

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, September 23, 2019
5:45 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

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

Others Present: Acting Town Administrator, Becky Bergeron

5:45 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

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

At 5:45 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 6:31 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 everyone for the successful Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market. There were over 450 in attendance. He recognized Sally King, Lee Arthur and Anne Decker as the core group responsible for the event. He thanked Chief Walsh, Chief Cotreau and Dennis McCarthy for their help. He also thanked the Atlantic Grill and the Carriage House for their sponsorship. He noted that Tom King and Susan Shepcaro spent two whole days cleaning the interior of the barn prior to the event.
- Chair Winslow reported that Jim Chase, President of the Seacoast Science Center, has spoken to him regarding the plans to expand the Science Center facility. The plan is to have a small aquarium. It will be the only aquarium north of Boston. Chair Winslow asked Selectman Epperson if he would invite Mr. Chase to an upcoming Planning Board meeting to discuss the plans.

- Chair Winslow announced that the New Hampshire Coastal Risk and Hazardous Commission has revised their science and have come out with a Flood Risk Advisory Guidance pamphlet. It contains seven items that define the future projections for risks and tides. He asked Selectman Epperson that the information be shared with the Planning Board.

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.)

- **Stephen Hillman, 399 Central Road and member of the Beach Committee**, asked if the Board would be discussing the letter from the Beach Committee. He stated that the Beach Committee is concerned that there has been some planting on the beach that is not being controlled or regulated. The Beach Committee would like to start a conversation between the Beach Committee, Conservation, Board of Selectmen and any other board that should have input. He recommended that the town set up a policy regarding these plantings. Mr. Hillman reported that the Beach Committee and the Conservation Commission met with the Dune Restoration Group from UNH. The Beach Committee is totally onboard with restoration when and where it makes sense, but it needs to be controlled by the town. The concern is that people are planting on property they do not own and limiting the public from accessing the beaches.
- **Alex Herlihy, 55 Lang Road**, reported that he received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market. He stated that he has been telling people about the Rye Day plans for next June and everyone has been excited about the idea. They would also like to see the Goss Farm event again next year. He noted that he saw four town boards actively participating at the Goss Farm event. He feels this is why the event was so successful. If that same kind of support is behind the Rye Day event in June, it also will be a success.
- **Steven Borne, Rye Civic League**, asked if documents that are presented to the select board could be posted and made available right away so that the civic league can link to them.
- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road**, reported that he also received positive feedback regarding the Goss Farm event. He also reported that Plan New Hampshire has submitted the final report. The Civic League will be posting and linking to the report for public review. He asked that all groups in town that have a stake, be involved in the discussions. Mr. Borne noted that he was passing Parsons Creek this past weekend, at low tide, and it was real stinky. He asked what the town is doing regarding the contamination and pollution coming from the septic tanks in the area. He also stated that he was unable to find the water monitoring reports for the beaches on the town’s website.
- **Stephen Hillman, 399 Central Road**, stated that the monitoring results can be found on the NH DES Website. If there is an issue, it is reported in the weekly report as a fail. If there are no problems, it is a pass. This year the town had no fails, so there were no reports posted.
- **Fire Chief Cotreau** reported that last year the department put in the CIP an expenditure for the replacement of the breathing apparatus in the amount of \$181,000. They applied for a Federal Grant and it was awarded. With the 5% match, it will bring that town’s portion to around \$20,000.

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

- A.** Letter rec’d from Frances Erlebacher re: Follow up from the discussion of the accidents at the intersection of Brackett Road and Wallis Road
- B.** Chief Walsh – Event Permit Application: Seacoast Half Marathon. Sunday, 11/10/19, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. to benefit Haven Child Advocacy Center

Regarding consent agenda item A, Vice-Chair Roman asked Police Chief Walsh what a W2-1 was.

Chief Walsh stated that it is a “plus sign” at the four-way intersection. He is talking with Mr. McCarthy to see if the intersection meets the criteria for installing one.

Chair Winslow asked for an update on the data collection.

Chief Walsh reported that the data collection from September 11th through September 18th has just been completed. During that time the data showed:

- Just over 7,000 cars
- Average speed 32 mph
- 86 percentile being 37 mph
- 3% above the posted speed limit

Chief Walsh stated that Sargent Blais is preparing a schedule to target the day of the week and the times of the more frequent violations for additional enforcement and patrols. Chief Walsh stated that he is putting this information in a memo to the selectmen and the neighbors.

Regarding consent agenda item B, Chief Walsh expressed his concern regarding the number of participants in the event. He pointed out that it depends on the weather conditions if this could be an issue. Usually, there can be two events happening at the same time if the starting and ending times are staggered. He suggested that the board give him permission to tell the event coordinator that 1,000 participants would be the maximum. He reported that there will be detail officers who are paid for by the sponsors of the event. This is one of the oldest events that is done in Rye every year. The average participation is 700 to 800.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Items A and B as presented. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Paul Chase, 1306 Ocean Blvd. requests permission for beach access for equipment to repair a rip rap wall in from of 1306, 1304, 1296 & 1292 Ocean Blvd.**

Chair Winslow stated that the concern is the access road and the size of the equipment. He pointed out that the access road starts out at 19 feet wide. The neck of the road, going down to the beach, is 9 feet wide. He questioned the size of the equipment and where it will be placed.

Mr. Chase answered that there will be an excavator and two dump trucks. He did not know the width of the excavator. He pointed out that the wall was built in 2007 and reshaped in 2012 with access from that same road. At that time, the road was restored better than the way it was found.

Chair Winslow clarified that the concern was to keep access to the beach open to the public. He recommended that the dump trucks be parked elsewhere.

Mr. Chase agreed and added that the trucks could be parked in his driveway.

Chair Winslow noted there could be no construction during the weekends. Construction during the week can be no earlier than 7 a.m. and no later than 5 p.m.

Mr. Chase agreed and stated that the project will take about two to four weeks.

Chair Winslow asked that the excavator be parked as close to the beach as possible, to allow beach-goer parking behind it. The building inspector will need to get before and after pictures of the area.

Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the request from Paul Chase to use the access way across from Petey’s to park an excavator during the repairs of the rip rap wall in front of 1306, 1304, 1296, and 1292 Ocean Blvd; under the conditions outlined earlier and that the Town be named as an additional insured by the contractor. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

B. Dan Philbrick – Discussion on a potential trade of the TD Bank building for the Parsonage

20 minutes

Dan Philbrick spoke to the board about his idea regarding the TD Bank building and the Parsonage. He stated that when he purchased the TD building, it was to be able to bring a bank back into town. That issue has since been resolved. He does not currently have a use for the building. The Parsonage will be a challenge for the town, as it is sitting there vacant and the town should not be in the rental business. Mr. Philbrick suggested that it would make more sense for the town to own four acres of flat land, across from the Junior High School, as opposed to the Parsonage. He pointed out that the Parsonage is an extremely important piece of the community. The historic integrity is important to the town’s museum, the library and the overall feeling of downtown. Mr. Philbrick stated that a swap may make sense. He pointed out that he has done historic restorations in the past. He noted that when the Parsonage is done, it would be something the community would be proud of. The Parsonage project will be quite large, in order to do it properly. The four acres of flat land and the TD building is a better piece of property for the community. He noted that the board has set up a committee to study the charrette. He recommended that it would be good to know if there was any interest in pursuing this idea, before the opportunity is gone or before the committee starts to do their studies. He plans to keep the Parsonage as apartments with a small office unit.

Chair Winslow explained the charge of the committee in detail. He pointed out that if the Board does what Mr. Philbrick is suggesting, they would be gutting the whole charge to the committee. He stated that the only way he could see this happening is by going to the voters with a warrant asking for permission to make the swap, if the Town Center Committee recommends it.

Vice-Chair Roman asked Mr. Philbrick what his timing would be.

Mr. Philbrick explained that the building is vacant. He offered because he feels it’s a great move for the Town of Rye. He also doesn’t mind if it doesn’t happen and he keeps the TD building. He acknowledged that there are a lot of other opinions from people in town. He explained that if the board is interested, he would like to enter into some negotiations, in order to see if the terms would be reasonable for both parties. If agreeable, then go to the warrant in March.

