

The Board of Selectmen feel that this is a community wide problem and would like to provide residents an opportunity to help direct the effort to begin implementing solutions to cleaning up the watershed. The Board of Selectmen have established a Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration Committee that shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, all residents of Rye. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for an initial term ending on March 31, 2017. Staff members may be appointed as non-voting members of the committee. It is the Selectmen's intent to sunset this committee after completion of its charge, unless the selectmen vote to continue the committee.

Charge

- Review information on the watershed developed to date. Determine a limited number of bacteria "hot-spot" areas on which to focus the Committee's efforts.
- Work with the town staff to develop and implement a plan to gather additional data in focused bacteria "hot spot" areas in the watershed to better understand the source of bacterial contamination from individual on-site septic systems in these areas.
- Based on the information available, work with the Town staff to prepare an implementation plan to lead to enforcement actions by the Town to decrease water quality impacts from on-site septic systems that can be shown to impact surface water quality in the bacteria "hot spot" areas.
- Solicit the help and input of the town's partners and consultants in addressing the above three charges.
- Review the on-going activities of the town staff and its partners and consultants under the 319 Grant.
- Report back to the Board of Selectmen on the above charges and the committee's recommendations for appropriate next steps for the town to take, no later than December 1, 2016.

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