house over the years that she has been here. She stated that she cannot imagine anyone traveling anywhere in Rye at night at more than 30 miles an hour. She suggested maybe using the deer crossing signs to notify people that are not from Rye that there are a lot of deer in the area.

Chair Winslow stated that Chief Walsh will be including the deer warning in his article in the next Town Newsletter.

- **John Clifford, 51 South Road**, stated that he has lived in the area for three years. He has observed the traffic increase and the speeds increasing. He commented that one of the driving factors behind this is the popular GPS applications, such as Waze and Google Maps. He noted that if he is going towards the beach it sends him down South Road, or if he is further north it sends him down Lang Road to Central.
- **Jennifer Clark, 785 Central Road**, agreed that speeding is an issue but is definitely not in favor of reducing the speed limit to 25 miles an hour. She pointed out that people who are not observing a speed limit of 30 to 35 miles an hour are not going to observe a 25 mile an hour speed limit. It is only going to

put a further burden on the Police Department to try to enforce that. It is not a reasonable request to ask of the already stretched-thin Police Department (especially in the summer). She recommended placing a crosswalk at the top of Sea Road for pedestrians. She pointed out that with no crosswalk, people cross the road diagonally.

- **Lawrence Connell, 720 Central Road**, agreed with all the statements made. He reported that he too has observed the cars and trucks speed up and down Central Road and agrees that something needs to be done.
- **Linda Connell, 720 Central Road**, also agreed with everything that has been said. She added that she feels that the bigger deterrence for speeding is the automatic sign that tells the motorist how fast they are going. She stated that her understanding is that Rye does not own one and that the town borrows one from another town.

Chair Winslow confirmed that the Town of Rye does not currently own one; however, Chief Walsh is submitting a proposal for funding.

Mrs. Connell suggested that the town may need two units. She asked the cost of the units. She added that she would be more than willing to help come up with private funding if necessary. She added that she agreed that they can't expect the police to be sitting out there all the time. The speed signs are really effective and would help a lot. She stated that she feels that there should be a much higher fine for speeding.

Chair Winslow asked Chief Walsh the costs of the interactive speed signs.

Chief Walsh explained that they can vary in price depending on the size and the features. The range is between three to four thousand dollars. Some of the problems that other towns have experienced is with power sources. Chief Walsh noted that he has been looking into solar powered units. He is also looking for a unit that is durable for longevity.

Chair Winslow asked what the Chief's experience has been with the sign used on Dow Lane.

Chief Walsh reported that it has been working but there have been other activities that have been implemented with it. At the end of Dow Lane at Washington Road, there have been temporary bollards put in place to reduce the width size in order to stop people for making improper turns. The pavement was also cut out and a pavement marker was placed there. The sign has helped with the warning but is now starting to become a part of the environment. Continual communication with the neighbors has shown that things have improved but not to the level where the town wants it to be. Chief Walsh added that the Rye Highway Department, the State Department of Traffic and Safety and he have met to discuss both short-term and long-term plans for the intersection of Route 1 and Dow Lane. The long-term plan includes changing the entrance from Route 1 by sliding it over, in order to make a sharp right turn, and then a sharp left turn to enter Dow Lane. This will force motorist to slow down.

- **Lynda Stoddard, 860 Central Road**, noted that it is a very congested area between the post office, the church, the Abenaki and now the new cut-through traffic that seems to have arrived in the past few years when they blocked off the Route 1.
- **Joan Zofness, 693 Central Road**, asked what it would cost to put up a couple of signs saying "Your speed is being monitored". She asked if that would be a deterrent as well.

It was pointed out that there is a sign coming from the south, just pass the causeway, which says "We will fine you for speeding".

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Chair Winslow pointed out that obviously this is not going to be solved tonight. It is important to get this information to the Chief. He also agreed that technology is driving more people into parts of Rye.

Ms. Seiglie asked if it would be possible to set up time to meet, in order to put together a list of things to do that is agreeable to the Board of Selectmen and the Chief. She stated that she feels that there is a need to have a follow-up to this meeting.

Chair Winslow stated that there have been some good points made. He liked the statement regarding the pro-active communication and actually sending out letters to commercial companies notifying them that the town is seriously looking at speed and will not tolerate speeding. He added that there are a combination of issues and there are also a number of restraints; such as costs and staffing. He would like to have Chief Walsh take a look at what has been presented and come back to the Board.

Chief Walsh reported that he has written a memo that he would like the Board to review after they close the public hearing. He felt the audience should hear the interaction. It will give the Board and the public some specific data to take a look at. It is important to know how many vehicles, what days, and what kind of day. He pointed out that he has also given the Board the policy on how the Police Department's staff is managed. The memo that he has presented, as to how to collect the data, is important for the department to make responsible decisions in order to find a long-term solution. He doesn't want a temporary solution for a permanent problem. He noted that he has also been talking to other communities about the issue, in order to get insight as to how to use the data to gain long term solutions with positive results. He stated that he is hearing that the residents in this neighborhood are not feeling safe and he takes that seriously. One of the discussions he will be having with the Board is a proposal for some new equipment and software to help the department to do a better job. The rest of the discussion should be about short and long-term goals.

Chair Winslow stated that it appears that enforcement is a significant part of this whole process, which should be looked at for the long-term.

There was some discussion with Chief Walsh on staffing and enforcement.

Selectman Epperson asked if there is a direct correlation between the times the officers are not out on the road and the number of tickets written.

Chief Walsh confirmed. The issue is that Rye has five State Parks with the longest coast line in New Hampshire. If it is a good weather day, there is a lot more traffic in town. He added that the season is not over on Labor Day. Also, a storm coming up the coast makes it more attractive for the surfers to come to town. Folks in town are seeing the increase in the traffic patterns.

Chair Winslow closed the public session at 8:36 pm. He thanked Mrs. Seiglie for bringing this issue to the Board. He promised that the matter would not die and there will be further discussion.

Chair Winslow asked Chief Walsh if it would be appropriate to have Ms. Erlebacher speak about her issues first as they also are traffic related.

Chief Walsh agreed.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that Rye is becoming more popular and the situation is just going to get worse. It is an enforcement issue. Rye does not have the officers to have someone just sitting in a patrol car. She pointed out that in New Castle everyone knows that as soon as you go past the Wentworth there is always an officer sitting there to monitor speeding vehicles. New Castle has the ability to do that, where Rye doesn't.

Selectman Epperson pointed out that New Castle has the benefit of having a geographical area where there is one road in and one road out of town. Rye doesn't have that.

Vice-Chair Roman agreed. She stated that even if the town identified one road as a problem, they still just do not have the staff to do that. She pointed out that this is not the only area. There are problems on Washington Road, Brackett Road, South Road and Locke Road. It is a really big problem throughout Town. These are the issues that the Board needs to start talking about. She would like to start with the Police Department. In order to have a car sitting in certain spots, whether it is Central Road on beach days or Washington Road during commute hours, if that takes another officer, then the Chief needs to tell the Board. The Board then needs to figure out if that is possible.

There was some discussion about an additional officer for the Police Department.

Vice-Chair Roman asked that the Chief puts his ideas in writing as part of his proposal to the Board. She also stated that as part of the Social Media idea, she would like to recommend that the department put out there that there is going to be a zero-tolerance policy. This could also be put on the speed sign in targeted areas. An active message stating; "If you are caught speeding in the Town of Rye you are going to get a ticket". This could be put out into the community through social media, the speed sign and letters going out to the commercial businesses in town, as well as business from out of town, and is something that could be done immediately.

Chief Walsh stated that he has already started to draft a letter to go out but it was to everyone in town. He explained that there are residents that are just as guilty. It's all about respecting the neighborhoods. He also stated that he answers his e-mails fairly quickly. Residents should let him know if there is a company vehicle speeding. Most likely, he has a contact person for that company that he can call.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that the letter is a great idea. She asked if bollards could be placed at the Sea Road intersection.

Chief Walsh agrees that if an intersection is wider than normal, the driver will make an improper turn. A maintenance plan needs to be done with the Highway Department. There will be short-term and long-term plans. The long-term solutions will be budget driven.

Chair Winslow asked the Chief to give the subject some thought and to come back to the Board at the next meeting on September the 9<sup>th</sup> with his thoughts.

#### **E. Frances Erlebacher – Intersection of Wallis Road and Brackett Road Safety Complaints**

**Frances Erlebacher, 484 Brackett Road**, addressed the Board regarding safety complaints at the intersection of Brackett and Wallis Road. She reported that there were three major accidents this past summer at the intersection. She stated that the accidents were serious enough that all the cars were totaled. There were six cars involved that were towed away. (She presented the Board with a map of the area and explained the layout of the roads.) She pointed out that speed is again the contributing factor, so when there is an accident it is bad. Ms. Erlebacher reported that one of the accidents involved a car that was traveling so fast that it traveled 70 feet after impact and took out a stone wall before it came to a stop. There is also a visibility factor involved with overgrown bushes on the sides of the road.

**Laurel Denman, 480 Brackett Road**, stated that it was her stone wall that was hit in the accident. She believes that the problem is that cars are running the stop sign on Brackett Road. She spoke to Chief Walsh about the situation last year. He and Mr. McCarthy came down and reviewed the area and decided to install two new stop signs on both sides of Brackett. She added that about forty feet ahead of the stop sign, on her side of the road, she

put up a sign that says "Stop Ahead". She reported seeing many motorists going right through the stop sign. They are just not seeing that stop sign. She stressed how upsetting this has been to her.

**Kate Maly, 117 Wallis Road**, stated that she is the mother of a 4 and 5-year old. She is in favor of a four way stop at the intersection of Wallis and Brackett. Her children have witnessed two of the three accidents from this summer. It's very scary and they want to feel safe with the children playing outside. She added that they do take precautions for the children. Her daughter is starting kindergarten and they were planning to walk to school some days.

**Denis Lipman, 484 Brackett Road**, reported that he works from home and his office is on the front of his house. He stated that he was home the day of the accident and it was very upsetting. He noted that if the accident had happened one hour before, it would have been an extreme tragedy because there were four kids out there riding their bikes. He pointed out that all the residents are asking for are stop signs.

Ms. Erlebacher stated that she doesn't understand why stop signs cannot be put at an intersection that has had three accidents in one summer. She reported that when she talked to Chief Walsh, he said that if they put them there other people will want one. She added that if other roads need one, they should have it. She said that enforcement is not the answer. The town cannot expect to have a police car there all the time. There is a lot going on in town and this is a much better solution.

Chair Winslow stated that this will be turned over to the Chief and the Board will be following-up with him on his recommendations.

Ms. Erlebacher stated that Mrs. Denman had talked to Mr. McCarthy about doing street markings saying "Stop Ahead". Mr. McCarthy said that it would have to be done every year. She asked if that could be considered.

**Daniel Denman, 480 Brackett Road**, stated that he has witnessed so many motorists going thought Brackett Road to the intersection, even though there is a warning sign about 100 feet before the stop sign. People have to know what the sign means. It is a small stop sign with an arrow that points up. He guessed that it is saying there's a stop sign ahead, but people have to figure that out. Evidently, people are not figuring it out. So, if there is an inexpensive solution, such as making that warning sign bigger or even say something like "Warning Dangerous Intersection Ahead", it would help.

Chair Winslow stated that at this point the Board will be asking the Chief for his recommendations. The three accidents speak for themselves. This is serious and has got to be prevented. The Board's job is to find out how it can best be prevented.

Chief Walsh addressed the Board regarding the intersection of Wallis Road and Brackett Road. He reported that there have been four accidents at that intersection. One in 2018 and three in 2019. In all three of the accidents in 2019, there were citations issued for running the stop sign. He told the Board that he is going to go back to the officer in charge of the August accident to follow up on the details.

Vice-Chair Roman asked if there is anything else that can be done to make the stop sign more visible.

Chief Walsh state that he will sit down with Mr. McCarthy to investigate this. There are a lot of new devises out there to look at. He warned the Board that once they start down that road, everyone in town will want the same for their intersection. He pointed out the price tag is not just the purchase but also the maintenance.

Chair Winslow noted there have been three accidents in one location and that calls for some drastic measures.



Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy, stated that other than there were three accidents in one location, in a short space of time, he has not heard any facts on any of the issues brought out tonight. He added that he heard tons of antidotal information but not facts. He recommended that the Board research the facts prior to hearing these issues in a public meeting. He added that there was an incident a few weeks ago on Pioneer and Brackett Road. Chief Walsh was able to borrow a machine which reported that 1.8% of the motorists were driving over the enforcement limit, which was 40 miles an hour. Eighty-five percent of the vehicles were going 37 and it was posted for 35. In theory, that is what they are supposed to be driving. That is a safe driving limit. He suggested that before any changes are made the Board get some facts and see what is recommended. Within the traffic community, things like stop signs, traffic controls, and crosswalks have warrants and conditions that need to be met in order to have those things put in place.

Mr. McCarthy added that before he and Chief Walsh can come up with a fix, they need to find out if these are real problems or perceived problems. The number one problem in any community is speed. He pointed out that if the Board went to any neighborhood in the community and said that they were having a hearing on speeding in the neighborhood, everyone that attended would say that everyone is speeding in their neighborhood. He reminded the Board that they heard this evening, it is people from Abenaki, Waste Management, the surfers, and the people cutting through. It's everyone. But when tickets are issued, a lot of times its people from Rye because they're the ones that are on the roads. It's not just outsiders. Mr. McCarthy summed up by suggesting that before the Board jumps at a solution, that some of the town's resources are used to hire someone to do a traffic study in the area. In many instances there are perceived problems and not actual problems. Then the town has to deal with the perception as opposed to reducing speed limits, which then creates more violations and a bigger backload of violations that two patrol officers are not going to be able to address. It is important to look at each situation, what is actually happening and what can be done.

Chair Winslow said he agreed. In the case of three accidents, the Board wanted to get the facts and Chief Walsh has agreed to do that.

Mr. McCarthy recommended looking at the intersection over the long-term. There can be a safe intersection but due to coincidence there are two or three accidents, one right after the other, but in ten years never had an accident. Is it unsafe or was it coincidental?

Chief Walsh acknowledged that Mr. McCarthy has a good point and that he is going to do some research. He suggested going back five years to find out how many accidents they have had, what time of year, and where they happened.

Chair Winslow stated that driving south on Brackett Road to Wallis the topography is different. The road to the right is elevated, and there is a large shrub and a wall. It is difficult to see the traffic coming east on Wallis. He would be very interested in finding out if the three accidents occurred by the vehicle running the stop sign on Brackett and hitting the vehicle moving east on Wallis.

Chief Walsh promised to get the data.

Chair Winslow commented that he would also be interested in the answer to whether the stop sign was visible. Would the person have gone through it anyways?

Chief Walsh said that sometimes the officer's report will include that type of narrative. He will take a look at the reports.

Vice-Chair Roman told Mr. McCarthy that she hears him and agrees. She is not new to the issue, as she works with other towns as an attorney. However, from the Board's perspective, he and the chief are on the ground working the technical aspect of the issue, but she is the one that is on the Board that has two small children. Every time there is

any type of event, all the other parents with small children are after her about the speed limit and these intersections. She feels that it's up to the Board to find the medium.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that he was just recommending that the medium should include the facts.

Vice-Chair Roman agreed but added that Rye is a unique community because it is not just Rye residents. In the summer, everything is backed up because of the traffic. Sometimes the residents are taking the back roads to just get home. It's a unique situation where the town may have to do things that wouldn't make sense in a community such as Stratham. Rye is not a community like others because of the tourism.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that if the town puts up those signs without getting the facts, the town will become liable for what its done. If the regulations state don't use stop signs to control speed and the Board opts to do that, the Board is liable.

Chief Walsh stated that he has submitted a memo to the Board in which he has proposed that the town has graduated to the level of needing to purchase a traffic counting machine. The one that he is recommending has the latest software. The biggest asset is that the data collected by the machine can be broken out and compared to the policy on placement of officers, which would help the department to become more effective while out in the community. It will also give the Board some facts as to what is really happening on the roads and at the intersections in town. The machine will track the number of vehicles, the speed, the time of day, etc. This machine is not like the message sign that the department currently has. It is a small unit that is inconspicuously placed on a telephone pole. This is done so that the motorists do not have prior warning and the data collected is not skewed. It shows what is really happening in the area. He asked for approval for the machine. During the budget process, he will be proposing the purchase of one or two of the speed warning signs. He stated that he was doing research on the best units with the best energy source and the least amount of maintenance. He does not agree with having the signs out all the time because they will eventually become part of the environment.

Vice-Chair Roman asked for clarification on the small unit that the Chief wants to purchase.

Chief Walsh explained that it is not a unit that flashes the vehicles speed. It is inconspicuously placed in a location where a motorist will not notice. It can be moved from one road to another. It can be used on the state owned roads in town as long as the data is shared with the State.

Mr. McCarthy added that when the Board gets a complaint about speeding in a particular area, they can say; "We'll notify the Chief and he will generate us a report so we can look at the situation".

Vice-Chair Roman asked Chief Walsh if he could review the Wallis Road stop sign to see if there is a way to make it more visible, prior to the next meeting.

Chief Walsh noted that he has an appointment with Paul Paradis, the Public Works Foreman, to go down there to look at the situation.

Mr. McCarthy commented that they can also look at the quality of the stop signs. He explained that there are different grades of reflectivity on stop signs. There may be a grade that is more reflective. These accidents may be happening at certain hours that make the sign less visible. There are also different sizes available.

Chair Winslow agreed that it is important to do some more data collection; however, he feels that the Board needs to take some action. The residents at the meeting tonight will not feel that additional data collection is action. There are some soft things that can be done immediately.

Chief Walsh promised to use his resources to borrow a speed message sign and get it up in the precinct. With the Board's permission, he will order the traffic unit that they have discussed and get it out on the road. He recommended collecting the data for seven to eight days.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she liked the Chief's idea about gathering information without the motorists knowing because they will be able to tell if there is a speeding issue and how bad it is. Then if they put up the flashing sign and get data from that, they will know if it has been effective. The sign can then be taken away to see if it had any lasting effects. That will tell if further action is necessary. Vice-Chair Roman told Chief Walsh that as the department head, if he feels that additional staff is needed in order to keep the community safe, that is something that he should bring to the Board with reasons justifying it. The Board, in turn, will take it to the voters.

#### **F. Update on the Removal of Double Telephone Poles in Town**

Acting Town Administrator Bergeron reported to the Board that she e-mailed Consolidation Communication and included pictures and locations of fifty polls around town. Paul Paradis reported that there are sixty-eight more polls that he is getting information on. There is a total of One Hundred and Eighteen double polls in town. She noted that she and Jaci Grote are working on the issue. They are currently getting pushback from Consolidated and Comcast. She is planning on contacting Jay Summers from Comcast. She and Jaci are planning to tag-team the follow-up, but they have the majority of the information that they need to start the process. She promised to follow-up with Consolidated at the end of the week. Also, Jaci Grote and she are planning a conference call with Comcast next week.

#### **G. Beach Nourishment Proposal**

Chair Winslow reported that the Army Core of Engineers has provided information regarding the turning basin in the Piscataqua River being dredged. There will be soils available that can be used to nourish the beaches. The Core has done a survey and there are no heavy metals in the materials. There are two other towns that are taking some of the material with about half left over. The question is whether Rye wants to use some of it to nourish Wallis Sands or Jenness, etc. He acknowledged there are multiple considerations to consider. There is the impact on the lobstering and environmental issues.

Selectman Epperson didn't see the need for the additional sand.

Chair Winslow stated that it was probably something that they do not want to pursue at this time.

The Board agreed.

#### **H. Goss Farm Open House & Farmers Market Update**

Chair Winslow reported that they have the flyer and there is another meeting tomorrow morning. They are getting some local restaurants to participate. They are hoping to get some chowder donated from one of them. Someone has offered to donate cookies. They are getting free water from Poland Springs. They have recruited some girls from Portsmouth High School to do face painting. There is a lady coming in to make animal balloons for the kids and a fiddler will be playing music for a couple of hours. Information will be available in a handout on the history of the barn. The event should be fun and hopefully everyone will attend.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Walsh stated that there is a company that wants to do a commercial for Partners Bank. They want to film someone coming out of the water with a surf board and then film at the Lazy Bird Café. Sawyer's Beach was picked because it is a town beach; however, the Board will have to give their permission, as well as permission for the filming crew to park there because it is permit parking only. The company is going to hire a detail officer for certain times during the filming. They are planning to close one lane of Washington Road for a short time. He has requested that the company change the filming time to midmorning in order to not interfere with school traffic.

The Board had no issues with the plan.

**X. OLD BUSINESS – taken out of order**

- A. Building a Social Media Presence**  
*(Please see minutes above)*

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Rye Jr. High

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 1; under announcements it should read: **Chair Winslow announced that Senator Sheehan came to see Rye Harbor this afternoon.**
- Page 1; announcement #2 should read: **Chair Winslow introduced Sandra Dufresne. Ms. Dufresne is the new Building and Planning Assistant. She comes to Rye with eighteen and a half years of experience in the building industry.**
- Page 6; 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph from the bottom, second line should read: **The rest of the parking will be on Ocean Blvd.**
- Page 8; large first paragraph refers to Jen. It should refer to **Jen Sorenson**.
- Page 9; Section E should read: **Update on Intersection at Washington and Ocean Blvd**

**Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, August 12, 2019 as amended.**  
**Seconded by Philp Winslow. All in Favor.**

2. Non-Public Session, Monday, August 12, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the Non-Public meeting minutes of Monday, August 12, 2019 Per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring, as written. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.**

3. Non-Public Session, Monday, August 12, 2019 (2) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

**Motion by Keriann Roman to seal the Non-Public meeting minutes of Monday, August 12, 2019 per RSA 91-A:3. II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

**Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the Non-Public meeting minutes of Monday, August 12, 2019 per RSA 91-A:3. II (a) Personnel, as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F Ledger

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August 7, 2019

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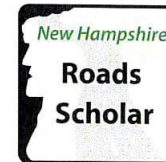
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Re: Roads Scholar Program

Dear Sirs and Madams:

It is our pleasure to inform you that Lee Adams has achieved the status of **Senior Roads Scholar**. The T<sup>2</sup> Center has created the Roads Scholar Program to recognize various achievement levels in our educational program for people who work in public works.

Senior Roads Scholar is the **third achievement level** of the six levels in the Roads Scholar Program. It is distinguished from the other levels by requiring the completion of 75 contact hours, including the requirements for Roads Scholar Two, which are: 20 hours in technical areas, 5 hours in supervision, 5 hours in environmental, and 10 hours in safety. The additional 35 hours required for this level are at the learner's discretion. The usual training session yields five hours of contact, therefore an individual must typically attend **fifteen one-day workshops** to reach the level Lee has completed.

On behalf of the Technology Transfer Center, I am pleased to notify you of the extra effort and commitment that Lee 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.

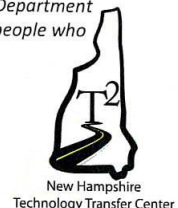
Sincerely,

Marilee LaFond  
UNH Technology Transfer Center Manager

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cc: Lee Adams

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**Janice Ireland**

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**From:** Frances Erlebacher <frances.erlebacher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** Janice Ireland  
**Subject:** BOS meeting

Hello Janice,

We've had three bad accidents (bad = neither car drove away) in less than two months here at the corner of Brackett & Wallis. The Denmans and Denis (Lipman) and I would like to talk about options at Monday's BOS meeting. Does one of of us need to come in today to get this on agenda or is this email sufficient?

Please advise...and thanks in advance.

Best,  
Frances

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