

**TOWN OF RYE – SELECT BOARD
MEETING
Friday, April 15, 2022
9:00 a.m.
Rye Town Hall**

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

Others Present: *Town Administrator Rebecca Bergeron*

I. Call to Order

Chair Epperson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. Ratification of the Conservation Acquisition of 500 Washington Road, Map 016, Lot 201

Town Administrator Bergeron explained that in order to move forward with the next steps of bonding and Conservation use of prior bond authorization for the acquisition of 500 Washington Road and 0 Pioneer Road, this meeting has been called to take care of a bit of housekeeping. When the Select Board announced the acquisition of 500 Washington Road at their meeting on February 22, 2021, the Select Board neglected to take a formal vote. The acquisition was announced and quite a bit of public comment was taken; however, there was no formal vote. Bond counsel has provided an appropriate motion for the Select Board to make at this point in time in order to ratify the acquisition.

**Motion by Bill Epperson to hereby acknowledge the Board's approval of the purchase of 500 Washington Road at its duly noticed meeting held on February 22, 2021 as such approval vote does not appear to be formally requested in the minutes of that meeting. Therefore, we hereby ratify the Board's such approval of 500 Washington Road. Seconded by Phil Winslow.
Vote: 3-0 All in favor.**

III. Conservation Acquisition – 0 Pioneer Road, Map 022, Lot 073

**Motion by Phil Winslow to move forward with the acquisition of 0 Pioneer Road waiving the following A through Q requirements; requirement F for the appraisal, requirement K for the maintenance plan, understanding that a maintenance plan will be included in a future marsh restoration plan, requirement M current use status, and requirement O which is an estimate of development capability and tax revenue public cost, if applicable. Seconded by Bill Epperson.
Vote: 3-0 All in favor.**

IV. Other Business

Referring to the “Say No to Pease Cargo” signs, Selectman King reported that at the recent Historic District Commission meeting they were talking about the temporary signs in the center of town. It seems that everyone agreed that the signs are losing their effect. They have been there long enough that people are probably not seeing them anymore. He suggested that they ask people who have a sign out to pull it in and then put it back out later on when there is a reason to generate interest again.

Chair Epperson pointed out this is consistent with what Police Chief Walsh has said numerous times about signs. People just don’t see them after a while. He thinks if they pull them out, which is probably not a bad idea, they could have them replaced in other areas.

Vice-Chair Winslow noted that the PDA may be coming back to the May meeting with some reconsideration on what is being proposed. He suggests that they keep the signs up until after the May meeting; particularly, the ones on the corner of Marsh Road and Brackett.

There was some discussion about moving the signs to other areas, so people will at least not drive by without noticing anymore. There was also discussion about whether the signs should be taken down for two weeks and then put back out. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to let the signs remain up until the next Pease Airport Committee Meeting. The Select Board will revisit sign placement at their meeting on May 23rd.

Adjournment

Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger