TOWN OF RYE
BEACH COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Rye Town Hall & via Zoom

Present: ***Co-Chairs Coleen Penacho and Chuck Latvis, Doug Beattie, Joe Leverone, Selectboard Rep Suzanne Barton, and Alternate Nicole Boucher***

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Public Comment

- **Peter Fregeau, 1196 Ocean Blvd,** spoke to the Committee about the possibility of having signage at public access ways to the beach that indicate public/town beach areas versus private property.
  It was noted that this is an issue that will need to go before the Select Board. However, the Beach Committee can give recommendations to the Board on things that they support. After discussion, the Beach Committee agreed to take Mr. Fregeau's comments into consideration and see if there's an appropriate way to address the concerns.

III. Approval of Minutes – September 8th

Motion by Doug Beattie to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Joe Leverone. All in favor.

IV. 2027 Budget

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2027 budget for the Beach Committee. The budget will be presented to the Select Board and Budget Committee at budget work sessions later in October.

Motion by Coleen Penacho to accept the draft Beach Committee 2027 budget in the amount of $1,440. Seconded by Joe Leverone. All in favor.

V. Shoulder Season Water Testing Assignments

- **October 7 & 21**
- **November 4 & 18 – Chuck Latvis**
- **December 2 & 16 – Chuck Latvis**

- **2027 – TBD**

VI. October 31st Beach Cleanup with Surfrider

Co-Chair Latvis is coordinating the Halloween beach cleanup with Surfrider. The cleanup will take place at Jenness Beach on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

VII. Old Business

- **Bacterial warnings signs on beach**

Select Board Rep Barton confirmed that the signs have been ordered and may have already been received by the Town. The signs are put up by the Fire Department personnel (lifeguards) based on information from the State.

- **Fires on the beach in the sand**

The Beach Committee discussed this at their last meeting. If there are any issues, people should call the Police or Fire Department. Rules for fires are listed on the Fire Department's fire permit application.

- **Parsons Creek Advisory update moved to November meeting**

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Amber Harrison will be attending the November 2nd Beach Committee meeting to give an update on the Parsons Creek Advisory Committee.

VIII. New Business

- Mary-Ann Sullivan, past Beach Committee Chair, passed on an email from a resident about a wooden walkway along the beach on South Road that was destroyed during a winter storm a few years ago. The resident was wondering if the walkway could be restored.
  It was noted that the walkway will not be restored due to FEMA and safety regulations.

- The Committee discussed whether there should be a recommendation to the Select Board regarding the concerns addressed earlier in the meeting by Peter Fregeau.

Motion by Coleen Penacho to make a recommendation to the Select Board that they consider educating the public regarding private property versus public beaches along the Rye seacoast. Seconded by Doug Beattie. All in favor.

Next Meeting**:** November 2, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Rye Town Hall

Motion by Doug Beattie to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Joe Leverone. All in favor.

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Respectfully submitted, Dyana F Ledger

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