



# Town of Rye

## Newsletter



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## Remember to Vote March 9

### **TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the Year 2003 will be available for pickup on Tuesday, March 2, at Town Hall, Police and Fire Stations, Rye Public Library, and the Hungry Horse. If you are unable to pick up your copy at one of these locations, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 to request that one be mailed to you.

### **Thank You Roland Brewer**

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Rye, the Selectmen would like to publicly thank Roland Brewer for his generous Christmas Eve gift of \$18,500 to the Rye Fire Department Association for the purpose of purchasing three defibrillators. The amount donated represents the balance the Association was seeking to raise for this purpose.

This medical equipment is used to start a patient's heart and monitor vital statistics during a heart attack. Some models also have the capacity to send the information ahead of arrival at the hospital. Once again, thank you.

### **SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE**

## **"I FOUND OUT BY CHANCE"**

If you are a Rye resident, "chance" should have nothing to do with being informed about what's happening around here. Agendas for the Selectmen's meetings are posted at the Library, the Post Office, and on the Town Hall bulletin board. They may also be found on the Town of Rye web site [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) as are the minutes of those meetings. This newsletter, sent to every Rye home, is published four times per year.

### **He May be Coming to Your Door**

Over the next four years, you will probably find Todd in your neighborhood with clipboard in hand, knocking on doors. His job is to verify the data we have on file for your property.



Todd Haywood  
Assessing Data Collector

Given the State of New Hampshire's requirements on valu-

*See New Assessing Data Collector, page 6*

One week in advance of the municipal election in March, the Annual Report of the Town of Rye must be available. This year it will be available on Tuesday, March 2, one week prior to voting on March 9. The Annual Report will provide you with the minutes of this year's deliberative session (held January 31), the 2004 budget, a sample ballot, and a complete summary of 2003 Town business including the Auditor's Report.

If you take the time to read the reports of our various departments, boards, commissions, and committees, you will be astonished at the amount and diversity of ongoing activity in our town. We urge you to keep yourself informed and, if possible, become involved.

During the last few weeks of December 2003, we followed the recommendation of the NH Department of Revenue Administration and hired a part-time measurer and lister for our

*See Selectmen's Message, page 6*

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Town of Rye  
March 9, 2004

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

FOR MODERATOR

for two years                      Vote for one  
DANIEL C. HOEFLE

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years                      Vote for one  
PRISCILLA V. JENNESS

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years                      Vote for one  
VICTOR D. AZZI

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for one year                      Vote for one  
DEBORAH GENESTRETI

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years                      Vote for one  
ANDREW J. MAHONEY

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for six years                      Vote for one  
JANE HOLWAY

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years                      Vote for two  
JAMES G. MAHERAS  
JACK TOBEY

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years                      Vote for two  
ROBERT PAPP

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years                      Vote for one  
ROBIN HUGHES

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years                      Vote for one  
LEON H. VALLEY

ARTICLE 3

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
QUESTION

Proposed by the Rye Planning Board  
**Amendment 1:** Are you in favor of  
the adoption of Amendment 1, as fol-  
lows:

To amend Section 505.3 Wireless  
Telecommunications Facilities District  
and Map to add a portion of the so-called  
"Perkins Heirs Parcel" to the overlay dis-  
trict in which wireless telecommunica-  
tions facilities are allowed.

The "Perkins Heirs Parcel" is located  
west of Grove Road and is owned by the  
Rye Conservation Commission. The area  
being rezoned lies easterly of the PSNH  
Powerline and measures approximately  
150 ft. wide by 780 ft. long. It is north of  
and adjacent to Tax Map 7 Lot 96, which  
the September 24, 2003 Special Town  
Meeting voted to rezone to the Wireless  
Telecommunications Facilities Overlay  
District. The specific area being rezoned  
is shown on a plan posted at the Town  
Hall, which will also be posted at the  
polling place.

and

Amend the last sentence of Section  
505.4 B Height Requirements as follows:

No tower shall exceed 150 feet except  
in Zone TC-3 and on Parcel 7-96 **and on**

***the portion of the "Perkins Heirs  
Parcel" rezoned on March 9, 2004,***  
where the limit is 190 feet. (New text  
emboldened and italicized.)

☐ 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 three million six  
hundred ninety nine thousand five hun-  
dred twenty five dollars (\$3,699,525),  
gross budget, for the purpose of con-  
structing and equipping a new Public  
Safety Building and authorize the borrow-  
ing of up to three million five hundred  
eleven thousand five hundred twenty five  
dollars (\$3,511,525) through the  
issuance of not more than three million  
five hundred eleven thousand five hun-  
dred twenty five dollars (\$3,511,525) of  
bonds or notes in accordance with the  
provisions of the Municipal Finance Act  
(N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and  
to authorize the Selectmen to issue and  
negotiate such bonds or notes, to deter-  
mine the rate of interest thereof, and to  
take such actions as may be necessary  
to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale  
and delivery of such bonds or notes as  
shall be in the best interest of the Town of  
Rye, and further, to apply for and accept  
and expend Federal and State Grants and  
any private donations towards this pur-  
pose; and furthermore, to authorize the  
withdrawal of one hundred eighty eight  
thousand dollars (\$188,000) in principal  
plus interest earned to date of withdraw-  
al from the Safety Building Capital  
Reserve Fund established by Town vote  
in 1992, and dissolve same, bringing the  
total to three million six hundred ninety  
nine thousand five hundred twenty five  
dollars (\$3,699,525). (3/5 ballot vote  
required.) This appropriation is in addi-  
tion to the operating budget.

**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 will vote to raise  
and appropriate the sum of one hundred  
twenty-five thousand one hundred twen-  
ty-five dollars (\$125,125) for the purpose  
of site geo-technical investigation, site  
permitting, design fees and construction  
of a salt/sand storage building adjacent  
to the existing Public Works Facility.

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

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED  
BY THE SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMEND-  
ED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 6

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of sixty three thou-  
sand dollars (\$63,000) for the purpose of

Art. 3: Article 3 is dis-  
cussed in the Planning  
Board article on page 12.

Art. 4: A Yes vote would  
allow the Selectmen to  
raise \$3,699,525 to con-  
struct and equip a new  
Public Safety Building. The  
majority of this money  
would be obtained through  
bonds, supplemented by  
any grants and the with-  
drawal of \$188 thousand  
from the Safety Building  
Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would mean  
no action on the public  
safety building could be  
taken until there was  
another regular or special  
Town Meeting.

**The Selectmen  
have prepared a  
breakdown of the  
effect on the tax  
rate each article  
would present. See  
the table on page  
7.**

Art. 5: A Yes vote would  
appropriate \$125,125 to  
design and build a  
salt/sand storage building  
on Public Works land, in  
part to protect the Rye  
Water District wellheads  
nearby.

A No vote would not  
appropriate the funds.

The Town of Rye Newsletter is  
produced by  
Beckwith Bookworks  
2075 Ocean Blvd., Rye, NH 03870  
(603) 964-4800

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, 964-5523.**

purchasing a cab and chassis with plow and wing for the Department of Public Works. This amount includes the trade-in of the old 1989 108 dump truck, from which the body will be transferred to the new 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 7

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) 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 8

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. 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 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 9, 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 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 13 of the Town vote March 16, 1996. 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 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling five million

*Art. 6: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of a new cab and chassis with plow and wing for Public Works to replace a 1989 dump truck.*

*A No vote would not allow the purchase.*

*Art. 7: A Yes vote would add \$20,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund, which pays severance benefits to Town employees.*

*A No vote would add no money this year.*

*Art. 8: A Yes vote would add \$15,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.*

*A No vote would add no money this year.*

*Art. 9: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund.*

*A No vote would add no money this year.*

seven hundred sixty-six thousand three hundred ninety-six dollars (\$5,766,396). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be five million five hundred eighteen thousand four hundred thirty-three dollars (\$5,518,433), 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. (Majority vote required.) **NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.**

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 11

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

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict all revenues from police outside details to expenditures for the purpose of paying police officers for outside details and associated administrative costs with non-taxpayers monies. Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the '**Police Outside Detail**' fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 12

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

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict all revenues from Fire outside details to expenditures for the purpose of paying fire people for outside details and associated administrative costs with non-taxpayers monies. Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the '**Fire Outside Detail**' fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 13

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

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict sixty per cent (60%) of revenues from beach parking fines to expenditures for the purpose of covering the cost of personnel and equipment to enforce parking regulations. Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the '**Beach Parking Violation Fund**,' separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumu-

*Art. 10: A Yes vote would appropriate \$5,766,396 to adequately fund the Town's operating budget.*

*A No vote would not fund the 2004 Operating Budget as proposed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, but rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$5,518,433.*

*Art. 11: A Yes vote would establish a Police Outside Detail fund, which would hold revenues from outside details and cover costs of providing these services. This fund would be separate from the general fund and would be comprised of non-taxpayers monies.*

*A No vote would continue the operation of these services through the general fund.*

*Art. 12: A Yes vote would establish a Fire Outside Detail fund, which would hold revenues from outside details and cover costs of providing these services. This fund would be separate from the general fund and would be comprised of non-taxpayers monies.*

*A No vote would continue the operation of these services through the general fund.*

*Art. 13: A Yes vote would use 60% of beach parking fines to cover the cost of enforcing the regulations. The funds would be kept in a special revenue fund called the Beach Parking Violation Fund, which would be separate from the general fund.*

*A No vote would continue to pay for the operation of these services through the general fund.*

lated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 14

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

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict twenty-five per cent (25%) of revenues from beach parking permits to expenditures for the purpose of cleaning Town beaches of trash and debris. Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as 'Beach Cleaning Fund,' separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 15

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

To see if the Town will vote to delete the Surfing Ordinance, which was adopted March 16, 1968, Article 25 as part of the Beach Ordinance Section 8a, paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4), replacing it with the following:

8a. The use of surfboards and surfing on Town Beaches shall be regulated as follows:

(1) Any person surfing shall obey all lawful orders from Beach Lifeguards, Beach Commissioners or Police Officers.

(2) From the calendar period of Memorial Day to Labor Day and from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the following town beaches may be closed to surfing only when Lifeguards, Beach Commissioners, Selectmen or Police believe a public safety issue exists.

a. Wallis Road Extension – the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Concord Point.

b. Cable Road Extension – the area between the inside sand beach corner of Lockes Neck to Jenness Beach State Beach.

c. Sawyers Beach – the area starting 50 yards south of the Eel Pond outlet pipes and extending south to the Beach Club.

Surfers must stay at least 50 feet away from Lifeguard protected swimmers and swimming areas.

(3) The Selectmen's Office and/or the Chief of Police shall have the authority to close to the public, any town beach and area to surfing when deemed necessary in the interest of public health, safety or the protection of the beach area.

(4) Any person violating these surfing regulations shall be punished by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first offense and (\$200) for each subsequent offense within a twenty-four month period.

☐ YES ☐ NO

*Art. 14: A Yes vote would use 25% of revenues from beach parking permits to cover the cost of cleaning the beach of trash. The funds would be kept in a special revenue fund called the Beach Cleaning Fund, which would be separate from the general fund.*

*A No vote would continue to pay for the cost of trash removal through the general fund.*

*Art. 15: A Yes vote would approve the regulations developed by the Chief of Police, Beach Commissioners, the surfing community, and the Board of Selectmen to replace existing regulations that are outdated and unenforceable.*

*A No vote would leave the town without enforceable surfing regulations.*

#### ARTICLE 16 (By petition)

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

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans tax credit of two thousand dollars (\$2000) on residential property for service connected total disability. The optional tax credit shall replace the current tax credit of fourteen hundred (\$1400) dollars.

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 17 (By petition)

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

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, for an optional veterans tax credit of five hundred dollars (\$500) on residential property. The optional tax credit shall replace the current tax credit of one hundred (\$100) dollars.

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 18 (By petition)

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

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, for an optional tax credit of two thousand dollars (\$2000) on the real and personal property, whether residential or not, of the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28. The optional tax credit shall replace the current tax credit or fourteen hundred (\$1400) dollars.

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 19 (By petition)

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

To see if the Town will vote to consider to replace some chemical street spraying for mosquito control with the use of dragonflies. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 20

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

To see if the Town will vote to ratify the multi-year lease agreement which the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission have negotiated with Tower Ventures, II, LLC for the purpose of leasing a 100 ft. by 100 ft. site to Tower Ventures, II, LLC for erection of a 190 feet tall wireless telecommunications facilities tower and auxiliary equipment. The leased area is located approximately 1300 feet west of Grove Road on the so-called "Perkins Heirs Parcel," which was acquired by the Conservation Commission in 2002. The lease is for a five year term and is automatically renewable for nine (9) additional terms of five years. Copies of the lease and a plan showing the location of the leased area are posted at the Town Hall, and copies of the lease are available from the Office of the Selectmen.

☐ YES ☐ NO

*Art. 16: A Yes vote would increase the tax credit on residential property owned by totally disabled veterans to \$2000, an increase of \$600 over the current tax credit.*

*A No vote would hold credit at its present level.*

*Art. 17: A Yes vote would increase the tax credit on residential property owned by veterans, their spouses or widows or widowers to \$500, an increase of \$400 over the current tax credit.*

*A No vote would hold the credit at its present level.*

*Art. 18: A Yes vote would increase the tax credit on property owned by the surviving spouse of any person who died on active duty to \$2000, an increase of \$600 over the current tax credit.*

*A No vote would hold the credit at its present level.*

*Art. 19: A Yes vote would encourage the Town to consider using dragonflies to control mosquitos to reduce some chemical spraying.*

*A No vote would maintain the procedures now in place.*

*Art. 20: A Yes vote would ratify a land leasing agreement to allow a cell tower to be erected, which would provide revenue to the Town.*

*A No vote would not allow the land to be leased.*

## ARTICLE 21

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

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendment to the Rye Parking Ordinance enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting on June 16, 2003.

1. The present text of Section 9 of the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance is hereby repealed and replaced with the following enforcement provisions.

### 9. Enforcement.

9.1 Owner Responsibility for Illegal Parking. A person shall not allow, permit or suffer a vehicle registered in his or her name to stand or park in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, and the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held as prima facie responsible for such violation.

9.2 Notice of Violation. A police officer or parking enforcement officer observing a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall attach to the vehicle a notice to the operator or owner that the vehicle has been parked in violation of this ordinance and ordering the operator or owner to report to police headquarters to pay the appropriate penalty. The notice shall contain the location where the vehicle is parked; the state registration number of the vehicle; the time at which such vehicle is parked in violation of this ordinance; and any other facts which are necessary to understand the circumstances of the violation.

9.3 Penalties. A person violating a provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine as follows:

a. A person violating any provision of this ordinance by parking without a town permit where parking is allowed only by town permit shall be punished by a fine of up to \$100 for each offense, as follows:

\$50.00 if paid within 5 days of the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

\$75.00 if paid after 5 days from the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

\$100.00 if a court summons must be issued.

b. A person violating any provision of this ordinance by parking in a handicapped designated space without the required handicapped license plate, decal or card shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250 for each offense, pursuant to RSA 265:69.

c. A person violating any other provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of up to \$50 for each offense, as follows:

\$25.00 if paid within 5 days of the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

\$35.00 if paid after 5 days from the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

\$50.00 if a court summons must be issued.

9.4 Appeal to Chief of Police. Any person to whom a Notice of Violation has been issued may appeal to the Chief of Police or his designee within 5 days of such notice. The Chief of Police, or his designee, is hereby authorized to review the facts and circumstances surrounding the issuance of the Notice of Violation and to: (1) affirm the Notice of Violation;

*Art. 21: A Yes vote would increase the amount of parking violation fines and would increase handicapped parking violations to comply with state law.*

*A No vote would keep the parking ordinance as it is.*

or (2) revoke it if he determines that it was issued in error, or otherwise as justice may require.

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 22

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

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town road Whitehorse Drive (located off Washington Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan for W. Turner Porter, County of Rockingham, Rye, NH dated June 19, 2001, as revised and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

☐ YES ☐ NO

*Art.. 22: A Yes vote would allow acceptance by the town of this road only if it is certified that it meets town standards.*

*A No vote would mean that the road would not be accepted as a town road now and would have to be voted on next year.*

## ARTICLE 23

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 23, 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 2004.

☐ YES ☐ NO

*Art. 23: 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.*

## CLIP AND SAVE

### AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

<b>AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Fire Department – Non Emergency.....	964-6411
<b>POLICE EMERGENCY.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Police (Routine calls only).....	964-5522
Police Department Fax.....	964-7458

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly. DO NOT HANG UP until you are sure that your message has been understood.

### DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....	964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....	964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....	964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent.....	964-6777
Library.....	964-8401
Library Fax.....	964-7065
Public Works.....	964-5300
Public Works Director/EMERGENCY (Home).....	964-8263
Recreation.....	964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300
Selectmen.....	964-5523
Selectmen Fax.....	964-1516
E-Mail:	nancyw@town.rye.nh.us
Town Website:	www.town.rye.nh.us
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815
Town Administrator.....	964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....	964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax.....	964-4132
Treasurer.....	964-8562
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....	964-5523



## Selectmen's Message *Continued from page 1*

Assessing Department. Our purpose is avoidance of another costly revaluation of the town. Todd Hayward comes to us as a N.H.D.R.A. certified real estate appraiser. His job entails data verification of 25 percent of Rye's properties per year. The goal is to maintain the 100 percent valuation standard within the five-year revaluation cycle enforced by the State of New Hampshire.

We knew at the conclusion of the last revaluation that Rye had less than four years remaining in the first five-year cycle at the end of which all properties must have been revisited. Finding someone from Assessing at the door again in such a short time may be upsetting to the 25 percent Todd visits this year, but it is necessary in order to place the town on a five-year cycle. Assessment changes related to sales and building permits remain the responsibility of our Assessor, Howard Promer.

In the December newsletter, after we learned that Fire Chief Leon Blaisdell planned to retire at the end of March, we informed the townspeople that we were investigating

the feasibility of hiring a single individual as chief officer for both Fire and Police Departments. Suggested first as a possible cost-cutting measure, the idea seemed even more appealing when anticipating that both departments might be under one roof.

However, investigation has convinced us that this proposal is neither practical nor economical with or without a new building. Of greater import, it could well create a safety problem. Each department needs a ranking officer with a strong operational background. In case of a major fire and/or police emergency, hesitation can cost lives of personnel or the public. A few towns have tried this concept; most have reverted to individual department heads. The bottom line is that, regardless of the outcome of the vote on the Safety Building, we have made the decision to advertise the position of Fire Chief and assemble a panel of "experts" in the field to assist us in reviewing the candidates.

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman

Joe Mills, Vice-Chairman

John Moynahan, Selectman

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## Seniors Issues Goes Non-Profit

The Senior Issues Committee, formed two years ago as a result of the Planning Board's Visioning Session, is in the process of converting into a charitable organization. Since there are 1270 people ages 60 or older who live in Rye, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, becoming a non-profit will help better meet seniors' concerns over affordable housing, transportation, and communication. The new name, Senior SERVE, Inc. stands for Servicing Elders of Rye through Volunteer Efforts.

Currently, the Rye Planning and Land Use Committee, the Senior Transportation Committee and the Senior Issues Committee have been

handling seniors' concerns in the town. Senior SERVE, Inc. would like to combine the goals from all three groups so that it may identify and respond to the community's needs and maximize the quality of life for our senior residents.

The committee is currently looking for volunteers. Anyone with experience in grant-writing or non-profit groups, or who would like to volunteer, should send us a note with your name and telephone number to Senior SERVE, Inc., PO Box 902, Rye 03870. The next Senior SERVE meeting will be Thursday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the NH Room at the Rye Library.

Kimberly Reed

## New Assessing Data Collector

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ating real estate, in order to assess fairly we first have to ensure that our information is correct.

The Department of Revenue Administration has told us that our assessments must be—and remain—very close to 100% of what the market is reflecting.

Todd will be asking that you allow a walk-through of your home and outbuildings. Although it is your option to let him in or not, in order to appeal your assessment, an interior viewing is required. If you are not at home when he's in your area, he'll either leave a card in your door or send a letter requesting an appointment.

Both the Fire and Police Departments know of his work here in Rye since he checks in with them weekly.

You may also see Howard Promer in your neighborhood measuring and taking pictures. As our Assessor, Howard is reviewing sales, building permits, and abatement requests.

Please call the Police if you have questions about someone asking to come into your home. Someone legitimate will gladly wait on your porch while you lock your door and verify their identity.

Todd carries his Town authorization and wears an ID badge.

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### OUR TOWN

**Come and celebrate "Our Town" Saturday, June 5. Parade, Dog Show, Pie Auction, Games, Music, Fireworks. Food and fun for everyone! This is our town—your attendance is a must for success. So mark your calendar and get ready for some good old-fashioned fun! For more information call 436-6839. Sponsored and coordinated by the Rye Lions Club. Additional sponsors needed.**

# Selectmen Provide Breakdown of Effects on Taxes by Budgets and Warrant Articles

Comparison of 2003 & 2004 Budgets and the *Estimated* Effect on the Tax Rate

## TOTAL PROPERTY VALUATION:

2003: \$1,110,435,120

2004 (Estimated): \$1,120,435,120

## 2003 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

(Does NOT contain Warrant Articles)

Required to run the Town on a daily basis: \$5,642,520

## 2004 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

(Does NOT contain Warrant Articles)

Required to run the Town on a daily basis: \$5,766,396

The Town Operating Budget is up \$123,876 or 2.2%, the result of the retirement costs and the 15.6% rise in health insurance.

## 2004 WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article Number	Description	2004	Tax rate per \$1000
4*	Public Safety Building, \$3,699,525	-0-	.00
5	Salt/sand Storage Building	\$ 125,125	.11
6	Dump Truck	\$ 63,000	.06
7	Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund	\$ 20,000	.02
8	Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000	.01
9	Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000	.01
<b>TOTAL 2004 WARRANT ARTICLES:</b>		<b>\$ 233,125</b>	<b>.21</b>

### \* Warrant Article 4: Public Safety Building:

Cost: \$3,699,525

Year one, 2005, of a 15 year bond \$ 404,839 .36

## Town Museum to Open for the Season

Rye Town Museum opens for the season on May 1, 2004. The usual Saturday afternoon hours will be in place—1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum is also open by appointment by calling Alex Herlihy at 964-9079.

Look for new exhibits and special events during the summer; details will appear in the next Newsletter. One exhibit

will tell the story of hotels, boarding houses, motels, and cabins—part of Rye's tourist history. If you have photos, items, or stories to tell, please consider sharing them and helping to tell this story. Call Bonnie Goodwin at 436-5101.

Rye Historical Society will hold its second annual yard sale to benefit the Museum on

# Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report

Following the Presidential Primary on January 27, many people who voted told us they wanted to change their party affiliation. We explained in order to do that, they would need to come by our office and fill out a brief form. **The next deadline for changing party affiliation is June 1.** Once that deadline passes, you will be unable to change your party until after the State Primary Election on September 14.

**The Town Election is Tuesday, March 9.** Polls are at the Elementary School on Sagamore Road and are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at this office to any voter who cannot get to the polls on Election Day.

**It's time to license your dog!** Stop by our office with the dog's up-to-date rabies certificate. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.50; non-neutered dogs are \$9.00. Puppies can be licensed for \$6.50. Dog owners over 65 years of age are able to license one dog at a reduced price of \$2.00. The due date for getting your pet licensed is April 30.

Time once again to start thinking about going to the beach? **2004 beach parking permits** are now available. The cost for each is \$20.00. To be eligible you must be a resident and/or a property owner in Rye. Bring the registration for the vehicle on which you want to place the permit.

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feel free to call us with any questions at 964-8562.

Jane Ireland  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Saturday, July 3. Donations will be welcome at the Museum during the month of June.

We look forward to seeing you at the Museum!


# TOWN OF RYE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

10 Central Road Rye, NH, 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516, E-mail [lanthor@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:lanthor@town.rye.nh.us) Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/)

Spring 2004

## PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHTS

RYE RECREATION HOUSE, 55 RECREATION ROAD,  
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

 **SPRING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004**

 **SUMMER, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004**

 **FALL SOCCER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2004**

RYE & NEW CASTLE RESIDENTS ONLY

Registrations for programs are limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted prior to the particular sign-up night commencing at 6:00 p.m.

## Recreation Highlights

- In 2003 the Recreation Department raised \$199,884 which is 75% of the Department's expenditures.
- The field reconstruction project is complete. The recreation fields will be available for use this spring.
- The Recreation Commission plays an important role in providing programs and services to Rye residents. It is a volunteer board that meets monthly. The meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcomed. Commissioners are Gregg Mikolaities (Chairperson), Chick Hayden, Dr. Harold Hoefle, Stephen King, Vicki Loring, Paul Mackey and Jim Sullivan.
- If you are interested in serving as a commissioner you are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. When an opening is available all letters on file will be considered.
- The Recreation Commission and staff would like to thank all volunteers, participants and sponsors for their support.

## Adult Pick-Up Basketball

Held Sunday, March 7, 14, 21, 28,  
April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2004, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye  
Elementary School. No charge



**After School Program** is  
open to grade K, 11:10a.m.

-2:30 p.m., Monday- Friday. The cost of the program is \$52.50/week and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Participants are also welcome to register for the afternoon program that operates for grades K-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., Monday-Friday. The cost of the program is \$52.50/week for full time, \$10.50/day for part time, and there is a 20% discount for each additional child in the same family. Registration forms for 2004-2005 are now available. Space is limited and individuals will be notified of acceptance.



**Rye Art in Bloom** - Join the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, the Rye Art Study Group and Webster at Rye for Rye's own Art in Bloom. This spectacular display of flower arrangements interpreting selected works of art will be held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Rd., Rye, NH on Friday, April 16, 2004, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 17, 2004, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages.

## Home of the Worst Weather on Earth:

**New Hampshire's Mt. Washington** is a slide show presented by Dreams Unlimited's Michael Perry that looks at the beauty of Mt. Washington through the seasons, with special emphasis on the winter months. Tuckerman Ravine, the Alpine Garden, Lakes of the Clouds, and more. See the magic of the summit buildings frozen in rime ice under brilliant blue sky, the greenery of Spring in the Great Gulf, inspiring views of this grand old matriarch from all angles. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages.



**Enjoy The Emerald Isle** is a colorful slide presentation by Allan & Sheila Swenson. From the Cliffs of Maher to the Giant's Causeway, this program offers glorious scenery, gracious homes and gardens, mountains, valleys, glens, the rock-bound coast, quaint villages, in a traveler's dream visit to Ireland. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **No charge** to the public and open to all ages.



## Town of Rye MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

**Central Cemetery (beside Rye Town Hall)**  
**Monday, May 31, 2004**  
**9:00 a.m.**





**Group Tennis Lessons** instruction will be provided by John Marlowe at the New Castle Recreation Facility.



Session 1, Tuesday, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2004  
Grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., HS,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 1, Thursday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2004  
Grades 5-6, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 7-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesday, May 4, 18, 25, June 1, 2004  
Grades 3-4, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 1-2, 5:30-6:30 p.m., HS,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Session 2, Thursday, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2004  
Grades 7-8, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Grades 5-6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00 per session (4 lessons) and rackets are not provided.  
When registering for tennis you will only be able to sign up for one session and your name go on a waiting list for a second session.



**Youth Karate Basics** instruction will be provided by Stephen Perry's School of Karate. Participants will learn the basics of Karate while having fun developing essential life skills

including self-control, concentration and focus, self confidence, self esteem and respect for others. Held at the Recreation House on 55 Recreation Road.

Monday, April 12, 19, May 3, 10, 17, 2004  
Grades K-2, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 3-6, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$50.00 (5 lessons)

**Cardio Kickboxing** instruction is provided by Peter Dite. These fitness workouts are easy to learn, with no complicated choreography. Burn calories and get fit. This adult program will be held at the Recreation House on 55 Recreation Road.



Tuesdays and Thursdays, April, 13, 15, 20, 22, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2004, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$65.00 (10 classes)



**Yoga** instruction is provided by Karin Backstrom (Evening) and Jeanie Ryan (Morning). This program is designed to link breath and movement, connecting body, mind and spirit. This adult program will be held at the Recreation House on 55 Recreation Road.

Tuesday, April, 13, 20, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2004  
Morning 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$95.00 (7 classes)  
Evening 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$75.00 (7 classes)

**Adult Knitting Workshops** are instructed by Lisa Farley. Held in the NH Room of the Rye Library.



**Knitting Next Steps - Socks:** Learn to knit socks on double-pointed needles. Socks are an ideal advanced beginner project and are more fun than ever to knit with so many choices of super wash (machine washable and dryable) wool yarns that create cool striped or Fair Isle patterns as you knit. Techniques include knitting in the round on double-pointed needles, turning the heel, shaping and grafting. Prerequisites: Casting on, knitting, purling. Tuesday, April 6, 13, 2004, 6:00- 8:00 p.m. and April 20, 2004, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$90 (includes pattern, yarn and needles)

#### **Beginner Knitting - Roll Neck Raglan Sweater:**

Learn to knit or brush up on rusty knitting skills while creating a classic and quick to knit crew neck baby sweater from your choice of washable wool blend or cotton yarn. Techniques include casting on, knitting, purling, measuring gauge, reading a pattern, increasing, decreasing, binding off and finishing. Your pattern will include directions for a range of sizes from infant to adult, so you'll be ready to move to bigger sizes upon completion of the class. Wednesday, April 14, 21, May 5, 19, 26, 2004, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 1, 8, 22, May 6, 13, 2004, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$145 (includes pattern, yarn and needles)

**Knitting Next Steps - Felted Bag:** Knit a great little bag. Combine colors and spice up your design with a selection of novelty yarns. Techniques include knitting in the round on circular needles, slip stitches, changing colors, i-cord, i-cord bind off, weaving in ends and felting. Prerequisites: Beginner knitting skills - casting on, knitting, binding off. Thursday, May 20, 27, 2004, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and June 3, 2004, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$90 (includes pattern, yarn and needles)

**To Register for Programs:** Complete Rye Recreation Department Registration Form indicating specific program(s). If paying by check, make it payable to Rye Recreation. Submit both registration form and payment to the Town of Rye Recreation Department, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. Forms are available on the Recreation Department Bulletin Board outside Town Hall or at the Recreation Department M-Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Programs are not refundable and offered to all Rye and New Castle residents. For more information contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

**ACTIVE, ALIVE AND LIVING IN RYE!**

# Historic District Commission Opposes New Safety Building

The HDC recognizes that there is a need for new facilities for both the fire and police. The Commission, however, feels that proper consideration has not been given to a smaller fire/and or police facility that would allow the 1840 Govoni house located at 551 Washington Rd. to remain in its present location.

It is the consensus of Members and Alternates of the Historic District Commission that removal or destruction of the Govoni house to make room for the proposed 22000-square-foot Safety Building would be devastating to the Historic District in Rye Center.

We feel adamant that it is better to

rethink the plan now before mature trees and the lovely old house are removed or demolished and are replaced by a grossly oversized building. If this presently proposed construction is approved, the quaint and fragile historic Rye Town Center will be irreparably damaged and gone forever.

Be it known as stated in the Rye Zoning Ordinance 3003:2:

"The purposes of the Historic District are to preserve for generations to come the unique collections of historically, architecturally and culturally significant buildings and structures which characterize the Town of Rye, New Hampshire, to

encourage their maintenance and restoration, and to insure that structures and alterations to existing buildings and structures within the District are in visual harmony with their neighbors in order that a district be preserved which will reflect the cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire, conserve and maintain property values in such District, foster civic beauty, strengthen the local economy and generally provide the opportunity to benefit the education, pleasure and welfare of all the citizens of the municipality."

Jane Holway, Chairman

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## Rye Water District News

### Annual Meeting to Be Held March 27

The Rye Water District Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. at the Rye Elementary School.** *(Please note the location change this year from the Jr. High School to the Elementary School due to a scheduling conflict.)* Items on the agenda include:

- A warrant article to extend the water main on Garland Road (see detail below),
- A warrant article to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund (detail below),
- Election of a Commissioner (3-yr term) – John Murtagh running for re-election,
- Election of a Treasurer (3-yr term)—Marian Mullaly running for re-election, and
- Election of a Clerk (3-yr term) – Barbara Hansen running for re-election.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting. It's a great time to ask questions, express your opinions and concerns, and VOTE.

### Garland Road Extension

(Recommended by the Budget Committee and Rye Water District

Commissioners)

The Cedar Run Well has received state approval and should be on-line for the summer peak season. As a result, we are proposing to facilitate this increased volume of water flowing into the system by extending the Garland Road water main in 2004. The extension would run from our well sites to Grove Road for approximately 1680 linear feet. The estimated cost for this system upgrade is \$230,000. A five-year bond would fund the project, with the combined principal and interest expense averaging \$52,000 per year over the five-year period. In terms of your tax dollar, this would amount to \$.07 per \$1,000 valuation. If your property is valued at \$400,000, your portion of this upgrade amounts to \$28.00 per year for the next five years, beginning in 2005.

A public **Bond Hearing** to explain this proposed project will be held on **Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Rye Town Library.** Please mark your calendar and join us.

### Capital Reserve Fund

(Recommended by the Budget Committee & Rye Water District

Commissioners)

The Commissioners are requesting \$5,000 to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchase, repair, modification, or replacement of equipment and buildings that are used to support operation of the water distribution system. This proposed fund would have an accumulated balance of no more than \$100,000. This fund would allow the Commissioners to plan ahead and budget for future necessary capital expenditures over a period of years, for example, vehicle replacement or building renovations.

### TOWN SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers serving the Town on the various boards, commissions, and committees.

At this time, there are the following opportunities for residents interested in volunteering:

- The Planning Board—Alternate Members
- The Beach Commission—One Commissioner

Please call the Selectmen's Office for more information: 964-5523.

# RYE CENTER HAS WITNESSED CHANGE IN THE PAST

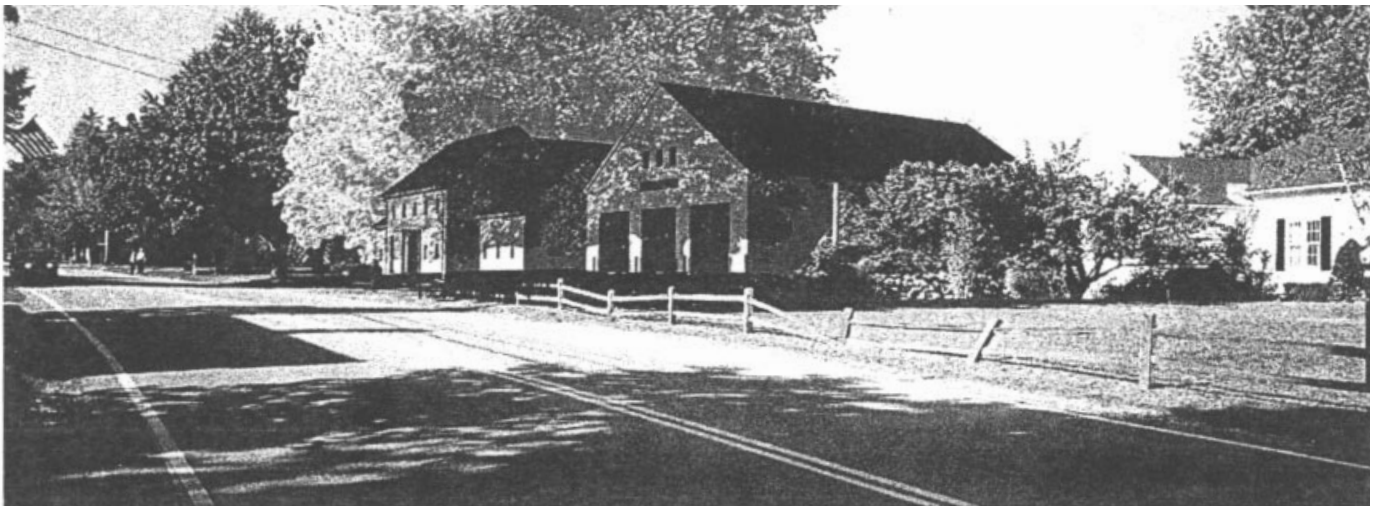


The Christian Church, also known as the Brown Church, including its long carriage shed, stood on the site of the present Fire Station from 1889 until 1945 when the congregation merged with the Congregational Church. Reverend George Fox, one of the famous "Four Chaplains" who sacrificed their lives by giving their life jackets to crewmen aboard the U.S.S. Dorchester when it was torpedoed by a U-boat during World War II, was one of the last pastors of this church.

The church was removed to a Massachusetts location.

When constructed in the early 1950s, the present fire station was home to the police department and the selectmen's office as well. The town clerk and tax collector were in private homes in other locations in town until town offices were consolidated in the Methodist Church we now know as Town Hall.

Town growth causes change, but the **central location** of the fire department has continued to be of greatest importance. Article 4, if approved, will **consolidate our emergency services in the center of town.**



HKT Architects, Inc. has superimposed the proposed Public Safety Building along the Washington Road streetscape of Rye Center. The series of typically connected New England colonial forms, including the "barn" to house fire fighting apparatus, is similar to others found throughout Rye. Plans and a model are on view at the Rye Public Library. The vote will take place on March 9 at the Elementary School

**The Board of Selectmen Approves Article 4.  
The Budget Committee Approves Article 4.**

# Planning Board Says "Become Part of 'THEY'"

In a discussion of a recent Planning Board decision, one home owner asked, "How can THEY allow such a thing?" Another said, "By the time you hear of a new subdivision, it's too late to do anything." Well, now is the time to become part of "they" and have a say in things. Remember that it is the Planning Board that actually writes the zoning ordinances.

You may well be a person who will enjoy being on the board—if somebody asked you. Problem is that we don't know who you are. So, how can we ask you?

Maybe some of you who would enjoy being on the board don't want the work, cost, and hassle of running. After all, who wants to stand out in the cold with a sign in order to get a job that pays nothing, nada, zilch, ZERO?

The good news about this is that the Planning Board is one of the few boards that have **appointed** alternate members. As an alternate you get "hands-on" experience and decide

how much commitment you want to make.

The payment, of course, is in the satisfaction of making Rye the best it can be, but you won't know that until you participate.

To make membership a better job we will, in the next year, be making our processes more efficient. We plan to use more professionals to advise us. We will also make meetings shorter and more productive. These will make the job of Planning Board member more management-oriented than it has been.

What should you do about all this? Come to any Planning Board meeting—they happen on the first Tuesday of the month. They are advertised on the bulletin board at the Library, at the Post Office, in the Portsmouth Herald, and on the Town web site. Get appointed an alternate member and get to know what we really do. Then decide if you would find this a satisfying way to give something back to the town. At the very least you will get a first-rate

understanding of how the Town works.

## Land Use Warrant Articles

Two land development Articles appear on the Warrant this year.

Both are recommended by the Planning Board.

**Article 3.** Merges a small part of a parcel adjacent to the area already zoned for cell tower use into the cell tower zone. This change is to provide space for the cell tower site approved at the Special Town Meeting last year. This site minimizes the impact of the tower on the abutting residential properties while improving cell phone coverage in the southeast part of Rye.

**Article 22.** Makes it possible for the town to accept Whitehorse Drive after all the conditions of acceptance have been met by the developer. This conditional acceptance allows the acceptance **only** after the developer has met all the conditions of the Public Works Director, the Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

R. T. Brown, Chairman

## Sewer Commissioners Announce New Billing Schedule

The Rye Sewer Commissioners would like to update all sewer user customers on the following:

At the public hearing held on January 12, the Sewer User Ordinance Section 402-D, Paragraph 2, pertaining to seasonal sewer customers was amended as follows:

**"Seasonal customers usage is to be based on all metered water consumption for the most recent quarter."**

This translates to: if we receive a water usage reading from Aquarion Water Company in any of the four quarters, the customer will be billed for his/her sewer usage in that quarter. The amendment changes the billing for seasonal customers who normally would have been billed

once a year for water usage and one-fourth of usage prorated over the following four quarters for sewer.

Also, to clarify billing dates, we offer the following chart comparison for billing purposes:

Town of Rye			Aquarion Water Company		
Approximate			Approximate		
Qtr.	Comparison	Billed	Qtr.	Period Covered	Bill date
Q1	Aquarion's Q4	April	Q1	11/11 – 02/10	February
Q2	Aquarion's Q1	July	Q2	02/11 – 05/10	May
Q3	Aquarion's Q2	October	Q3	05/11 – 08/10	August
Q4	Aquarion's Q3	January	Q4	08/15 – 11/13	November

Please keep in mind that Rye Sewer Commission invoices customers a quarter after they receive their water bills from Aquarion Water Company. The usage amounts on your sewer bills should match the prior quarter water usage amounts you were billed from Aquarion.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sewer Commission Office should you have any questions.

Rye Sewer Commissioners:

Leon H. Valley, Chairman

David Kohlhase, Vice Chairman

William J. Ladrie, Commissioner

## Spring Road Cleaning Schedule Announced

Bud Jordan, Director of Public Works, announces the following (weather permitting):

- Sweeping of Town roads is estimated to begin on or about April 15.
- Catch basin cleaning will start on or about May 1.
- Street lining will begin on or about May 15.
- Road and drainage work will start on or about June 1.



# Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2004

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	<b>1</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm, Recreation Commission	<b>3</b> 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am, Sewer Commission 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>9</b> <b>TOWN ELECTION</b> 8 am-7 pm Rye Elementary 7 pm, Planning Board	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm, Water Dist. Bond Hearing at Library 7 pm, Open Space Comm. at Library	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm, Library Trustees at Library	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High 7 pm, Historic District Commission	<b>18</b> 7 pm, Conservation Commission	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>First Day of Spring</i>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>23</b> 7 pm, Planning Board Tech. Review	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 am, Water District Annual Meeting Rye Elementary
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>April 2004</b>		
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>4</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	<b>5</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm, Recreation Commission <i>First Day of Passover</i>	<b>7</b> 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>8</b> 7 pm, Open Space Committee at Library	<b>9</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>12</b> 9 am, Sewer Commission	<b>13</b> 7 pm, Planning Board	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm, School Board, Rye Jr. High	<b>15</b> 7 pm, Conservation Commission	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm, Library Trustees 7 pm, at Library Planning Board Tech. Review	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>

## May 2004

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4 pm, Water District 60 Sagamore 6:30 pm, Board of Selectmen	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm, Recreation Commission	<b>5</b> 7 pm, Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>10</b> 9 am, Sewer Commission	<b>11</b> 7 pm, Planning Board	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7 pm, Open Space Committee at Library	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Memorial Day Town offices closed</i>	Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Public Library Meeting Room (handicapped accessible) at 581 Washington Road. Other board meetings are held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall for up-to-date information.				

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

Additional Civic Meetings

# News from the Library

The **Search Committee** continues to process applicants for the position of Director of the Rye Public Library. It is hoped that a new Director will be chosen very soon. Staff members Jim Chase, Julie Doherty, Pam Jautais, Martha Jones, Sharon Macdonald, Stef Metalious, Brenda Nolette, Tricia Quinn, and Jon Ramsay have taken on new responsibilities during the absence of a Director and continue to work together to ensure the smooth running of the Library.

We wish to extend a special thank you to **Jim Chase** (see picture) who works very hard to make sure our sidewalks are the cleanest in town—maybe even in all of Rockingham County! Jim's mission is to ensure the safety of all patrons. Along with help from the Highway Department, you can be guaranteed a safe trip to the Library this winter.



## Services at Your Library

Free Internet access

Interlibrary loan

Notary public on staff

Home delivery of Library materials for shut-ins

Copy machine (10 cent charge)

Fax machine (\$1.00 charge)...see picture

FREE tax assistance every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. (Feb. through April)

FREE Health Clinic the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m.

## FREE Museum Passes for Library Patrons

Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

Boston Museum of Science (small fee)

Peabody Essex Museum in Salem

Currier Museum of Art in Manchester

Strawbery Banke in Portsmouth

Portsmouth Children's Museum

Seacoast Science Center in Rye

## Monthly Book Discussions

**First Thursday Military Book Discussion 6:30 p.m.**

March 4 *The Army at Dawn* by Rick Atkinson

April & May To be announced (call the Library)

**Second Tuesday Stroudwater Book Discussion 1 p.m.**

March 9 *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan

April 13 *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Burns

May 11 *At Home in Midford* by Jan Karon

**Third Tuesday Library Book Discussion 7 p.m.**

March 16 *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold



April 20 *Brighton Rock* by Graham Greene

May 18 *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks

The **Friends of the Rye Public Library** meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 2. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**REMINDER:** The Friends' annual **Book and Bake Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, **June 26**. Please look through your house for unwanted or no longer needed **books, recorded books, videos, and DVD's** and donate them to the Friends. What you may no longer want to keep, might be just what someone else needs! (The Friends are especially looking for **cookbooks** for this year's sale.) **Volunteer bakers** will also be needed. You may "sign up" in the baker's notebook at the circulation desk and someone will call later to remind you.

## Library Programs

**March 4 CHINA IN AMERICA'S FUTURE**

Thursday, 7 p.m. Dr. John Watt, Director of New England China Network

\*sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

**March 9 ART AND THE JAZZ PHOTOGRAPH**

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Ed Gleason, Associate Professor of English at St. Anselm College

\*sponsored by the Seacoast Jazz Society

**April 6 GROWING UP IN BOSTON'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSICAL COMMUNITY**

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Paul Broadnax, popular pianist and singer \*sponsored by the Seacoast Jazz Society

**April 15 A VISIT TO THE ISLE OF SHOALS**

Thursday, 7 p.m. Stephanie Nugent—slide presentation \*sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

**April 22 THE POWER OF BIOGRAPHY: EXPLORING THE LIFE OF CELIA THAXTER**

Thursday, 7 p.m. Stephanie Nugent—slide presentation \*sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

\* We wish to thank the **New Hampshire Humanities Council** for their assistance in presenting these programs.

The **LIBRARY FINE ARTS COMMITTEE** has currently on display in the Community Meeting Room the "**Seacoast Senior Open**" Art Exhibit until the end of March. In April and continuing through June, a new display "**All Kinds of Fiber Art**" will be presented. Anyone interested in sharing their fiber art, please call the Library at 964-8401 or drop by to pick up an application.

## Rye Fire Department Has New Defibrillators

Due to the generous donations of many residents and businesses in Rye, the Rye Fire Department Association has purchased two AEDs and one cardiac monitor. An AED (automated external defibrillator) is used to stop a potentially fatal heart arrhythmia. The cardiac monitor will graphically display 12 views of the heart, oxygen and carbon dioxide levels in the blood, plus pulse and blood pressure and digitally transmits the information to a hospital with the same capabilities. It will also work as a basic AED. Having a unit on each piece of apparatus represents a gigantic step forward for pre-hospital emergency medical treatment of Rye residents. Thanks to all who assisted the association with donations.

On March 9, you will have an opportunity to vote for a new fire and police building. Having served over 33 years in this building I have seen it go from cavernous, when the fire trucks were the size of a modern pickup, to closet-like, as the size of apparatus and equipment have increased in size for modern needs. Due to the number of firefighters present at CPR training held February 9, it was necessary to also use my office as a training station. The best training would be in one room. A new building is much overdue for the smooth operation of the department and the safety of Rye residents. Although I will be retired before the first spade of dirt is turned for the project, I will vote in favor of the article because I will then be one of the 5000 residents who could benefit from the improved conditions.

There are simple and inexpensive ways to help protect your family and property:

- Have your house number posted in a location clearly visible from the street. This is a town ordinance and a real time-saver for emergency responders.

- Remember that a permit is needed for all outside burning.

- Before you grill that first steak be sure your gas grill is in good repair and located away from any combustible materials.

Have a healthy and fire-safe year.

Leon C. Blaisdell

Chief,

Rye Fire Department

## Chief Blaisdell to Retire

Fire Chief Leon Blaisdell will retire March 31, 2004 after a lifetime firefighting career serving the Town of Rye. Lee spent ten years as a call firefighter and 22 years as a permanent firefighter, with the last four years as Chief. We thank



Lee for his many years of exemplary service and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

## Police Chief Explains Some of the Articles

If this is the March newsletter, then we must be nearing the end of a long cold winter. We have been looking forward to spring because like many other professions, ours is always more difficult in harsh weather.

You will see a number of questions on the Town ballot in March that involve the Police Department. Two of these questions, **Article 11**, Outside Detail, and **Article 13**, Beach Parking Fines, are relatively simple. If approved, the revenue generated from Outside Details and Parking Fines will be placed into separate revenue accounts. The operating expenses for these functions will be taken from these new accounts, thereby eliminating the need to appropriate taxpayer money to fund them.

There are also changes to the parking ordinance and the surfing ordinance. **Article 15** proposes an update to the 25-year-old surfing ordinance that has been unenforceable for many years. **Article 21** changes the parking ordinance to reflect an updated fine schedule that is in compliance with State law and it adds an appeal process. Most of these changes were implemented tem-

porarily by the Board of Selectmen last summer.

The ballot question that may impact the Fire and Police Departments for generations is **Article 4** regarding the proposed Public Safety Building. If anyone has questions regarding the current working conditions at either of the buildings, I urge you to call or drop in for a tour so you can make an informed decision. Whether this proposal for the new building passes or fails, I really want to thank the "civilian" members of the Building Committee for the countless hours they have contributed. Some of these volunteers have been a part of the committee for eight years. These committee members are Gary Dodds, Paula Snyder, Brian Nickerson, Mark Josephs, Victor Azzi, Greg Mikolaites, and the late Dick Porter. Since most of these people will never wear a police or fire uniform, their commitment has been one of civic duty.

Please remember that with the warmer weather will come more people of all ages walking and bicycling on our roadways. Drive safely and enjoy the spring.

Alan Gould  
Chief of Police

## My Voting Notes

Moderator (1)

Selectman (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 1 year (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist (1)

Budget Committee (2)

Planning Board (2)

Cemetery Trustee (1)

Sewer Commissioner (1)

Article 3.

Amendment 1. ☐ 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

## SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member (2)

School District Treasurer (1)

School District Clerk (1)

Article 1. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 2. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 3. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 4. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 5. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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