

## **Planning Board - 2011 March Newsletter**

There are seven warrant articles that will appear on the 2011 ballot for the March election. Some were written to bring the Rye Zoning Ordinances up to date with state regulations. An important amendment will protect of Rye's aquifer, a valued resource, by clearly defining the Wellhead Protection Area. Others were needed for clarification of existing ordinances including a "housekeeping amendment" and one for protection of public safety pertaining to fireworks. We ask that you take time to review these articles and ask for your support on Election Day.

We welcome Bill Epperson who recently joined the Board as an alternate. We send our wholehearted thanks to Martin Zivic who resigned for personal reasons – we value the dedication and commitment he made during his years as a member of the Planning Board. Lastly, we thank Bob Brown who volunteered to take Martin Zivic's place on the Board until the March elections.

Recently, the Board has met with the Building Inspector and the ZBA chairman in a work session to discuss issues that we normally do not have time to discuss at Board meetings that are primarily geared to addressing applications. The intent of this meeting was to review the Land Development Regulations and Zoning Ordinances as they interact with Rye today. Current topics include beach access for Rye residents, review of commercial/residential zoning, condo conversions and annual certification programs for developments. The next work session will be held in May.

The Planning Board continues to review the Hoefle Subdivision located on Grove Road and work with the applicant, Town Engineer, Town Attorney and Hydrogeologist on the issues pertaining to this application, drainage and protection of the Aquifer. In addition to this application, which will be heard on March 8, 2011, there will be a conceptual consultation for the motel at 23 Locke Road to become townhouses and potentially the Wentworth by the Sea, Beach and Swim Club on Ocean Blvd, pending their February 17, 2011 ZBA meeting. For further information on Planning Board meetings and agendas visit: [www.town.rye.nh.us/pages/index](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/pages/index).

We welcome the interest in all the candidates running for the open three (3) positions for the Planning Board. The Planning Board is an active participant in the welfare and future of Rye and we are looking for volunteers to serve as alternates. Please consider joining us; Kimberly Reed, Planning Administrator, is available to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Rye Planning Board