

## **TOWN OF RYE – SELECT BOARD**

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**3:00 p.m. – Via Zoom**

*Present: Chair Phil Winslow 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 3:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Reading of Attestation**

Statement by Phil Winslow:

As Chair of the Rye 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: 326532 or by clicking on the following website address: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) ID #835 1668 2330.

- 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)
- a) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.
- b) 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](mailto:BBergeron@town.rye.nh.us).

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Roll call attendance of Select Board:

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

## **II. PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF THE TROLLEY BARN**

Chair Winslow announced that the Town has received a bid offer to purchase the Trolley Barn property from Rye resident Bruce Valley. The Select Board was authorized to sell the Trolley Barn by the passing of Article #27 on the 2018 Warrant. The vote was 1294 yes and 250 no. The Select Board put out a notice to sell the property through a sealed bid process. The minimum bid was set at \$400,000 and the parcel was assessed at \$355,000. Mr. Valley has stated that he plans to renovate the building and turn it into a coffee shop. This is consistent with the Rye Master Plan; however, Mr. Valley will have to go through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The purpose of today's meeting is to obtain authorization from the Select Board to sign the purchase and sales agreement in the amount of \$411,000.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the contract for the sale and purchase of the property located at 37 Central Road and to authorize the Select Board to sign the same.**

**Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.**

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

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to have her signature facsimile applied to the contract due to her temporary unavailability to sign. Seconded by Phil Winslow.**

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

**Motion Passed.**

## **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

Selectwoman Bradshaw gave a quick update of the Rye Town Center Committee meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>. She reported that there is planning for the committee members to take a walk around the center. They are planning to meet up with the church representatives, the Library Trustees and other individuals along the way, to see if there is a way to create a path from the Town Hall to the TD Bank building. A lot of the land is conservation land and the Conservation Commission will accompany them on this walk. Also, the Town Center Committee was very interested in the plan for the Trolley Barn and there was enthusiasm in the idea of there being a coffee shop there. They would like to include a meeting with Bruce Valley on the walk-a-bout.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mae Bradshaw to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Seconded by Phil Winslow.**

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

**Motion passed**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger