

Planning Board Chair  
10 Central Rd.  
Rye, NH 03870

December 27, 2021

Hello Chair Losik,

At the December 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting I thought there would be an opportunity to speak overall on the proposed Zoning Amendments. There was no Public Input when the proposed ordinances were discussed, and I stayed until the end hoping there would be a “new business” opportunity for me to speak.

**Topic 1: Ordinances**

Looking at the proposed 2022 Ordinances one would think there is nothing of consequence that needs to be addressed, no trends to be mitigated, or problems fixed.

There is a decade of Zoning Board data, has that been analyzed, are there no trends to be discussed? Was there a discussion I somehow missed in meeting minutes?

It has now been four years since the State told Rye that Parson’s Creek watershed is over saturated with leach fields, and there has yet to be any actions to curtail the volume of leach fields in that watershed.

Whose responsibility is it to act?

**Topic 2: Sharing public information**

I sat in the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting not being able to see drawings, read the documents that were discussed and follow the content and I was asking why? Last year, when everything was on Zoom, some of the discussion content was available to all those observing the meeting.

Just about all content is created digitally and can be displayed on large flat screen monitors and computers for the board and observers. Each board member would not have a stack of paper, but a PC or a clear view of the large screens, while people on line or in the room could also see the large screens or a PC. As this information is available to the Planning Board prior to the meeting, it could also be available online for the public to view before and during the meeting.

This would reduce the total costs for applicants and for the town, as multiple paper versions would not have to be printed, a time-consuming task. The pre-posted information would be accessible to all, before and after the meeting/

Does this need to be perfect? Will there be bumps in the road? Of course there will be. However, if the process is started now, by the time we get to reconfiguring the upstairs at Town Hall, the annex or other locations, we will know what works and what does not for Land Use Boards.

Sincerely,

Steven Borne  
Cc: Kim Reed, Planning and Zoning Administrator