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Revaluation Update from Vision Appraisal

Vision Appraisal has completed about 65 percent of the revaluation data collection phase as of May 1. Work continues in neighborhoods along Garland, Grove, Washington, Wallis, Sagamore, and Clark Roads. Work in neighborhoods along Wentworth and Pioneer Roads will begin in June. Commercial property on Route 1 and in town will also begin in June.

Every property owner, year-round or seasonal, who has been unavailable while Vision Appraisal has been in their neighborhood will receive a letter from the company asking them to schedule an appointment for inspection. Appointments will begin later in June and will continue through July.

Vision Appraisal would like to thank Rye residents for their cooperation during the ongoing revaluation process.

Administrator Rinker Reports to Town

Representatives of the New Hampshire Municipal Association have completed the Pay and Classification Study and have met with town employees to go over it. Our labor relations consultant, Matt Upton, and I are involved in ongoing negotiations with the employee unions at this time so that the recommendations of the study can be implemented.

The town has a new phone system and we are now in the 21st century. When you call any department in

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Concerns Mount about Increase in New Housing Applications

After a winter that was long and a spring that was cold, we welcome June and the promise of another seaside summer.

The Board of Selectmen considers that the last election and budget process was a success. About 200 citizens attended the February Deliberative Session, and 1431 people turned out to vote on March

13 after receiving a lengthy *Town of Rye Newsletter* informing them of the issues.

Of major concern to us this year has been the increase in applications to our Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for new homes—particularly along Ocean Boulevard, where two applications would convert existing business properties into a total of 20 condominium units. Applications for 41 luxury condominium units in Rye Center and 25 one-family residences off Washington Road in the Berry's Brook area (Whitehorse Farms) were denied by the ZBA and Planning Board, respectively, but we may hear again from these applicants. The total number of 86 requests is alarming, when you consider that Rye has approved an average of only 23 new homes per year for the past two years.

We believe that the Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Conservation Commission, together with all Rye citizens who are concerned about the issue, must do some serious planning for the future to address these growth trends. At stake is the small-town character, flavor, and semi-rural appearance of the town we love.

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OPEN FORUM ON MOSQUITO CONTROL TO BE HELD

**Wed., June 13, 7:00 p.m.
Rye Junior High Gymnasium
501 Washington Road**

Residents of Rye and nearby towns are urged to attend this important forum sponsored by the Rye Mosquito Commission. A panel of experts in mosquito control and health-related issues will present information and answer questions.

Dr. Jose Montero, NH Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, will offer the latest news on the West Nile virus and how it may affect our area.

Dr. Gail A. Snow, Rye's health officer, and Michael Morrison of Municipal Pest Management Services will discuss health issues and control methods. Members of Rye's Mosquito Commission and Board of Selectmen will join the panel.

Town Hall during regular business hours, you will always get a live voice. We can transfer you to any other department easily and if the party you wish to reach is not available, you can leave a message in that person's voice mail. If you call after hours, you will get a recording and

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Selectmen's Message

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With no meeting of the minds, the State Legislature and the Governor have experienced zero success in solving the education funding problem, and the statewide property tax continues to place an overwhelmingly unfair burden on Rye's citizens. We are presently paying approximately 2.5 million dollars to the State of New Hampshire as a donor town. Beginning with our next tax bill, the one due in December, that amount will be increased by \$1,263,900 unless the Legislature changes the formula. This will place an even more crippling burden on our citizens, many of whom are living on fixed or moderate incomes or have experienced setbacks as a result of the economic downturn.

The recent decision of the New Hampshire Supreme Court to overturn a lower-court decision and uphold the statewide property tax was a major disappointment. Rye continues to join with the Coalition of Communities in the legal battle against this unjust tax. The coalition's next step is a rehearing in the NH Supreme Court.

For the tax year 1999, 251 Rye taxpayers filed under the state's program for hardship relief and received refunds averaging \$534. An increase in applications was expected for the tax year 2000, but only 164 were received. We plan to get timely information to our residents regarding applications for state hardship relief for the year 2001 in the hopes that all who qualify will file.

We wish you all a happy and safe Summer 2001.

Rye Board of Selectmen
Joe Mills, Chairman
Mel Low, Vice Chairman
Priscilla Jenness



Administrator Rinker's Report

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can leave a message for whomever you wish.

We have also purchased a new software package that will make us more efficient. The old package was terribly antiquated, and the software company supplied little support. We will now be able to keep complete and accurate records on everything involving the town including the general ledger, budgets, payroll, property taxes, and more. The new software company even takes all our property tax information over a telephone line and bills the town's property owners for about the same cost as if we did it ourselves.

All Town Hall department heads, the Selectmen, and I met with an architect recently to see how we can best use the extra available space in Town Hall to take care of our growth needs. Many creative ideas came out of the meeting, and the architect will be getting back to us shortly to show how he thinks we can best accomplish our goals.

To find out more about other proj-

Talented Transcriber Cronin Retires

The following is an excerpt from Jeanne Cronin's letter to the Selectmen, dated April 28, 2001:

"It is with deep regret that I submit my resignation - I will miss listening to your weekly discussions, arguments, etc., and do hope to serve the Town in some capacity in the future."

After serving as the Selectmen's secretary for over six years, Jeanne was sidetracked by a broken hip. Eventually—and until recently—she was able to work from her home transcribing the minutes of Selectmen's meetings. The Selectmen reluctantly accepted her resignation with their thanks and appreciation for her many years of service to Rye. While her excellent minutes will be missed, Jeanne's connection with the town will surely continue.

ects for beautifying Town Hall and improvements in the Historic District, make sure you read the Historic District Commission's article in this issue.

Earl Rinker
Town Administrator

Applications Available for Tax Exemptions

Just a quick reminder from the Assessing Department for those who feel they may qualify for property tax exemptions (Elderly, Blind, Veteran):

Applications are available in the Selectmen's office at Town Hall and must be filed by August 1, 2001, for consideration on the Fall tax bill. Those who fail to meet that date have until March 1, 2002, for consideration through an abatement.

For an Elderly exemption, the applicant must be 65 or older as of April 1, 2001. Your income if single must be less than \$40,000; if married, less than \$59,900. Your total assets (combined if married) must be less than \$199,000 excluding your principal place of abode here in Rye, but including all other real estate. You must have been a resident for at least five years as of April 1 of this year.

The resident (or surviving spouse) applying for a Veteran's exemption, would need to have served at least 90 days during a period of war or armed conflict as listed in RSA 72:28 and have an honorable discharge (or Expeditionary Medal where applicable).

To apply for a Blind exemption, you must be legally blind as determined by the Administration of Blind Services Division of the NH Educational Department.

If you have any questions, please call Bea at Town Hall to help you. Remember, if you have difficulty coming to Town Hall, special arrangements can be made. Bea's number is 964-5523.

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Backyard Compost Bin Sale a Success



From left: Beth Yeaton, Mel Low, and Jane Ireland with "The Earth Machine."

Rye residents responded to a well-organized project and have purchased close to 275 backyard compost bins! Their kitchen leftovers will now turn into a rich soil amendment for yard and garden and they will be saving money for every ton of waste not shipped out of town. The bins were offered at a reduced price as part of the governor's recycling program. Special thanks go to Town Clerk Jane Ireland and Deputy Town Clerk Beth Yeaton for coordinating collection of the orders.

The composting bins will be delivered on Saturday, June 2, at the Rye Recycling Center. Mel Low is requesting two volunteers to help give out these units. Please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523.

FROG JUMPING CONTEST

JULY 4TH, 2001

9:00 AM



All rules are intended to provide the child who is "jumping a frog" with a sense of respect for the frog and its environment. Frog jumping has been an event in the town of Rye since the Bicentennial in 1976.

RULES

- Frogs should not be caught more than 24 hours before the jump.
- Frogs should be kept in a good-sized pail with a screen cover. There must be water and a rock with the surface showing above the water and grass and food (bugs, aquarium fish food, etc.).
- Frogs *must* be kept in the shade
- All frogs are to be returned to their native habitat immediately following the jump.
- A frog-jumping contestant frog may be tickled with a feather or lightly blown upon with a straw if it needs help getting a "jump start."
- No clapping or loud noises are allowed.

What is allowed: a humane event where family and child alike experience an opportunity to share respect and kindness for our frogs.

Mary Ann Hemming
President, Rye Women's Association

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report

Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tele. 964-8562; Fax 964-4132

Beach parking permits are available at our office. A registration for the vehicle on which the permit is to be placed must be provided for each permit requested (one permit per registration). Only Rye residents and/or property owners are eligible to receive permits. The cost is \$10 each.

Dog licenses are required each year between January 1 and April 30. If you haven't already licensed your pet, please come by our office as soon as possible with proof of the dog's up-to-date rabies inoculation. The cost is \$6.50 for a neutered or spayed animal and \$9.00 for a non-altered dog. Seniors (over 65) can license one dog for a reduced cost of \$2.00. Puppies younger than seven months old are \$6.50.

Property tax bills for the first-issue billing are scheduled to be mailed in late May or early June, and are due 30 days after mailing or July 1, whichever comes later. For most taxpayers, the amount will be half of the entire 2000 billing (add last year's two bills together and divide by 2) Don't forget, the Veteran's exemption will *not* appear on this billing. Those amounts are subtracted on the second issue bill in the fall.

Jane Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Rye Sewer Alert!

The Rye Sewer Commission reminds all who are on the town sewer system that they absolutely cannot discharge sump pumps, cellar drains, or roof drains into the sewer. Such action is illegal by Rye ordinance and subject to penalties.

Please check your cellar drains and make any necessary adjustments now.

Thank you.

BEACH COMMISSION ANNOUNCES RULES AND SCHEDULES

The Rye Town Beach Commission is a three-member body appointed by the Selectmen and entrusted with lifeguard staffing, equipping and maintaining the beaches, and bringing citizens' concerns to the Selectmen. Tim Sanborn is Chairman of the Commission this year. The other members are Scott McQuade and Carl Burnap. Carl will also serve as the Beach Supervisor this summer and will be in charge of our qualified lifeguard staff.

Rye's three town beaches are scheduled to open Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The beaches will stay open through Labor Day.

A flag system is being considered for implementation at the lifeguard stations this year: Green flags signal normal conditions, whereas red flags signal caution, warning of extreme conditions.

Dogs are strictly prohibited from

the beaches between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to October 1 every year. When you do walk your dog on the beaches during the permitted hours, you are required to clean up and properly dispose of whatever the canine deposits. Fines for non-compliance are stiff. You'll find them posted at the beach entrances.

A community-wide beach clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Join with the Boy Scouts of Rye and help to clean your beaches. (See the back page for details.)

Beach trash barrels are NOT FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE! They are for beach trash disposal only! Keeping the beaches clean is an ongoing concern and project for everyone. Please remember: if you carry in, you must carry out and dispose of **beach trash** in the barrels. Violators will be prosecuted.

With these simple rules observed, we look forward to a safe and happy summer on our beautiful town beaches.

If you need to contact a member of the Beach Commission, please call the Selectmen's office at 964-5523.

RYE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS OPEN

We are pleased to announce that thanks to your supportive vote in March, Rye now offers **in-town** health clinics! Health Support Associates will hold clinics on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the handicapped-accessible meeting room at the Rye Public Library. Clinics run from 1 to 3 p.m. and are open to the public. The services offered include blood pressure screening, health assessment, medication counseling, and nutritional information.

Update from Police Chief Brad Loomis

Rye's newest police officer, David Blanding, has been with us for just about a year now. Before joining the Rye P.D., Dave served a 20-year career in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Officer Peter Colbeth will retire on May 31. With Pete's retirement, the department will be down one officer. However, this position is expected to be filled almost immediately. We also need to hire the additional officer approved by the voters this year.

Warm weather brings an increase in traffic and people passing through Rye. Speeding cars, loud motorcycles, and traffic volume draw negative reactions from many residents. We remain active with motor vehicle enforcement. Several motorcycles have already been stopped for various infractions.

Some of the people passing through Rye take the opportunity to steal from homes and vehicles. We're here to foil their plans, but we need



Police Officer David Blanding

your help. First, let's make it as difficult as possible for thieves to operate in Rye. If you have an alarm, use it. Do not leave valuables in vehicles, especially overnight. Secure your homes and vehicles. Report suspicious activity immediately. If we can make some arrests, it will discourage other would-be offenders.

With the end of the school year and summer vacation at hand, more children will be on the road walking, biking, skateboarding, and using the popular nonmotorized scooters. Please take extra care. This year we have had more school zone traffic enforcement than ever before. If you doubt that it's needed, consider the fact that one motorist actually passed another on a double solid line right in front of the school. We maintain a strong presence in the school zones.

We now have laptop computers in our patrol cars, which means an officer can check local history—including previous traffic warnings—right from the car at the time of the stop. Those of you who have received a warning, take heed: your chances of being sent along with another warning diminish considerably when the officer discovers you've already had one. I have seen notations on several court summonses that the driver had previously received a warning.

Brad Loomis, Chief of Police

FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

RECYCLING SAVES YOUR TAX DOLLARS
It's MANDATORY to recycle in Rye!
Bring your newspapers, scrap paper, cardboard, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics, and glass. Rye has a recycling operation to be proud of and we count on our residents to make it work.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Bring your **trash and recycling** from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. **Brush and leaves: Tuesday and Saturday only.**

THE SWAP SHOP

The **Swap Shop** is open during our regular hours and will accept your unwanted, **usable** items, including clothing. Treasures can be found there, so pay us a visit.

Kudos to the Rye Driftwood Garden Club

One of the busiest groups in town this spring has been the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, whose members are famous for beautifying all that they touch.

In addition to partnering with the Rye Recreation Department and the Rye Art Study Group for the super-succesful Art in Bloom event at Webster, Garden Club members have been busy doing various plantings around town, including the wall of daylilies and daffodils at Parsons Field. They also supplied new containers for the Rye Police Station, Library, and Rye Beach Post Office.

Rye Driftwood Gardeners helped fund the landscaping in front of the new Historical Museum and it's their plantings you see on the left-hand side of the Library's front door as you look from the street.

This from President Joan Larson, "It is a privilege to be so involved with our beautiful town of Rye. We welcome new members to our very active and fun club."

And to the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, Rye residents say a resounding "Thank you!"

WELFARE OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAYS 8-12

Welfare official Paula Snyder reminds Rye residents that the office is open and client interviews are conducted on Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon. However, Mrs. Snyder is available for client interviews and assistance on an as-needed basis Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment (964-5523).

Among the services provided to Rye residents who meet the income guidelines are the following:

- Emergency housing
- Food vouchers
- Fuel assistance
- Medical prescriptions
- Rental assistance

All clients must complete an application, which is available at the office. Please remember: **All information is confidential.**

Dog Owners, Please Note!

Under state law all dogs must be licensed each year by May 1 and must have a current rabies certificate. Make sure your dog wears a collar bearing both these tags for easy identification should he or she ESCAPE. Here is a reminder of Rye's dog ordinances:

1. It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to permit it to run at large.
2. It is unlawful to allow a dog to bark for continuous periods of more than one half hour during the night so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.
3. Dogs are not permitted on the beaches between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to October 1.

Waste removal: The owners or the people having custody of dogs that defecate on any Town of Rye beaches shall immediately remove all such defecation and dispose of it on their own properties.

If you lose your dog or have any animal complaints, please call 964-5521.

Officer Greg Kendall
Animal Control Officer

Water District Report

Our third annual Water Quality Report will be issued to all Rye Water District customers in late June. This is our report card on the quality of water we deliver to you. If you are an RWD customer, be on the lookout for it—and don't hesitate to call the office (436-2596) if it fails to arrive or if you have any questions about it.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

During the week of May 1, 2001, the Rye Water District distributed approximately 250 fliers announcing the May 12 Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Hampton. These fliers were distributed to all residents within our Wellhead Protection Zone (4000 foot radius around our wells).

Conservation. HELP!

In the months of June-July-August 1999 we ran our pumps to near capacity to meet the demands of our customers. We were very close to imposing a mandatory ban on outdoor (lawn and garden) irrigation! Our calculations verified that outdoor irrigation was the reason for extra-high usage. Although Summer 2000 was wetter, the 2001 lawn and garden season has begun amidst serious and unrelenting drought conditions. Therefore your cooperation is critical.

Our request again this year: Please do outdoor watering only **BEFORE 9 a.m.** or **AFTER 6 p.m.!** Otherwise, we will be forced to impose a ban on all such watering!

Annual Horse Show Set for July 14

The 39th annual Rye Lions Horse Show will be held Saturday, July 14, at Parsons Field. Starting at 8 a.m., the event runs throughout the day, rain or shine. The family-oriented format of the show features all types of horse-riding activities.

Summer at the Library

The Rye Public Library is open six days each week, fifty-two weeks a year. Please come in during your summer vacation and check out our Summer Beach Reading, search the Web, or just read for a while in the comfort of air conditioning. Peruse the library newsletter, *Off the Shelf*, or visit our Web site at www.nh.ultranet.com/~ryepl for details of our many upcoming summer events.

An important date to remember is Saturday, July 7 from 9 to 12, when the Friends of the Library will hold their annual Book and Bake Sale. This HUGE event will be held on the front lawn of the library. (We could use your donations for this important fund raiser.) Also available for sale on the 7th will be homemade goodies and spectacular, colorful Summer Reading T-shirts.

Thanks to all you townspeople who make this library such a great place. My summer reading "novel-I-haven't-had-time-to-read-yet" is Wally Lamb's *I Know This Much Is True*. What's yours?

Sincerely,

Sherry Evans, Library Director

From the Youth Department

Prepare to "Octopi your mind and Read" this summer. Our summer reading program gets under way on Tuesday, June 26. At 6:30 that evening, singer-entertainer Marcus Gale will provide family entertainment, and sign-up will begin right after his performance. By signing up, each child agrees to read or be read to for at least fifteen minutes every day during the eight-week program. That is the ONLY requirement.

Storytimes are on a brief hiatus while preparations are made for the upcoming summer events. Be sure to drop by or check out our Web site to see the many different activities we have planned for the summer.

Till then . . . happy reading,

Sharon Macdonald, Director of Youth Services

Martha Jones, Youth Librarian

A New Fire Station? Study of Options Continues



New Breathing Apparatus Arrives in Town

Chief Leon Blaisdell and Lieutenant Steve Laing display new breathing apparatus.

received a large volume of rain and snow in March, April and May have produced far below the average annual rainfall. Due to this condition we expect that state-authorized burning will be limited throughout the summer. Please call the fire station with any questions about permits or burning, and check our fire-danger sign when you pass the station. When the arrow is placed at the "Extreme" position, no permits will be issued.

With the early summer weather, many people are starting to weather-proof their decks, wooden lawn furniture, and boats. Please use caution when disposing of rags used with chemicals. They are a frequent cause of spontaneous fires.

Leon Blaisdell
Fire Chief

The Fire Station Building Committee is investigating options for a new fire station, which should prove to be more cost-effective than last year's proposed renovations. Space is a critical issue at the moment, with the need to replace the 32-year-old Ford/Maxim fire engine in our next budget. A new truck will not fit in

the current building.

The new breathing apparatus arrived the first of May and training is now being conducted to ensure a safe transition to the new technology. We plan to have the units in service by the time this newsletter is published.

Although the Seacoast area

RYE ART IN BLOOM



Flower Arranger and New Selectman Priscilla Jenness

Over 400 individuals took in the first annual "Rye Art in Bloom" held in April at Webster at Rye. A spectacular display of flower arrangements by the Rye Driftwood Garden Club interpreted 23 selected works of local art by members of the Rye Art Study Group and the Webster at Rye Community.

Held in advance of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts 25th Art in Bloom celebration, the local event was a collaboration among the Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and the Rye Art Study Group. It succeeded in stimulating interest in flower arranging, sharing the talents of local artists and flower arrangers, and fostering relationships within the community.

The exhibit included the following:

- *African Animals* by Bob Mitchell, wood carving. Flower arranger: Carol Mitchell
- *Apple, Pear and Two Boxes* by Dorine Gross, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Joan Larson
- *Barn Yard Sculpture* by Betty Ford-Smith, iron sculpture. Flower arranger: Barbara Allen
- *Before the Storm* by Sal Allocco, watercolor. Flower arranger: Sal Allocco
- *By the Sea* by Ann Wait, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Linda Ferwerda
- *Cadmium* by Julie Mulloy, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Ellen Simmonds
- *Chrysanthemums* by Jean Leopold, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Shirley Harper
- *Dina* by Dr. Arnold Larson, bronze plaster of paris. Flower arrangers: Kerry Robertson & Melissa Bird
- *Fleur* by Ann Schoettler, watercolor. Flower arranger: Mary Pongrace
- *Granddaughter* by Betty Jordan, porcelain doll. Flower arranger: Kay Sleeper
- *Gulls* by Ann Wait, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Priscilla Jenness
- *Ipswich River* by Carol Mitchell, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Carol Mitchell
- *Lake* by Betty Pescosolido, pastel. Flower arranger: Jean Elliott
- *Matinicus Island* by Giny Chisholm, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Karey Papke Kelly
- *Old Reliable* by Elizabeth Boynton, watercolor. Flower arranger: Lee Arthur
- *Peace* by Sal Allocco, alabaster sculpture. Flower arranger: Sal Allocco
- *Rainy Day at Rockport* by Betty Downey, oil on canvas. Flower arrangers: Sally Doran & Thea Krause
- *Rannie Webster* by Roger V. Brown, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Janet Brown
- *Shepherd* by Betty Jordan, oil on canvas. Flower arranger: Carolyn Payzant
- *Seaweed* by Carla Marvin, watercolor. Flower arrangers: Janet Brown & Kathy Maxwell
- *Water Lily* by Dr. Gisela Gaensler, photograph. Flower arranger: Vera Schroeder
- *Which Hat to Buy* by Ann Tolson, acrylic. Flower arranger: Cathy Kelley
- *Rye Harbor* by Giny Chisholm, watercolor. Flower arrangers: Claire Russo & Debbie Johnson

Improvements Noted Throughout Rye Historic District

Historic District Commission Chairman Jane Holway is pleased to announce a series of improvements that have been made within the Historic District since the last edition of this newsletter.

The overgrown shrubs in front of Town Hall have been removed, exposing the wonderful lines of the building that was erected in 1880. New shutters have been ordered and should be installed by the Fourth of July. The building is scheduled to be painted in the near future.

Overgrown shrubs and trees have also been removed from the Rye Congregational Church.

The Town Clock in the church steeple is running again! A specialist in tower clocks has been located and will service the clock twice a year when the time changes occur. Once again the tolling of a bell from the steeple announces the correct hour—and it's on time! In your next newsletter (September) look for a history of this town landmark and a rare photographic peek at the inner workings of the clock.

The stone wall facing Lang Road at Parsons Field was recently repaired. Repairs to the remainder of that beautiful wall are pending.

Further improvements on the current calendar include repainting and reinstalling of the two signs indicating Parsons Field and landscaping of the left-hand side of the old library entrance on Washington Road. Take the time to stroll through the center some balmy summer day and enjoy all these improvements.

Have you ever thought about joining the Historic District Commission? We have a current opening for an alternate member. To apply, simply express your interest and qualifications in a brief letter to the Board of Selectmen, 10 Central Rd., Rye, NH 03870.

The Planning Board Is Looking for a Few Good Citizens

Want to make your mark on Rye? Now is the time! This year the Planning Board will update large portions of the Master Plan and propose the zoning changes that can implement your vision of how Rye will look in the new century. You can be a part of this action, or you can let other people decide Rye's future for you.

Hank Cavaretta and Gary Dodds chair the two Planning Board committees (Rules & Regulations and Long-Range Planning) that are charged with the tasks of determining where we, the Rye citizens, want the town to be in 10 or 20 years. To do this they will be asking questions, accumulating data, holding hearings, running work sessions, and

doing all the other things necessary to discharge this great responsibility.

Hank's and Gary's committees are just beginning their work now. I am sure that many of you have worked on projects before. You know that if you get active at the beginning, it will be easier to influence the direction than it will be if you come aboard later.

This effort is in many ways like all the other worthwhile causes that are competing for your time. Yet it's different in some significant respects. This work will affect the future value of your home. It will determine the traffic on our streets. It will structure the recreational activities available to our residents. It will determine whether Rye maintains its semi-

rural character.

You can participate as much or as little as you want. Talk to Hank (431-1081) about working on zoning if that is your interest. If you are more of a futurist, contact Gary (433-8916) about participating in long-range planning and updating the Master Plan. Or call me, Bob Brown (427-2958), if you are not sure where your ideas will fit best.

Meeting schedules will be posted at Town Hall and on the Rye Web site (www.ryenh.com/town) so you can join in. If you really can't spare time to help but have suggestions, you can call or drop a note to Hank Cavaretta or Gary Dodds c/o Rye Planning Board, Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870.

MOSQUITO WARS: AN UPDATE

In the town's ongoing battle against its most persistent enemy, Rye has implemented a number of mosquito control programs. The Mummichog Project, a redistribution of predatory minnows that feed on mosquito larvae in salt marshes will continue. In wetland areas, bacterial larvicide is being applied. A natural bacterium, it specifically kills mosquito larvae. In addition, salt marsh restoration, with the assistance of Ducks Unlimited, is ongoing. Adulticiding (street spraying) is a last line of defense against high mosquito populations.

This year the contract for mosquito control, including adulticiding, was awarded to Municipal Pest Management under the direction of entomologist Michael Morrison. The

insecticide SCOURGE, used at the rate of 0.5 to 3.0 fluid ounces per acre, is the basis of the street-spraying program. Spraying provides rapid response to disease threats and elimination of flying mosquito populations, but it is expensive and gives only temporary relief. According to Mr. Morrison, "The mosquito wars are won and lost in the wetland breeding grounds."

An informational meeting on all phases of the mosquito control program will be held on June 13 (see front page).

You can contribute to mosquito control by carefully inspecting your property for household sources of stagnant water: blocked gutters, pool covers, untended birdbaths, open containers, etc. Take the time to

clear understory vegetation around wooded areas. Never apply anything to wetlands. Although larger sites have been identified, feel free to call our mosquito control contractor at (207) 363-2886 to report untreated standing water in your neighborhood.

Warrant Article #18, for a "once a week or as needed" mosquito spray program was passed in March: 828 Yes to 492 No. If you DO NOT want your property to be sprayed, fill out the form below and return it to the Selectmen's office by mail or drop it off with the Town Clerk. The sprayer can be turned off and on with precision, but it cannot be selective as to right or left side of the street. If you elect not to be sprayed, your neighbor across the street will not be sprayed.

TOWN OF RYE—NO SPRAY REQUEST 2001
Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

NAME _____ PHONE _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

Town of Rye Board Meetings

JUNE 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Selectmen's Meetings are held in the Rye Public Library Meeting Room (handicapped accessible) at 581 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Other board meetings are held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., Rye, NH, unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the Town Bulletin Board for up-to-date information.					1	2
3	4 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	5 7 pm, Recreation Commission	6 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	7	8	9
10	11	12 10 am, Sewer Commission 7 pm, Planning Board	13 3:45 pm, Mosquito Commission 7 pm, Historic District Commission	14 6 pm, Library Trustees Meeting	15	16
17	18 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	19	20 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	21 7 pm, Conservation Commission <i>Summer begins</i>	22	23
24	25 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	26 7 pm, Planning Board	27	28	29	30

JULY 2001

1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Town offices closed	5	6	7
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AUGUST 2001

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Additional Civic Meetings Rye Lions Club, first Wednesday every month, 7 pm at the Rye Library
Friends of the Library, second Tuesday every month, 7 pm at the Library

Help get your beaches ready for Summer!

GIANT COMMUNITY BEACH CLEAN-UP

Saturday, June 16

9 a.m. to 12 noon

(Weather permitting)

Come one, come all!

**Bring a shovel or a rake to
Cable Rd. Beach**

or

Wallis Sands (Pirates Cove)

Fun – Exercise – Camaraderie!

You'll be glad you joined in!

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It wasn't so long ago....



but Spring did arrive.



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July 3, Sawyer's Beach

July 4, Parson's Field

Be there by 9 p.m.

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