

Rye Beach Committee meeting summary.

April 20, 2022

Meeting commenced at 7:05PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous meeting minutes approved.

A thank you to Janice Ireland and Diane Ledger for providing reminders and notes for the committee.

Updates on beach stickers are that sales of stickers are down from last year and that so far nobody has reported issues with the 2 sticker limit.

Feedback from last beach cleanup. A small group worked hard on Sawyers Beach. There are lots of additional beach cleanups scheduled by various groups. Blue Ocean assistance was greatly appreciated. Items recovered went to recycling if possible. Lobster pots and gear were moved to visible locations to be claimed and/or removed.

Discussion of changing the regular Beach Committee meeting day and time to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 6PM. Next meeting will be Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

Kids sign program was discussed. Completion planned by Memorial day.

Discussion of updating other signs including dog waste signs.

Discussion of commercial beach permit next steps will be discussed on Monday night at Select Board meeting. 4 applications received so far. Process includes presentations by the businesses followed by questions and discussion between the board and applicant. The permit is typically granted or denied during the meeting. 4 applications is typical of the volume at this time. An additional item was mentioned regarding the Seacoast Science Center adding a food truck to their property. Some concerns have been raised regarding possible issues with trash finding its way off the property. This will also be discussed at Select Board on Monday. "Carry in Carry out" message and dog waste briefly mentioned.

A "Safety Walk" walk to be conducted on the beach with both the Fire and Police Chiefs was discussed. A date for the walk has not yet been set. A number of Committee members preferred an evening walk due to schedule conflicts.

Rental occupancy is up. U.S. borders are reopening. Short term rentals discussed though no plan is in place yet for restricting occupancy time to longer or shorter periods. Some discussions also of the new developments near route 1 and how that may be managed. New athletic/health facility discussed.

Rye magazine submission regarding "Carry in/Carry out" message was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.

Post meeting discussion regarding the new Central road electronic speed sign. It was mentioned that it is nearly always flashing red when cars pass indicating excessive speed on central road.