

**TOWN OF RYE – SELECT BOARD  
MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022  
6:30 p.m.  
Rye Town Hall & Via Zoom**

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

**Others Present:** *Town Administrator Rebecca Bergeron, Planning/Zoning Administrator Kim Reed, and Public Works Director Jason Rucker.*

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

Chair Epperson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:34 p.m.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING: STATE OF NH GRANT FUNDING**

**The purpose of the hearing is to consider acceptance and expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) grant funding from the State of NH as part of the American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program.**

Planning and Zoning Administrator Kim Reed presented the Board with a two-page summary of the history of the Parsons Creek project.

She explained that about 2008 is when the impaired state of Parson's Creek became known. In 2010, she applied for a 319 Grant on behalf of the Town that was denied because the State needed more information. In 2011, they hired FB Environmental to do a study. With that study, they were able to apply for and be awarded a 310 Grant. Those funds were used to plant BMPs in the target area where they thought there would be run off. They also used septic sniffing dogs to isolate problem areas on the beaches. There was also an education component to the program. They also walked door to door in the Parson's Creek area asking home owners if they had a septic system and talked to them about the issues. FB Environmental created a septic system data base, which is currently being used by the Building Department.

The 2014 through 2018 Phase II didn't go as well as Phase I. They were still doing the monitoring, but could not identify the source of the problems. The testing was non-conclusive as to if it was human or animal waste. They planted more BMPs and hired a consultant to do a study of the septic systems along Parson's Creek. At that time, the Select Board put together a committee. Through that committee the Pump Out Ordinance was developed.

Ms. Reed explained that the problem is that they still do not know the source of the issue. When she heard that this grant could be used as a planning grant, she reached out to NH DES. They told her to apply for it under the umbrella of storm water management. NH DES has accepted the

Town's pre-application and they have submitted the actual application. It has not gone to GNC yet, but they are hopeful that it will and will be passed. As soon as it passes GNC they will be going to work. The work consists of:

- Public Project Meetings – for education
  - A Kick-off meeting
  - Mid-Meeting
  - Wrap-up Meeting
- Investigation into the source of the problem using a Bio-chip
  - Identifying DNA
  - Twenty Samples
    - From testing in the “hot spots” that are already identified
- Mapping Analysis (Risk Analysis)
- Educational Forum

This Phase of the project will be completed by December of 2023.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) grant funding from the State of NH as part of the American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

**Motion by Phil Winslow to authorized the Town Administrator to sign the contract with FB Environmental for this project. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

### **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Epperson asked Public Works Director Jason Rucker to summarize the Perkins Road meeting for the Select Board.

Director Rucker explained that he had everything lined up and painted on the road and did a walk-thru with the abutters. Mrs. Leary and the McGills were there and expressed their concerns. The main point coming from this was that the Town should not be funneling pedestrians through private property and accepting liability for that. By approving the plan, the Town will be funneling all the traffic on public right-of-ways. It is not certain as to how many parking spaces Mrs. Leary will be losing because they have never been lined. She will be able to park vehicles in the same locations as she has previously. There will just be a sidewalk there in the State's right-of-way. The State will use their curbing contractor. The funding has not been finalized yet. There is a gentlemen's agreement that the State will provide and pay for the granite curbing. The Town will pay for the paint for the other section, closer to the parking lot. The Town will provide the contractor and pay for the concrete sidewalks.

### **ADJOURMENT**

**Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

Respectively Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger