

TOWN OF RYE –SELECT BOARD
Monday, January 20, 2021
1:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

Present: Chair Phil Winslow, Selectman Bill Epperson and Selectwoman Mae Bradshaw

Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of Attestation

Statement by Becky Bergeron:

As Town Administrator for the Town of Rye, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video and other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone number: 646-558-8656 and Password: 125410 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com ID #833-8773-5475.

- a) Public notice has been provided to the public for the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the Town of Rye website town.rye.nh.us
- b) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.
- c) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.
In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

If anyone has a problem accessing the meeting please email the Town Administrator at: bbergeron@town.rye.nh.us.

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Roll call attendance of Select Board:

- Bill Epperson
- Mae Bradshaw
- Phil Winslow

Note: The Selectmen stated where they were at home and stated that their spouses were in the home/room during the meeting.

II. 2021 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. Warrant Articles

Read by Chair Winslow as follows:

*To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 0.4-acre parcel which is the site of the former second parsonage to the highest bidder over **\$XX**. If the parcel has not been swapped for the former TD Bank property by **date**. The conveyance will include an easement allowing the parcel to utilize the septic system under the adjacent town parking lot, provided the purchaser agrees to assume responsibility for the maintenance, repair and replacement if necessary, of the system. The conveyance will retain a **XXXX** foot wide easement of the parcel allowing the Library Trustees to maintain the sidewalk and own and maintain the Library's sidewalk lighting adjacent to the present parking lot. The purchaser will have to comply with all Zoning, Historic District and Planning Board regulations.*

During discussion the following amendments were made:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 0.4 +/- acre parcel which is the site of the former second parsonage to the highest bidder over **\$500,000**. If the parcel has not been swapped **exchanged** for the former TD Bank property by **July 31, 2021**. The conveyance will include an easement allowing the parcel to utilize the septic system under the adjacent town parking lot, provided the purchaser agrees to assume responsibility for the maintenance, repair and replacement if necessary, of the system **and any consequential repairs to the parking lot to the satisfaction of public works**. The conveyance will retain a **3-foot-wide easement on the south and west boarders** of the parcel allowing the Library Trustees to maintain the sidewalk ~~and own~~ and maintain **and control** the Library's sidewalk lighting adjacent to the present parking lot. The purchaser will have to comply with all Zoning, Historic District and Planning Board regulations.

**Motion by Bill Epperson approve to the article as amended. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.
Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye.
Motion Passed**

There was discussion regarding warrant article #19. Chair Winslow read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Select Board the authority to accept dedicated street in accordance with RSA 674:4-A. This delegation will be limited to those roads that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision plan, site plan or street plan approval and has received approval of dedication from the Planning Board and if constructed and completed in accordance with the Planning Board road construction regulations, and have been recommended by the Planning Board and the Public Works Director. The Select Board may accept these roads after holding a Public Hearing.

Administrator Bergeron reminded the Board that there was an accompanying warrant article regarding accepting Goss Farm Lane that is not on the warrant at this time. She wanted to verify that this is the Select Board's wishes.

Administrator Bergeron read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Road, Goss Farm Lane as shown on a plan titled Goss Grant RE NH, tax map 8, Lot 58 and 59. Last revised July 10, 2019. Recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan number D-41615. This acceptance is condition upon the final approval of the Public Works Director, the Select Board and the Planning Board. The Planning Board has subdivision creating Goss Farm Lane as identified on the above referenced plan.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Article 19, if passed, will take care of the Goss Farm Lane acceptance and there is no need for the second article.

III. OTHER BUSINESS *None*

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Bill Epperson to Adjourn at 1:45p.m. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.
Roll Call Vote: Phil Winslow – Aye; Bill Epperson – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye.
Motion passed**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger