

August 31, 2017

11 Harborview Drive  
Rye, NH 03870

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

Re: Sanders Poynt

Sirs and Madam:

In the recent past, I wrote you two letters and then made a presentation to you about Sanders Poynt at your meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>. None of this merited any kind of response. In fact, after my presentation and after several other people spoke out in support of me, Selectman Musselman concluded the public session by saying:

*"We will thank all of you. That was the purpose of our public comment period. So people can come in and speak their peace and have the opportunity to do so."*

Is that really the purpose of public comment? Speak our peace? Were we there venting to a deaf board?

And when I started my presentation, Mr. Musselman interrupted me to say that he was recusing himself because he is a member of WBTSCC. He then proceeded to continue to chair the meeting during the presentations and was the most outspoken selectman. Mr. Musselman: do you have any concept of what it means to recuse yourself?

In reference to WBTSCC memberships, it has long been rumored that Kim Reed is also a member of WBTSCC. That is an expensive club, and the voters of Rye deserve to be informed as to how many Rye Town officials or employees have memberships and whether any of those memberships are at all subsidized by the club.

Sander Poynt: No thanks to the efforts of the Town of Rye, we have again prevailed in court, and presumably, beach access will be restored by September 17. The court even specified that there should be signage indicating beach access. Plan B.4, which you had helped formulate, left beach access blocked by fencing. And Attorney Donovan, speaking for you, told the court at this last hearing that the Town of Rye took no stand on the fences. Why the hell not? After all this time, and after having permitted this debacle in 2012, and after I pleaded with you with two letters and a presentation, you are still ignoring your voters by working on behalf of WBTSCC. Are we taxpayers subsidizing WBTSCC by paying Mr. Donovan to represent them?

Assuming that WBTSCC does now obey the court order, the public will finally again be able to enjoy the beautiful vistas of Little Harbor Beach. That beach continues onto rocks and marshland, all public land which wraps around much of the golf course, and the only landside access is across Sanders Poynt.

My other request is that Little Harbor Beach and Sanders Poynt now be added to the Town's register of public beaches. It has been brought to my attention that on September 26, 2011, Kim Reed presented to you a list of public beach access areas which left out Sanders Poynt. Not long after that, you permitted WBTSCC to close it off.

Now that the courts have ruled in favor of public access, is it not time to correct this omission? The 2017 Rye Master Plan does not include Sanders Poynt. This is no casual error and should be corrected.

In summary:

1. How many officers and employees of the Town of Rye are members of WBTSCC, and are any of those memberships subsidized?
2. Will you add Sanders Poynt to the town's register of public beach access areas?

The favor of a reply is requested.

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