

# **RYE DOGS AT LARGE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, September 17, 2018**

**6:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Members Present:* Chairman Ritchie White, Vice-Chair Mike Garvan, Shawn Joyce, Susan Shepcaro, Kevin Kobylinski, Selectman Phil Winslow and Police Chief Kevin Walsh**

## **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

- August 29, 2018

The following correction was noted:

- Page 4, last paragraph, last sentence should read: **A digital map showing the proposed areas in the forest was submitted to the Town Administrator.**

## **III. Approval of Final Report to the Board of Selectmen with Power Point**

Chief Kevin Walsh submitted the final draft of the Power Point to the committee for review. The committee members suggested a few minor edits to the draft. The final draft report, prepared by Chair White, was also reviewed by the committee.

The committee verbally approved the Power Point and final report, which will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Chair Ritchie White will make the presentation at the Selectmen's meeting.

Chair White noted that the Dogs at Large Committee will also be present at the Selectmen's meeting for the proposed leash law public hearing for parts (certain trails) of the Rye Town Forest, which is being presented by the Conservation Commission. The committee will be voicing their support for the ordinance during the public hearing.

The committee also agreed that Chief Walsh should present the video from the City of Boulder's Voice and Sight Control Tag Program, as an example of what would be presented to dog owners who wish to have their dog off leash. The owners must watch the video and acknowledge by signature that they understand the rules and the definition of "dog under control". Once the dog owner pays a yearly fee and

agrees to the conditions, they may receive a tag for their dog to be off leash in the Town Forest (excluding the trails that may be designated as “leash only”).

Chair White will submit the final report and package of information to the Selectmen’s Secretary, Janice Ireland, to be included in the Selectmen’s packets for the presentation. Committee members will need to sign the final report once the minor edits suggested by the committee have been made.

#### **IV. Other Business**

Chair White noted that this is the committee’s final meeting. He thanked the committee members for their hard work and dedication. He is pleased that the members were willing to make compromises in order to work together to find a potential solution to the problem.

The committee members thanked Chair White for his leadership and work on the committee.

#### **V. Public Input**

**Peter Crawford, Brackett Road**, commended the committee on their work. He spoke in support of the committee’s final recommendations.

- **No further business was brought before the committee.**

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Kevin Kobylinski. All in favor.**

*\*The Dogs at Large Final Report may be viewed on the Town of Rye Website or at the Selectmen’s Office, Rye Town Hall.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger