

**Board of Selectmen
Listening Tour
Glen Cove
September 18, 2012**

Select Board

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Mr. Ames opened the Listening Tour at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed those present.

- A. Residents were reminded of the Tax Club. The voter approved tax club is paid in 12 monthly installments at no interest. Anyone interested should contact Town Clerk Linda Greenlaw.
- B. The Rockland Economic Development Advisory Board (REDAC) will hold a Workshop on September 20th from 6 pm until 8 pm. to discuss the Camden Street Visionary Process to determine “life after Wal-Mart.” Information will be mailed out to Glen Cove residents since Glen Cove is considered one of the gateways into Rockport. Additional information is available on the Town’s website or by calling Carole Gartley.
- C. Any e-mail addresses listed will become public information.

1. What makes Glen Cove a special place to live in?

- Tucked in our own little horseshoe – easy access to stores
- Jogging path, bike riding
- Beautiful view in certain areas
- Enjoy living in “Clam Cove”.... how did the name get changed? Mr. Peabody will investigate the change.
- Be near the hospital
- Easy to get on/off Old County Road and by-pass center of Rockland
- Can walk to work

2. What ideas do you have for improvement in your neighborhood?

- Warrenton Street is too narrow. Widen the shoulder of the road.
- Create walk/bike path or wider breakdown lane
- No sidewalk – exercise path – get people out of road
- No path to beach - open up for access
- Clean up the Glen Cove rest area
- There is a “tremendous amount” of physical activity on Warrenton Street
- Why was the Post Office closed in Glen Cove? Mr. Peabody will look into this matter.
- Need speed sign coming from Rockport side. The speed is posted from Rockland side.
- Stop speeding on road
- Traffic light needed at intersection of Warrenton Street and Route 1. The State does not believe a light is warranted and Mr. Gartley agreed pointing out that lights sometimes increase the number of traffic accidents.
- Rockland limits the size of trucks allowed on Waldo Avenue citing the landslide study for the reason the road is still posted for trucks. Trucks currently use Warrenton Street for access. Mr. Peabody will discuss this matter with the Rockland City Manager.
- Warrenton Street is close to the embankment abutting the cove and has the possibility of a landslide due to underlying clay in the area. Erosion caused trees to slope towards the cove. A resident questioned whether a study of the soil type has been done for Warrenton Avenue.
- Pathway or sidewalk from the Samoset past Samoset Village to Brewster Point
- Access to the cove
- The Glen Cove rest area is not being maintained and the view is being lost to growing vegetation. This parcel of land is owned by the State. It has been two (2) years since the State granted permission for the Town to clean the rest area. Mr. Peabody has contacted the State for permission for the Town to clean the area this fall.

How do you feel about development in Glen Cove?

- Lost some of the deer yards because of existing development – don’t see fox either
- Economy slowed down development
- Some residents expressed concerns that widening the road/walking path would invite people to move here
- Community is part year-round and part seasonal
- More of a retirement community. Not a lot of neighborhood children
- Residents expressed concerns with Brewster Point.

What Town facilities do residents of Glen Cove use?

- Recreation fields on Route 90
- Opera house
- Library

How do you feel about the razing of the RES buildings?

- Move the library to this location
- Plenty of parking and room for other forms of development
- A large group of citizens are reluctant to adjudicate taxes on the former school site

- A resident asked if there is a historical commission that protects old homes in the village. This type of commission has been voted down twice in recent history. It is difficult to define what is and is not historic in some cases.

What type of experience have you had with Town services?

- Ladies at the Town Office are “great” – positive, polite, prompt & approachable
- “want to thank town” Steve Beveridge and Public Works helped to address a water issue years ago
- A revaluation is due in 2014. The Town Office should help people understand the process and results.

How would you feel about renaming the Glen Cove rest area?

Two (2) memorials dedicated to service men and women are located in the area. The memorials will be moved to the rest area for better visibility

- “Pine Hill Fort” – native Americans worked with colonists in Glen Cove
- “Power House Hill” – have placard there
- Rest area has access to cove
- Poison ivy is located in this area
- Historic aspect to this location
- Residents expressed concern that Glen Cove, as the “town center”, will disappear
- Access to Clam Cove must be handicapped accessible.

How do you feel about Volunteerism?

- Lot of openings on committees
- Hard to get people to volunteer

What type of commercial development would you like to see on Route 1?

- “Nothing”
- “Don’t want to see empty buildings”
- Clean up Bonanza building and area
- Take areas already developed and use for multiple purposes
- Mixed commercial/high density. The Land Use Ordinances does not currently allow higher density. An ordinance change would be necessary

Is there anything you want to add?

- Leash law is needed in Rockport
- Dog waste problem along Warrenton Street and in the cemetery. People do not clean up after their dogs or throw bags of dog waste into bushes
- Villages in Rockport are not clearly defined
- Residents expressed concerns regarding fireworks being shot off within Rockport neighborhoods. State law only allows excessive noise until 10:00 p.m. The police would need to be contacted after that time.
- The residents questioned the pollution in Clam Cove. The Conservation Commission completed pollution testing on tributaries to Clam Cove and found an elevated level of

enterococci. All septic systems in the area, along with Home Depot and Wal-Mart, were checked and are functioning properly. The higher than normal sewerage count is considered non-source since a single source cannot be pinpointed. The high concentration of wildlife in the area may be the cause of the problem.

A recap meeting will be held on October 15th at the Rockport Opera House.

Mr. Ames thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He invited any interested person(s) to contact the Town Office or a board member with any additional concerns or ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio
Recording Secretary