Selectman Epperson recommended that they get someone into the Parsonage to find out what it is going to cost to fix it. He acknowledged that there will be resistance to this idea. He also suggested that they wait for the study to come back about the Town Hall building, put together the pieces as to what the town needs for employee space and overlay those two. He pointed out that they also need to address the trolley barn. They already have permission to dispose of it. He stated that if Mr. Philbrick could give the board some time to figure out what the Town Hall building should look like and the cost to renovate the TD building, it would be the key.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she personally doesn’t care one way or the other, other than the Parsonage remaining historical. She does care what the voters want and it has been such a divided issue. She stated that she is thrown by the idea of jumping ahead of the recommendations from the Town Center Committee. However, the Town Center Committee’s charge is to have a plan a year from now. Mr. Philbrick cannot wait a year for an answer. So, as a responsible person, it is important to give the voters an opportunity to weigh-in on this idea. This could be a way to save some money and provide the additional space needed for town offices. This is not the board’s decision to make, it’s the voter’s decision. She feels that it is important to have it on the warrant in March.

Chair Winslow stated that if it goes to the warrant and gets passed, they would have the authority to move ahead. It doesn’t mean that they have to do it immediately.

Mr. Philbrick stated that the voters are going to get the last say anyway through the warrant process; however, there are a lot of things that will need to be worked out to come to the terms of the contract. He pointed out that in regards to the Parsonage, he is sure that the town will have requirements on that building and he will also have requirements on the Parsonage. He suggested that before they push this out to the public, they find out if they are even on the same page. Is this something that the Board would support? He does not want to postpone and hold an empty building until March for a definite maybe.

Chair Winslow stressed that timing is a critical issue. There are constraints involved; however, the board does not want to pass up this opportunity.

Mr. Philbrick explained that he is just looking for the two parties to sit down and talk about what they need and expect for this to happen, or if it even makes sense.

Selectman Epperson stated this is something that he would support.

Chair Winslow stated that in a decision between the trolley barn and the TD Bank building, he would definitely support the TD building. The Town Center Committee has the responsibility to look at the entire Center of Town. The Selectmen have contracted an architect to come back with very specific information regarding the Town Hall building. That will be something the board will have to take action on. He asked that the board be able to take this under advisement at this time. He asked that this issue be put on the next meeting agenda for further discussion. Chair Winslow asked Acting Town Administrator

Bergeron to contact Attorney Donovan and ask if there is a way to craft the warrant article; one would require the board to take action and the other would give the board the authority to take action on it, given that that is the best choice between the Parsonage and the TD Bank. Chair Winslow also asked Ms. Bergeron to contact Mike Magnant to see how the negotiations were handled in the agreement with TD Bank.

Vice-Chair Roman asked that the board have the information regarding the TD Bank Building information in their packets for the next meeting. She also said that as a voter, if they kept the Parsonage, she would want to know how much the renovations will cost. She recommended that the board should talk about that seriously. Do they want to spend money for some engineering or architectural study on that building?

Chair Winslow instructed Ms. Bergeron to put this discussion on the agenda for October 14th.

C. Rye Center Committee Appointment of Members

Chair Winslow stated that there is a total of seventeen prospective volunteer members.

- Mae Bradshaw
- Brad Curtin
- Cynde Lingamfelter
- David Choate
- Karen Stewart
- Ray Jarvis
- Susan Grant
- Nina Parrott
- Steve Clarkson
- Kaitlyn Coffey
- Judy Terhune
- Michelle Bingham
- Victor Azzi
- John Loftus
- Brian Amend
- John Mitchell
- Lindsay Gray

Chair Winslow reviewed the criteria for the selection:

- One person from the Historic District Commission
 - Mae Bradshaw
 - Karen Stewart
 - David Choate
 - Kaitlyn Coffey
- One Library Trustee
 - Victor Azzi
- One resident of the town center
 - Kaitlyn Coffey
 - Karen Stewart
 - Cynde Lingamfelter

- John Mitchell
- One parent of a child (or children) attending the Rye Junior High
 - Karen Stewart
- A person of Architectural or general contractor experience
 - Victor Azzi
 - John Loftus
 - David Choate
 - John Mitchell
- A young Rye resident who attended the charrette
 - Nina Parrott
 - Judy Terhune

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have eight members on the committee.

- Selectmen’s Rep: Phil Winslow
- Mae Bradshaw
- Victor Azzi
- Kaitlyn Coffey
- Karen Stewart
- John Loftus
- John Mitchell
- Nina Parrott

- **First meeting of the committee scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 5:00 pm.**

D. Chief Cotreau – Fee Schedule

Chief Cotreau spoke to the board regarding the outside detail rate for the Fire Department. The 2018 rate was not changed. It has always been the same rate as the Police Department. Chief Cotreau asked that it be changed to be the same as the Police Department. He also stated that the propane and oil permits are problematic for the consumer because the Building Department goes out to the same install for different items, so the customer is getting charged twice for the same install. The Fire Department would like to continue with their inspections but eliminate the \$75.00 fee.

The board agreed to both requests but acknowledged that the rate change for the outside detail rate will need to go to a public hearing.

Chair Winslow noted that the Historic District application needs to include a fee. When an application in the Historic District is received by the Building Department, it needs to be heard by the Historic District, and the meeting must be noted and posted. There are costs involved in these reviews. He proposed a \$100 application fee on any application that has to go before the commission for review.

E. Finance Director, Becky Bergeron – Permission to add FSA’s to benefit package offered to employees

Finance Director Becky Bergeron explained that an FSA is a Flexible Spending Account. It is a way for the employees to put aside pre-taxed money to pay for medical expenses, such as co-pays and deductibles. In the Town of Rye, it can also be used to pay for vision care as they do not have vision

coverage. The cost to the town is \$2.75 per month, per enrolled employee. The ABS20/40 plan is free for those employees. She predicts that there would be about 20 participants, as there is also a dependent care coverage. So, the cost to the town would be about \$600.00 a year. As long as the Board agrees to the plan, the next step would be to send a letter to the unions to get their approval.

The board agreed.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve adding an FSA plan to the employee’s benefit package, providing the unions agree. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

F. Finance Director, Becky Bergeron – 12 Months COLA Average

Finance Director Bergeron presented the 12 month COLA average, which is calculated at 2%, using the data available as of September 1st.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve a 2% COLA for all employees. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A.** Letter rec’d from the Beach Committee re: Their concern about residents planting sea grass on the beach in front of their homes

Chair Winslow reported that he went out and looked at the seagrass. A lot of the grass plugs are being eroded by the high surf; however, the grass that is left has substantially increased in size. Usually, it is about 4-5 inches high and now they are about 12 inches high. He showed the other members of the Board pictures that he took. He asked if this is something the board wants to get involved with.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she would not want to participate in this without getting an opinion from Attorney Donovan on what the risk could be. If it could happen, maybe it would be an application process.

Selectman Epperson asked what the motivation is for people to plant the grass there in the first place.

Chair Winslow answered that it is to preclude people from getting too close to their property.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that it is also to protect the property/dunes from erosion.

Selectman Epperson stated that the master plan says that the town wants unencumbered access to the beach. He stated that the board needs to take a look at the problem.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she agreed, but she would like to get a risk analysis from Attorney Donovan.

Chair Winslow asked Ms. Bergeron to contact Attorney Donovan.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bergeron stated that the town has received a donation of a sleigh from Bud Jordan, valued at \$2,400. The board would have to make a motion to accept the donation.

Lieutenant Charles Gallant, from the Rye Fire Department, stated that the town has a sleigh that is about 80 years old and in need of repairs. It is used every year for the holiday parade when Santa visits Rye. Lt. Gallant said that about a year ago, he asked Bud Jordan to help restore the sleigh. Mr. Jordan felt that the old sleigh was not safe for Santa’s arrival, so he took it upon himself to build a new sleigh. Mr. Jordan did use some of the parts from the old sleigh. Lt. Gallant stated that the new sleigh is finished and Mr. Jordan would like to donate it to the town on Wednesday at noon at the fire station.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the donation of the sleigh from Bud Jordan. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

Vice Chair Roman asked that a “Thank You” letter go out to Mr. Jordan.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Primex Property & Liability Program Contribution Assurance Program CAP Agreement

Vice-Chair Roman stated that this was in the packet last meeting, but the resolution needs to be read for what they had moved on, so that is why it is in the packet again this meeting. She noted that this binds the town for three years. She asked Ms. Bergeron if there is any problem with being in this for three years.

Ms. Bergeron stated that it is just downsize protection. If the increases come in less than the 7% cap, the town will get the actual increase. If the town’s rates increase more than the cap, the town will only be increased by the 7%. The only downside is that the town will be locked in for the three years.

Vice-Chair Roman read the resolution into the record as follows:

I move that we hereby accept the offer from New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) to enter into its Property and Liability contribution assurance program, as of the date of the Risk Management Pool Membership, during the term of the Property and Liability contribution insurance program CAP. The coverage provided by Primex in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the coverage documents of Primex. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.

B. Social Media Policy

Vice-Chair Roman reminded the board that she was going to amend the social media policy in order to tailor it to Rye. She also wanted to amend it to no comments, until they got it up and running smoothly. She stated that she is only half way through, as it is taking longer than she thought it would.

Vice-Chair Roman noted that she has had a handful of meetings for “Rye Day” as an informal committee. She had been talking to Alex Herlihy and they have the same concerns. Mr. Herlihy and she cannot put it together alone. There has been some interest, but nothing substantial. She suggested that the board make it an official committee and officially invite people to join and appoint members.

Selectmen Epperson suggested having the event on July 4th and expand on the event the town already has in place.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that she had been opposed to that but is now thinking it may be a good idea.

Chair Winslow pointed out that the Goss Farm event required a tremendous amount of time and effort. He stated that he could not expect that on this program. He agreed that trying it on July 4th may be a good thing.

Selectman Epperson pointed out that the day ends with the fireworks and it is a very family-oriented day.

Vice Chair Roman suggested that she talk to Lee Arthur and Alex Herlihy about it and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Monday, August 26, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 5, 5th paragraph from the bottom reads: Chair Winslow noted that the meetings will have to be public and noted seven days prior.
It should read: Chair Winslow noted that the meetings will have to be public and noticed seven days prior.
- Page 18, 1st line reads: any type of event, all the other parents with small children are after her about the speed limit and these intersections.
It should read: any type of event, all the other parents with small children talk to her about the speed limit and these intersections.
- Page 18, 2nd line reads: She feels that it’s up to the board to find a medium.
It should read: She feels that it’s up to the board to find a median.
- Page 18, 3rd line reads: Mr. McCarthy pointed out that he was just recommending that the ~~medium~~ should include the facts.
It should read: Mr. McCarthy pointed out that he was just recommending that the median should include the facts.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the meeting minutes of August 26, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

2. Non-Public Session, Monday, August 26, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

Vice-Chair Roman made an amendment of the second bullet to say: An update was given on Firefighter Hirtle and the board agreed to have the Town Administrator reach out to Attorney Tom Closson to understand the process the town should follow.

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the Non-Public meeting minutes of Monday, August 26, 2019 per RS 91-A:3. II (a) Personnel, as amended. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

3. Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

The following corrections were noted:

Page 2, Public Comment; Laurel Denman; Public works said they would fix it ~~last~~ week.
It should read: Public works said they would fix it next week.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2019 as amended.
Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.**

4. Non-Public Session, Monday, September 9, 2019 (1) Per RSA 91-A:2, I (b) Collective Bargaining

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the Non-Public meeting minutes of Monday, September 9, 2019, per RSA 91-A:2, I (b) Collective Bargaining. Seconded by Keriann Roman. All in Favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Keriann Roman to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F Ledger

9-23-19 Consent Item A

September 18, 2019



To the Board of Selectmen

RE: Brackett Road & Wallis Road accidents

Thank you for asking Chief Walsh to share with us a report he prepared about the accidents at Wallis and Brackett Roads, including a memo by the Public Works Director, Dennis McCarthy.

Mr. McCarthy states that, as per Section 2B.07 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, there is a minimum traffic volume requirement required for a multi-way stop sign. However, reading the document myself (I received it from Sen. Tom Sherman’s office), it seems that minimum traffic volume is only “guidance,” not a “requirement.” It is in fact one of several criteria to be considered in an engineering study.

Another factor to be considered, which is given the same weight and listed *before* “volume,” is:

“A crash problem, as indicated by 5 or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by a multiway stop sign stop installation. Such crashes include right- and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions.”

I realize we have had four accidents in eight months, not five in twelve (yet). I wanted to point out, however, that *there is no mention of any time period other than twelve months*. Not five years, certainly not 20 years as was suggested at an earlier BOS meeting. This makes sense, as traffic patterns have changed considerably over the past few years, with more beach traffic each year and more through-traffic generated from GPS apps. We have seen a lot of change in the five years we’ve been here, I can only imagine how peaceful Rye roads were 20 years ago. Sadly that is not the case today.

Other relevant criteria that “*may be considered*” include:

“Locations where a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to safely negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop.”

“An intersection of two residential neighborhood collector (through) streets of similar design and operating characteristics where multiway stop control would improve traffic operational characteristics of the intersection.”

In short, there are multiple considerations to be looked at in an engineering study. Dismissing the four-way stop option out of hand in fear of a “slippery slope” is not one of them.

I agree with Dennis McCarthy that decisions shouldn’t be made without “facts.” That is why, when I heard (last BOS meeting) stop signs declared “unwarranted” at Wallis and Brackett

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Roads without an expert study of the facts, or even a complete discussion of *all* relevant criteria a study might looked out, I reached out to a traffic engineer myself.

He confirmed that the criteria above are all *guidance*, not requirements. However he said without either a fifth accident this year OR the volume (or 80% of volume as we already have 80% of accidents) an engineering study might be premature.

As we clearly have an issue at intersection though, in the absence of such as study he suggested we request a "Cross Road" sign, W2-1 on both approaches to Brackett Road from Wallis Road.

Therefore, while we hold our breath anticipating a fifth accident (which we fervently hope will not occur), we respectfully request a Cross Road sign (W2-1) be placed on Wallis Road approaching Brackett in both directions. (Beachward might be enough, direction of Wallis Road drivers was not included in information shared by Chief Walsh, but we would guess most were traveling towards beach as the intersection is hard to see/anticipate in that direction.)

On a different but related note: While researching New Hampshire stop sign requirements, I found the following:

"Where two roads intersect at an acute angle, the stop sign should be positioned at an angle or else shielded so that the legend is out of view of traffic to which it does not apply."

This means that many stop signs in Rye are inappropriately positioned as they are clearly legible to the non-stopped traffic (mostly Stop signs attached to street signs rather than positioned in optimal location). One striking example would be Fern & Washington, where the Stop sign for Fern is entirely visible to Washington drivers and might cause someone unfamiliar with area to hesitate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Frances Erlebacher
484 Brackett Road
Rye, NH

PS: I will unfortunately be away during next BOS meeting on September 23.

9-23-19 Disc Item D

Town of Rye
Fire Rescue
Memorandum

To: Rye Select Board
Cc: Becky Bergeron, Peter Rowell
From: Mark Coffey
Date: February 28, 2019
RE: Rye Fire Fee Adjustment request

Hello All;

I am writing today to request the following adjustments in the Rye Fire Rescue Fee Schedule:

- The detail rate as listed under the Fire Department is problematic. The Police Administrative Assistant, Jess Doucette bills for both police and fire details. The intention was to have both systems the same. This did not happen. I would like to have the fire detail fees changed as follow:
 - Non-Emergency Standby (Blasting Detail, Parades, Bike Race Standby, etc...)
 - \$71.00/4hr minimum per person
 - \$80.00 Apparatus Charge (if applicable)
- The propane and Oil permit fees are problematic. Currently both the building department and Fire Department's charge and issue permits for these installations. The reason is that the building department and the fire department have different parts of the inspections that they are responsible for. Building Inspector Peter Rowell and I have come up with a system to streamline this situation and have the building department fee cover both inspections. This would appropriately leave the installer to apply for and purchase 1 permit for these jobs not 2. To get rid of these redundant charges I request that the town:
 - Eliminate Fire Department Oil Burner permits
 - Eliminate Fire Department LP Storage Tank permits

Thank you very much for your consideration!

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To: Rye Conservation Commission
cc: Rye BOS

RE: Planting on Beaches

The Rye Beach Committee is extremely concerned with the issue of Rye (oceanfront) residents planting sea grass and other vegetation on public beaches. Many Rye residents and non-residents have voiced their concerns as well.

In the spring of 2018, a resident of 23 F Street received approval from the Conservation Commission to plant sea grass. It was agreed that they took liberties and planted more than what was agreed upon while adjacent residence at 286 Ocean Blvd. was also planted (at the same time) without permission.

This year it seems the same residents must have lost much of what was planted (in 2018) from winter storms and looks as if they replanted (this spring) with larger plants. Needless to say they have successfully built a natural barrier that takes away public beach space and this is our concern.

We have recently noticed a residence just to the north of Jennes Beach State Park looks as if they planted dune grass this year...evenly spaced and neat rows – not natural.

We, the Rye Beach Committee, think it's imperative that the RCC, BOS and any other relevant town board(s) need to know about all future planting on beaches and therefore should develop a systematic procedure that residents must follow in order to obtain permission (or not) to plant and that they are not infringing on public beach space.

We look forward to your input and cooperation concerning this matter.

Respectfully,
Rye Beach Committee
Larry Rocha, Lori Carbajal, Steve Hillman, Keper Connell and Brad Fulkerson

