

TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, January 27, 2020
6:45 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

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

At 7:14 p.m., Keriann Roman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Roman – Yes, Epperson – Yes.

At 7:21 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.

7:15 p.m.

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Winslow announced the following:

- The Deliberative Session will be Saturday, February 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m. in the Rye Jr. High School Gymnasium.
- Friday, January 31st is the deadline for Rye residents to sign up for open positions on town boards, commissions and committees.
- Voters that need an absentee ballot should stop by the Town Clerk's office to apply for the ballot for the February 11th primary election.

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

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road:**
 - Talked about the warrant as posted:

- The Wireless Overlay District is on the warrant as a zoning amendment. He thought this was going to be taken off. He did not see anything that was changed.
- The Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve warrant article in the amount of \$3,000 is not on the warrant.
- The warrant is 60 pages. Mr. Borne recommended printing out only the section that will be discussed at the Deliberative Session.
- Mr. Borne asked for the fund balances for all the Capital Reserve and Special Revenue Funds.
- The last time the Collective Bargaining warrants came out, Mike Magnant sent Mr. Borne explanations, as to how the contracts are good for the Town and how they benefited the public works, fire and police departments. He asked for Administrator Bergeron to do the same.
- Mr. Borne asked where the revenue from the Port Way cell tower is going.

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

A. COLA Match for Non-Union Employees

B. Application for use of Parsons Field: Seacoast Lacrosse March 30 through June 20 (weather permitting)

Monday-Friday: 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Requests waiver of the \$50/day fee for use of the field.

*Seacoast Lacrosse offers to pay AB Septic for a portable restroom at the Field for March, April, May and June.

Chair Winslow pulled both items off the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Chair Winslow reported that the COLA, as offered to the union employees, is 2.75%. The total cost to the Town, to give the non-union employees the same, will be \$12,040 for year 2020. There are 25 non-union employees.

Chair Winslow asked that Seacoast Lacrosse pay AB Septic directly and also, that the restroom be placed in the same place as last year so that there are no safety issues.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Items A and B as amended. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ambulance Billing and Write-Off Policy

Chair Winslow stated that the Board will delay this discussion until the Town Attorney has reviewed it.

B. Pump Out Update

The Board had received a report on the status of the Pump-Out Program. Administrator Bergeron reported that the Code Enforcement Department has spent a lot of time identifying the homeowners that are still not in compliance and sending another round of letters out to them. Also, the 2016, homeowners are due for their three-year inspections.

Chair Winslow reported that there is a total of about 310 letters that were sent out by the Code Enforcement Office on November 27, 2019. To date, there have been 185 residents that have responded with their pump-out reports. There are still 88 residents that have not responded to the letter. There are 37 that have contracted with pump-out companies, but have not had the service done as yet.

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

Moderator Eaton was in attendance and the Board will provide him with the list.

Chair Winslow told Mr. Eaton there will be one amendment on Article 9, regarding the Trolley Barn. He will provide Mr. Eaton a copy of the amendment.

Moderator Eaton explained that he will read the article as it is on the warrant. He will then ask for one of the Selectmen to bring the article to the floor of the Deliberative Session. He will then ask for one of the Selectmen to speak to the article. At that time, a selectman should make the amendment.

There was a short discussion regarding the two petitioned warrant articles. Attorney Donovan is prepared to address these articles at the Deliberative Session.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Keriann Roman to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger