

**TOWN OF RYE - SELECT BOARD
MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Rye Town Hall**

Selectmen Present: Chair *Tom King*, Vice-Chair *Bill Epperson*, and *Bob McGrath*

Others Present on behalf of the Town: *Town Administrator Matt Scruton* and *Asst. Town Administrator/Finance Director Becky Bergeron*

5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair King called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

At 5:31 p.m., Tom King made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Bill Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson – Yes, McGrath – Yes, King – Yes.

At 6:26 p.m., Tom King made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Bob McGrath. Roll Call: Epperson – Yes, McGrath – Yes, King – Yes.

6:30 p.m. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

III. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair King called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Beach Committee, along with Blue Ocean Society, have held three of the four scheduled beach cleanups in honor of Rye400. The cleanups have been very successful with a nice turnout of volunteers. There is one more beach cleanup scheduled for Friday, April 28th, at 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Sawyer's Beach. All are welcome.
- Police Chief Kevin Walsh reported that North Hampton Police Department has reached a crisis where they are down a number of police officers. The chief of North Hampton has reached out to Hampton, Rye, Greenland, and a number of surrounding towns asking for

assistance. The Select Board has graciously agreed to assist and allow some Rye officers to work shifts in North Hampton. Residents should just be aware if they see a Rye Police Officer in North Hampton, they are just helping to cover some shifts, until that department can build up their staffing levels.

- The Select Board thanked the Rye Fire Department for their training exercise held this past week. The department burned the pollinator habitat field at the Goss Farm. It was a very successful training for the Fire Department.
- Chair King noted that the Select Board will not be taking public comments on the appointments this evening. People have a chance to speak, which should be positive recommendations on the appointments, during the public comment section of the meeting. During the public comment period, applicants are welcome to introduce themselves and make a brief statement. The actual appointment process will be between the Select Board and the applicants only.
- NH DES is presenting the Rye Water District and Superintendent Arik Jones an award for the work done to adopt local regulations to reduce discretionary water use during drought and work with major water users to curtail water waste. The award is being presented on May 16th at DES in Concord. The Select Board congratulated Rye Water District for their work.

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

- **Ryan McGill, 21 Perkins Road**, asked if a meeting could be scheduled between the Select Board and those who are concerned on the proposed plan to build the floating sidewalk. He would like to discuss some creative options and smaller steps, other than putting in a permanent sidewalk that'll close most of the frontage to Route 1A. The concern is the entrance to the parking lot to Jenness, which causes the most confusion in this area.
- **Jennifer Madden, 620 Central Road**, noted that at a previous Select Board meeting, she spoke during the public comment period on behalf of four residents who have had similar experiences in the building department permitting process. The group has offered to work with the department and work on ways to help make the process better. She continued that since that time, Selectman McGrath scheduled a meeting with Town Administrator Matt Scruton and Asst. Town Administrator Becky Bergeron, who were open to the group's thoughts. They asked the group to put in writing what they see as problems and they would in turn do the same. The group has put some information together and has submitted it to the Town Administrator.
- **Joann Hodgdon, 63 Cable Road**, spoke about the Select Board meeting of April 10th and read from a written memo in regards to her thoughts and concerns.

- **Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road,** commented that there is a small dump truck that the State owns. There should be a way of using that dump truck to go from North Hampton to Rye to solve the trash problems. He noted that Dominique Winebaum brought up some very interesting information at a previous meeting. There is a buildout analysis for Berry's Brook; however, nothing has been done with it and has never been referenced. The Town has a buildout analysis for protecting the wetlands and it's being ignored. Mr. Borne suggested that the lawn cutting be combined for the town departments to create efficiencies to save money. He also spoke in support of Jenn Madden's idea of making the building permitting process easier.
- **Ronnie Werner, 520 Washington Road,** noted that she served on RCC for ten years. It was always the tradition that people who served as alternates came on as full members, as they had knowledge of the conservation easements.
- **Susan Ross, 333 West Road,** stated that when she moved into town, she was told that RCC was very popular and a lot of people would like to serve. She pointed out the best way to show commitment is to serve as an alternate for a few years. That would be the route to take.
- **Mary Ann Sullivan, 754 Central Road,** noted that there is a lot of building going on in Rye and people are asking for variances up against wetland buffers in very small spaces. She is very grateful to the RCC for going to the ZBA meetings and speaking on these cases. As chair of a brand-new committee, the Beach Committee, she has seen that it takes time for people to come on to the committee. Some people have come on as alternates and eventually become members. It's also a big commitment to be on a committee.

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

Consent agenda items C, F, I, J, L and M were pulled for discussion.

- A. Sign Request:** Rye Recreation requests permission to put a sign at Parsons Field and the Town Hall announcing the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30, 2023. The sign is requested from 5/23/23 to 5/29/23
- B. Sign Request:** Rye Recreation requests permission to post a sign at Parsons Field announcing the July 4th Celebration on Friday, June 30, 2023. The sign is requested from 6/23/23 to 6/30/23.
- C. Fundraiser Request:** NicaLove requests permission to hold a bake sale at the Transfer Station on Saturday, 6/3/23 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to benefit NicaLove, an animal welfare organization

Vice-Chair Epperson noted this is an annual fundraiser that is held. The organization is very involved with animals and those who care for them in Nicaragua. It's a very good and notable cause. He recommends that the Select Board honor the request.

Selectman McGrath commented that the organization brings dogs to Rye, as there are dogs wandering everywhere in Nicaragua. It's a fantastic organization and a very worthy cause.

The Select Board agreed to support the request from NicaLove.

- D. The Rye Heritage Commission requests permission to accept and expend funds received from donations made in the amount of \$675.00.
- E. The Rye Conservation Commission requests permission to accept and expend funds received from a donation made in the amount of \$2,500.00 and funds received from blueberry sales last year in the amount of \$1,763.00.
- F. Letter rec'd from part-time Police Officer Kyle Willet re: his resignation from the Rye Police Department

Police Chief Walsh noted that Officer Willet is an excellent police officer and has been with the department for three years. Officer Willet has a young child and is cutting back on work to spend more time with his family, as he also has a fulltime position.

The Select Board asked that a thank you letter be sent to Officer Willet.

- G. Acceptance of 4 4-drawer & 1 5-drawer file cabinets being donated to the town by Donna Decotis.
- H. Approval of Deputy Recreation Director Job Description

Motion by Tom King to approve Consent Agenda Items A through H. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

I. Dyana Martin, Recreation Director – Turf Management & Mowing Bid Results

Recreation Director Dyana Martin presented the turf management and mowing bids received, which were from the same two companies as the last year. Seaside Landscaping is the low bidder with a bid of \$17,586. It was noted that the quote is lower than last year's in the amount of \$4,500 because the company will not be removing the grass clippings from the sites.

The Select Board did not have any issues with the bid for turf management and mowing being awarded to Seaside Landscaping.

Motion by Tom King to approve Consent Agenda Item I for turf management and mowing to Seaside Landscaping in the amount of \$17,586. Seconded by Bob McGrath. All in favor.

J. Jason Rucker, Public Works Director – Paving Bid Results

Public Works Director Jason Rucker presented the bid results for the paving projects. New England Paving is the low bidder and is recommended as the contractor of choice. This company was awarded the contract in 2021 for Rye with satisfactory results. Director Rucker noted that the price per ton for asphalt is .50 less than the low bid of last year. He also noted that the paving budget for this year is \$450,000.

Motion by Bill Epperson to award the 2023 paving contract to New England Paving as the low bidder. Seconded by Tom King. All in favor.

- K. Sign Request:** Rye Driftwood Garden Club requests permission to put a sign at Parsons Field announcing their plant sale on 5/19/23 & 5/20/23. The sign is requested from 5/13/23 to 5/20/23.

Motion by Tom King to approve Consent Agenda Item K. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

- L. Appointment:** Conservation Commission – 1 year term ending 4/01/24
1. Paula Mahoney: Appointment as a member – letter rec'd 4/20/23
 2. Recommendation letter rec'd 4/20/23 from Suzanne McFarland

- M. Appointment:** Conservation Commission – 3 year term ending 4/01/23
1. Karen Oliver: Appointment as a member – letter rec'd 4/20/23
 2. Recommendation letter rec'd 4/20/23 from Suzanne McFarland, Chair

The Select Board met with interested candidates who were seeking to serve on the Rye Conservation Commission, as two seats are currently open for full members. The Selectmen asked each candidate questions in regards to their experience and desire to be on the RCC.

Highlights from each resume received:

- ❖ **Paula Mahoney:** Ms. Mahoney served on the RCC in the past, but had to leave at the end of her term due to her fulltime job and her husband's illness. At that time, she did not have the time to commit to the meetings and site walks required of RCC. She originally joined RCC because of her love for the environment and the wish for the community to remain unique. Ms. Mahoney is fully retired and now has the time to fully participate with the Rye Conservation Commission, which she loved serving on previously. She thinks her strongest asset is consistency in following the rules of the Town of Rye. Ms. Mahoney also served on the Conservation Commission during the Awcomin' Marsh restoration period and gained a lot of knowledge and experience that would be helpful to RCC during the upcoming restoration of Fairhill Marsh.
- ❖ **Karen Oliver:** Ms. Oliver works as an attorney and has been serving as an alternate for RCC for about three years. With her background as an attorney, she has been able to advise RCC on many occasions. Her primary function on the Commission has been one

of administrative help and oversight of site walks. Ms. Oliver was an instrumental member in the preparation of the Town's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The NRI was prepared by the RCC, along with the help and knowledge of an NRI consultant. The document is used by various boards, and committees in town for information relating to Rye's wetlands, wildlife, streams, and water. This was painstaking work and took many months to complete. Ms. Oliver was also instrumental in the gifting of 12-acres to the Town by a property owner, which turned out to be a solution that worked for everyone. This parcel is a prime precious wetland property that is now being protected by the Commission. Her goals for the future of RCC is to continue to review applications and to work with applicants on ways to come up with solutions. RCC should continue to be a reliable resource for people who look to them for guidance, while protecting the community as a whole.

- ❖ **Shawn Joyce:** Mr. Joyce is passionate about wildlife. He is also passionate about ensuring best practices are followed, which can be found at the Municipal Association for the NH Conservation Association. His background is in finance with high level contract and negotiation skills. Mr. Joyce attended the NH Coverts Program through the UNH Cooperative Extension. The program trains volunteers in wildlife, conservation, forest stewardship, and public outreach. He has also served on the Atlantic State Fisheries Advisory Commission and Project Noah, in which he was appointed by Jeanne Shaheen to serve on for three years. Project Noah focuses on the protection of highly migratory species; such as, swordfish, tuna, and sharks. Mr. Joyce has been interested in serving on RCC for the past five years. He believes that there should be bylaws for boards and committees allowing everyone to have a chance to serve as a member to ensure diversity amongst the commissions. He strongly believes in following the codes and laws of the Town. He has been interested in serving on the Rye Conservation Commission for several years.
- ❖ **Ritchie White:** Mr. White has dedicated his life to forestry, wildlife, preservation, and conservation, both professionally and through his volunteer efforts. Mr. White served on the Rye Conservation Commission in 1992 to 1994. He left the Commission to serve on the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission and was also appointed to NH Fish and Game. There is so much time involved in those organizations that he was not able to continue to serve on the RCC. As a member of RCC, he would bring his experience and knowledge of existing tracts of land in town. He would continue to put energy into what lands would be good for acquisition for the Conservation Commission and would also look at the uses of those parcels, as it's good to have varied uses on various tracts of land. There should be a plan for all parcels for the protection of wildlife, as well as having availability for people to recreate. He feels that some conservation land should not allow dogs or be closed to people during breeding season in the spring.
- ❖ **Joe Tucker:** Mr. Tucker is a general contractor and has built approximately fifty homes in the Town of Rye. He has worked on reclaiming and bettering over thirteen acres of land for the use of conservation, wildlife, and pollinators, using the best management practices advice from a wildlife biologist. For the last ten years, he has been on the Center for Wildlife Board of Directors. He played a substantial role in the fundraising for

their new center in Cape Neddick, Maine. He is also a NH licensed rehabilitator for the Center of Wildlife; rehabilitating wildlife and releasing them back into their natural habitat. Mr. Tucker, with the Center of Wildlife, has held a number of educational events on his property for the local school children. He feels it's important for young people to grow up with an awareness and understanding of the importance of wildlife. Part of his reason for being on the RCC would be to help people and be sure the Conservation Commission is functioning within the RSA's set by the State of New Hampshire.

- ❖ **Mike Carroll**: Mr. Carroll withdrew his application.
- ❖ **Michael Brousseau**: Mr. Brousseau was chosen at the recent Rye Conservation Commission to be recommended to the Select Board for appointment as a full member. Since that time, Mr. Brousseau has withdrawn his application.

Vice-Chair Epperson noted that Mr. Brousseau attended the last RCC meeting. The RCC deliberated and chose Mr. Brousseau as their recommendation. After that meeting, Mr. Brousseau started to get pilloried on social media in an unfair way. Vice-Chair Epperson commented that he thought this was disingenuous, hurtful, and has done nothing for this whole process.

Selectman McGrath commented that he asked all five candidates about their background and education. The two that were recommended to the Select Board, only had education from the RCC. The others bring so much more from outside of Rye to create synergies that can help RCC grow as a conservation commission. They can teach the members of the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Bob McGrath to appoint Ritchie White to a one-year term, ending 4/01/2024, and Joe Tucker be appointed to the Rye Conservation Commission for a three-year term ending 4/01/2026. Seconded by Tom King.

Tom King withdrew his second. *Motion failed for lack of a second.*

Vice-Chair Epperson stated that he concurs there is a significant amount of talent and the qualifications cannot be overlooked. He is convinced that part of the process should be left alone. He would recommend that Karen Oliver be promoted because of her long-standing service to the Commission and also her expertise. He also recommends that Joe Tucker be appointed to the RCC. He would also like to see Ritchie White take the alternate position when it becomes available.

Chair King stated that he feels the Select Board is getting involved in things that they shouldn't. His first example is the recommendation for the new animal control officer last year. Bob McGrath and Sergeant Blais reviewed two candidates and made a recommendation. The Select Board didn't get involved and did not micromanage. This is not done for any department or for any other board, commission, or committee. It's a bad precedent to set for the Select Board to get involved. It does not follow policy. Chair King continued the Select Board can opine all they want on resumes, but not on the other half, which is the ability to work with that group. The

Select Board respects the people on the commissions, boards, and committees. He thinks the Select Board should respect their judgement on not just the resume but on the person that they think will work the best with the commission.

Chair King stated that in any sort of decision making there should be varied viewpoints, but the whole point is to get to consensus. There could be disagreements all the way through and ideally, it'll get to consensus, which is called team building.

Vice-Chair Epperson pointed out that his recommendation is a compromise. The Select Board would be holding fast the recommendation from the Commission to promote a person from an alternate to a full member and then bringing someone else into the equation.

Chair King noted that two to three years ago, there were two openings and new people filled those positions. There are two openings right now with possibly a third coming up. There are at least two full openings now. That's four new members in two to three years, out of five full members and two alternates. He's doesn't know how it can be said how these are lifetime appointments or that no one else can get into the Commission.

Selectman McGrath stated that he read the document and felt it was confusing. Last Wednesday, he presented a document that stated exactly what's being done. If the document can be adopted and put into the document, he will go along with it because it can be read and it's signed by the Select Board. Until that point, he is going to say what he thinks.

Chair King opened to RCC Chair Suzanne McFarland.

Ms. McFarland stated that she didn't know anyone on the Commission when she joined and it's been ten years. Mike Garvan also didn't know anyone when he joined. She continued that the timeframe this commission works under may be different than other committees because of acquisitions. She is currently working on an acquisition that has taken five years and Brown Lane Farm took eight years. It's important to keep some historical knowledge of who the Commission is working with in this town because it's not just quick turnarounds. Ms. McFarland commented that she takes offense that the members are all the same because they come from all different backgrounds. Right now, the Commission is looking for someone who can help with grants to help leverage funds. The Commission also needs a member who is willing to work on DES permitting. RCC needs diversity and skillset, not just fish and game. Not everyone needs to be wildlife. However, as a team, RCC did the Natural Resource Inventory which shows the six wildlife corridors in town. RCC is working on many different issues and a big skillset is needed.

Referring to the incident involving Michael Brousseau, Chair King stated this was a resident that was basically degraded and harassed out of a position. This is something that the Select Board has to say is completely unacceptable.

The Selectmen agreed.

Chair King continued this cannot be allowed. A resident that's trying to volunteer is in fear of their child, which is what this ultimately came down to. Everyone runs on "Rye values", whatever they are; however, everyone can agree that's not it. It's not about three people right now. It's about what was done to promote their candidacy. He thinks, to a certain extent, that behavior is being rewarded if they are appointed tonight. He's not saying they never be appointed. It's rewarding a behavior that should not be accepted.

Vice-Chair Epperson pointed out it wasn't their behavior.

Chair King commented it was the surrogate's behavior in furtherance of some of this.

Selectman McGrath stated that he likes Vice-Chair Epperson's suggestion of the compromise. It's time to heal and it can start right now.

Chair Epperson commented the compromise is to reward the person who has been serving for many years, and provides a service to RCC, and to promote someone like Joe Tucker who has the background and knowledge. He thinks that Mr. Tucker can get along with anyone and can do the job, also he wasn't a party to that whole situation.

Chair King commented that he would recommend moving Karen Oliver up to the three year position and move Paula to the one year, which would open up an alternate position for someone. He doesn't think they can let any of the three on right now, with the tactics that were used to open up the position.

Selectman McGrath stated that there's dissatisfaction in the process in this town. A compromise is a foot forward to start getting everyone harmonized.

Vice-Chair Epperson pointed out there are two open positions. There's an alternate who deserves the full member position. However, there also needs to be new blood that Joe Tucker can provide.

Selectman McGrath agreed.

Chair King commented that he agrees there's good experience. However, he thinks they are "opening a can of worms" in this case.

**Motion by Bill Epperson to appoint Karen Oliver to the full member three year term and Joseph Tucker to the full member one year term with the alternate position being opened up for thirty days, with the recusal of Joseph Tucker on 120 Garland Road.
Seconded by Bob McGrath.**

Vice-Chair Epperson read from his prepared statement.

Vote: 3-0 All in favor

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN WIDE FEE SCHEDULE

The purpose of the Hearing is to hear public input regarding proposed changes to the town wide fee schedule.

At 8:50 p.m., Chair King opened the public hearing for the town wide fee schedule changes. The Select Board reviewed the changes in fees for each department. After review, Chair King opened to the public for comments.

Steve Borne, 431 Wallis Road, asked for a copy of the fee changes. He asked when the changes go into effect.

The Select Board agreed to start the new rates as of May 1st.

Hearing no further comments, Chair King closed the public hearing at 9:06 p.m.

Motion by Bob McGrath to approve the town wide fee schedule as presented to begin May 1, 2023. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Note: *The following agenda item was taken out of posted agenda order (as shown in minutes).*

E. Regional Association Review Committee (RARC) Charge Renewal

Chair King noted that the Regional Association Review Committee met with the Select Board to give a briefing of their work and to go over some recommendations. One of the committee's recommendations was to move this committee from sunseting July 1, 2023 to make it a standing committee. The current committee members have generously offered to continue to serve.

Susan Ross, RARC Member, commented it's been an honor to serve with the other members of the committee and to steward the use of town funds to support such worthy causes.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, suggested the committee create a table of information that was collected during their reviews of the associations for public record.

The Select Board reviewed the new charge for the Regional Association Review Committee.

Motion by Bill Epperson to amend the Town of Rye Regional Association Review Committee charge as written on April 24, 2023. Seconded by Tom King. All in favor.

B. Town Treasurer Jane Ireland requests approval to appoint Susan Philbrick as Deputy Treasurer. (RSA 41:29-a) (*Motion required*)

Chair King explained that Town Treasurer Jane Ireland is retiring with a year left in her term, which is an elected position. This is a unique position in that the treasurer can appoint a deputy treasurer with the Select Board's approval. The deputy treasurer will become the treasurer upon

the resignation of the treasurer. The former deputy treasurer has resigned, so the Select Board will be appointing someone for that position.

Town Administrator Matt Scruton explained that the open position was opened to the public. Through a period of time, letters of interest and resumes were received. Candidates were given an opportunity to meet with the current town treasurer, who has made a recommendation for the Select Board.

Chair King noted there were four candidates for this position: Susan Philbrick, Cathleen Hodson, Deborah Schroeder, and Stephanie Hobbs-Tabit. It was noted that Deborah Schroeder withdrew her name from consideration, after realizing the extent of the responsibilities and time involved with the position.

In looking at the resumes, Vice-Chair Epperson commented that all the resumes have significant financial backgrounds. However, in looking at Susan Philbrick's resume, it shows that she has municipal experience and has done this work in the Town of Newington.

Selectman McGrath agreed with the experience. He also feels that Cathleen Hodson has a fantastic resume.

Chair King noted there are two economic majors with high-level professional experience. There is also someone who has treasurer experience from another town. There is no doubt that Ms. Philbrick can step into the job immediately. However, he has some hesitation that they are hiring for next week versus the best candidate for the future. He doesn't think this is the way they should go. They have no comparison in the professional experience part versus someone who can do the job but is not anywhere near the same level of professional finance and accounting experience. Chair King continued that in looking at the duties of the town treasurer, there's the accounting and bookkeeping, but there's also more; such as, the investment policies, and choosing where to invest the public funds.

