

**TOWN OF RYE – SELECT BOARD
MEETING, NOVEMBER 22, 2021
6:30 PM
Rye Town Hall & Zoom**

Present: *Chair Bill Epperson, Vice-Chair Phil Winslow and Selectman Tom King*

Others Present: *Town Administrator Rebecca Bergeron*

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Epperson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Epperson announced that the tax bills have been sent out.

The Rye Select Board voted to not increase the town's property tax for this year. Given the impact of increased utility bills, heating costs, and inflation on residents, on fixed income, the Select Board voted to use a portion of the unassigned fund balance to hold the town taxes stable with last year.

There will be an article in the town newsletter about the revaluation.

The next vaccination clinic will be held at the Public Safety Building on December 18th. Vaccination status in Rye is as follows: One dose 74.2%; 67.9% fully vaccinated; 29 active cases, with a total of 444 case or 8.2%. The State is at 64.9% fully vaccinated.

The second visioning session for the Rye Master Plan is scheduled for January the 12th.

The Energy Committee public forum for community power will be held on December 9th.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – (at the beginning of the meeting, for any comment by any Rye resident on any topic. Requested time limit, up to 5 minutes each person.)

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road:**
 - Referred to warrant article 32 of 2018 regarding the role of the Town Attorney “To see if the Town of Rye will vote that any attorney paid for from funds appropriated by Rye voters properly represents the Town of Rye.” He recommended that the Board give this to the new legal firm that was hired as this means that the attorney

also represents the residents and they should be able to get responses from the attorney at the deliberative session.

- What happen with the unmerge request on the property at 370 Wallis Road?
 - Chair Epperson answered that it had been approved.
 - Mr. Borne would have preferred that the resident that had invested a lot of time be given the benefit of the doubt, especially after the comment was made that the Planning and Zoning Board would protect what happens with the land.
 - Mr. Borne referred to the zoning ordinances and stated that there is not much substance in them.
 - Next month will be the fourth-year anniversary of when the State told Rye that there were problems with Parsons Creek and nothing has been done.
 - In 2018, 25% of the variances were wetland and buffers and 2019, it was 40%.
 - Mr. Borne spoke about problems with development on Route 1 and the potential impact on Rye. North Hampton handled it over ten years ago, by raising money to purchase the land to protect it from development.
 - North Hampton has 1,000 less people than Rye. They have a dedicated Rep.; Rye doesn't.
 - Mr. Borne talked about community purchasing of heat oil. There are communities in Portsmouth that are doing this.
 - He expressed his concerns regarding how much the safety building costs to heat and air condition, considering that there is a lot of unused space in the building.
 - Mr. Borne talked about the tax rate setting. He explained that it is the DRA that recommends retaining 5% to 10% of the unassigned fund balance and the DFOA recommends 8% to 17%. He also talked about how other towns use their fund balance. He recommended that Rye look into using some of its fund balance on things that the town desperately needs.
 - He talked about budgeting trends and the affect it is having on the unassigned fund balance.
- State Representative Jaci Grote reported to the Board that she has been following the new school voucher system and the affects it may have on Rye schools.
 - She explained: Last session HB 607 was passed that created student accounts. It was put into HB2 at the end of last session.
 - This year an amendment was brought forth that would allow school districts to establish Education Freedom Accounts using local education money.
 - The state already offers Education Freedom Accounts, which provide public funding to make it easier for parents to choose the schools their children attend. The funding was to come from the Education Trust Fund. Because of the number of students that have joined the program, there was not enough funds budgeted to cover the costs of the program. The amendment allocates a portion of the public-school funds to cover the costs.
 - It is not going to affect Rye this year, because the amendment has not passed the House. It has passed the Committee and will be heard by the House in January. It still has to go through the Senate and Community Conference.

- If passed, a vote would be taken by each school district on whether or not the district wants to adopt the program.
- A calculation is done to set the amount given to each student requesting a local Education Freedom Account.
- The Calculation is as follows:
 - Taking the previous year's local education tax revenue and subtract special education funding. Eighty percent of the resulting figure would be divided by the average number of students in daily attendance to determine the per-pupil EFA grant amount.
- There are no income eligibility restrictions in this program.
- Representative Grote told the Board that she will continue to follow the Bill. She is not going to support it, as she firmly believes that public money should go to public education. Private education should not be supported by taxpayers' money.
- Representative Grote thanked the Board for their support regarding the redistricting issue. She reported that a lot of people called the Redistricting Committee with comments. However, the comments were not effective and the Committee went with what the majority recommended. So as of now; Rye and New Castle are separate, and unless the Bill is overturned in the House in January, most likely the Bill will pass.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – (to be discussed at the meeting only if pulled off the consent agenda by one of the three Selectmen.)

