

TOWN OF RYE – SELECT BOARD

Friday, April 2, 2021

12:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron, Police Chief Kevin Walsh, Fire Chief Mark Cotreau and Town Moderator Bob Eaton

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order 12:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of Attestation

Statement by Phil Winslow:

As Chair of the Select Board 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: 248657 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com ID #830 9335 9664.

- 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
- a) 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.
- b) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.
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Roll call attendance of Select Board:

- Bill Epperson – Wife is in the house
- Mae Bradshaw – Burt is in the room
- Phil Winslow – Wife is in the house

II. DELIBERATIVE SESSION LOCATION DISCUSSION

Town Moderator Bob Eaton lead the discussion. He stated that he and Chief Walsh did a site walk of the pavilion at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club. He feels that it will fit the Town's needs for holding the Deliberative Session. It is about 50% larger than the tent that the Town had reserved and has more open areas, plus it is already set up.

Chief Walsh explained that Fire Officer Anania and Police Sergeant Blais are already working on the logistics and technical aspects of the event.

Selectmen Epperson stated that he is in full support of this idea. He pointed out that Wentworth by the Sea has been a significant part of the community for many years. He feels that they're doing this in the spirit of partnership, and he really appreciates that.

Selectman Epperson asked Moderator Eaton if the state mandate on wearing masks changes by the date of the Deliberative Session, will that also change that requirement for the Deliberative Session.

Moderator Eaton replied that this would be a topic for discussion, but it might not necessarily change the requirement. With his statutory role of running the meeting, it is his discretion to make it a rule of the meeting to require masks. At the moment, he is leaning heavily towards requiring masks, as safety is the number one priority.

After further discussion, all were in agreement that the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club Pavilion would be the site for the Deliberative Session.

Motion by Phil Winslow the change the location of the June 5th Deliberative Session to the Wentworth Country Club Pavilion. Seconded by Bill Epperson.

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

Motion Passed.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Epperson to Adjourn at 12:25 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