



Town of Rye

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Voting Day Is Tuesday, March 12

TOWN REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the Year 2001 is now available for pickup at the following locations: Town Hall, Police and Fire Stations, the Rye Public Library, Antiques of Rye, and the Hungry Horse. If you are unable to pick up your copy, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 and it will be mailed to you.

Town Clerk Lists Voting Hours, Licenses and Permit Details

VOTING. The town election will be held at the Elementary School on Tuesday, March 12. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at this office for anyone who cannot get to the polls on Election Day.

DOGS. All dogs should be licensed between January 1 and April 30 of each year. An up-to-date rabies certificate is required. The cost to license a neutered dog is \$6.50; for non-neutered the fee is \$9.00; puppies less than seven months old are \$6.50. An over-65 dog owner can license a dog for \$2.00.

BEACH PARKING PERMITS. To obtain a 2002 Beach Parking Permit, bring in the registrations of the vehi-

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Town Is in Sound Financial Condition

WE ARE PLEASED to inform you that the Auditor's Report for 2001 has declared the Town of Rye to be in sound financial condition with an under-expended total budget bottom line of \$305,584. This figure is the combined result of higher than estimated revenues of \$113,226 plus \$192,358 in expenditures that were less than anticipated. We have

also taken the proper measures to place sufficient funds in reserve in anticipation of expenses related to ongoing court cases and possible property tax rebates.

Hardship relief from the statewide education property tax remains a major concern. The effect of revaluation on a town's eligibility for hardship relief had not been taken into account in the original hardship relief legislation. A bill to correct this oversight is due before the full N.H. House of Representatives shortly. We anticipate a favorable vote there and later in the Senate.

We are compiling a list in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office of all who have inquired about hardship relief. According to Jane Ireland, once legislation is passed and the forms become available, Rye property owners on this list will automatically be sent a hardship relief form from her office. To date, 152 property owners are waiting to hear. If you believe that you may be eligible, please have your name and address placed on this list.

The Town of Rye Workers' Compensation Insurance is with Primex, a company that provides

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Lady Liberty visits Rye during the Holiday Parade on December 12.

The complete Town Ballot appears inside. You can make your decisions ahead of time and record them on the checklist on the back page to save you time at the polls.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 12, 2002

FOR MODERATOR

for Two Years Vote for One
DANIEL C. HOEFLE

FOR SELECTMAN

for Three Years Vote for One
JOE MILLS
ROBERT C. WILDER

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for Three Years Vote for One
DAVID A. DAWLEY
DAVID KOHLHASE

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for Three Years Vote for One
KERRY CRONIN

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for Three Years Vote for One
ROGER O. PHILBRICK

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for Three Years Vote for One
JEFFREY BALBONI

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for Six Years Vote for One
MADELINE L. CHICHESTER

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for Three Years Vote for Two
R. J. LINCOLN
PAULA S. SNYDER

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for Three Years Vote for Two
JAMES R. IRISH
KIMBERLY M. REED

ARTICLE 3
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
QUESTIONS

Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Note: In the following amendments,
new text is **emboldened**. Deleted text is
~~struck through~~.

Amendment 1. Are you in favor of the
adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

Re: Wetlands Buffer

To amend Section 301.7, A, as follows:

A. Buffer Description. The Wetlands
Buffer shall include all land:

1) Within 100 feet of the edges of all
tidal marshes, bays, estuaries, rivers,
river tributaries and creeks, as defined by
the highest flooding of the ocean tides;
the edges of Eel Pond, Burke's Pond,
Brown's Pond and East Rye Pond, as
defined by the high-water mark; the
edges of all natural perennial streams,
vernal pools and ponds one (1) acre or
larger in size, as defined by the high-
water mark; and freshwater marshes, as
defined by vegetation.

2) Within ~~50~~ 75 feet of very poorly
drained soils one (1) contiguous acre or
larger in size.

3) Within ~~25~~ 50 feet of poorly drained
soils one (1) contiguous acre or larger in
size.

☐ YES ☐ NO

A REMINDER

If you study the
ballot at home and
fill in the checklist
on the back page of
this issue, you'll
save yourself lots of
time in the voting
booth on Tuesday!
But don't forget to
take your checklist
with you. (And
don't leave it in the
voting booth!)
If you have any
questions, please
call the Selectmen's
Office, 964-5630.

Amendment 2. Are You in favor of the
adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

Re: Wetlands Buffer in Berry's Brook
Watershed

To amend Section 301.7, A, by adding
Subparagraph 4 as follows: (*Note: New
text **emboldened***)

A. Buffer Description. The Wetlands
Buffer shall include all land:

1) Within 100 feet of the edges of all
tidal marshes, bays, estuaries, rivers,
river tributaries and creeks, as defined by
the highest flooding of the ocean tides;
the edges of Eel Pond, Burke's Pond,
Brown's Pond and East Rye Pond, as
defined by the high-water mark; the
edges of all natural perennial streams,
vernal pools and ponds one (1) acre or
larger in size, as defined by the high-
water mark; and freshwater marshes, as
defined by vegetation.

2) Within 50 feet of very poorly drained
soils one (1) contiguous acre or larger in
size.

3) Within 25 feet of poorly drained
soils one (1) contiguous acre or larger in
size.

4) **Within 100 feet of very poorly
drained soils or poorly drained soils
one (1) contiguous acre or larger in
size located within the Berry's Brook
watershed, as defined by Basin 2,
Plate 3 of the 1998 Rye Master Plan.**

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 3. Are you in favor of the
adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

Re: Telecommunications Facilities
Overlay District

To amend Section 503.3 Wireless
Telecommunications Facilities District
and Map to delete the following two
parcels from the overlay district:

-Tax Map 17, Parcel 60

-Tax Map 22, Parcel 74

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 4. Are you in favor of the
adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:

Re: Accessory Apartments (*Note:*
New text is **emboldened and italicized**
—deleted text is ~~struck through~~).

To amend the following parts of
Section 506 Accessory Apartments to
allow accessory apartments to have a
maximum floor area of up to 1200 square
feet.

506.3 Performance Standards:

A. Each accessory apartment shall
have a minimum floor area of 600 sf and
a maximum floor area of ~~700~~ **1200** sf and
shall contain, at a minimum, a separate
cooking area with a kitchen sink, one full
bathroom, and not more than two bed-
rooms.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 5. Are you in favor of the
adoption of Amendment 5, as follows:

Re: Storm Water Management

To amend Section 507 Storm Water
Management by deleting the present
Subsections 507.4 through 507.8 and
replacing these sections with the follow-
ing new Subsection 507.4:

507.4 - Drainage and Grading Plan.

The Building Inspector may require
submission of a detailed drainage and
grading plan at his/her sole discretion
and at the expense of the property owner
whenever there is a question regarding
compliance with this section.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Article 3 is discussed
by the Planning
Board immediately
following the ballot
in this newsletter.

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Amendment 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6, as follows:

Re: Wetlands Buffer

To delete Section 301.7B(7) from Section 301.7 Wetlands Buffer. (Note: Language to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.)

~~7. The borders within fifty feet (50') of the wetlands described in paragraph 301.7A are designated wetlands and cannot be included in lot sizing.~~

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 4, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the purchase of a new fire engine Pumper Truck to replace the 1969 Ford fire engine and to authorize the issuance of not more than one hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$195,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act [N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended], and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye. And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established at Town Meeting on December 19, 1965.

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A 3/5

MAJORITY VOTE

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Police Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2002	\$ 7,180
2003	\$11,176
2004	\$12,923

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,180 for the 2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 6, as follows:

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to

Art. 4: A Yes vote would appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to purchase a new fire engine Pumper truck. \$80,000 would come from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, the balance through bonds or notes.

A No vote would result in the Fire Department maintaining the 1969 fire engine that was to be replaced.

Art. 5: A Yes vote would approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and The Rye Town Police Association.

A No vote would result in the rejection of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Art. 6: A Yes vote would authorize a Special Town Meeting to approve cost items resulting from addi-

call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 7, as follows:

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2002	\$ 8,185
2003	\$14,054
2004	\$16,314

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,185 for the 2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 8, as follows:

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 7 cost items only?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 9, as follows:

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Fire Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2002	\$ 7,633
2003	\$ 7,917
2004	\$ 9,169

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,633 for the 2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 10, as follows:

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 9 is

tional collective bargaining in the event Article 5 is defeated.

A No vote would result in no Special Town Meeting in the event Article 5 is defeated.

Art. 7: A Yes vote would approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and The Rye Employees Association.

A No vote would result in the rejection of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Art. 8: A Yes vote would authorize a Special Town Meeting to approve cost items resulting from additional collective bargaining in the event Article 7 is defeated.

A No vote would result in no Special Town Meeting in the event Article 7 is defeated.

Art. 9: A Yes vote would approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and The Rye Town Fire Association.

A No vote would result in the rejection of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Art. 10: A Yes vote would authorize a Special Town Meeting to approve cost items resulting from additional collective bargaining in the event Article 9 is

defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 9 cost items only?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 11, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of hiring an architect/engineer to design a new fire station or a new fire and police station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the building is complete or December 31, 2005, whichever is less.

This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 12, as follows:

Are you in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA 41:14-a in which the selectmen will have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided that they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation and further to hold two (2) public hearings on any proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen prior to their vote, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for town meeting. If adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by town meeting vote. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

[CONSIDERATION BY THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE OF THIS NON-MONEY ARTICLE
IS NOT REQUIRED.]

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 13, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:15, II for the acquisition of land for a new fire station or a new fire and police station and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) towards this purpose and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend pursuant to RSA 41:14, a. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 14, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and

defeated.

A No vote would result in no Special Town Meeting in the event Article 9 is defeated.

Art. 11: A Yes vote would allow an architect/engineer to be hired to assist in site location and to design a new facility.

A No vote would delay progress on a new facility.

Art. 12: A Yes vote would allow the selectmen to buy or sell land, with certain restrictions, for any reason considered necessary by the respective Boards (i.e., land for the proposed fire or fire/police station or for conservation purposes.)

A No vote would mean the selectmen could not purchase land until there was another regular or special Town Meeting.

Art. 13: A Yes vote would provide the selectmen with the funds they need, not to exceed \$75,000, to negotiate the purchase of land for the fire or fire/police station.

A No vote would mean that there wouldn't be any funds to purchase land or buildings, even if Art. 12 passes.

Art. 14: A Yes vote would appropriate \$70,000 to adequately fund the Employee

appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to be added to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting. The Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund pays severance benefits to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 15, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of making certain improvements in the interior of Town Hall, primarily to utilize open space upstairs for a bathroom, a lunch room and a room for the Sewer Commission. There will be other revisions allowing the Executive Secretary to move where the Sewer Commission is, closer to the Town Administrator, who will be sharing office space with the Rye Board of Selectmen and utilizing the empty space in the front of the building on the ground floor for the Planning and Zoning Office giving the Building Inspector and the secretary more room in their office. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 16

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 16, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of restoring the outside of the Rye Town Hall. Work to include (on the total building) the removal of all gutters and shutters, removal of paint to bare wood, sanding with square palm sanders, applying a full primer coat (exterior oil based), caulking of all holes, gaps and seams, applying a full finish coat with exterior latex paint. Work to also include the repair or replacement of any deteriorated clapboards. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 17

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 17, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of upgrading, replacing or repairing the

Leave Account in accordance with the Town's personnel policies.

A No vote may result in large budget shortfalls if a number of employees retire.

Art. 15: A Yes vote would allow needed improvements to be made in the Town Hall interior.

A No vote would not allow improvements to be made.

Art. 16: A Yes vote would allow the exterior of Town Hall to be restored.

A No vote would delay repainting and repair.

Art. 17: A Yes vote would establish a Capital Reserve Fund for emergency repairs or replacements of the

Town of Rye's computer hardware, associated equipment and computer software and related support and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 18

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 18, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1 by Article 9 of the 1996 Rye Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 19

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 19, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI established by Article 9 of the 1997 Rye Town Meeting to investigate, design, and construct an all purpose recreation field to be located on the footprint of the present Morang Field in the Town Recreation Area. This is a non-lapsing appropriation that will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2003, whichever occurs first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 20

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 20, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand six hundred dollars (\$45,600) for the purpose of purchasing a new 8-yard/33,000 lb cab and chassis for the Department of Public Works to replace the Town's 1987 cab and chassis. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 21

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 21, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and

town's computer equipment.

A No vote would hamper selectmen in funding the required repairs or replacements.

Art. 18: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 19: A Yes vote would add \$50,000 to the fund needed to renovate the Recreation fields.

A No vote would delay or curtail the process.

Art. 20: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of a new cab and chassis for Public Works to replace an 1987 vehicle.

A No vote would not allow the purchase.

appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500) for the purpose of purchasing a new 1/2-ton pick-up truck with plow for the Department of Public Works. This amount includes the trade-in of the old 1987 1/2-ton pick-up truck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 22

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 22, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI established by Article 8 at the 1997 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of engineering, designing and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye, updating the current drainage system. This is a non-lapsing appropriation that will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2003, whichever occurs first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 23

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 23, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) pursuant to RSA 36-A:5 to be added to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. This fund is used to acquire land for the proper utilization and protection of natural resources. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY
THE SELECTMEN**

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 24

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 24, as follows:

On petition of Betty Tobey and at least twenty-five registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0.00) to enable the organization based in Rye, T.R.A.S.H., Inc. to continue educating and informing the citizens of New Hampshire about the Statewide Property Tax and continue efforts to eliminate this unfair tax. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 21: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of a new pick-up truck with plow for Public Works to replace an 1987 truck, which would be traded in.

A No vote would not allow the purchase.

Art. 22: A Yes vote would appropriate \$75,000 to continue drainage improvement throughout the Town of Rye.

A No vote would delay the drainage improvement plan.

Art. 23: A Yes vote would appropriate \$200,000 to acquire conservation land and help control growth in the Town of Rye.

A No vote would limit the acquisition of such land.

Art. 24: At the Deliberative Session an amendment was passed reducing the requested amount to 0. Therefore a Yes vote or a No vote will result in the same non-action.

ARTICLE 25

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 25, as follows:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by five million two hundred fifty four thousand nine hundred one dollars (\$5,254,901). Should this article be defeated, the default operating budget shall be five million one hundred twenty-one thousand nine hundred ninety-two dollars (\$5,121,992) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 26

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 26, as follows:

On petition of Joanne M. Hardin and at least twenty-four registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V Town Road the portion of Shoals View Drive located west of Parsons Road, as shown on Rye Tax Map 20.3 and Subdivision Plan of Lots, Fair Hill Estates, dated June 1921 by John Durgin, Civil Engineer. This warrant article shall not take effect until such time as the Public Works Director and the Board of Selectmen have certified to the Town Clerk that the road meets town road standards.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 27

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 27, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **YOUNG LANE** as shown on the Young Lane Subdivision Plan for Maynard Young, County of Rockingham,

Art. 25: A Yes vote would appropriate \$5,254,901 to adequately fund the Town's operating budget.

A No vote would not adequately fund the Town's operating budget but, rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$5,121,992.

Arts. 26: A Yes vote would allow acceptance by the town of this road only if it is certified that it meets town standards for a Class V road.

A No vote would mean that the road would not be accepted as a town road under any circumstances.

Art. 27: A Yes vote would authorize the town to accept Young Lane, which has met town standards for

Rye, NH dated August 1998 as revised and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds on October 9, 2001 as Plan D-29308. This acceptance is conditioned on the Town receiving final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 28

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 28, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendment to the Town of Rye Animal Beach and Waste Removal Ordinance, Section B, 1, Beach Use, enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting May 21, 2001 in accordance with the Selectmen's authority to regulate the use of Town Beaches: Dogs are not permitted on Town Beaches before 6:00 p.m. or after 8:00 a.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first day of October each year.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 29

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 29, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to advise the Rye Board of Selectmen to continue its financial and moral support of the New Hampshire Coalition of Donor Towns, whose primary effort is to eliminate the statewide property tax.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 30

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 30, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2002.

☐ YES ☐ NO

acceptance.

A No vote would prevent acceptance of Young Lane as a town road.

Art. 28: A Yes vote would extend the time dogs are restricted from the town beaches.

A No vote would maintain the current shorter time.

Art. 29: A Yes vote affirms your belief that the selectmen should maintain the connection with the coalition. No additional funds are needed at this time.

A No vote would not support this viewpoint.

Art. 30: A Yes vote would allow the Selectmen to return funds to the town by selling surplus equipment.

A No vote would mean the town couldn't dispose of surplus equipment.

Attention Lifeguards!

Are you interested in a summer job on our beautiful beaches? The Town will be accepting applications for certified lifeguards for Summer 2002. The season starts the third week of June and runs through Labor Day. It's a 5-day work week that includes weekends. Please send resumes by March 31 to:

Town of Rye Beach Commission
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870

or fax to: (603) 964-1516. If you need more information, call the Selectmen's office: 964-5523.



Visitor from the North joins Rye's Holiday Parade

What do you think ?

"Rye should make wetland and water supply protection a prime objective"

"These new people want my land to be their wildlife preserve"

"There is no place to shop in Rye any more"

"What we don't need, is more traffic coming in to shop in Rye"

"Construction makes jobs and produces new tax revenue for Rye"

"Every new house costs the town more in services than it generates in taxes"

"Nobody wants to hear **My** opinion"

Have you heard remarks like these? Do you agree with some of them? Well, in the future you will be able to agree with the statement, "Nobody wants to hear **My** opinion," only if you choose to ignore the following.

The Planning Board is offering you two ways to make sure your opinions are heard, and we hope you will take advantage of both. The first way is through the Zoning Amendments on this year's warrant and the second will be the town-wide Opinion Survey. These are ways of expressing your opinion that nobody in Rye can ignore.

The Zoning Amendments offer you a potent vehicle to express your opinion on how Rye will look and how it will be. Maybe you had to miss the hearings where the amendments were hammered out, but you still have a chance to influence the direction the town will go. When a zoning amendment is approved, it becomes law. Then what was just your "opinion" becomes a law that cannot be ignored. Please read descriptions of the amendments on the next page. It will be no surprise that all but one of them have to do with water and wetlands. The text of all the amendments is at the beginning of this newsletter.

The second way to assure that you are listened to is the upcoming Opinion Survey. It has been developed through the hard work of a committee of town citizens from various backgrounds, chaired by Gary Dodds, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board. You may recall the status reports about this survey in previous "Town of Rye Newsletter" articles. The good news is that the survey is now complete. A survey will be mailed to every home. A new aspect is that the first and preferred way of taking the survey will be on line through the Rye web site. For those who do not have the internet available to them, the paper version can be mailed in or dropped off. We believe that this paper copy will help you whether you respond by internet or choose to mail in your opinions. We are hoping that the internet version will be used by many for three big reasons. It is cheaper for the town, more accurate, and we will get the results sooner. We will be sending the survey and detailed information shortly.

—Bob Brown, Chairman, Planning Board

Summary of Zoning Amendments

These amendments are in Article 3

Amendments 1, 2, and 6 all address Wetland Buffers.

Amendment 1 increases environmental protection and applies to all poorly drained and very poorly drained soils that are over 1 acre. Throughout the town it adds **25 feet to the buffers** designated today.

Amendment 2 establishes 100 foot buffers for these same soils but it **applies only to Berry's Brook watershed.**

Amendment 6 removes a superseded sub-section of the Zoning on wetland buffers.

1. Wetlands Buffer Amends Section 301.7, A
The Conservation Commission has found that to protect wildlife and streams, an increase in the wetlands buffers is needed. The revised sections affect all one acre or larger wetlands of poorly drained or very poorly drained soils. Buffers of very poorly drained soils would go from 50 feet to 75 feet and for poorly drained soils from 25 feet to 50 feet. This amendment would apply townwide to all wetlands.

2. Wetlands Buffer Amends Section 301.7, A
The amendment would establish a 100-foot wide buffer of all wetlands one contiguous acre or larger within the watershed of Berry's Brook only. This is not additional to the buffers in Amendment 1.

6. Wetlands Buffer Section 301.7B(7) was part of the original wetlands buffer protection. It has been superseded by changes in the wetlands buffer regulations and by the requirement that every lot have at least 44,000 square feet of upland soils of which 30,000 square feet must be contiguous. If approved, this amendment will delete this section.

3. Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District Amends Section 503.3

This change would delete two sites, both wetlands, designated in the original Cellular Phone district, that were later found to be unusable. Other sites will be designated this year to replace these. The sites which would be deleted are :

- Map 17, Lot 60 Near the site of the Brackett Road Massacre Burial Ground.
- Map 22, Lot 74 acquired with the assistance of NH LCHIP funds which forbids this use.

4 -- Accessory Apartments - Section 506.3

The proposed amendment would increase the maximum allowable size of an accessory apartment from 700 to 1200 square feet. This is one of the several performance standards which must be met to establish an Accessory Apartment. Compliance is reviewed by the Board of Adjustment and must be approved by them. Accessory Apartments may be established only in the Single Residence District.

5 - Storm Water Management would delete the present Subsections 507.4 through 507.7 and replace these sections with a new Subsection 507.4.

This change modifies last year's amendment that made a Drainage and Grading Plan a requirement for the issuance of a building permit whenever there was the initial development of a vacant lot or the replacement of a principal building on a lot. Experience has shown that this expensive plan is not always needed. The amendment would give the Building Inspector the discretion to determine whether or not a Drainage and Grading Plan is required on a site by site level.

The Requirements that any building and development not increase drainage onto adjacent properties and not overburden the capacity of town drainage facilities are retained. These will form the basis for the building inspector's decisions.

Fire Station Building Committee Explains Ballot Article 11

This article addresses the need to engage an architectural firm to work with the Town to provide architectural services needed to pursue the feasibility, programming, planning, design, and construction of a new Fire Station or a new combined fire and police station building for the Town of Rye.

For the past year, the Selectmen-appointed Building Committee has worked to identify and evaluate possible candidate sites for such a new building or facility. The site of the existing Fire Station has been found to be inadequate for a needed expansion of the Fire Department, let alone accommodate a combined Public Safety Facility. The selected architectural firm will work with the Town's Building Committee to provide the following services:

1. Detailed Programming, including the establishment of the needs of the Fire Department and of the Police Department, based on current requirements, and with potential for possible future expansion. This phase will result in a listing of the specific needs of each of the specific

functions of each of the departments, e.g., number and sizes of equipment bays, offices, and storage rooms, as well as the infrastructure services and the adjacencies, and in turn, the aggregate size needed for the overall building. This phase will include an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages associated with a combined facility, with a sharing of many of the building's spaces and systems, as compared with two separate facilities.

2. Site Evaluation, including the assessment of the features of each available candidate site in terms of location, centrality, availability, size, potential for future expansion, physical attributes, traffic issues, sight lines, etc. These first two phases will help determine whether a combined facility or separate facilities will be optimum in serving the Town's needs.

3. Schematic Design and Budget Development, including preliminary design, cost estimates for construction and overall project cost, schedule and timeline for project delivery.

4. Completion of Construction Documents, including detailed rigorous coordinated drawings and specifications, prepared for the solicitation of bids from competing General Contractors.

5. Construction Administration, including the solicitation and evaluation of bids, and contract negotiation with the successful qualified low bidder, and general oversight through the course of construction.

The terms of the contract with the architectural firm will allow for the Town, through the Building Committee, to introduce a hiatus or termination at the end of any of the specified phases. The architects will also be contracted to study each of the existing station's buildings with evaluation of suitability for possible renewal, expansion, reuse, and/or disposition. Based on the outcomes of the phases recited above, any proposal to proceed with construction of a new facility will be taken to a Town Meeting to be acted on by the citizens of the Town of Rye.

Selectmen's Message: Town Is in Good Shape

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many programs and services to its members. Through Primex, the Town has embarked on a team-building program with its employees, including Selectmen and the Town Administrator. Our goal: to build the most effective working team possible through enhanced understanding and communication.

Since the first of the year, we have received two resignations from members of Town commissions. In January we accepted, with regret, the resignation of Dave Dawley from the Mosquito Commission. Dave has served as chairman of this commission for the past fifteen years. Recently, we received a letter of resig-

nation from Carl Burnap as a member of the Beach Commission. The Beach Commission was established in 1999, and Carl completed his initial term of office. His resignation was accepted with regret. We thank them for their service to the Town. Our town would be a very different kind of place without the countless number of hours dedicated to the work of our various boards, commissions, and committees.

We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Tuesday, March 12.

Joe Mills, Chairman
Mel Low, Vice Chairman
Priscilla Jenness

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 12 Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Town Clerk's Information

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cles for which you want permits. The cost is \$10.00 each. To qualify, you must be a property owner and/or a resident of Rye.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We can be reached by phone at 964-8562, or e-mail at janei@town.rye.nh.us. Feel free to contact us with your comments or questions.

Jane Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

THE BUZZ FROM THE LIBRARY

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY is busier than ever with circulation up a whopping 12% in January! We expect this trend to continue as winter days melt into spring. And remember—as we all continue to ride the economic roller coaster, your library is still free. Please browse our catalog and newsletter online at

<http://www.nh.ultranet.com/~ryepl>.

The Library is pleased to welcome Nicole Anderson to our staff. Nicole is a part-time Adult Services Librarian. She finished a Masters of Library Science degree at Simmons College in December and lives in Portsmouth with her husband and young son. Please come in to say hello to Nicole.

Ongoing programs

Adult Book Discussions are held on the second Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. and the third Thursday of each month from 7-8 p.m.

The Military History Discussion Group meets on the first Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.

Young Adult Book Discussion meets on the first Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m.

Call the Library to get a list of upcoming selections. 964-8401.

Internet Assistance: No matter what level you are, we can answer your questions and give you some individual assistance every Thursday evening beginning at 6:30.

Health Clinic: Greater Seacoast Adult Day Services offers a free Health Screening every fourth Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.

Federal Income Tax Assistance: Provided by AARP every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. and every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. until April 15.

Art Exhibit: Currently on display through March 8 is "Artists of Rye." Thirty pieces of various mediums on display throughout the library. Come and see works by your talented Rye neighbors and friends.

Coming March 16 is "Photography from A-Z." This exhibit runs through May 17.

Children's Storytimes: Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and every Friday at 10:30 a.m. All ages welcome. No pre-registration necessary.

Special Programs

Jazz Series: Back for a second season on the following Sunday afternoons—March 10, April 14, and May 5, from 1-2:30. Light refreshments served. No charge. Jazz events sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library, the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and the Seacoast Jazz Society.

Friends of the Rye Public Library Speaker Series: The spring season has two more programs coming up in the "Aspects of the Seacoast" Series: "Cross-grained and Wily Waters" on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. and "What's the Catch" on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

Poetry Reading on April 2 by local poets at 7 p.m. April is National Poetry Month.

Sherry Evans
Library Director

Property Tax Abatements, Exemptions, Credits Discussed

Assessing

As of the middle of February, we have given out approximately 390 applications for property tax abatement. Of those, 195 have been completed and returned. The local appeal period ended March 1. Our Assessor, Howard Promer, will be addressing these requests through July 1 and forwarding his recommendations to the Selectmen. Should you be unhappy with the Town's decision, you will have from July 1 until September 1, 2002, to pursue further appeal to either the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Superior Court.

The cost for the NH BTLA is \$65.00, and applications for this step can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

As a reminder, if you would like to have more information about any of the following exemptions/credits, please call Bea Marconi at 964-5523.

Veteran, Elderly, Blind

Property records cards are available in the Selectmen's Office. I would suggest that from time to time all taxpayers review their information listed to ensure that the data is correct.

Bea Marconi
Assessing Clerk

Public Works Lists its Spring Cleaning Schedule

Bud Jordan, Director of Public Works, announces the following:

- Sweeping of Town roads will take place during the first two weeks of April.
- Street lining will start on May 1. Please try to avoid driving on the lines when they are freshly painted!

YOUTH LIBRARY EVENTS DISCUSSED

IN MARCH, watch for a special storytime on the 7th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Our Teen Advisory Board members will read stories to children to help Celebrate Reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday. March is also Youth Art Month. We are asking for submissions from all artists—elementary-through high school. The artwork will be displayed in the Youth Department.

April is National Poetry Month, and our teens will be hosting the Annual Open Mike Poetry Reading. The meeting room will turn into a café as the readers read poems of their own or by others. All are welcome to attend and see the talent in this area.

The Great Stoneface award (book considered best by students grades 4–6 in NH) will be voted on during April, and the winner will be announced in May.

May marks the beginning of the promotion of the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! It's a jungle out there and will be in the Youth Department also!

Included in this column is a report by Teen Advisory Board member Brittany Wason on a Library Ambassador who visited us earlier this year.

Sharon Macdonald
Director of Youth Services

The Official Ambassador of AL-TAG Takes a Trip To Eastern States

One of the twin ambassadors of AL-TAG (Ashtabula Library Teen Advisory Group) was sighted by the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) at the Rye Public Library in Rye, NH, November 15. Her name is Molly and she started visiting libraries around September 24, 2001, and will end near February 18, 2002. She is visiting libraries all along the East Coast. Her brother Leo is visiting libraries on the West Coast. (Molly and Leo are two-foot tall puppets.)

Molly and Leo like to tease each other as most siblings love to do. Molly visited the Rye Public Library. Molly likes to read both fiction and nonfiction history. Good mystery stories are fun for her to read. Thirteen-year-old Molly enjoys talking on the phone with her friends in Ashtabula, Ohio, where she lives in the library, when she is not traveling around the country. She loves to do other activities like soccer and dancing.



Molly visits Rye Public Library

Leo often reads science fiction and watches anime after school. When he is not playing or working, he enjoys walking in the woods and swimming. Leo will tour in the Western states. He happily told Molly that she'll be in Florida and hoped she didn't get struck by a hurricane while he was getting a tan in the Southwest.

When Molly visited the Rye Public Library in Rye, NH, the TAB members were overwhelmed and happy to see her. The TAB members went to the Rye Junior High School and also visited the war monument. Some of the members took pictures of them and Molly around the library and outside. The pictures were of Molly doing flips, talking on the phone, and lying down in money collected from Café Bibliotheque, a store

the TAB runs. We all had so much fun and were sad to see her go.

By Brittany Wason

Historic District Commission Outlines Clock Work

Pending the approval of the 2002 budget, as amended, the Town Clock will have its three faces repaired and repainted. The numerals, minute markers and hands will be gold-leafed which, unlike gold paint, will hold up for at least twenty-five years of weather.

The Historic District Commission has nearly completed compiling an informational collection of the history, inventory, zoning and RSA's relevant to the Historic District. This information will be available in the very near future. Included, also, will be information concerning the Rye Historical

Society and the Town Museum.

The next scheduled meeting of the HDC is 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, at Town Hall.

Jane Holway
Chairman,
Rye Historic District Commission

Town of Rye Board Meetings

MARCH 2002

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.

3	4 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 6:30 pm, Water District, 60 Sagamore	5 10 am, Sewer Commission 7 pm, Recreation Commission	6 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	12 TOWN ELECTION 8 am-7 pm Rye Elementary	13 7 pm, Mosquito Commission	14 5 pm, Library Trustees at Library	15	16
17	18 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	19 8 am, Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore	20 7 pm, Historic District Commission 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	21 7 pm, Conservation Commission	22	23
24	25 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	26 8 am, Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore	27	28 <i>Passover</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 Water District Annual Meeting 10 am Rye Junior High

31 <i>Easter</i>	APRIL 2002					
	1 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen 6:30 pm, Water District, 60 Sagamore	2 7 pm, Recreation Commission	3 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	4	5	6

7 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	8 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	9 7 pm, Planning Board	10 7 pm, Mosquito Commission	11 5 pm, Library Trustees at Library	12	13
14	15 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	16 8 am, Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore	17 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	18 7 pm, Conservation Commission	19	20
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12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	14 7 pm, Planning Board 8 am, Water Dist. Work Session 60 Sagamore	15	16 7 pm, Conservation Commission	17	18
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26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Town offices closed</i>	28 8 am, Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore	29	30	31	

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

Police Chief Gould Alerts Citizens to Scams

As you read this, spring will be on our doorstep. That means more people will be out walking, jogging, or biking on our roadways. Children will be playing outside or walking to and from school. With this in mind, I ask everyone to drive carefully and obey the speed limit. We will do our part with high visibility patrols and an emphasis on motor vehicle enforcement. To help us accomplish this, we should be receiving a state grant that will help us purchase two new radar units.

Warmer weather will also mean more of you may be spending time at the beach. Please remember to lock your car doors while you walk on the beach or sit on the rocks admiring the wonderful views. Keep pocketbooks or valuables out of sight or preferably in your trunk. It takes a thief only seconds to open a door and steal a purse.

Experience also tells us that spring is the time we see home repair scams. Be especially careful if someone comes to your home offering to fix your roof or sealcoat your driveway. A good danger signal is if they ask for some money in advance. If you become suspicious, please call us and

we will do what we can to help.

We are also aware of several other scams that have targeted our residents. One of these is a lottery scam where you are contacted and told you have won a lottery, but before you collect, you must pay taxes on the winnings. In these cases the con artists are looking for either cash, a credit card number, or personal information, such as your social security number and date of birth.

The other scam is what we call identity theft. In these cases someone gets enough of your personal information to enable them to get credit in your name. Both of these situations can be nightmares for the victim, and they are very difficult to trace. Again, please contact us if you think this may be happening to you.

On a final note, our newest officer, Alex Mitrushi "hit the streets" in late February. His training has been extensive with twelve weeks at the New Hampshire Police Academy and another twelve weeks in Rye working through our Field Training Officer Program. Alex will be an asset to our Department.

Alan Gould
Chief of Police

New District Office Manager for Rye Water District

The Rye Water District is pleased to announce that Elizabeth (Liz) Komisarek has been selected from among 28 applicants as the new District Office Manager. Liz lives in Exeter and brings an extensive business background to our town. Liz came on board on February 19.

The District is also pleased that the Town of Rye is backing the proposed Regional Study (by USGS, NHGS, DES, etc.) for the sustainability of water in the Seacoast Watershed.

In November 2001, the District completed a 1200-ft. main extension on Locke Road to service water to nine homes. The project was complet-

ed under budget.

The District also announces that we are holding the line on taxes. In 2001 the tax rate was \$0.74 per \$1000 assessed valuation. The projected rate for 2002 is \$0.73.

Our annual Rye Water District meeting will be held Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rye Junior High School. Come and vote on your water budget. There will also be an election for Commissioner for three years. Joe Kenney is running for reelection.

Conservation of water is still the Key. Every Drop Counts!

Fire Chief Blaisdell Reports on Retirements, Promotions

In December, Ken Moynahan, following Mark Zartarian's lead, retired after 22 years of full-time service to the town. Join me in wishing him all the best in his retirement. Both positions have been filled from the call department. Nikolaos Orestis has been with the department since 1994 and will complete his paramedic training in April of this year. Katherine Meehan has been with the department since July of 2000 and completes her EMT Intermediate in March of this year. Both members started full time in December.

With the last four hires coming from the call fire department, an old problem becomes a larger one, the need for additional people on the call department. Anyone who is interested in joining should stop by and talk with Lt. Steve Laing or me about the challenge and rewards of the call department. Any past training in firefighting or emergency medical aid is beneficial but not a requirement. Training is held two nights a month with supplemental classes available from the state.

On the March 12 ballot will be an article for a new fire truck to replace the 1969 unit currently in service. If voters approve this article, the truck will go out for bid in April with a delivery date around late November.

Because of the mild winter and low water table in the area, the possibility of forest fires becomes more of a concern than it has been in years past. Please be careful with all outside fires. A permit is *always* required for any outside burning and can be obtained at the fire station. If you have any concerns or questions about burning, call us or stop in.

Leon C. Blaisdell
Chief, Fire Department.

My Voting Notes

Moderator (1)

Selectman (1)

Sewer Comm., three years (1)

Library Trustee (1)

Cemetery Trustee (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist (1)

Budget Committee (2)

Planning Board (2)

Article 3.

Amendment 1. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amendment 2. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amendment 3. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amendment 4. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amendment 5. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amendment 6. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 4. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 5. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 6. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 7. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 8. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 9. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 10. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 11. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 14. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 15. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 16. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 17. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 18. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 19. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 20. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 21. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 22. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 23. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 24. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 25. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 26. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 27. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 28. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 29. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 30. ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member (2)

Article 1. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 2. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 3. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 4. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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