

Press Release/Notice

Meeting for Proposed North Hampton State Beach Sewer Connection Announced

The public is invited to an information meeting January 25, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Hampton Town Hall, Selectman's meeting room. The meeting will discuss a proposed town warrant article that would allow the connection of the bathhouse at the North Hampton State Beach to the Rye force main that delivers effluent from Rye to the Hampton wastewater treatment plant. The warrant article would amend Section 2:601 of the Sewage Use and Construction Ordinance and authorize the Board of Selectman to accept and approve an intergovernmental agreement.

The warrant article would allow wastewater from the North Hampton State Beach to be accepted by the Hampton municipal treatment plant via a connection into the Town of Rye force main sewer pipe that runs by the Beach. The request is in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the North Hampton State Beach bathhouse by the state. Presentations will be provided by state and local officials and the engineer for the proposed connection. An informational meeting was also held on December 21st in North Hampton to receive public input regarding the design of the new bathhouse.

The warrant article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Towns of Hampton and Rye and the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, so the State can connect with the Town of Rye force main sewer line. The agreement states the Town of Hampton will be paid by the Town of Rye for the additional input from North Hampton State Beach into Hampton's wastewater treatment plant on the same terms as the Town of Rye now pays the Town of Hampton under the October 1989 Agreement. The State of New Hampshire in turn will pay the Town of Rye to be connected to the Rye force main and will also pay the Town of Hampton to provide operation and maintenance services for the new sewer system pumps at the park. The additional input is not expected to have any significant effect on the available capacity or processing capability of the wastewater treatment plant.

This project has been in the planning stages for more than a year. Local and State officials have worked to bring the Rye Sewer Commission and the Towns of Hampton and North Hampton together to coordinate this unique project. More information on the project and to sign up for project updates is available on the North Hampton State Beach webpage at www.nhstateparks.org.