

Town of Rye Newsletter

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March 2010

Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 9

TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE TUESDAY, MARCH 2

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2009 will be available for pick-up on TUESDAY, March 2, at the following locations: Town Hall, Rye Public Safety Building, Rye Public Library, Recycling Center, 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 one be mailed to you.

Town Clerk Discusses Internet Use in Licensing

We are fast approaching the annual Town Election to be held at the Elementary School on March 9. Voting hours will be from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. For those unable to get to the election, absentee ballots are available at this office. A sample ballot and the minutes from the Deliberative Session are posted on the town web site (www.town.rye.nh.us).

This office is pleased to announce that we are now offering the ability to license your dogs, purchase Beach Parking Permits and, soon, to pay your tax and sewer bills online. Over the past few years we have had the ability to renew vehicle registrations over the internet and several of you have taken advantage of this service. To use these new services just go to the town's web

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Warrant Articles and Their Effect on Taxes Discussed

Warrant Finalized at Deliberative Session

The 2010 Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, January 30 in preparation for voting on Tuesday, March 9. Attendance was down from last year most likely due to a lack of controversial issues on the Warrant.

The 2010 budget was finalized at \$8,167,542, up \$210,775 over 2009 (\$7,956,767). This figure does not include any Warrant Articles. It does include a contractual cost of living adjustment of 2 percent.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles, based on our current valuation (\$1,826,836,300) is as follows:

		Effect on tax rate per \$1000 valuation
Article #4	Employees Accumulated Leave Fund	\$65,000 \$.0355
Article #5	Municipal Bldgs. Maintenance Fund	15,000 .0082
Article #6	Highway Equip. Cap. Reserve Fund	10,000 .0055
Article #7	Recreation Bldg. Cap. Reserve Fund	5,000 .0027
Article #8	Town Computer Equip & Support CRF	2,500 .0014
Article #9	Police Cruiser	39,787 .0000
No impact on Tax rate; Funded via Outside Detail Fund: User Fees		
Article #10	Car for Town Business only	19,800 .0108

Moderator's Message

Please Vote on March 9!

The Town and School Election is on March 9, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Rye Elementary School. At this time last year, I lamented the fact that voter turnout had declined over the previous four years from 34 percent to 22 percent. In 2009, I am sad to say, turnout plummeted further to a record low of 19 percent. A healthy democracy de-

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Articles #4 through #9 were moved to the ballot with little or no discussion. Article #10 requests \$19,800 for purchase of a Town vehicle to be used by Town employees on Town business only. Town Administrator Mike Mag-nant explained that in the past, when a new police cruiser was purchased, the old one became the Town car; but recent cost analysis indicates that repairs on these old cruisers, with in excess of 165,000 miles on them, is not cost efficient.

Article #13 asks voter approval to allow extension of the Portsmouth

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 10, 2010

FOR MODERATOR

for two years Vote for one
ROBERT G. EATON

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years Vote for one
PRISCILLA V. JENNESS

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
FRANK A. DRAKE

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for six years Vote for one
ROSALIE POWELL ANDREWS
JANE HOLWAY
BRIAN J. MURPHY

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
VICTOR D. AZZI

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years Vote for one
ANDREW J. MAHONEY

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years Vote for two
SHAWN CRAPO
MARK GALVIN
JAMES G. MAHERAS

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years Vote for two
DONALD CAVAL
PATRICIA M. WEATHER

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years Vote for one
DAVID M. ADAMS

ARTICLE 3
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
QUESTIONS

Amendment 1: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Establish a new Multi-Family Overlay District in which multi-family dwellings would be permitted by Special Use Permit approved by the planning board, provided at least 20% but not more than 51% of the dwelling units are workforce housing?

Explanation

Amendment 1 is intended to bring the Town into compliance with the State's Workforce Housing Act which takes effect January 1, 2010. The Act requires that towns and cities provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing, including rental multi-family housing. In Rye, workforce housing is housing which a 4 person household earning up to \$80,000 per year could purchase for no more than \$244,000 or that a 3 person household earning up to \$43,200 per year could rent for no more than \$1080 per month.

The new overlay district would cover the Lafayette Road (Route 1) Commercial District (except for land owned by the Rye Conservation Commission) and the land within 800 feet westerly of the Lafayette Road (Route 1) Commercial District.

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 March 9! 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.

Multi-family dwellings would require site plan review and a Special Use Permit from the planning board. The requirements for a Special Use Permit are designed to assure that the development of multi-family dwellings is compatible with the character of the town and of the neighborhood. The requirements include a minimum lot size of 2 acres; no more than 8 units per building or 40 units per development; and a density not to exceed 6 dwelling units per contiguous upland acre (or 8 dwelling units per contiguous upland acre if at least 30% of the units are workforce housing). Multi-family housing must comply with the town wide annual limitation on the issuance of building permits.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 2: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the Official Zoning Map to enlarge the Commercial District by moving the boundary between the Commercial District and the Single Residence District which is located west of Lafayette Road and north of Breakfast Hill Road a distance of 800 feet further to the west so that the new boundary is 1300 feet from Lafayette Road?

Explanation

West of Lafayette Road and north of Breakfast Hill Road the zoning boundary between the Commercial District and the Single Residence District is located 500 feet west of Lafayette Road. The amendment would move this boundary 800 feet further west, so that the new boundary is 1300 feet from Lafayette Road. Much of the land included in the amendment is undevelopable wetlands. About 40 acres of contiguous developable upland soils having access to Lafayette Road (Route 1) would be added to the Commercial District.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 3: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Add a new Section 403 to the zoning ordinance which allows Conservation Land Developments in the Single Residence and Commercial Districts by Special Use Permit approved by the planning board, provided at least 20% but not more than 40% of the dwelling units are workforce housing?

Explanation

Amendment 3 is intended to bring the Town into compliance with the State's Workforce Housing Act which takes effect January 1, 2010. The Act requires that towns and cities provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing in at least half of the residentially zoned land area. In Rye, workforce housing is housing which a 4 person household earning up to \$80,000 per year could purchase for no more than \$244,000 or that a 3 person household earning up to \$43,200 per year could rent for no more than \$1080 per month.

In a Conservation Land Development (CLD) minimum lot size and dimensional requirements may be relaxed provided at least 50% of the land is preserved perma-

The amendments are also discussed in the Selectmen's (p. 5) and Planning Board's (p. 9) articles.

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nently as common open space. The minimum size for a CLD is 20 acres, and a CLD must have a minimum of 10 but no more than 35 dwelling units. Housing types must be of an architecture and style compatible with the neighborhood and may include single family homes, duplexes and town houses. The density of a CLD may be no more than 4 dwelling units per contiguous upland acre. CLD's must comply with the town wide annual limitation on the issuance of building permits.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. 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 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the expendable trust fund known as The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund established in 2007 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of creating a major repairs fund for municipal buildings. 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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. 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

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1 by Article 12 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

Art. 4: A Yes vote would add \$65,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund, which pays contractual severance benefits to Town employees.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 5: A Yes vote would add \$15,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 6: A Yes vote would add \$10,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of future purchase of Public Works equipment.

A No vote would not appropriate any money this year.

Art. 7: A Yes vote would add \$5,000 to the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund.

A No vote would add no money this year.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the capital reserve fund established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, by Article 17 of the 2002 Town Meeting for the purpose of upgrading, replacing or repairing the Town of Rye's computer hardware, associated equipment and computer software and related support. 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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty nine thousand seven hundred eighty seven dollars (\$39,787) to purchase and equip a new, 2010 police cruiser to replace an existing 2005 police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty nine thousand seven hundred eighty seven dollars (\$39,787) from Special Revenue Fund 7, the Police Outside Detail Fund created in 2004 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) This article has no tax impact.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$19,800) to purchase a vehicle to be used by Town personnel exclusively for Town business. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 8: A Yes vote would add \$2,500 to the fund to cover costs of town computer repair or replacement.

A No vote would add no money this year.

Art. 9: A Yes vote would allow purchase of a new police cruiser with funds from the Special Revenue Fund 7. The new cruiser would replace the 2005 cruiser. No funds from taxes would be needed.

A No vote would not expend the fund money to purchase the new cruiser.

Art. 10: A Yes vote would allow the purchase of a vehicle to be used exclusively for Town business.

A No vote would not allow the purchase of the vehicle.

ARTICLE 11

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 eight million one hundred sixty-seven thousand five hundred forty-two dollars (\$8,167,542)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million thirty-one thousand three hundred sixty-two dollars (\$8,031,362) 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 operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 11: A Yes vote would appropriate \$8,167,542 as approved by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, to fund the Town's 2010 Operating Budget.

A No vote would not fund the 2010 Operating Budget as proposed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, but rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$8,031,362.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to amend the purpose of the expendable general fund trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 14 of the March 1990 Town Meeting "for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts" to be amended to read: "for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts and for other end-of-employment retirement costs, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend from the expendable trust fund as amended." (2/3 vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote in favor of the expansion of the City of Portsmouth Sewer System (at no cost to the Town of Rye and pursuant to an Intermunicipal Agreement to be negotiated between the Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth) in order to provide public sewer service by the City of Portsmouth from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Sagamore Road ending at Pioneer Road at Foyes Corner.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE RYE SEWER COMMISSION

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendment to Section 9 of the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting December 28, 2009:

Note: Deleted text is ~~struck through~~. New text is **emboldened**.

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

Art. 12: A Yes vote would allow other state-mandated retirement costs to be paid from this fund.

A No vote would not allow the amendment.

Art. 13: A Yes vote would allow this extension of the Portsmouth Sewer System into Rye at no cost to the Town.

A No vote would not allow the extension.

Art. 14: A Yes vote would increase the fines for parking violations to cover the cost of prosecuting scofflaws.

A No vote would leave the fines as they currently stand.

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 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.

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~~ **\$30.00** if paid within 5 days of the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

~~\$35.00~~ **\$45.00** 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; or (2) revoke it if he determines that it was issued in error, or otherwise as justice may require.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 15

(By Petition) To see

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 16

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 2010.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 15: This s not a misprnt. Article 15 was amended at the Deliberative Session to read "To see" in accordance with Senate Bill 2 as affirmed by the NH Supreme Court.

Art. 16: A Yes vote would authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

A No vote would not authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

ELECTION DAY, March 9
Vote at the Elementary School on
Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Selectmen Explain Warrant Articles (Continued from page 1)

Sewer System from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Sagamore Road to Pioneer Road at Foyes Corner. Of great import to voters are the words, *"at no cost to the Town of Rye."*

Article #14 requests approval to raise fines for violation of the Parking Ordinance. Although some residents would like to set the fines higher, we seek a balance between the percentage of fines paid and the cost of prosecuting those choosing to become scofflaws.

Workforce Housing

The major portion of the 2010 Warrant concerns zoning changes and Workforce Housing has generated the greatest number of questions. **Workforce Housing should not be confused with Low Income Housing.** The need to provide areas in Rye for Workforce Housing is the result of two factors: 1. Rye zoning, since its inception, has excluded multifamily dwellings and 2. Chapter 299 Laws of 2008 (SB342), also known as the Workforce Housing Law, requires the possibility of such housing in every town. The Rye Planning Board has worked for nearly two years to develop a zoning proposal that will accommodate the vision of Rye residents, comply with the Workforce Housing Law and protect the Town from what is termed a "builder's remedy" that could, through court action, allow a developer to build multifamily workforce housing anywhere in Rye if the town has not provided suitable area(s) to accommodate the law.

Until the last 40 to 50 years, it could have been said that most of Rye, aside from Rye Beach, consisted of workforce housing, had that term been coined. After World War II, developments such as Elm Park, which later reverted to its original name, Perkins Road, and Rye Crest, now known simply as Huntervale Avenue, were composed primarily of single family capes purchased by families employed in the kinds of occupations every community requires:

teachers, policemen, firemen, nurses, etc., i.e. workforce housing.

Over time, as available property became more difficult to find, land costs escalated and "workforce" families were increasingly denied access to the real estate market in Rye and similar communities, a sad comment since it is more than three centuries of "workforce" family habitation that provided the foundation for what Rye is today.

The Workforce Housing Law recognizes that, in communities where land costs are highest, creation of workforce housing opportunities necessitates a multifamily option.

Numerous meetings, public hearings, and consultations with Town Attorney Michael Donovan resulted in creation of the proposal of a Workforce Housing Overlay District along Route 1, Lafayette Road, in order to bring the Town into compliance. This Workforce Housing Overlay District does not remove currently existing options from property owners. It does provide an additional option for them.

Updates Since the December Newsletter

Route 1-A Right of Way: A second discussion with NHDOT officials, which also included members of the Rockingham Planning Commission, was held on November 30 concerning the potential sale of a portion of the 1-A right of way at Wallis Road. Since then, the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club has redesigned its beach club project resulting in a proposal that does not require the right of way area and does not diminish the current number of public parking spaces. We look forward to the NHDOT promised advance notification of similar requests in the future.

Education Funding: The threat of return to donor towns on July 1, 2011 continues to loom over us. In his State of the State address, Governor Lynch put forth two primary goals to improve the funding system: ensuring that the costs are sustainable and directing aid

to communities in greatest need adding, "we must not return to the divisive system of donor towns". However, he did not elaborate on how these goals could be accomplished.

A number of bills related to the Statewide Property Education Tax can be expected during this legislative session. At the end of January, Pat Remick, representing the Coalition Communities in which we continue membership, testified before the House Finance Committee in support of two bills to extend beyond FY2012 the current transition aid formula that allows us to spend our "excess" Statewide Property Education Taxes locally. The Finance Committee did **not** appear to be receptive.

Other proposals to decrease the adequacy costs allotment from the state could negatively impact the anticipated donor town tax. To keep abreast of developments on this topic go to www.CityofPortsmouth.com/Coalition.

Pulpit Rock Tower: Last fall, the Board of Selectmen developed a detailed response to The Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower regarding local, state, and national requirements that must be met prior to acceptance of responsibility for the tower at the local level.

Since then, The Friends approached the Conservation Commission to determine if the Commission had interest in acquisition of the tower. It is our belief that, if this proposal moves forward, the same requirements noted above would pertain.

Meanwhile, The Friends have submitted the required documents for nomination of the Pulpit Rock Tower to the National Register of Historic Places. The Board of Selectmen supported this nomination.

Mosquitoes: Although we are not using spray containing DEET at the moment, work related to our mosquito problem does not take a vacation.

The contract for the 2010 mosquito contract was recently awarded to Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. for the

Rye Water District News

Annual Meeting

The Rye Water District's Annual meeting will be held Saturday, March 27, at the Rye Junior High School at 10 a.m.

Items planned for the agenda include:

- Election of a Commissioner (3-year term),
- Election of a Treasurer for (3-year term),
- Election of a Clerk (3-year term),
- Warrant articles to raise and appropriate the sums of:
 - \$25,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses during the fiscal year. Ten thousand eight-hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$10,858) of this amount will be the residual remaining from the bond approved in 2009,
 - \$50,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established for the purpose of replacing the District's existing distribution system's buildings and equipment,
 - Voting to authorize the Commissioners to seek a utility easement for access to District-owned land,
 - Authorization to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or private source.
 - Voting to raise funds to defray the Water District charges for the ensuing year.

Thank you to all customers in the District who took the time to help with fire hydrant snow removal this winter.

Meter Replacement Program

As warmer weather approaches, the District will continue its on-going water meter replacement program. The new meters will enable future readings to be obtained from your homes via radio signal, making meter readings more efficient and accurate. Replacing the meter takes approximately 30-45 minutes. Water service is usually interrupted only three-five minutes. Watch for our replacement notice at your doors. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Water District Commissioners
John Murtagh, Ralph Hickson,
Arthur Ditto

Town Clerk's Message

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site, listed above, and scroll down until you see the large, colored logos for E-REG, DOG LICENSES, and BEACH PARKING PERMITS. It is anticipated that paying parking fines in this same manner will be available in the next few months.

Beach parking decals have arrived and are available for purchase. The fee, \$20.00 per vehicle, remains the same as last year. To be eligible for a Beach Parking Permit you must be a Rye resident or property owner. A vehicle registration must be presented for each permit requested. NH privacy laws no longer allow us to look up your plate number. If you have trouble getting in to the office to purchase your permit, you may apply either through the mail or on the internet. For mail-in requests, please include a copy of the registration for each permit requested. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is also required if done by mail. For internet requests, provide a plate number and state of registration for each vehicle. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified before the Beach Parking Permit is issued.

All dog owners are reminded to license their dogs by the end of April. A current rabies certificate is required to license your dog. If you have misplaced the certificate, please contact your vet's office for a duplicate. The fees are as follows:

Spayed or neutered dog	\$6.50
Puppies under 7 months old	6.50
Unaltered dog	9.00
Senior citizens (over 65) may license one dog at a discounted price	2.00
Late fee after May 30	\$1.00/month

Dog owners may face a Civil Forfeiture of \$25.00 per dog if the license is not completed by May 30.

Dog licenses may also be done by mail. Please include a current rabies certificate and appropriate fee for each dog as well as a stamped, self-addressed envelope. E-licenses done over the internet can only be completed if your dog's current rabies vaccination

Selectmen's Message

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second year. In addition, Mosquito Control Commission Chairman Tom Aspinwall presented a request to the Board of Selectmen for development of a Marsh Management Program with mosquito control as a primary goal. At this writing, this proposal is under consideration.

Retirement of a Veteran Police Officer

Gregory Kendall retired for the second time on January 1, 2010. His first retirement came in 1991 following a career in education, first as a sixth-grade teacher and then as principal in the Rye School System.

Gregory's work as a part-time special police officer spanned a 50-year period which, for 31 years, encompassed both education and police work. Having grown up in Rye, he knew the town and everyone in it.

Regarding Gregory's retirement, Police Chief Kevin Walsh lauded him as "irreplaceable," noting his knowledge of the area and its people, "kind-hearted with a perfect demeanor" when describing his response to chaotic situations and a "model for community policing." Gregory has also been Animal Control Officer since 2001.

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement, Greg.

Don't Forget to Vote

Regardless of whether or not there are "hot button issues" on the ballot, it is still important to exercise your right to vote. See you at the polls on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

Board of Selectmen
Priscilla Jenness, Chairman
Joe Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman
Craig Musselman, Selectman

information is on file in this office. Licenses for any new dogs must be done in person.

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The Present and Future of Farming in Rye

With the success of the first program in November: "Farming in Rye Past and Present," the Rye Historical Society, along with the Rye Energy Committee, will co-sponsor a second program that will further explore the "long deep furrow" that is Rye's agricultural heritage. Mel Low, Herb Drake, and others will participate. The focus will be on current farming, gardening, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) efforts in town with prospects for the future. Audience participation is welcome.

Date: Thursday April 15, 7p.m., Rye Library. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.



The Town Museum will maintain its off-season hours of Wednesdays 2-4 p.m. and will open for the season in early May with Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. hours. We also keep the Wednesday hours.

Alex Herlihy
Chairman, Rye Historical Society

Abatement Reminders, Tax Relief, and Exemptions Discussed

Tax Abatement Reminders

The Assessing Department reminds property owners who appealed their 2009 valuations and filed an abatement application by March 1, 2010 that the Town has until July 1, 2010 to respond. If dissatisfied with the decision, you have until September 1, 2010 to file further with either the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Rockingham County Superior Court. There is a \$65.00 fee for appeal to the State and court fees for appeals to the County. Local appeal must have been made as a prerequisite to later filing at the County or State Level.

Low and Moderate Income Property Tax Relief

The State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief forms are available May 1-June 30 at the Clerk's office. If you would like help filing, please call the Clerk's office at 964-8562 to schedule an appointment. If you have filed in previous years, you should receive a new form directly from the state.

Elderly Exemptions

We would also like to inform persons eligible to apply for the Elderly Exemption that the application is available at the Assessor's Office and must be submitted by August 1, 2010. The applicant must be at least 65 years of age as of April 1 of this year and have been a resident of New Hampshire for the prior three (3) years. Income limitations are \$40,000.00 for a single person, \$59,000.00 for married and total assets not in excess of \$199,000.00 exclusive of the residence.

The values and property information are available to you on line. Please visit <http://data.visionappraisal.com/ryenh>.

The web site is updated four times a year.

Howard Promer, CNHA, Assessor
Joanne Drewniak, Clerk

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depends on voter participation. **It only takes a few minutes in the day to stop by the polls and cast your vote. Even if nothing on the ballot excites you, do it for your fellow citizens. Do it for democracy. I know we can do better!**

This Year's Ballot

Contested Races: There are three contested races in this year's local elections. Maggie Duffy-Durkin, Cynthia Lingamfelter, Kirsten Marella, and Jayson Paquette are vying for two open seats on the Rye School Board. Jane Holway, Brian Murphy, and Rosalie Powell Andrews are facing off for one opening as a Supervisor of the Checklist. Shawn Crapo, Mark Galvin and Jim Maheras are running for two seats on the Budget Committee.

Warrant Articles: As usual, the largest money articles on this year's ballot are the school (\$11,843,517) and town (\$8,167,542) operating budgets. Additionally, among other things, the Town ballot asks voters to approve: the addition of \$65,000 to the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, the purchase of a new, fully equipped, police cruiser for \$39,787, the \$19,800 purchase of a vehicle for Town personnel, an increase in parking fines, and the expansion of the Portsmouth sewer sys-

tem down Sagamore Road to Foyes Corner. The School District ballot asks voters to ratify a new five-year contract with teachers, with estimated yearly increases to the budget ranging from \$48,678 in 2010-2011 to \$230,871 in 2014-2015; and to appropriate \$30,000 for a buildings and grounds maintenance fund.

There is plenty to vote on that will affect the future of you and your children. If you don't vote, you won't be heard. So please, join your neighbors at RES on March 9, and exercise your single most important right as an American citizen - **VOTE!**

Registration & Absentee Ballots

You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours on any day through February 26. You can also register at the polls on election day. If you can't get to the polls because you (1) will be out of town, (2) have a disability, or (3) must observe a religious commitment, you may get an absentee ballot application at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election. State law, however, prohibits absentee voting simply because it is inconvenient to go to the polls.

Bob Eaton
Town Moderator

Police Chief Cites Warm Weather Warnings

It was with great regret that I accepted Officer Gregory Kendall's retirement letter. He was a part-time police officer with the Rye Police Department from 1960 to December 31, 2009. Many of you grew up knowing Greg, first as a teacher, then as principal of the Rye Junior High School. Greg was always dependable and did his job with good humor. All the students—past and present—knew they couldn't get away with much when Greg was on duty. Of course, he knew all their hiding places around town because he'd used them himself! Many a young man or woman saw Mr. Kendall on the beaches during the summers. There was always a, "Hi, Mr. Kendall" no matter where you went on any beach in Rye.

Thanks to the parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High. They are driving past the school, turning around at Grange Park then entering the school parking lot. This has helped the morning and afternoon commute to keep moving without creating a traffic jam. Please check to make sure your child has his or her seat belt buckled. Some children leave their backpack on and are not connecting the seatbelt properly. Officers continue to find children not buckled.

Warm weather is approaching. People will be walking their dogs on the beach. As a reminder: Please pick up after your dog. Most people adhere to the ordinance and pick up after their dogs; however, a few do not and thanks to the residents who remind them that they must clean up. Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 29, 2010 dogs are not allowed on the beach from 9 a.m. until after 7 p.m.

Beach permits for vehicles: Please get your 2010 permit and put it on the driver's side rear window. Parking enforcement reports many residents come in to complain about receiving a ticket. They almost always use the excuse that they forgot to get their sticker. Also, the beaches of Rye are dry—NO ALCO-

Rye Fire and Rescue Reminds Residents to Beware of the "Invisible Killer"

Your Rye Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind all residents to re-familiarize themselves with the "Invisible Killer"—Carbon Monoxide. During the winter months when we use our furnaces and heating units, the risk of being exposed to deadly carbon monoxide gases increases. Carbon monoxide is a byproduct of fossil fuel (wood, oil, gas, gasoline, kerosene) combustion. It is colorless, odorless, and poisonous. The gas enters the body through the lungs where it's delivered to the blood stream. Carbon monoxide pre-

HOL. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol.

Do not leave electronic devices, wallets, or purses in your vehicle. Theft reports are showing these are the items being taken. Lock your vehicle no matter where you park and if your valuables are out of sight, your vehicle will more than likely not be a target.

Rye residents and the police department continue to work together to make our town safe. On December 6, 2009 at 1:44 a.m. Sgt. Scott Blaisdell and Officer Porciello of the Rye Police Department were dispatched to Sea Road for homeowners hearing some noises in their home. Both officers arrived at Sea Road and realized it was a burglary-in-progress call. Both officers began collecting evidence and communicating with police officers of North Hampton and were able to locate the suspects and two arrests were made. The teamwork between the residents of Sea Road and the police allowed for an immediate arrest.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year. I sincerely appreciate everyone's encouragement and look forward to the coming years.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

vents the blood from carrying and using oxygen properly—starving the body's brain and organs.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning begin with flu-like symptoms (but without fever or runny nose). Symptoms may include: headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, or dizziness

If you feel you have been exposed to carbon monoxide; get to fresh air immediately. Call 9-1-1, or if you are unsure if you have been exposed to the poisonous gas, you can call either the Northern New England Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 or the fire station at 964-6411.

The best way to protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning is through detection and prevention. Every structure that is heated with a furnace that burns fossil fuels should have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Always install the units according to manufacturer's recommendations AND in a location where it will be heard by occupants who may be asleep. You can prevent carbon monoxide from entering your home by ensuring that all appliances and heating systems are installed and serviced by professionals, and by having your furnace and chimney cleaned and inspected annually.

Paramedic Program. And lastly, your Rye Fire and Rescue is pleased to announce that on March 2, 2010 three members of the department graduated from the paramedic program that has been ongoing since January of 2009. Career Firefighter Mike Hirtle, along with call firefighters Erica Maxam and John Davis were among the seacoast area firefighters that successfully completed this rigorous training and once certified by the State of New Hampshire, will be available to provide advanced life support to the residents of Rye in the event of a medical emergency.

William H. Sullivan,
Chief of Department

Planning Board Chairman Discusses Warrant Articles

Although we are well into 2010, this recap of the Planning Board activities in 2009 is provided for your information. The issues and applications that came before the Rye Planning Board in 2009 included complying with New Hampshire State regulations, accomplishing subdivisions, making lot line adjustments and addressing other legacy land use issues.

Again in 2009, a number of issues relating to properties along Lafayette Road were addressed. Some were required to resolve outstanding use issues that were not clearly defined. The zoning along the Route 1 corridor was also reviewed. It was determined that expanding the Commercial District in some areas could allow the district to follow existing property boundaries. It was also integrated into the strategy to enact State-mandated workforce housing regulations in the Town. A proposed Warrant Article addressed development of multifamily housing in the commercial district to comply with the State workforce housing law.

Below are the three proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the 2010 March ballot:

Amendment No. WF-1, To establish an overlay district that allows multifamily housing development in the Commercial District and to define the requirements for multifamily developments.

Amendment No. WF-2, To expand the Commercial District along Lafayette Road 800 additional feet west.

Amendment No. WF-4, To allow Conservation Land Developments (CLDs) in the Single Residence and Commercial Districts and to define the requirements for CLDs.

Background information relating to the proposed zoning amendments is provided below:

The Workforce Housing Law, also referred to as inclusionary zoning, requires that cities and towns provide a reasonable opportunity for the development of workforce housing. This includes both rented and owned housing for families meeting certain income thresholds as defined by the State. Amendment WF-1 defines an overlay district where multifamily housing can be built. The

amendment also provides the requirements and limitations on multifamily housing in the Commercial District. Multifamily housing was determined to be most suitable in areas with access to good transportation, such as those found along Lafayette Road.

Amendment WF-1 addressed the multifamily component of the State law.

Amendment WF-2 expands the Commercial District and helps it become aligned with existing lot line boundaries. If adopted, it will provide flexibility in the placement of multifamily housing units on lots that would have previously contained two zoning districts. The expansion of the district also provides additional land that would be available for multifamily housing. This is to provide a more reasonable opportunity for this type of development as required by the State law.

Amendment WF-4 proposed a cluster type of development termed Conservation Land Development (CLD). The CLD layout allows clustering of the housing units in one area of a parcel such that the majority of the development's land can remain in a more natural state. The increased housing density of the CLD will allow the high cost of land to be spread amongst more units to provide better affordability. This amendment addressed the requirement of allowing more affordable housing in the majority of a town's residential land.

Along with the above proposed changes, the Planning Board also addressed other items as summarized below:

The **Long Range Planning Committee** had been working on an evaluation of whether the zoning of the Lafayette Road, Route 1 Corridor was appropriate. The proposed zoning amendments provided an opportunity to offer new opportunities to landowners while allowing the Town to comply with State law. As stated above, this was partially accomplished by expanding the commercial district and allowing both multifamily housing and CLDs on this commercial land.

Two applications proposed subdivisions of land to allow transfer of the land to the Conservation Commission. One parcel expanded the conservation land

nearby to Parson's Field.

This information only summarizes a fraction of the items that the Planning Board worked on in 2009. Additional Planning Board actions are documented in the published minutes. The proposed zoning amendments and meeting minutes are available at the Town Hall for review.

The members of the Rye Planning Board are elected to represent the interests of the Town and fellow residents. Please know that we have been working hard on your behalf to ensure that projects do not result in any unintended consequences. We also appreciated the public input this year during the Zoning Amendment development process. Ideas brought forth allowed a more streamlined approach in dealing with the workforce housing issues. If you have any questions related to the Planning Board, please feel free to visit us at a meeting, usually the second Tuesday of each month, so that you may get your questions properly answered.

Donald A. Cavallaro
Chairman, Rye Planning Board



A Quick Note from the Recycling Center

Recycling is going well, thanks to Rye Residents. I want to urge everyone to keep up the good work!

A ton of trash (Municipal Solid Waste) costs \$66.40 per ton at the landfill. A ton of recycled cardboard has a positive value of \$65.00. There is a great dollar difference between recycling and throwing recyclables in the trash, not to mention the positive impact on the environment!

We have a bulletin board at the Recycle Building. If you have a non-profit community message we'll be happy to post it for you.

See you all at 307 Grove Road and bring your recyclables! It's important!

Questions? Call 964-5300

Alan Bucklin,
Senior Recycling Attendant

Spring Happenings at the Rye Public Library

Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Road Rye, NH 03870 • 603-964-8401 • www.ryepubliclibrary.org

The Rye Public Library is breaking new ground with its circulation of two Kindle e-reader devices. Purchased through a dedicated donation to aid those with sight limitations, the Kindles have been enjoying brisk circulation. Not only can font be adjusted to a large print size, the newest reader will actually dictate content to the reader. You can also just find out what all the hype is about. See, feel and test these new arrivals on the reading scene by checking one out.

We'll be re-designing our website (www.ryepubliclibrary.org) this spring to improve its functionality and refresh its appearance. Watch for the update! You'll also find two new databases for geographical research now available on the website. Our new A-Z maps database features domestic and global mapping of all kinds including antique maps available at a keystroke. The *Global Road Warrior* database offers information about world destinations for the student or traveler. Use either resource at the library or from your home computer with your library card.

Rye Public Library invites any interested individuals to inquire about volunteering at the library. We are happy to offer volunteer opportunities on a flexible basis. Stop in or call to find out more.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join this lively discussion group!

Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

3/18 *Tenderness of Wolves* by Stef Penney

4/20 *Dispatches from the Edge: A Memoir of War, Disasters and Survival* by Anderson Cooper

5/18 *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

Movies Showings at the Rye Public Library: Enjoy a movie and popcorn at the Library!

Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.—All showings are free of charge and open to the public.

3/3 *The Proposal* 108 min PG-13

3/10 *Taking Chance* 77 min

3/17 *The Quiet Man* 129 min

3/24 *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* 60 min

3/31 *Duplicity* 125 min PG-

4/7 *Time Traveler's Wife* 107 min PG-13

4/14 *Coco Before Chanel* 105 min PG-13

4/21 *Amelia* 111 min PG-13

4/28 *Cadillac Records* 109 min R

5/5 *Up in the Air* 109 min R

5/12 *Whip It* 111 min PG-13

5/19 *Blindside* 128 min PG-13

5/26 *Invictus* 133 min PG-13

Job Networking Meetings

Every Friday, 10–11:30 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Join fellow job seekers for informational discussions of employment search strategies and networking. Learn about available library resources to support your search.

Compass Care Health Clinic

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 1–3 p.m.

Military Book Discussions

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Knitting with Mary

By the fireplace at 10 a.m. every Thursday.

Monday afternoon senior visits to the library with pick up by the Rye Senior SERVE van. Please call the library if interested in joining the group! 2 p.m., first and third Monday of every month.

Sponsored by Friends of the Rye Public Library.

Writers of the on-line publication RYE REFLECTIONS meet at the Library on Thursdays at 1p.m. Editor Jack Driscoll extends an invitation to others who may be interested in being part of this group.

Discounted Museum Passes: Borrow our passes for reduced or free entry to the following:

Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Museum of Science, Boston

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

Museum of Art, Portland, Maine

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Childrens Museum, Dover

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

Historical New England

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. New members welcome!

First Sunday Speakers spring programs scheduled by the Friends include:

• Sunday, 3/7, 2–3 p.m.—“India,” Whitney Howarth, Plymouth State University

• Sunday, 4/11 (second Sunday due to Easter holiday) 2–3 p.m.—“The Secret of Tomb 10a” Dr. Denise Doxey, Curator Ancient Egyptian, Nubian and Near Eastern Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Watch for a full schedule of other topical and timely programming to complement the First Sundays Speakers throughout the year. All programs are free and open to the public!

ART EXHIBITS—Currently showing:

• Frannie Schwab and her students. Art display upstairs through March.

• Rye Public Library Art Committee “Sea Theme” Exhibit currently in the Community Meeting Room, downstairs through March.

SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library

Registration: Classes will be open for registration by phone or in person.

Spring Happenings at the Rye Public Library

- **Computer Comfort Class:** Overview of the components of a computer, elements of the Windows operating system.

Prerequisites: none.

Monday, March 1, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Thursday, March 18, 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

- **Introduction to the Internet:** Getting online, understanding basic terminology, toolbar buttons in Firefox, using search sites, evaluating online information, keeping your computer safe and secure on the Web. *Prerequisites: Computer Comfort Class—or—familiarity with the mouse and keyboard, including highlighting, copying, and pasting.*

Wednesday, March 3, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 12, 1–2:30 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 10–11:30 a.m.

- **Email:** Creating and using a free Google email account.

Prerequisites: Computer Comfort Class and Introduction to the Internet class.

Monday, March 8, 10–11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

- **Free Software and Services on the Web:** Find out about free (and safe!) software that you can download and install on your own computer, or use on the Web. *Prerequisites: Computer Comfort Class and Introduction to the Internet class.*

Monday, March 29, 10–11:30 a.m.

- **Using Downloadable Audiobooks:** Learn how to use the library's downloadable audiobook service. *Prerequisites: Computer Comfort Class and Introduction to the Internet class. Some familiarity with the use of your portable audio device will be helpful. If you have a user's guide, please bring it.*

Monday, March 22, 10–11:30 a.m.

- **It's Not All On Google! An Introduction To On-Line Research:** An overview of the Library's numerous subscription databases. *Prerequisites: None.* This class will be a demonstration with handouts.

Thursday, April 1, 11a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Spring Youth Department Programs

- **Friday Flicks:** Second and fourth Fridays of the month 3:10 p.m.

Movies begin at 3:10 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, popcorn and drinks included! *PLEASE NOTE:* Occasionally a film will be longer than our 5 p.m. closing time, so be sure to arrange rides accordingly. Check the library website for featured films and ratings.

- **Garden Club:** Meets all year! In all weather! Second Tuesday of the month 3:30–5 p.m.

Pat Ritter of Nature's Wonder continues offering her time

and energy to work with families in our beautiful children's garden. Projects include making a journal to track garden progress or painting a birdhouse—among others! Sign up is required: 964-8401.

- **YAttitudes Book Discussion Group:** Third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Let's talk about books! Students in grades 6–8 meet to snack and “yack!” Parents are invited, if they wish to read the books and join in on the discussion. March 16: *Homeless Bird* / April 20: *Front and Center* / May 18: *The Magic Thief*.

- **Story Time for Preschool-Aged Children:** Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Please join Margaret, Lisa, and Puppeteer Pat Spalding for story time! These engaging story times include finger plays, songs, stories, a craft, and FUN!! No sign-up is required.

- **Y-LA stands for Youth Library Advocates:** Dates and times on Website

This Youth Advisory Board assists the library with collection development and planning of programs, and will often be present to help with programs. If you'd like community service hours or just want to have fun helping the library (and eating snacks)—join us! Call Lisa at 964-8401.

- **Teen and Youth Knitting with Pam Anthony:** First and third Fridays of the month 3–4:30 p.m.

Make a fun project of your own—we're starting to work on hats. Make one for yourself or as a gift for a family member or friend. Pam Anthony will be on hand to help. No sign-up required—just drop in!

- **Lego Mania:** First and third Wednesdays of the month 3:30–4:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome to create fun Lego structures. We supply the Legos; no sign-up required!

- **Teen and Youth Beading Euphoria:** Wednesday, March 10, 3–5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 23, 6–8 p.m..

Grades 5–12: Join Lisa beading! Our project on both dates will be the “X's and O's” bracelet.

Bring your own supplies (supply lists are provided). Sign-up is required; 964-8401. Be sure to check the RPL Website for details on the program. Dates in April and May to be announced.

- **Pajama Story Time for Children ages 3–5:** First Tuesday evening every month 6:30–7 p.m.

Join Lisa or Andy for bedtime stories for your children! Kids may attend story time in their jammies, and can bring along a bedtime friend. Oh what fun it is to BE at the Rye Public Library!!

- **Chess with Mike Sullivan:** Monday, March 1, 3–5 p.m., Tournament Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Mike Sullivan will be here to help your child learn or improve his or her chess skills. He's an expert himself, so don't miss this great opportunity to learn from a pro! Tournament is “rated.”

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)



Springtime in Rye means warmer weather, hanging out with friends, walking, biking and getting ready for the end of the school year. As you get geared up for the summer and whatever plans you have, the Safe Routes to School Committee would like you and children to be safe and let you know what we have been up to and plan on doing.

Our Third Annual Bike Rodeo date is set. It will be held on Saturday, May 8, in the Rye Congregational Church parking lot from 1-4 p.m., teamed with Rye Recreation, Police, and Fire Departments. We already have sponsors lined up with the return of Exeter Hospital for helmet checks, Gus' Bike Shop, a lot of goodies from Kittery Trading Post, Exeter Cycle Bike Shop, and Pedro's. Rye Airfield will be hosting a demonstration, weather pending.

T-shirts are being printed with the



new logo, shown here, and created by Brown

and Company and will be available at the Bike Rodeo and any walking/biking event. A special thank you goes to the Rye PTA for the donation to have the shirts printed.

The Travel Plan was completed last year and fliers pertaining to Safe Routes, biking and walking safety, and the rules of the road are in print and located in several locations throughout Rye, including the schools, Library, and Town Hall.

The Fall/October Walk to School

Guidelines from the Building Inspector

What requires a Building Permit?

Any work that involves an addition, re-configuration, alteration, repair, or demolition needs a permit.

- Cupolas
- Decks
- Fences and replacement fences
- Garages
- Greenhouses
- New siding of different material
- Patios
- Pool sheds
- Pools
- Porches
- Porticos
- Railings
- Retaining walls
- Roofing and reroofing
- Septic systems
- Sheds
- Stairs
- Stone walls
- "Temporary" structures

Work involving plumbing or electrical, gas or heating systems, requires a separate permit.

What does not require a Building Permit?

Cosmetic improvements of your home, such as painting, carpets, cabinets, countertops, built-ins, tiles, and repairs to walls and doors as long as the structural members are not changed.

- Bathroom updates (including new fixtures as long as the location remains unchanged)
- Kitchen updates (including new appliances, as long as the location remains unchanged)
- Replacement siding (as long as it is the same material)

- Garage doors
- Improvements to insulation
- Replacement windows
- Swing sets

What is required to be submitted with a Building Permit Application?

Permit applications must include a sketch of what exists, and what you intend to do. If the footprint or ridge line is extended, a new septic system design approved by the State showing the change is required. The application must include a representative sketch of the property lines and wetlands and other important features for the building inspector to review for zoning and State compliance.

What if the structure is "grandfathered"?

Do not assume that something is "grandfathered" just because it exists. It can only be "grandfathered" and permitted to be replaced if the original structure was properly permitted in accordance with the zoning that was in effect at the time. If no permit exists, it may be an illegal structure and cannot be replaced. If it is determined to be "grandfathered," it is only the bulk that is grandfathered, and it cannot be altered, enlarged, or moved.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Now Required.

It is required that new and substantially rehabilitated homes be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors as of January 1, 2010. Check out <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/index.html> for more information on safety.

Susan Labrie, Building Inspector
603-964-9800, ext 20

was a great success and a heartfelt thanks to all those who participated. We hope to do the same this spring. When the date is known, it will be posted on the Town Website, and fliers will be sent out.

The Stencils with the new logo have



been created. We attempted to paint them this fall with the Jr. High students but the weather did not cooperate. It will happen this spring. Look for the footprints along Wallis Road from the Jr. High to the Elementary School.

If you are interested in finding out more about SRTS visit: SRTS Web site: http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/planning/SRTS_home.htm

Kimberly Reed
Planning Administrator

Flood Protection Information

Flooding in our Town is caused by hurricanes, seasonal storms, and seasonal high tides, as well as heavy rains, snowmelt, and potential drainage problem areas. The "Mother's Day Flood of 2005," "Easter Storm of 2007," and the "Ice Storm of 2008" are a few examples of flooding that occurred within the past five years and the Town experienced floods where they did not have them before. Floodwaters covered streets such as Sagamore Road and Ocean Boulevard and although they were not deep in some parts, floods are dangerous.

Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently. However, it can still be flooded in the future because the next flood could be worse. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. This gives you some ideas of what you can do to protect yourself.

Rye Flood Service. The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Rye Public Library. You can also visit the Building Department within the Town Hall to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information. Even if you are not in a floodplain, there still may be some risk of flooding.

If you are in a floodplain or have had a flood, drainage or sewer backup problem, check out these sources of assistance.

What You Can Do. Several of the Town's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance. Here is how you can help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Dumping in our ditches and streams is a violation of the Rye Town Ordinance # 28 **Litter Control Law adopted March 15, 1997, Article 17.** Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains, the water has to go somewhere. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding.

- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Town has a storm water maintenance program that can help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

- If you see dumping of debris in the ditches or streams, contact the Public Works Department at 964-5300.

- Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties.

- If you see building or filling without a Town permit sign posted, contact the Building Dept. 964-9800.

- Check out the following information on flood-proofing, flood insurance, and flood safety.

Rye Flood-proofing. There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage. One way is to keep the water away by regrading your lot or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, if flooding is not too deep, and if your property is not in the floodway. The Building Department can provide this information.

One approach is to raise the house above flood levels. To see if a home in your area has been raised and approximate costs, check with the building department. For more information about floodproofing or retrofitting, check with the Rye Public Library. **Important note:** Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even regrading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

If you know a flood is coming, you should shut off the gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs. It is unlikely that you will get much warning, so a detailed checklist prepared in advance would help ensure that you don't forget anything.

Flood Insurance. If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Rye participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the

bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. At the last count there were 301 flood insurance policies in Rye and Rye Beach. If you are covered, double-check that the building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents coverage. Remember: Even if the last flood missed you or you have done some flood-proofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods. If you are interested in learning more about Flood Insurance visit, www.floodsmart.gov which is full of information.

Flood Safety. *Do not walk through flowing water.* Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to PSNH.

Have your electricity turned off by the Power Company. Some appliances, such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that haven't been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Kimberly M. Reed
Planning Administrator

Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2010

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Town Hall Courtroom (first floor), 10 Central Road. Other board meetings are also 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.

	1	2 7 pm Planning Board	3 9 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	4	5	6
7	8 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	9 8 am-7 pm TOWN ELECTION Rye Elementary 9 am Sewer Comm.	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time begins	15	16	17 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	18 7 pm Conservation Commission	19	20
21	22 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	23	24	25	26	27 10 am Rye Water Dist. Annual Meeting Rye Jr. High
28	29	30 7 pm Technical Review Committee	31	April 2010		
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4 Easter	5 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	6	7 9 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	8 Passover begins	9	10
11	12	13 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	14	15 7 pm Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	20	21 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	22	23	24
25	26	27 7 pm Technical Review Committee	28	29	31	1
May 2010						
2	3 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	4	5 9 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore 7 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 9 am Sewer Commission 7 pm Planning Board	12	13	14	15
16	17 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	18	19 6 pm School Board Rye Junior High	20 7 pm Conservation Commission	21	22
23	24 Memorial Day 31 Town offices closed	25 7 pm Technical Review Committee	26	27	28	29

Library Trustees, first Thursday of the month
5:30 pm at the Library

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

Rye Energy Committee News

New Website!

Many thanks to our volunteer website extraordinaire, **Nicole Carrier**. The Rye Energy Committee is proud to introduce its beautiful new website. Visit us today at www.ryeturninggreen.com!

To keep up to date with the Rye Energy Committee, you can now:

- Subscribe to the Rye Eats Local Newsletter
- Subscribe to the post from our blog
- Become a Facebook Fan of the Rye Farmers' Market
- Visit our Events page

Events

The Rye Energy Committee is actively working to create a town CSA (Community Supported Agriculture.) If you have any questions or are interested in helping us, please contact Mimi White at 964-6586.

The Rye Energy Committee is once again collaborating with the Seacoast Science Center on a summer art/energy project. The focus this year will be home weatherization. We wish to build upon the very successful Button Up workshop we offered in January. If you have not taken the New England Carbon Challenge, now is a good time to do so. Check out www.necarbonchallenge.org

Artists will be painting in Rye again this coming summer. Watch for more news on how you might have an artist capture your home or apartment in a lovely painting or photograph. For more information, please contact Mimi White at 964-6586.

Rye Farmers' Winter Markets

The winter farmers' markets have been a great success and we want to thank the many residents of Rye who have come to the market to shop, visit with neighbors, and enjoy the great food and music. Our last market will be Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Rye Junior High. We will continue to have a wonderful selection of vendors including fresh, locally caught fish, locally farmed meats (poultry, lamb, beef, and goat), eggs, goat cheese and soaps,

Mosquito Control Commission Reviews 2009 and Discusses Plans for 2010

The spring and early summer months of 2009 were rainy and cold, setting the stage for an active Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) season. It was a record breaking year for EEE as positive tests were reported from across the southern portion of the state and extending as far north as Moultonborough. New Hampshire had one reported human case of EEE in Candia and there were multiple veterinary cases confirmed throughout the state. Mosquitoes carrying EEE were found in 32 communities, including Rye. Positive mosquitoes were also found in neighboring North Hampton, Portsmouth, Stratham, and Greenland.

There were 124 larval mosquito habitats mapped in Rye last year. Crews from Dragon Mosquito Control checked larval habitats 1101 times throughout the season and there were 444 treatments made to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, catch basins were treated 1144 times to combat disease-carrying mosquitoes. Spraying, to control adult mosquitoes, was conducted 16 times along roadways in Rye. Four traps were set each week throughout

freshly made soups and quiche, winter vegetables and fresh greens, NH-made maple syrup (and maple sugar cotton candy!), jellies, jams and dessert sauces, White Heron teas, Mac 'n Cheese to go and, of course, freshly baked goods from both our Rye Bakers and Arbor Inn and more. We will also have a table set up for the Rye Lions Club. If you have any old glasses, regardless of the prescription, please bring them to donate.

We hope to see you at our last market before we open again in June for our summer markets.

Rye Energy Committee
Mimi White, David Daskosil,

Farmers Market Committee
Susan Anderson, Tracy Ritzo

the season. Adult mosquitoes were caught, identified to species and sent to the State Lab where they were tested for EEE and West Nile Virus. Mosquitoes collected in Rye on September 1 tested positive for EEE prompting emergency spraying at the schools, Recreation Area, and Parson's Field, in an effort to reduce the disease threat.

Dragon will provide mosquito control services for the Town again this year. Homeowners can help with this effort by taking these simple steps to eliminate water pooling around their properties. *Remember that all mosquitoes require water in which to breed.*

- ✓ Dispose of tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.
- ✓ Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.
- ✓ Clear roof gutters of debris.
- ✓ Clean pet water dishes regularly.
- ✓ Check and empty children's toys.
- ✓ Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- ✓ Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- ✓ Canoes and other boats should be turned over.
- ✓ Remove water collecting on pool covers.
- ✓ Empty water collected on tarps around the yard or covering wood piles.
- ✓ Plug tree holes.
- ✓ Remove small containers that can collect water (bottles, barrels, buckets & overturned garbage can lids).

The RMCC will be publishing a monthly report, "The Buzz," which will address concerns regarding mosquitoes and mosquito control in Rye. These reports will be available at RMCC meetings, the Town Hall, and on the Town website during the mosquito season. The date for the next RMCC meeting will be posted on the Town website and we invite residents to attend.

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Tom Aspinwall
Ted Merritt
Charles Moore

My Voting Notes

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist, 6
years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years
(1)

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

Amendment 7. ☐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

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, (2)

School District Treasurer, (1)

ELECTION DAY, March 9
Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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