Finance Director Bergeron explained that the trustee of the trust fund manages the Town's public deposit investment pool, which is the capital reserve and expendable trust. They also manage the cemetery and library funds. The town treasurer doesn't really get involved in that, as there's a group of trustees that does an exceptional job of managing the Town's portfolio. The town treasurer doesn't have an involvement of making those selections on behalf of those funds. She further explained the working capital is under the treasurer's direction.

Chair King pointed out that the words "trustee of the trust fund" are not in the Town's investment policy. According to the policy, the treasurer is responsible to the Town's investments. In looking at the duties and the investment policy, it seems that the Town needs someone with finance and investment experience, besides the accounting and bookkeeping side. Chair King also pointed out that if the Select Board doesn't agree with the recommendation, the Town won't have a deputy treasurer. If the treasurer resigns, the Select Board would have the freedom to appoint anyone they choose for the balance of the term.

Administrator Scruton commented the need is now. He doesn't recommend delaying a vote on this matter. It was noted that anyone who is interested, can run for the treasurer's position in March 2024. This appointment is only for the remainder of Jane Ireland's term.

Vice-Chair Epperson stated that Jane Ireland has done a good job and has done her due diligence. He thinks the Select Board has a responsibility, in this particular case, to follow her recommendation.

Selectman McGrath pointed out that without the treasurer accepting another candidate, it can't happen.

Motion by Bill Epperson to appoint Susan Philbrick as deputy treasurer. Seconded by Bob McGrath. All in favor.

C. Municipal Records Committee – RSA 33-A:3

Administrator Scruton explained that per RSA 33-A the Town is required to have a Municipal Records Committee. The committee would be made up of the Town's clerk, assessor, tax collector, and a representative of the Select Board, which could be the town administrator. The committee is responsible for the disposition of municipal records to be sure the Town is in compliance.

Motion by Tom King that the Town Administrator be designated to serve on the Municipal Records Committee to represent the Select Board. The Town Administrator shall serve together with the clerk, treasurer, assessor, and tax collector. This committee is responsible for the disposition of municipal records pursuant to RSA 33-A in the rules established by the Municipal Records Board. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

D. Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force

The Select Board agreed to table this issue and address it at a future meeting.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bench Donation from the Rye Lions

Administrator Scruton noted that the benches from the Rye Lions Club will be arriving during the week. The benches are being placed at the end of Recreation Road at the Recreation parking lot on Thursday, April 27th, 9:00 a.m.

B. Aquarion Water rain barrels

Aquarion Water has rain barrels available for purchase on their website. The cost of a barrel is \$80 and must be picked up in person at their headquarter in Hampton the last week in May. Anyone who is interested can find more information on Aquarion's website.

C. Perkins/Ocean Blvd project

DPW Director Jason Rucker noted that the Perkins Road/Ocean Boulevard project has not moved forward. The project will not move forward without a directive from the NH DOT District 6 Engineer William Cass. If the Select Board is interested in having this project done, it is recommended that a letter of support be sent to Mr. Cass.

The Select Board agreed to discuss this issue in an upcoming work session.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Select Board Representative Updates

Tabled

B. Meeting, Monday, March 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Rye Town Hall

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 5, 1st sentence should read: **Joe Cummins, 990 Washington Road, commented that his experience is the permitting process is pretty rational.**
- Page 11, 5th paragraph from bottom should read: **Vice-Chair Epperson suggested that the agreements go to the Select Board as a courtesy.**
- Page 12, 5th paragraph should read: **Motion by Tom King that the 2023 revenue from the Dance How You Feel, LLC lease be deposited into the Conservation Commission's escrow account with the provision that funds be restricted to the Goss Farm.**

Motion by Tom King to accept the minutes of March 27, 2023 as amended. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

- C. Non-Public Session, Monday, March 27, 2023** (1) per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation
(2) per RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Legal
(3) per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation

Motion by Tom King to accept the minutes of the non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Reputation, of March 27, 2023 and not to seal. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Motion by Tom King to accept the minutes of the non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (e), Legal, of March 27, 2023 and not to seal. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Motion by Tom King to accept the minutes of the non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Reputation, of March 27, 2023 and not to seal. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

D. Meeting, Monday, April 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall

Motion by Bill Epperson to accept the minutes of April 10, 2023 as written. Seconded by Tom King. All in favor.

**E. Non-Public Session, Monday, April 10, 2023 (1) per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation
(2) per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel**

Motion by Tom King to accept the non-public minutes per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation, of April 10, 2023 and to seal. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Motion by Tom King to accept the non-public minutes per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel, of April 10, 2023 and to seal. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tom King to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger