

**TOWN OF RYE - SELECT BOARD  
MEETING  
Monday, January 23, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.  
Rye Town Hall**

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

**Others Present on behalf of the Town:** *Town Administrator Matt Scruton*

**5:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

**II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel  
(2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring  
(3) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation**

**At 5:44 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**At 6:03 p.m., Tom King made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**At 6:04 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring. Seconded by Tom King. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**At 6:14 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**At 6:15 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**At 6:24 p.m., Phil Winslow made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Tom King. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**6:30 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

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

Chair Winslow reconvened the public meeting at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A.** The Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at the Rye Jr. High School
- B.** The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and will reopen at the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C.** The Rye Water District will be working on a water main break on Harbor Road between Goss Farm Lane and Ocean Boulevard. That section of road will be closed, except for local traffic, on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The work will start at 6:00 a.m. and the anticipated completion time is noon.

- V. 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.)

**Suzanne Barton, 114 Clark Road**, spoke in support of the dog waste containers and having options along the beach for disposal for people walking their dogs. She urged the Select Board to not remove the containers from the beach.

**JoAnn Hodgdon, 63 Cable Road**, also spoke in support of the dog waste containers.

**Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, speaking for the Rye Civic League**, noted that RCL will be holding an annual budget and warrant article presentation on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rye Public Library. RCL will also be holding the first Rye Civic Fest at the Deliberative Session on February 4<sup>th</sup> during the lunch break. Town commissions and boards will be setting up tables for people to visit and learn about what they do for the community. Food will be available for those who attend.

- VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – (to be discussed at the meeting only if pulled off the consent agenda by one of the three selectmen.)

All consent agenda items were pulled for discussion.

- A.** The Rye Conservation Commission requests permission to accept a yard tractor donated by Jane Holway for \$250.00 to be used at the Goss Farm.

Vice-Chair King presented a photo of the tractor and trailer. The concept is that it's going to be the equivalent of a bargain sale for a nominal fee and the remainder being a donation for RCC.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Item A as written. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

**B. Email received from Funi Burdick re: her resignation from the Rye Town Center Committee**

Selectman Epperson recognized Funi Burdick for the work she has done on the Town Center Committee. He thanked her for her service. He asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Ms. Burdick.

**C. Letter rec'd from Peter White re: Naming the new Town Hall Annex**

Selectman Epperson suggested recognizing people who have contributed greatly to the Town of Rye. It might not be naming a building necessarily, but possibly a room. He would like to announce this on the website with nominees for possible naming of a room. People who have been in Rye for a long time and have done a lot for the Town would be appropriate for nominations.

The Select Board agreed. Letters of nomination may be submitted to the Selectmen's Executive Assistant Janice Ireland. The Select Board also agreed that the meeting room at the Town Hall Annex would be a good room for a name designation.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Consent Agenda Items B and C as written. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Rye Energy Committee: Community Power Agreement & Authorized Officer to sign**

**Lisa Sweet and Howard Kalet, Rye Energy Committee Members,** met with the Select Board to seek approval of the cost sharing agreement and the complete services bundle. As part of the approval, the Town will need to appoint an authorized officer to ensure chain of command and chain of communication. The Rye Energy Committee recommends that the authorized officer be the Town Administrator. Duties of the authorized officer role would be to authorize procurement of power at an upcoming meeting. That person will also select which product would be Rye's default with the direction of the Select Board and Energy Committee.

**Motion by Phil Winslow that the Rye Select Board hereby authorizes the Town Administrator to enter into the cost sharing agreement and member services contract for the complete service bundle with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) with Town Administrator Matt Scruton as the authorized officer and with elections of the Agreement being yes. Seconded by Tom King. Roll Call: Winslow – Yes, Epperson – Yes, King - Yes.**

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the request from Lisa Sweet on behalf of the Community Power proposal to hand out informational materials at the Transfer Station on March 4<sup>th</sup>,**

**11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> based upon completion of the application form. Seconded by Tom King. All in favor.**

**B. Rye Energy Committee – addition of alternate members**

**Howard Kalet, Rye Energy Committee Member**, noted that there has been an increased interest in the Energy Committee. He asked if the committee can have two alternate members who would only vote at meetings if one of the seven members were not present.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to amend the charter for the Rye Energy Committee to allow two alternate members. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

**C. TAP Grant Committee Member Appointments**

Chair Winslow noted that three people have applied to be members of the TAP Grant Committee; Victor Azzi, John Loftus, and Lydia Tilsley.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept Victor Azzi, John Loftus, and Lydia Tilsley as members of the TAP Grant Committee. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

**D. Beach Parking Permits Policy**

Chair Winslow stated that the proposed Beach Parking Permit Policy allows for three beach parking stickers per household with the cost being \$30 for two and \$35 for three.

Selectman Epperson noted there are 132 parking spots at the beach that are assigned as resident beach parking. The Town is not going to get anymore beach parking spots. The purpose of this is to try to maintain the integrity of the system, as equitable as possible. He pointed out the ad hoc committee of the Select Board includes; Police Chief Walsh, Mary Mitchell, Amy Thibodeau, and himself. The biggest pushback last year was the fact that it was limited to two stickers, with the possibility of having a third for a motorcycle or scooter. The ad hoc committee discussed it and didn't think that having a third beach permit, at a slightly increased cost, was going to cause a significant amount of increased sales. The increase to \$30 came from the increase in printing the stickers, along with there not being an increase in years. The \$35 for three stickers is to make people really think about whether they need them. Hopefully, this will be some sort of incentive to keep it to only people who really want a third one. Selectman Epperson read the Beach Parking Permits Policy being proposed.

Chair Winslow thanked the ad hoc committee for being flexible, listening to the public, and coming up with a modification. He thinks this is a very good plan.

Vice-Chair King commented that for a lot of properties in town, only one spouse is listed as the owner. They would have to go through the same process as a renter.

**Amy Thibodeau, Deputy Town Clerk**, explained that after this was brought up last season, the Town Clerk's Office put into practice that if they have the same last name and same corresponding address they don't have to go through the process as a renter.

Vice-Chair King asked if spouses with different last names will have to go through the same process as a renter.

Ms. Thibodeau confirmed. She pointed out that they can't be connected to the tax bill. She also pointed out that their office is willing to work with the residents.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the Beach Parking Permit Policy as presented. Seconded by Tom King. All in favor.**

- E. Rye Water road closure request for Garland Road for pipe installation sometime between mid-February and March 1<sup>st</sup>

Police Chief Kevin Walsh noted that the Rye Water District is requesting a road closure on Garland Road. He provided a map for the Select Board to review the area for closure. The intent is for a one-day total road closure. There may be another day with one lane travel.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to accept the request for road closure on Garland Road per Chief Walsh's presentation. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

- F. Selectmen, please determine who will speak to the various warrant articles for consideration at the Deliberative Session

The Select Board reviewed the list of warrant articles and each were assigned articles to speak to at the Deliberative Session.

- G. Dog Poop Containers along the beach

Selectman Epperson explained that last year, a recommendation was made that the Town provide dog poop containers, which was done as an experiment. The Beach Committee has been really aggressive on this matter. At the last Beach Committee meeting, DPW Director Jason Rucker agreed to keep containers at Cable Road and Wallis Road. Anything else, there would need to be conversation about carry-in and carry-out. However, there was no intention to eliminate the dog poop barrels. Selectman Epperson commented that in large part, it has been successful and a lot of waste has been eliminated. If the barrels are not provided, it would clearly be a much bigger issue.

**DPW Director Jason Rucker** joined the meeting by phone. He noted that dog waste containers are currently located at Wallis Sands Ext., Cable Road Ext., and Parsons Field. There is not one at Jenness State Beach.

Selectman Epperson commented that if they are going to do this year after year, the idea is to do something more eye appealing. Right now, it's not in the budget. Anything that is intended is going to take more manpower and money.

There was some discussion about the types of containers that could be used moving forward. It was the consensus that the current barrels worked well and they should be continued. DPW Director Rucker confirmed that he is comfortable with maintaining the barrels for the winter.

### **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter rec'd from Doug Wenners requesting permission to reconstruct and extend a stone wall on his property at 50 South Road into the Town's ROW

DPW Director Rucker and Town Administrator Scruton visited the site for review. A memo was submitted to the Select Board from Director Rucker. The DPW cannot recommend that the Select Board allow any permanent construction within the right-of-way. Administrator Scruton read the memo submitted by DPW Director Rucker dated January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Town Administrator Matt Scruton confirmed that he walked the site with Director Rucker and supports his opinion. He thinks neither of them would be opposed to the wall moving up a little bit, but not within the right-of-way. To place a stone wall over a right-of-way that may need to be excavated in the future seems to be against what the best course of action would be for the Town.

Director Rucker concurred.

Doug Wenners explained that the intent is to have a wall that is in keeping with the aesthetics of the neighborhood. He noted that his wall sits further back than the other stone walls by about a foot or two.

Director Rucker noted that if the wall was moved from an arch shape, which it is now, to a straight line as being proposed, and it was brought just to the right-of-way that would be within his rights. It's only about a difference of a couple of feet.

Speaking to Mr. Wenners, Chair Winslow asked if bringing the wall right up to the right-of-way line would satisfy his needs.

Mr. Wenners replied it would certainly be an improvement. He pointed out that the way the wall is constructed is not parallel to the road. Either way, he wants to rebuild the wall so it's a straight line, which would be more in keeping with the aesthetic of the neighborhood. He would like to get it as close to the road to be consistent with the line of other stone walls along South Road.

Police Chief Walsh pointed out that it's been the history of the Select Board to not allow anything within the right-of-way. That area is town property and should remain clear.

The Select Board agreed that Mr. Wenners could move the stone wall up to the right-of-way, but they do not wish to let people start building in the right-of-way.

**Motion by Tom King to not allow construction of the stone wall in the town right-of-way at 50 South Road. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

**Discussion Items Continued:**

- H.** RPC Public Comment Period and Public Hearing for the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program projects is scheduled for Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Stratham

Chair Winslow noted there are a number of items on the agenda for the RPC Public Hearing on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The first topic is the bridge that goes from Rye into New Castle at a \$10,000,000 cost. This project is proposed for 2026. The next topic is funding for the bicycle lane that runs from New Castle, along Route 1B to Route 1A, and the Sagamore Bridge that runs to Odiorne Point. The cost is estimated to be \$500,000 and construction is expected in 2025. The third project is to replace the shale piles along Ocean Boulevard from North Hampton into Rye. Work is projected for 2023 and 2024 at a cost of \$7,250,000., which is significant, but much needed.

**I. PDA House Bill 361 Update**

**HOUSE BILL 361**

AN ACT relative to Pease development authority board of directors.

SPONSORS: Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. Malloy, Rock. 24; Rep. K. Murray, Rock. 22; Rep. Balboni, Rock. 38; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

**ANALYSIS**

This bill changes the membership of the Pease development authority board of directors to give representation to the town of Rye and the town of New Castle.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT relative to Pease development authority board of directors.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Pease Development Authority. Amend RSA 12-G:4, I(e) to read as follows:

(e) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives[-], ***jointly representing the town of Rye and the town of New Castle.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Representative Jaci Grote noted that House Bill 361 is going to be heard on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. She asked that supporters from the Town of Rye attend to speak on the Bill. She doesn't expect there will be a lot of issues. The PDA will not take a position on the Bill. She further explained it

doesn't increase the number of members on the PDA Board, so it should not cause any problems. People who cannot attend may send a testimony online to the Committee or directly by email. Town Administrator Scruton confirmed that he will be attending the session on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He pointed out that House Bill 361 is scheduled to be heard by the Public Works and Highways Committee at 2:45 p.m. at the Legislative Office Building, Room 201/203.

State Representative Dennis Malloy spoke to the Select Board in regards to House Bill 312 which would require more signatures on petitioned warrant articles being presented outside of town meeting. The Bill would require ten percent of registered voters to sign the petition. This would not change the requirement of twenty-five signatures for petitioned warrant articles being presented at town meeting. HB 312 only affects articles being proposed for a special town meeting. Representative Malloy noted that special town meetings bring unexpected costs to towns, as they are an additional expense outside of the regular town meetings. This bill is being presented to the Municipal and County Government Committee on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**HOUSE BILL 312**

AN ACT relative to petitions for warrant articles at a special meeting.

SPONSORS: Rep. Malloy, Rock. 24; Rep. Balboni, Rock. 38; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

**ANALYSIS**

This bill requires at least 10 percent of a town's registered voters to petition for warrant articles at special meeting.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT relative to petitions for warrant articles at a special meeting.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Petitioned Warrant Articles; Special Meetings. Amend RSA 39:3 to read as follows:  
39:3 Articles.

**I.** Upon the written application of 25 or more registered voters or 2 percent of the registered voters in town, whichever is less, although in no event shall fewer than 10 registered voters be sufficient, presented to the selectmen or one of them not later than the fifth Tuesday before the day prescribed for an annual meeting, the selectmen shall insert in their warrant for such meeting the petitioned article with only such minor textual changes as may be required. Such corrections shall not in any way change the intended effect of the article as presented in the original language of the petition.

**II.** For the purposes of this section, the number of registered voters in a town shall be the number of voters registered prior to the last state general election. The right to have an article inserted in the warrant conferred by this section shall not be invalidated by the provisions of RSA 32.

**III.** ~~[In towns with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants upon the written application of 50 or more voters or 1/4 of the voters in town, whichever is fewer, and in towns with 10,000 or more inhabitants upon the written application of 5]~~ **Upon the written application for warrant articles for a special meeting of at least 10** percent of the registered voters in the town, so



presented not less than 60 days before the next annual meeting, the selectmen shall warn a special meeting to act upon any question specified in such application.

**IV.** The checklist for an annual or special town meeting shall be corrected by the supervisors of the checklist as provided in RSA 654:25-31. Those persons qualified to vote whose names are on the corrected checklist shall be entitled to vote at the meeting. The same checklist used at a recessed town meeting shall be used at any reconvened session of the same town meeting. In no event shall a special town meeting be held on the biennial election day.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**The Select Board agreed to have Town Administrator Scruton send an email in support of HB 312 and HB 361 on behalf of the Town.**

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve a letter of support on behalf of House Bill 312.  
Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

**Motion by Tom King to approve a letter in support of House Bill 361 to be signed by the Select Board. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Police Chief Walsh stated that he met with the Select Board in nonpublic and asked them to approve the hiring of Janine Harrington. Officer Harrington was with the Dover Police Department for many years. She achieved the rank of sergeant and held many different positions within the Dover organization. She has since retired and would like to stay in law enforcement as a parttime police officer. This is a great opportunity for the Town. She will make an excellent coach based on her supervisory oversight and her life experiences as an officer. Chief Walsh is looking forward to Office Harrington joining the Department and welcomes her to Rye.

**Bill Epperson moved the following:**

**From Rye, New Hampshire, to Janine Harrington, Dover, New Hampshire, County of Strafford County.**

**Whereas, there's a vacancy in the office of parttime police officer in said Town of Rye; Whereas, we, the Select Board have confidence in your ability and integrity to perform the duties of said office, we do hereby appoint you, the said Janine Harrington, as parttime police officer of said Town; and upon your taking the oath of office and having this appointment and the certificate of said oath of office recorded by the town clerk, you shall have the powers to perform the duties and shall be subject to the liabilities of said office until another person shall be chosen and qualified for your stand. Given in our hand, Select Board, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Town Hall Annex Update**

Administrator Scruton reported that the town clerk's office and the supervisors of the checklist will be moving on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> and on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. They will reopen on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Town Hall Annex.

It was noted that the public filing period for anyone seeking to run for any town position starts on January 25<sup>th</sup> and runs to February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All positions up for election are posted on the Town's website.

## **XI. SELECTMEN'S 2023 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

### **A. Warrant Articles**

**ARTICLE A.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling twelve million, nine hundred sixty-five thousand, nine hundred four and 00/100 dollars (\$12,965,904.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eleven million, six hundred fifty-one thousand, eight hundred eighty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$11,651,885.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

**NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to recommend Article A. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE B.** To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Select Board and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters IAFF Local #4411, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase over prior Year</b>
2023	<u>\$50,023.00</u>
2024	<u>\$46,812.00</u>

Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand and twenty-three and 00/100 dollars (\$50,023.00) for the 2023 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at

current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

**Motion by Tom King to recommend Article B. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE C.** Shall the Town of Rye, if Article B is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article B cost items only?

**Motion by Phil Winslow to recommend Article C. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE D.** To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Select Board and the Rye Police Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase over prior Year</b>
2023	<u>\$34,681.00</u>
2024	<u>\$36,304.00</u>
2025	<u>\$30,327.00</u>

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-one and 00/100 dollars (\$34,681.00) for the 2023 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

**Motion by Bill Epperson to recommend Article D. Seconded by Tom King. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE E.** Shall the Town of Rye, if Article D is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article D cost items only?

**Motion by Phil Winslow to recommend Article E. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE F.** To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Select Board and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase over prior Year</b>
2023	<u>\$52,875.00</u>
2024	<u>\$55,889.00</u>

2025

\$34,850.00

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and 00/100 dollars (\$52,875.00) for the 2023 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

**Motion by Tom King to recommend Article F. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE G.** Shall the Town of Rye, if Article F is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article F cost items only?

**Motion by Phil Winslow to recommend Article G. Seconded by Tom King. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE H.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2023.

**Motion by Bill Epperson to recommend Article H. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Vote: 3-0**

**ARTICLE I.** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**Motion by Tom King to recommend Article I. Seconded by Phil Winslow. Vote: 3-0**

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

*None*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger

*1-23-23 Consent Item A*

**Janice Ireland**

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**From:** Suzanne McFarland <suzanne.ryeconservation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 9:09 AM  
**To:** Janice Ireland  
**Subject:** Fwd: Jane Deere  
**Attachments:** IMG\_7439.jpg; IMG\_7437.jpg

Good morning Janice

This is the information that Sally has given me for the tractor for the Goss Farm. Jane Holway is "donating" it for \$250.00 which we will pay for out of the Goss Farm funds. I haven't written the letter yet until I know you have all the information you need.

Let me know

Suzanne

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Sally King <sally.ryeconservation@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 9, 2023 at 8:37 AM  
**Subject:** Jane Deere  
**To:** Suzanne McFarland <suzanne.ryeconservation@gmail.com>

The make and model of the yard tractor are in the photo. The manufacturer is actually Ariens. Jamie Holway painted and named it the Jane Deere as a present to Jane Holway. There is no vin number.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Suzanne McFarland**  
**RCC Chair**  
[suzanne.ryeconservation@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.ryeconservation@gmail.com)



1-23-23 Consent Item C

Peter White

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603.969.1308

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January 10, 2023

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Rye  
10 Central Road  
Rye, NH 03870

Dear Board Members,

I would like the Board to consider naming the new Town Hall Annex after a present or past citizen of Rye who has had a significant and meaningful impact on the quality of our Town. I believe that many citizens in Rye would like the annex to have a more personal image through a naming.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cordially,



Peter White



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## Beach Parking Permits

*The cost of the first 2 Beach Parking Permits is \$30.00 each*

**A 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Parking Permits is available for \$35.00**

The following requirements apply to purchasing beach parking permits:

- ❖ **Each Property Parcel will be entitled to three (3) beach stickers.** A property parcel and property owner\* is determined by the tax bill.
  - **Property owners who lease their properties** year-round may opt to give 1,2 or 3 of their allotted beach permits to the renters. Property Owners need to confer with tenants on the distribution of the 3 stickers allotted to the parcel. In this case the renters will have to be determined to be residents\*\* of the town, supply a vehicle registration with the Rye address as the legal address... In this scenario the Beach Permit Letter of Release (found on the Town website and in the Town Clerk's Office) will need to be completed.
- ❖ Properties listed in a trust will only receive (3) stickers. It is up to the trustees to determine which three (3) trustees' vehicles will receive the allotted stickers.
- ❖ NO commercial vehicles (besides stickers previously approved by the Select Board)
- ❖ 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 assigned vehicles as indicated on the permit.
- ❖ **NO BEACH PARKING BETWEEN MIDNIGHT - SUNRISE.** Police and parking enforcement use discretion as fishing and other activities may start prior to sunrise. Resident beach parking is exclusively for access to the beach during the designated times. The parking spaces are not intended to be auxiliary spaces for beach front property owners and shall not be used as such.



## ***Beach Parking Permits***

- ❖ Motel owners and property owners with cottages will receive no more than two (2) 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.
- ❖ 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.

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