

**TOWN OF RYE – SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m. – Via Zoom**

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

*Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron*

**5:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

**At 5:30 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, Bradshaw - Yes.**

**At 6:19 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, Bradshaw - Yes.**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 6:30 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: 965874 or by clicking on the following website address: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) ID #838-8968-2494.

- 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](http://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.  
If anyone has a problem, call 603-964-5523 or e-mail at [bbergeron@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:bbergeron@town.rye.nh.us).
- 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.

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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.*

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**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.)

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road**, noted that there seems to have been some select board meetings that were scheduled with no streaming; such as, the one on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, he thought that the deliberative session was scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>, but the posting today stated that it is on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The MS-7 was posted but not the spreadsheet of the budget that the public normally gets. The November 5<sup>th</sup> all day workshop is listed in minutes on the website but there is nothing there.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – (to be discussed at the meeting only if pulled off the consent agenda by one of the three Selectmen.) - **None**

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Deliberative Session Discussion**

Moderator Eaton reminded the Board that at the last meeting they had voted to schedule the deliberative session for February 6<sup>th</sup> and the Election for March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was also decided to postpone the deliberative session every three days until they reached June 5<sup>th</sup> and the election every two weeks until they reached July 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, they had been hoping that the legislation would set some protocol for towns to follow. The legislation had an election committee meeting and they considered SB-2 and took no action. However, the same day the Governor issued Executive Emergency Order # 83. This order basically adopts the wording of SB-2. It allows the governing body to postpone the election to the second Tuesday of April, May, June or July. The second Tuesday of July is the 13<sup>th</sup>, which is what the Select Board had already focused on as the date to postpone too. Executive Emergency Order #83 puts the authority to postpone the election with the Select Board. He recommended that the Select Board vote to postpone the deliberative session until June 5<sup>th</sup> and the election until July 13<sup>th</sup>.

After consulting with the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk the following motion was made:

**Motion by Phil Winslow to postpone the Deliberative Session until June 5, 2021 and the Town Election until July 13, 2021 in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #83. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.**

**Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye.**

**Motion Passed.**

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

Chair Winslow stated that this discussion will be postponed.

**C. Cell Tower Update**

Town Administrator Bergeron reported that the Building Department has approved the building permit for the site work and preconstruction. Verizon is now working on the tower and foundation design so that their construction division can bid the project out. They are looking at early spring to start the construction. Planning Administrator Reed has contacted Ken Weaver about a date for withdrawing the Brackett Road application. She is waiting to hear back from him. In the meantime, the shot clock has been extended until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**X. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Meeting Minutes**

**1. Meeting, Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

The following Corrections were made:

- Page 4; B. Discussion regarding the Deliberative Session reads: To ensure the health and wellbeing risks of the ~~electrie~~, the poll and election workers is minimized to the maximum possible.  
It should read: To ensure the health and wellbeing risks of the electorate, the poll and election workers is minimized to the maximum possible.
- Page 4; Warrant Article reads: *Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred three dollars (\$10,189,303) which is the same as year,*  
It should read: *Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred three dollars (\$10,189,303) which is the same as last year,*

**Motion by Bill Epperson to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, January 11, 2021 as amended. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.**

**Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye.**

**Motion Passed.**

**2. Meeting, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

The following Corrections were made:

- Page 2; last Paragraph reads: 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~~  
It should read: 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
- Page 3; Under Discussion regarding warrant article #19 reads: *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.*

It should read: *To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Select Board the authority to accept dedicated streets in accordance with RSA 674:4-A.*

**Motion by Bill Epperson to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 20, 2021 as amended. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.**

**Roll Call Vote: Bill Epperson – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye; Phil Winslow – Aye.**

**Motion Passed.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to Adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.**

**Roll Call Vote: Phil Winslow – Aye; Bill Epperson – Aye; Mae Bradshaw – Aye.**

**Motion passed**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger