



## THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

107 North Main Street, Room 302, Concord, N. H. 03301-4951

Dear Director Bryce,

August 29, 2016

I understand you will hold another public hearing at the Rye Public Library about the State Park bathhouse at Jenness on August 31st. It is with great disappointment that I will not personally be there with you as I will be out of the country. Thank you for allowing Ray Tweedie to read this letter into the record for me. You know I have worked very hard with the department for a program to include in the Capital Budgets the upgrade to the State Park Bathhouses all the way up the NH coastline.

It is most unfortunate that the abutters were not able to attend the previous well attended public hearing held on February 17 at the Rye Library. It is my understanding that most recently there has been concerns expressed.

One being to the south of the park and one across the street. I stopped by the Park today and observed that the abutter to the south has a double window currently on the second story that overlooks the parking lot as well as a view to the north. The proposed cupola is 24 feet from the ground. While I'm not an expert at visualizing heights of buildings it seems that there shouldn't be much difference except a view of the parking lot. If there is the occupant "may" not have the desired view from the bedroom but there is a balcony off that room which would provide a perfect view. That should eliminate this concern.

As for the concern across the street - again visually I'm thinking that the ell on the new building might protrude to where the current Park sign currently sits and would block the view from what appears to be an office at the Dunes. It wouldn't impede any guest room view or a view from the restaurant. I did inquire of the engineer if the whole building could be moved to the north end of the parking lot. There would be an additional \$35,000 cost (taking away some of the amenities or visuals of the project) and would block an abutter to the north and potentially the view from the restaurant.

After further discussion with the engineer, it is my understanding that the building could be moved back (south) seven feet leaving a 15' 7" access to the beach instead of a 22' 7" proposed access still allowing for vehicles to get onto the beach for cleaning or emergency. This should provide slight improvement for the business across the street. While this access was not initially set up as an emergency vehicle access it is always prudent to make those considerations when replacing facilities at the beach.

Any re-engineering required will not only take time it will take extra money not leaving adequate dollars to greatly improve the services to all publics as well as the "Rye look" caliber at the beach, not to mention that the new legislature may not allow the dollars to lapse and the opportunity for any improvement is totally gone.

It is my hope that this project will move forward for construction following this summer session and be completed for next summer (a task in itself) and future Capital Budgets will include Wallis Sands and Odiorne Point State Parks.

I miss you all. Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Stiles, Senator, District 24