A. Select Board's Meeting Schedule 2022

Vice Chair Winslow asked that the Select Board meeting of Monday, February 14th be moved to Tuesday, February 15th. He also asked that the meeting on Monday, June 27th be moved to Tuesday, June 28th.

Selectman King asked that the Select Board meeting of Wednesday, October 12th be moved to Thursday, October 13th.

Because of conflicts with other committee/board meetings, it was decided the reschedule it to Monday, October 17th.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the Select Board's Meeting Schedule for 2022 as amended. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

B. Holiday Schedule 2022 – Policy Directive

Steve Borne reminded the Board that twice, students have asked the Rye Select Board to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

Chair Epperson explained that the Board has discussed the matter and will not be taking it on themselves to change the name of a federal holiday. It would have to come before the Board in the form of a warrant article passed by the voters.

Motion by Bill Epperson to accept the Holiday Schedule for 2022 as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Beach Sticker Committee Update

Chair Epperson explained the proposed changes as follows:

- Limit of two stickers per parcel with one additional for a motorcycle or moped.
- Property owners can forfeit stickers. A letter from the property owner is required.
- No vehicle with commercial or dealer plates will be issued a sticker.
- Properties listed as a trust will have to pick the two trustees that will receive the stickers.

If agreed on this evening, the entire beach parking permit will go out with the town newsletter. The reasons behind the changes are:

- Abuse of the stickers
 - Many properties receiving 5 to 8 stickers per household.
 - False lease agreements so people can qualify for a beach parking sticker.
- Definition of a resident
 - Property owner that lives in the home or lessee with a year-round agreement who are qualified to become a registered voter of the Town.
 - Rye resident whose legal address is listed on the vehicle registration.
- Definition of a property owner
 - Any person that owns a living dwelling in the town and receives a property tax bill in their name.

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the beach parking sticker rules as presented. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

B. Land Use Admin Asst discussion with Budget Committee Chair

Budget Committee Chair Jaci Grote talked to the Board about the Budget Committee's concerns regarding this position.

- For many on the Budget Committee, the budget work session was the first time they had heard about establishing another full-time position.
- Many felt that all new full-time positions should be put before the voters in the form of a warrant article.
- The parks and recreation account is not the proper place to budget that position.
- Volunteers on the different Boards should be paid a stipend to do the work.
- Could it be a part-time position?
- Could it be a contracted position?

She commented that there needs to be more clarity on the position at the next budget work session on December 9th.

Ms. Grote also told the Board that the Budget Committee has concerns regarding the Town Hall Annex and the renovations on the Old Town Hall. She recommended that a special page be added to the town's website dedicated to keeping the residents up to date and informed on the plans and the progress of both buildings.

C. Regional Association Review Committee Charge

Selectman King reported that when he was reviewing the Regional Association requests, he looked at the history. He is not objecting to their support, but the process by which they are on the list. In order to be on the list for funding by the Town, someone in town does a petition warrant article. If it gets passed, the organization gets on the list and stays there, as long as they ask for funding every year. Currently, there are no reviews as to who they are, what they are, and how they benefit the residents of Rye. The committee will be responsible to review all the current Regional Associations listed for their relevance, to make sure they still make sense and to also look for gaps in support. There may be other organizations that meet the needs in the Town that have been overlooked that are worthy of town support.

The committee will be made up of not more than seven members with the term ending the end of July 2022. Their recommendations should be in a report to the Select Board by the 1st of July 2022.

Motion by Bill Epperson to move forward with the Regional Association Review Committee as outlined by the charge as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

D. Culvert Replacement – DPW

Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy explained that several years ago the Town did a study of all the culverts that were over 15 inches in diameter. They were categorized and prioritized for replacement by condition. The first to be done were the two on Red Mill. The box culvert on Wallis was also done. They are now trying to get the culvert under Perkins Road done. They are having trouble getting the engineering completed due to staffing shortages in the engineering firms. Typically, he tries to get the engineering and permitting completed in one year and the construction done the next year. However, with Covid, he has been carrying the project for the past two years. The engineering typically costs around \$50,000.

Vice Chair Winslow explained that there will be funds coming in from the federal infrastructure bill. The Board is interested in maybe having five or six of these projects ready to go in order to get funding for them.

Mr. McCarthy explained that will be hard to do because that would be around \$300,000. It would mean looking for a company that could take on 5 to 6 projects.

He added that Perkins Road is almost done and he is still waiting on the proposal for the South Road Drainage issue.

The Board is interested in getting Mr. McCarthy's recommendations as to the best way to spend the money.

Mr. McCarthy stated that it is hard to spend money without the engineering in hand. He recommended looking at road upgrades, sewer and water. He added that the State will be looking at bridges.

There was discussion about what the process will be like and the criteria. Chair Epperson recommended that they get together with all the participating parties; Janet Stevens, Jaci Grote, and Tom Sherman, to get a better understanding of what needs to be done.

The Board agreed that as soon as the criteria and regulations are released from the State, they would like to have a work session set up with the Town's State reps.

Selectman King asked Mr. McCarthy to find out what the engineering firms are forecasting as far as taking on work next year.

Mr. McCarthy agreed to ask.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter rec'd from Todd Conant requesting permission to market a trash pickup service to Rye residents.

Chief Walsh reported to the Board that his department is getting consistent complaints regarding noise from early morning trash pickups. He recommended that if the Board is considering allowing this that they apply strict rules against early morning pickups. He felt that a reasonable time to start would be after 7:00 AM.

Mr. McCarthy talked about the problem with facilitating a large delivery at the transfer station. He explained that they are not setup for someone to come in with equipment to unload a large delivery, so it would have to be unloaded by hand. There is also the issue of sorting the recyclables. It would take a considerable amount of time and would bottleneck the normal traffic flow. He recommended that any independent hauler should have to take the loads to a landfill.

After further discussion, the Board asked Mr. McCarthy to contact Mr. Conant to arrange a meeting at the transfer station to talk about the size of his operation and the logistics of how the deliveries would work.

Mr. McCarthy agreed to meet with Mr. Conant and recommended getting a written proposal from him.

B. Letter rec'd from John L. Arnold, Hinckley Allen re: the Perkins Road/Ocean Blvd Intersection Reconfiguration Proposals

McCarthy reported that he has sent the letter to the engineer for review. The engineer is going to review the letter and try to work it into some sort of plan. Mr. McCarthy recommended that the Board wait until the engineer comes back with their proposal. If the Board is interested in it, then they can set up another public meeting or present it at a regular Select Board meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road:** Talked to the Board about communications.
 - The signs are better
 - The meetings, the elections and the deliberative session are being promoted;
 - The message board is great;
 - The website is better than the old one;
 - but it still can be improved;
 - it is still hard to find things
 - Where is the cemetery on the website?
 - When are their meetings?
 - What do they do?
 - The website needs information that is in the public's demand
 - like the letter that was just discussed;
 - no one knows what that was about.
 - The Aquarion report that was presented to the Select Board
 - The revaluation time-line as outlined by the Assessor
 - The public needs to understand what they can do and when they can do it.
 - All this information needs to be posted and available on line.
 - There should be a table at the deliberative session with information about the revaluation.
 - If the Select Board agrees, Mr. Borne will get the Civic League to set up and man the table to present the process and how it works
 - There could also be a table at the elections.

The Select Board agreed that the revaluation is a big deal and they recognize the importance of communicating the information to the residents. They agreed to discuss the idea of the Civic League helping with the communication piece at the next Select Board meeting. In the mean time, Mr. Borne will discuss the idea with the Civic League members.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. SELECTMEN'S 2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. Departmental Budgets

1. Insurance

Worker's Compensation	\$ 78,558	to	\$ 97,999
Property Liability	80,368	to	86,013
Unemployment Compensation	2,412	to	2,183

Motion by Bill Epperson to approve the insurance budget in the amount of \$186,195 as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

2. DPW Personnel – Increase in insurance costs

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the DPW Personnel budget in the amount of \$817,408 as presented. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

3. Library

Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the library budget in the amount of \$754,705 as presented. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

B. Warrant Articles

- Article A
 - Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Article A and move it to the warrant as presented. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.

- Article B
 - Ambulance & Fire Special Revenue Fund \$100,000

Motion by Bill Epperson to accept Article B and move it to the warrant as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

- Article C
 - Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$35,000

Motion by Bill Epperson to accept Article C and move it to the warrant as presented. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.

- Article D
 - Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000

**Motion by Bill Epperson to accept Article D and move it to the warrant as presented.
Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

- Article E
 - Library Employee Leave Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

**Motion by Tom King to accept Article E and move it to the warrant as presented.
Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

- Article F
 - Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
\$10,000

**Motion by Bill Epperson to accept Article F and move it to the warrant as presented.
Seconded by Tom King. All in Favor.**

- Article G
 - Rye Public Library HVAC Capital Reserve Fund \$5,000

**Motion by Tom King to accept Article G and move it to the warrant as presented.
Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

- Article H
 - Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund \$3,000

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Article H and move it to the warrant as presented.
Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

- Article I
 - Record Restoration Capital Reserve Fund \$3,000

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Article I and move it to the warrant as presented.
Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting, Monday, September 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Rye Town Hall

The following was noted:

- **Page 5;** To provide premium ~~paid~~ for essential workers

- **should read:** To provide premium pay for essential workers
- **Page 5; B. Public Hearing – Vaccination Aid Program Funds:** There were five members of the ~~department~~ that participated:
- **should read:** There were five members of the Fire Department that participated:
- **Page 8; 4g says No and it should say Yes.**
- **Page 12; Motion by Bill Epperson to Resolve reads:** The signature of the above authorized party, of this municipality will affix to any instrument of the document described in or contemplated by these resolutions, shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of said party to bind this ~~paefie~~ municipality thereby:
- **It should read:** The signature of the above authorized party, of this municipality will affix to any instrument of the document described in or contemplated by these resolutions, shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of said party to bind this specific municipality thereby:
- **Page 13; ARPA Funds Project; 1; second sentence reads:** When that ~~aeerued~~ there was significant bonding by the Town.
- **It Should Read:** When that occurred, there was significant bonding by the Town.

**Motion By Bill Epperson to accept the meeting minutes of September 13, 2021 as amended.
Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion By Phil Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Seconded by Tom King. All in Favor.

*Respectfully Submitted
Dyana F. Ledger*

11-22-21 Consent Item A



2022
TOWN OF RYE
SELECT BOARD
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, Selectmen's Meetings are held:
The 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
In the Town Hall Courtroom, 10 Central Road

January 10
January 24
February 14
February 28
March 14
March 28
April 11
April 25
May 9
May 23
June 13
June 27
July 11
July 25
August 8
August 22
September 12
September 26
October 12 - Wednesday (Monday, October 10, 2022 is Columbus Day. Town offices are closed.)
October 24
November 14
November 28
December 12
December 27 - Tuesday (Monday, December 26, 2022 Town offices are closed for the Christmas Holiday)

Meetings are subject to change.

Agendas are posted at Town Hall and on the Town website: www.town.rye.nh.us

Requests to be placed on a meeting agenda are accepted until noon on Thursday prior to the Monday meeting.

Please call the Selectmen's Office: (603)964-5523 or email jireland2@ryenh.us

11-22-21 Consent Item
B



2022 Holiday Schedule

POLICY DIRECTIVE

Effective immediately, the Town of Rye will observe the following holidays in 2022:

Martin Luther King Civil Rights Day	Monday	January 17, 2022
Presidents Day	Monday	February 21, 2022
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2022
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	Monday	September 5, 2022
Columbus Day	Monday	October 10, 2022
Veteran's Day	Friday	November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24, 2022
*Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 25, 2022
**Christmas Day	Monday	December 26, 2022

The Town Hall, Highway Department and Recycling Center will be closed each holiday.

* The Fire and Police Departments do not get the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, 2022.

** Christmas Day falls on Sunday, December 25, 2022. The holiday will be on Monday, December 26, 2022.

The Fire and Police Associations observe ten (10) holidays per year.
Those employees covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements will observe only those holidays specified in such Agreements.

RYE SELECT BOARD

William Epperson, Chairman
Philip D. Winslow, Vice-Chairman
Thomas King, Selectman

11-22-21 Disc Item A



Beach Parking Permits

The cost of each beach parking permit is \$25.00.

The following requirements apply to purchasing beach parking permits:

- ❖ **ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS will be entitled to beach stickers.** A property owner* is determined by the tax bill.
- **Property owners who lease their properties** year-round may opt to give one or both of their allotted beach stickers to the renters. In this case the renters will have to be determined to be residents** of the town, supply a signed yearlong lease agreement (with the months of May to Oct included for the current season), a vehicle registration with the Rye address as the legal address, as well as a letter from the Property owner forgoing one or both beach stickers.
- ❖ Properties listed in a trust will only receive 2 stickers. It is up to the trustees to determine which 2 trustees' vehicles will receive the allotted stickers.
- ❖ NO commercial vehicles (besides stickers previously approved by the Select Board) and no vehicles with dealership plates will be entitled to beach stickers. Non-Profits will be on a case-by-case basis.
- ❖ PO Boxes do not qualify as a Rye address (this is a common question). Our normal response is you can't sleep in a PO Box.
- ❖ A registration for the vehicle on which the beach parking permit is to be affixed must be provided for each permit requested (one per sticker registration).
- Rye property owners who do not permanently reside in Rye must show proof of property tax payment, as well as vehicle registration.
- ❖ All beach parking permits **must be permanently affixed** to assign vehicles as indicated on the permit.
- ❖ Motel owners and property owners with cottages will receive no more than two beach parking permits for guests and are exempt from permanently affixing the permits to guests' vehicles.
- Motel and cottage parking permits shall not be issued until Cabin Licensing fees are paid.

Beach Parking Permits

- ❖ Any alteration or transference of a beach parking permit to another vehicle other than the vehicle it was assigned to is a **VIOLATION** of the Town's Beach Parking Ordinance adopted March 13, 1956 and is punishable by a \$100.00 fine in accordance with RSA 31:30.
- ❖ Any exception to the aforementioned rules must be approved by the Rye Select Board.
- ❖ The beach parking permits are valid at designated areas located at the following locations:
 1. Cable Road Extension
 2. Sawyer's Beach
 3. Old Beach Way
 4. Easterly Side of Route 1A
(on public beach access;
opposite of Petey's Restaurant)
 5. Wallis Road Extension
 6. Concord Point
 7. Sunrise Path
 8. North side of Wallis Road
(south of bridge)

We ask that you try to keep our beaches clean. The town has implemented a carry-in/carry-out policy regarding trash. When you go to the beach; please be prepared to remove any and all refused associated with your visit. Littering will be subject to a fine of \$50.00 as provided in RSA 31:39.

Please note: The owner or persons having custody of any dog that defecates on Town of Rye beaches shall immediately dispose of same per Selectman's Ordinance duly adopted by the Town of Rye pursuant to referendum vote November 4, 1980 as required by RSA 466:30-b. Subject to a fine of \$25.00-\$50.00.

The use of alcoholic beverages on the beaches is strictly prohibited in accordance with RSA 175-1. This is also subject to a fine of \$50.00.

*Property owners is comprised of any persons owning dwelling/structure or vacant land within the town.

**Residents are property owners living in the property or lessees with a year-round lease agreement (including the current beach season May to Oct)., and/or qualify to become a registered voter in the town and the Rye address is the legal address listed on the vehicle's registration.

*Adopted by the Board of Selectman April 6, 1998
Amended May 24, 1999
Amended December 30, 2002 (fee change)
Amended May 14, 2003
Amended October 24, 2011
Amended November 13, 2011*

11-22-21 Disc Item C

Town of Rye Regional Association Review Committee

The Regional Association Review Committee is charged with analyzing all funding requests received from Regional Association organizations that were previously established by warrant article. The committee will evaluate each request in terms of relevance, proportionality and benefit to the residents of Rye. Further the Committee will make recommendations to the Select Board of additional agencies which may also provide significant support to the residents of Rye, for consideration. The Committee will prepare a final report with recommendations to the Select Board no later than July 1, 2022.

The Committee will consist of not more than 7 members and shall be appointed by the Select Board for an initial term ending July 31, 2022. The Committee will participate in multiple discussions with the Select Board over the term and make a final presentation at a Select Board meeting. Staff members may be appointed as non-voting members of the committee. It is the Select Board's intent to sunset this committee after completion of its charge, unless the Select Board votes to continue the committee.

The Town of Rye Regional Association Review Committee shall follow the Rules of Procedure for Committees established by the Select Board.

Town of Rye Select Board

William Epperson, Chairman

Philip Winslow, Vice-Chairman

Thomas King, Selectman

11-22-21 Corr. B



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November 10, 2021

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Rye Select Board
Rye Town Hall
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Rye, NH 03870

Re: Perkins Road/Ocean Blvd. Proposals

Dear Chairman Epperson & Members of the Select Board:

Thank you for your continued efforts with respect to the Perkins Road intersection improvement proposals. We sincerely appreciate your receptiveness to Ms. Leary's questions and concerns. We also appreciate the time you provided for her to review the proposals more closely and submit her comments to you for further consideration.

We have spent considerable time carefully reviewing so-called "Proposal B," presented at the October 14 meeting. While we agree that this is a much better proposal than "Proposal A," we continue to have significant concerns with it.

- First, we believe "Proposal B" would have dramatic impacts on the businesses in the plaza. Vehicular ingress and egress would be severely restricted along Route 1-A with the proposed curbing. Even if a painted walkway were substituted for curbing along Perkins Road, this would undoubtedly cause much confusion for motorists, who would be unsure whether it is permissible to drive over the painted walkway area. We believe that many motorists would either bypass the plaza altogether, or bottleneck at the single unpainted driveway, causing significant traffic back-ups both on and off the site. With more limited access and parking, fewer customers would be able to patronize businesses in the plaza.

- Second, we strongly believe "Proposal B" poses several significant safety risks. The Town's consultant indicated that the purpose of the painted walkway was to allow vehicles to drive across it for access to the plaza. However, this is not a safe or practical solution. If pedestrians are funneled into the painted walkway, they will be walking right along the edge of traffic on Perkins Road, and adjacent to vehicles parked at the Plaza. One can easily envision a situation where a child using the walkway to get to the beach stops to pick up a dropped item, as vehicles are trying to enter or exit the plaza. Best-case scenario is the situation merely causes a traffic backup; worst-case scenario is the child isn't seen by a motorist, and is struck.

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• Third, the actual design of the improvements shown in "Proposal B" has several flaws. As articulated at the meeting, the proposed location of the curb cut on Route 1-A severely impacts parking by eliminating the row of parking spaces along the fence facing the motel. Shifting the curb cut to the north could alleviate that, but would likely require relocating the existing sign on the property, at considerable expense. Further, the painted walkway along Perkins Road is excessively wide (10') - even wider than the sidewalk shown on "Proposal A" (7'). This unnecessarily impacts the flow of traffic and parking within the plaza. Finally, the initial version of "Proposal B" showed a break in the painted walkway close to the intersection, giving motorists another clear access point to the plaza. That access point was for some reason eliminated in the version of "Proposal B" shown at the October 14 meeting.

As Mr. King noted at the meeting, the heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic is only for a temporary period during peak beach days of the summer. It is not a phenomenon unique to this intersection, but is a reality along the entire coastline in many different locations. While some have expressed concerns with the safety of this intersection, Ms. Leary is unaware of any accidents during her decades-long ownership of the plaza. In light of this, we believe that the cost to implement the proposal (estimated to be \$45,000 +/-, plus ongoing re-painting and maintenance) greatly exceeds the benefit that will be obtained.

We continue to believe that a much safer and more practical solution is to channel pedestrians to the existing walkway which runs internally on the plaza site, adjacent to the building, and is protected from traffic on the street and in the parking lot. This is precisely what the walkway was designed for, and agreed upon with the Town several years ago. The walkway could be widened to some extent in places to accommodate more pedestrian traffic, and painting and signage could be added to direct pedestrians. At the very least, this solution could be put to the test next season, before the Town commits to other alternatives that would severely harm businesses in the plaza, create safety concerns, and require the expenditure of significant public funds.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John L. Arnold

Cc: Martha Leary

#61413692

11-22-21 Corres. A

TODD JOBS

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November 17, 2021

Rye Town Hall
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870

Dear Board of Selectmen,

My name is Todd Conant. I recently started a company, Todd Jobs LLC, (ID 881106). Its services are aimed generally at unskilled and skilled labor. It was recently brought to my attention by a Rye resident that the Town of Rye requires residents to deliver their own trash and recycling to the transfer station at 309 Grove Road.

I am seeking the Board's permission to market to the residents of Rye and offer such services as trash and recycle pickup and delivery to the transfer station. I am preparing to offer this service with an insured vehicle and with insurance to haul such waste away, with the Town of Rye on the insurance policy.

I'm happy to answer any questions the Board has in its consideration of granting this request.

Thank you for that consideration.

Respectfully,

Todd L. Conant

Owner
