

***APPROVED MINUTES*** of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on June 1, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor  
ANDREW C. BALL  
MACK CUNNINGHAM  
PAULA J. GAMACHE  
JOSEPH A. SACK  
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

CATHERINE F. PARKER  
GEORGE S. PRATT  
Councilmembers

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order at 8:35 P.M. and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis asked the City Manager to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

3. One reappointment to the Finance Committee for a term ending January 1, 2010 by the Mayor with Council approval

Mayor Otis made a motion, unanimously approved the Council to reappoint Jonathan Peters to the Finance Committee for a term ending January 1, 2010.

4. One appointment to the Commission on Human Rights for a term ending January 1, 2012 by the Mayor with Council approval

This item was deferred.

5. One appointment to the Rye Playland Neighborhood Advisory Committee for a term ending January 1, 2011 by the Mayor with Council approval

This item was deferred.

6. Workshop regarding the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Gazebo Project

Mayor Otis reviewed the status of the proposal by the 9/11 Memorial Committee to construct and donate to the City a memorial gazebo. Plans for the gazebo have been prepared by Lisa Easton of Eastman Architects, LLP. The proposal had been reviewed by the Landmarks Committee and the Board of Architectural Review.

The architect and the Landmarks Committee have recommended that the gazebo be located in the historic site adjacent to the Square House.

The BAR has proposed that it be located across Haviland Lane towards Blind Brook. The Rye Historical Society and the Rye Garden Club have supported this alternative location. The 9/11 Memorial Committee urged a prompt decision on location so that construction can proceed this summer.

Architect Easton presented both alternative sites and highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of each.

Representatives of the Landmarks Committee, BAR, the Rye Historical Society, the Rye Garden Club, and the 9/11 Memorial Committee presented their points of view.

After extensive deliberations, Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the site across Haviland Lane be approved provided that the necessary wetlands permit is obtained from the Planning Commission and that the structure be suitably re-sized for the new location and the necessary modifications to its foundation be made by the project architect.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Council members Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, and Sack

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council members Parker and Pratt

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Culross  
City Manager