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Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 13

Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. -7 p.m.

TOWN REPORTS

AVAILABLE TUESDAY, MARCH 6

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2011 will be available for pick-up on TUESDAY, March 6, 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.

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Warrant Articles and Their Effect on Taxes Discussed

ON SATURDAY, THE FOURTH OF FEBRUARY, 112 voting residents attended the 2012 Deliberative Session of Town Meeting to finalize the warrant prior to voting on Tuesday, March 13. The number of attendees was down by 31 over last year despite the fine weather and lack of snow. As usual, coffee and donuts were served. The parents of only two children took advantage of the child care provided by Rye Recreation.

The 2012 budget was finalized at \$8,583,264.00, up \$122,320.00 over 2011 (\$8,460,944.00). This figure, less offsetting revenue, leaves \$6,101,505.00 to be raised by taxes. This figure does not include any warrant articles.

We are pleased to announce that as of January first, Rye (at \$10.60 per \$1000 of assessed valuation) continued to have the third lowest tax rate (town, school, state and county) among the 37 towns in Rockingham County. Only Newington and New Castle are lower. Several town tax rates in Rockingham County are more than \$27.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles based on our current valuation of \$1,763,314,935.00 is as follows:

	<u>Amount of</u> <u>Warrant Article</u>	<u>Tax impact</u> <u>per \$1000</u>
Article #5 Highway Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,000.00	\$.057
Article #6 Public Works (DPW) Compactor	15,000.00	.009
Article #7 Employees Accumulated Leave Fund	50,000.00	.028
Article #8 DPW One Ton Rack Truck	65,000.00	No tax impact
Article #9 Fire Dept. Protective Clothing	35,000.00	.020
Article #10 Town Hall Design Development	135,000.00	.077
Article #12 DPW Long Term Improvements	45,000.00	No tax impact

Both selectmen's and petitioned articles prompted vigorous discussion throughout the Deliberative Session with Article #10, furthering design development for a proposed renovation and/or addition to Town Hall, garnering a major portion thereof.

Article #5 requests the addition of \$100,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Based on the

Moderator's Message

Please Vote on March 13!

The Town and School District election is on March 13, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Rye Elementary School.

The Declaration of Independence states that a government's legitimacy derives "from the consent of the governed." That consent depends on citizens exercising their right to vote. Last year's local election, however, continued the trend of low voter turnout, with just 22.8 percent of voters going to the polls. FDR once said that "nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves . . . by not voting." For many years now, the bulk of Rye voters have been depriving themselves of that right. Ronald Reagan said that "all of us together, in and out of government, must bear the burden" of governing. I hope you will do your

See Moderator's Message , page 9

Town Clerk Discusses Elections and Party Affiliations

We are fast approaching the annual Town Election to be held at the Elementary School on March 13. Voting hours will be from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. For those unable to get to the election,

See Town Clerk's Message, page 21

See Selectmen Explain , page 7

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 13, 2012

FOR MODERATOR

for two years Vote for one
ROBERT G. EATON

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years Vote for one
CRAIG MUSSELMAN

FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

for three years Vote for one
ELIZABETH M. YEATON

FOR TREASURER

for three years Vote for one
LEON C. BLAISDELL

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
KENNETH MOYNAHAN

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECK LIST

for six years Vote for one
SALLY STEWART KING

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for two
KAREN W. OLIVER
PHILIP BOYNTON
L. GARRY LAYMAN

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years Vote for one
KERRY S. POPE

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years Vote for two
RAY JARVIS
DOUG ABRAMS

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years Vote for two
RAYMOND TWEEDIE
CURTIS BOLVIN

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for one year Vote for one
JEROME A. GITTLEIN

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years Vote for one
PETER KASNET

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?

Add definitions of "Shall," "May," "Should," and "Shed" to the definitions in Appendix A of the ordinance?

Amendment 2: Proposed by Rye Planning Board
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as follows:
Add a definition of "Commercial Recreation" to the definitions in Appendix A of the ordinance and amend the ordinance to allow Commercial Recreation by special exception in the Commercial District?

Explanation

The definition of "Commercial Recreation" includes indoor or outdoor non-motorized recreational activities, including basketball, football, baseball, softball, ice hockey, wrestling, soccer, tennis, racquetball, handball, squash, volleyball, rope courses, zip lines, miniature golf, golf driving range, skateboarding, cycling, bowling, swimming, weightlifting, gymnastics, and health and fitness, but not firearms shooting ranges.

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 13! 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.

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The amendment would allow Commercial Recreation as a use in the Commercial District by special exception approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Most of Rye's Commercial District lies along Lafayette Road or west of Lafayette Road. The Rye Airfield skateboard park is located within the Lafayette Road Commercial District, and vacant land west of Lafayette Road is suitable for some types of Commercial Recreation uses.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 3: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the definition of "Junkyard" in Appendix A of the ordinance to add "building materials, building debris" to the list of old, used, useless or damaged items that may constitute a junkyard?

Explanation

The amendment would clarify that the exposed storage, keeping, sale, disposal or abandonment of old, used, useless or damaged building materials and building debris may be considered as making up all or part of a junkyard use.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 4: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend Section 304 Coastal Area Overlay District to add a new Section 304.6 Tourist Accommodation Uses which would allow land housing tourist accommodation uses which may have become economically or functionally obsolete to be redeveloped in residential use at densities compatible with the density of the surrounding area?

Explanation

Within the Coastal Area Overlay District only, the amendment would allow tourist cabin and motel uses to be torn down and redeveloped for residential uses, including single family, two family and multi-family townhouses, at densities compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Redevelopment into such uses requires a Special Use Permit from the planning board, which is required to make determinations that the granting of the Special Use Permit will not be detrimental to adjacent property or the neighborhood; will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare; will not be contrary to the public interest; and will not overburden municipal services and that the architecture of the proposed dwellings is compatible with the architecture of dwellings located within 300 feet of the site.

☐ YES ☐ NO

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Amendment 5: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the Wetlands Conservation District and the definitions in Appendix A of the ordinance to make the definition of "Wetlands" and the methodology for identifying wetlands consistent with the definition and methodology used by the NH Department of Environmental Services in issuing state wetlands permits?

Explanation

The proposed amendment revises the definition of "Wetlands" and the methodology used to identify wetlands to make them consistent with the definition and methodology used by NH Department of Environmental Services in issuing state wetlands permits. It also adds a definition of "Vernal Pool" to the ordinance.

Rye's Wetlands Conservation District was enacted 35 years ago, in 1977. Its definition of wetlands includes poorly drained and very poorly drained soils, which was the standard way to define municipally regulated wetlands in the 1970's. Many municipal wetlands ordinance now use the definition and empirically based methodology for identifying wetlands used by the Department of Environmental Services.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 6: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Repeal Section 601.1 Merger Rule?

Explanation

The Merger Rule requires that two or more nonconforming adjoining lots in single or joint ownership be considered as a single lot for planning and zoning purposes. Recent changes in state legislation preclude municipalities from merging preexisting subdivided lots except upon the consent of the owner, thus the Merger Rule is no longer legal.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 7: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7 as follows:

Amend Sections 801.2 Building Permit Applications and 801.4 Issuance of Building Permits to require that a Driveway Permit must be issued before a building permit for a new dwelling or for a new building on a non-residential lot may be issued?

Explanation

The amendment will assure that the locations of new dwellings and buildings are properly coordinated with driveway access.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 8: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8 as follows:

Amend Section 801 Building Permits to establish that grading and excavation for foundations, on-site waste disposal systems and on site utilities shall not begin prior to the issuance of a building permit?

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 9: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9 as follows:

Amend Section 501 Signs and Outdoor Advertising to add a new Section 501.8 Temporary Signs?

Explanation

The zoning ordinance does not now allow temporary signs. The proposed amendment would allow up to two (2) on-premises temporary signs per lot in the Commercial and Business Districts only, provided the total area of signage on a lot complies with the present requirements and provided the Building Inspector approves the location of the temporary signs.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 10: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10 as follows:

Amend the Wetlands Conservation District to: (1) change accessory buildings, water impoundment, agriculture and aquaculture from permitted uses to uses permitted by special exception; and (2) to amend the list of permitted uses by adding the following underlined and italicized words: *Recognized* conservation areas and nature trails; *Non-motorized* recreation.

Explanation

The amendment changes certain uses now permitted in wetlands to uses which would require the greater protection of special exception review by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in order for the uses to be allowed in wetlands. The amendment also clarifies the types of conservation and recreation uses which are permitted uses.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 4 BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Amendment 1: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Add a new Section 7.14 requiring automatic fire sprinklers in newly constructed or substantially renovated commercial, industrial or business occupancies containing more than 2,500 gross square feet and in existing buildings when a use change results in a more hazardous classification?

Explanation

The amendment is requested by the Rye Fire Department in order to provide enhanced fire protection for commercial, industrial and business uses.

☐YES ☐NO

Amendment 2: Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

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

Amend Section 7 Building Regulations to delete references to outdated nationally recognized codes; to add a reference the State Building Code; and to update references to provisions of the 1993 *BOCA Property Maintenance Code* with references to the 2009 *International Property Maintenance Code*?

Explanation

The present Rye Building Code incorpo-

rates by reference certain outdated nationally recognized codes that predate the State Building Code, which the Legislature adopted in 2002. Thus, the Rye Building Code no longer needs to expressly incorporate these nationally recognized codes because they are part of the State Building Code. The amendment also puts persons on notice of the applicability of the State Building Code in Rye and of the nationally referenced codes which are included in the State Building Code and which, therefore, apply in Rye.

The Town adopted certain sections of the 1993 BOCA Property Maintenance Code in 1996. The 1993 BOCA Property Maintenance Code is outdated and is not part of the State Building Code. Thus, the amendment updates the Rye Building Code to include the comparable sections of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (which has replaced the BOCA Property Maintenance Code). The adopted sections of the Property Maintenance Code do not apply to owner-occupied dwelling units.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of leasing to purchase a compactor for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. 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 will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) 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

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☐ YES ☐ NO

Articles 5 through 17 and Petitioned Articles 20 and 21 are discussed in the Selectmen's Message starting on page 1.

Art. 5: A Yes vote would add \$100,000 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. 6: A Yes vote would authorize a three-year lease/purchase agreement (for \$40,000) to purchase a compactor for Public Works and to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the first year's payment.

A No vote would not authorize the lease and appropriate any money this year.

Art. 7: A Yes vote would add \$50,000 to the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, which pays contractual severance benefits to Town employees.

A No vote would add no money this year.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to purchase a new one-ton rack truck to replace an existing 2003 Chevrolet 3500 one-ton dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. 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-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing replacement protective clothing for the Fire Department. 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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) for the purpose of furthering design development and cost estimates, placed under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with the advice of the volunteer Capital Improvement Plan Committee, for the proposed renovations and/or addition to the Town Hall 1839 building. 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 11

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing DPW Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund to the DPW Long Term Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. If this article fails, Article 12 is null and void. (2/3 vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to retain a consulting engineer to evaluate the Department of Public Works site and to develop a long range plan, including how its development fits into the surrounding area, for its use and further to authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the DPW Long Term Improvements Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. If Article 11 fails, this article is null and void. 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. 8: A Yes vote would allow purchase of a new one-ton rack truck with withdrawal of \$65,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The new truck would replace an existing 2003 dump truck.

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

Art. 9: A Yes vote would appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to purchase replacement protective clothing for the Fire Department.

A No vote would result in no new protective clothing being purchased.

Art. 10: A Yes vote would appropriate the sum of \$135,000 to gather more information and further the design process for the improvement of Town Hall.

A No vote would result in no funds for obtaining cost estimates and design development for the Town Hall.

Art. 11: A Yes vote would widen the use of funds now reserved for a DPW Salt Shed to include use for long term improvements to the DPW Site. Article 12 is contingent on passage of this article.

A No vote would mean there would be no change in the purpose of the Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund. Article 12 would be null and void.

Art. 12: A Yes vote, would enable the Town to withdraw \$45,000 from the DPW Long Term Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to retain an engineer to develop a long range plan for the DPW site. If Article 11 does not pass, this Article is null and void.

A No vote, if Article 11 passes, would result in no funding this year for development of a long range plan for the DPW site.

ARTICLE 13

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 five hundred eighty-three thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$8,583,264)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million three hundred fifty-one thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$8,351,130) 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

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stop and Yield Sign Ordinance as follows: (Note: New text is in **bold italic**.) (Majority vote required.)

Add the following yield signs to the Section "Yield Intersections" in the "Stop and Yield Sign Ordinance".

Old Beach Road at Locke Road (at island for right turn)

Old Beach Road at Locke Road (at island for left turn)

Causeway Road, yielding right of way to traffic on Causeway Road

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE to make it consistent with current practice by adding in Section 3, Jenness Beach Precinct and Section 4, Rye Water District the following public ways where no parking has been enforced for many years: (Note: New text is **emboldened italic**.)

3. Jenness Beach Precinct:

i. South side of Perkins Road – No parking on pavement.

j. Bernard Drive – No parking

k. Pine Street – No parking 600 feet both sides from Perkins towards Cable Rd.

l. Big Rock Rd – No parking both sides

m. Baker Ave – No parking, except from 2231 Ocean Blvd to 23 Baker Avenue no parking on pavement.

n. Myrica Ave – No parking both sides.

o. Gray Court – No parking both sides.

p. Cable Road – South side from Ocean Blvd to #16 Cable Road - No parking on pavement; thereafter, no parking.

q. Breakers Road – No parking

r. Surf Lane – No parking.

s. Jenness West – No parking.

t. Jenness East – No parking.

Art. 13: A Yes vote would appropriate \$8,583,264, as approved by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, to fund the Town's 2012 Operating Budget.

A No vote would not fund the 2012 Operating Budget as proposed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, but rather, would result in the adoption of a default budget of \$8,351,130.

Art. 14: A Yes vote would place three yield signs at places recommended by Police Chief Kevin Walsh for safety reasons.

A No vote would not add these signs.

Art. 15: A Yes vote would amend the Parking Ordinance to include these no parking restrictions that have been enforced for many years.

A No vote would mean the Parking Ordinance would remain inconsistent with current practice.

u. East Atlantic – No Parking.

v. Kenphil Ave – No parking

w. Old Beach Road Foss Circle side – No parking

4. Rye Water District:

n. North side of Washington Road to #11 Washington Road – No parking on pavement, No parking on south side.

o. Wallis Road – No parking both sides of road from Appledore Ave to Odiorne Drive.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Solar Energy Property Tax Exemption adopted March 17, 1979, as amended below.

(Note: Deleted text is ~~struck through~~. New text is **emboldened and italicized**.)

"To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a Solar Energy Heating or Cooling System as defined in RSA 72:61 which shall be in the amount of ~~100% of the installation cost~~ ***the assessed value of the qualifying solar energy system up to a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).***" (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town road, Marjorie Way as shown on a plan entitled "The Hoefle Family, LLC Subdivision Plans Assessor's parcels 7-17, 7-18 and 7-21, Rye NH 03870" dated August 29, 2011, Sheets S-3 & S-4 recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-36933. This acceptance is conditioned upon the final approval of the Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. The Planning Board has approved the subdivision creating Marjorie Way as identified on the above-referenced plan. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 18

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to ask the Selectmen to study the following addition to the Parking Ordinance: Under Section 3, Jenness Beach Precinct, change the following parking restriction:

h. No parking on the north side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road and parallel parking by permit only on the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road.

Parallel parking by permit only on Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Harbor Road.

Note: New text is **emboldened**. (Majority vote required.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 19

(By Petition) To see if the Town will ask the Selectmen to study the following amendment to the Parking Ordinance: Under Section 3 (f), Jenness Beach Precinct, change the following parking restriction:

f. Parallel parking by permit only on the east side of Old Beach Road on a year-round basis.

Note: New text is **emboldened**.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 16: A Yes vote would amend our current exemption for solar energy heating and cooling systems

A No vote would not amend the exemption.

Art. 17: A Yes vote would allow acceptance by the town of this road 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.

Art. 18: A Yes vote would ask the Selectmen to study a requested amendment to the Parking Ordinance to add additional parking by permit only restrictions on Locke Road.

A No vote would mean the Selectmen would not be asked to study the amendment to increase parking restrictions on Locke Road.

Art. 19: A Yes vote would ask the Selectmen to study a requested amendment to the Parking Ordinance to add permit parking only, year round, on the east side of Old Beach Road.

A No vote would mean the Selectmen would not be asked to study the proposed amendment for increased parking restrictions on Old Beach Road.

ARTICLE 20

(By Petition) Shall the Town vote to advise the Board of Selectmen that the Town would like to implement televised or on-line streaming coverage of the meetings of town boards to include at minimum the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 21

(By Petition) Shall the town require that department heads and administrators be specifically certified for their professional positions, where required by state law, at the time of hire or within two years thereafter, or within two years of the adoption of this provision?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 22

(By Petition) Shall the town institute a policy whereby no town employee can have an immediate family member as his or her supervisor, with "immediate family member" defined as parents, children, husbands, wives, siblings, in-laws, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 23

(By Petition) Shall the town administration report legal expenses to the citizens at the end of each year as one aggregate figure, with additional line items reporting how much the town spent on specific suits or received in specific settlements, and the annual amount paid to: (1) town counsel (2) other lawyers, broken out by name (3) recipients of settlements with the town, broken out by name? Settlements that include requirements of confidentiality shall be fully adhered to and complied with.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 24

(By Petition) Shall the voters give guidance to town boards that the citizens of Rye consider that an additional private club on the public access to the beach at Wallis Sands is not in the best interest of the town, and direct town officials to bear this concern in mind where the public interest is a legal and appropriate consideration?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 25

(By Petition) Shall the number of alternates to be appointed to the Rye Heritage Commission be increased from two to five, thereby expanding the volunteer opportunities beyond what was authorized in Article 18 of the 2011 Warrant articles?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 26

(By Petition) Shall the town require that each employee, elected official and appointed member, or alternate of a Town board, committee or commission, sign a form which prohibits that individual from participating in any official capacity which represents a conflict of interest with the Town? For the purposes of this article conflict of interest shall be defined as whenever a potential exists for a public officer or employee to influence the outcome of a matter in which he or she has a direct personal or pecuniary interest. The public officer or employee shall have an affirmative

Art. 20: A Yes vote would advise the Selectmen to implement televised or on-line streaming coverage of meetings. Because of cost, on-line streaming might be best.

A No vote would mean that such coverage might not be executed.

Art. 21: A Yes vote would require certification of department heads where required by state law.

A No vote would mean certification would not be required except where required by state law.

Art. 22: A Yes vote would mean no town employee could have an immediate family member as his or her supervisor.

A No vote would not institute such a policy.

Art. 23: A Yes vote would require the Town to report legal expenses in greater detail.

A No vote would not.

Art. 24: A Yes vote would advise town boards to consider that the Citizens of Rye feel a private beach club at Wallis Sands is not in the best interest of the Town and would direct town officials bear this in mind.

A No vote would mean the town boards and officials would not be so advised.

Art. 25: A Yes vote would increase the number of alternates to the Rye Heritage Commission.

A No vote would not.

Art. 26: A Yes vote would require all town employees, elected officials, and appointed members to sign a conflict of interest form.

A No vote would not.

duty to disclose any such interests. This article shall not affect current employees or officials for one year following adoption.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 27

(By Petition) Prior to funding the completion of the design of the potential multi-million dollar expansion of Town Hall, shall the Board of Selectmen address the space needs of the town employees, boards and commissions by comprehensive pro and cons analysis of all possible options? This could include publicly or privately owned property or renovation of existing facilities, for example

- Town Hall
- Public Safety Building (7,000 square feet build-out on second floor)
- Rye Recreation facilities
- Rye Recycling Center facilities
- Former Police Station

In addition to possible locations, the Board of Selectmen must consider the number of employees and the number of square feet per employee of similar facilities in other U.S. towns, and the reasons, if any, why the needs of Rye may be different.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 28

(By Petition) Shall the five members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment be elected by the Citizens of Rye pursuant to RSA 673:3,II, by official ballot, rather than be appointed by the Board of Selectmen? The initial terms of the members shall be staggered pursuant to RSA 673:5,II: one member shall be elected for one year, two members shall be elected for two years and two members shall be elected for three years. By statute, five alternates may be selected by the elected members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, RSA 673:6,I.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 29

(By Petition) Shall the Rye Selectmen send a letter on behalf of the town to our US Congressional Delegation and to the Postmaster General recommending that our Federal Government close one of the two Post Offices in Rye? The letter shall state that "some of the voters of Rye feel that given the fiscal condition of our federal government and of the US Post Office, some of the residents of Rye, NH would like to see the US Post Office only operate one post office in our town. Currently there are two post offices on Central Road in Rye, less than two miles apart. Selecting which Post Office to keep open is the responsibility of the US Post Office."

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 30

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 2012.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Art. 27: A Yes vote would ask the Selectmen to consider all options regarding plans for the future of Town Hall, including public or privately owned property, renovations of existing facilities, and research on the number of employees and square feet per employee of similar facilities in the U.S

A No vote would not ask the Selectmen to consider all of the options in Article 27.

Art. 28: A Yes vote would have the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment be elected rather than appointed.

A No vote would maintain the appointment process.

Art. 29: A Yes vote would ask the Selectmen to write to the Postmaster General and our U.S. Congressional Delegation requesting that one of Rye's post offices be closed.

A No vote would result in a letter not being sent.

Art. 30: A Yes vote would authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment.

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

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findings of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, this fund will require approximately \$100,000 per year for the next several years to meet anticipated equipment needs. (See DPW Director's column.)

Article #6 authorizes a three-year lease/purchase agreement (for \$40,000) to purchase a compactor for Public Works and to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the first year's payment, which will ultimately save money over the current leasing method.

Article #7 requests that \$50,000 be added to the Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund. Our current total liability to pay severance benefits in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy is \$427,742. The Town is expected to fund this account at 50%. The fund currently has \$181,316.26.

Article #8 approval will allow purchase of a new one-ton rack truck for the DPW via withdrawal of \$65,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. At this time, the account balance is \$141,754; hence no tax impact will result from approval of Article 8.

Article #9 asks \$35,000 for replacement of protective clothing for the Fire Department. Approval will replace clothing 10 years old, deemed by Chief Sullivan to be near the end of its service.

Article #10 requests \$135,000 for the first of two planning phases regarding the future of Town Hall. Instead of trying to make decisions that encompass scope and design through completion of construction documents in one year, this article proposes that 2012 be used to gather more information, obtain continuing public input, make initial decisions, and begin the design process.

Something must be done regarding the crowding and sorely needed repairs/updates at Town Hall. Exactly what and how much are the questions we must answer as a community.

Handouts for voters at the Deliber-

ative Session included the steps taken thus far to prepare for decision making and a brief history of the Town Hall. An analysis of what would be required to prepare the space over the bays of the Safety Building for use as a Town Hall was also available.

As the Facility Needs Assessment Report prepared by AG Architects indicates, the following alternatives were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen in 2011:

1. Renovating and expanding the current Town Hall.

2. Tearing down the current Town Hall and building a new facility on the site.

3. Building a new facility on another site. This would cost more than renovating and expanding Town Hall because of the additional expense of land purchase (if available land in the Town Center could even be found) and the need to construct parking and a septic system (which the present Town Hall has).

4. Using the current Town Hall without expanding it and locating some departments in other town buildings. The old police station on Central Road was considered; but it has no parking, a failed septic system and is generally in poor condition. There is also a possibility of using 7500 square feet above the apparatus bays of the Public Safety Building; but converting this space into town offices could end up costing more than expanding the Town Hall for several reasons including fire rating, design loading, and elevator access requirements, the need for dormers for natural light, construction of additional parking, and the possible need to expand the septic system.

The general consensus drawn from Selectmen's meetings, a survey, three presentations by Art Guadano of AG Architects and the Master Plan is twofold: (1) The Town Hall should be in the center of Rye and (2) The present Town Hall should be preserved, the degree to be determined. Whether or not the great hall is re-

claimed for meeting space is a key decision and will determine the amount of additional space that is required for town business.

It is our belief that approval of Article 10 will allow us to work together as a community to reach consensus regarding the basic decisions necessary to decide the degree to which we will preserve the Town Hall building and how we will resolve the overcrowding of Town office facilities.

Article #11. Articles 11 and 12 are tied together. Approval of Article 11 will change the purpose of the DPW Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund as it broadens the scope to DPW Long Term Improvements Capital Reserve Fund. This article must be approved in order for Article 12 to be approved and go into effect.

Article #12 asks for \$45,000 to be taken from the DPW Long-Term Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to retain a consulting engineer to evaluate the DPW site and develop a long-range plan. With increased recycling, safety issues need to be addressed in addition to development of a comprehensive plan for the multiple uses that fall within the purview of the Public Works Department at this site. There is no tax impact regarding this article.

Article #13. This article presents the amount of the operating budget and the default budget (should the article be defeated). See data presented at the beginning of this article. No warrant articles are included in the operating budget.

Article #14. This article, if approved, will place three yield signs in locations recommended by Police Chief Kevin Walsh to enhance safety.

Article #15. This is a housekeeping article. The **No Parking** restrictions listed in Article 15 have been enforced for many years. Although it is believed that the BOS amended the Parking Ordinance to include these restrictions, no record can be found

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that shows that they were brought to a Town Meeting for voter approval. Approval of Article 15 is required for these No Parking restrictions to stand.

Article #16 amends our current exemption for Solar Energy Heating or Cooling Systems.

Article #17 requests acceptance by the Town of Marjorie Way (Hoefle development/off Grove Road) as a Town road conditioned upon final approval of the Public Works Director, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board. The original bond was \$289,652, which has been reduced to \$72,413 (25%) to cover cost of the final landscaping and wearing course pavement (top coat), which is best applied in warm weather.

Other Articles. With the exception of Article 30, to allow the BOS to hold a public auction to sell surplus Town equipment not used as trade in, and Article 31, regarding any other business and there was none, the remainder of the articles were by petition.

The Selectmen proposed amendments to two of the petitioned articles in order to ensure that, if passed, they can be implemented.

Article #20 (by petition) asks voters to direct the Board of Selectmen to implement televised coverage of BOS, ZBA, and Planning Board meetings.

Because no funding was included in this article and we know from past attempts with Comcast that there are substantial costs to televising, we proposed an amendment that was approved, to follow the words "televised coverage" with **or on-line streaming**. If passed, on-line streaming can be accomplished with relatively little expense.

Article #21 (by petition) asks specific certification within a time frame for Town department heads and administrators. While some municipal positions have certification standards, many do not. In a number of cases, experience and track record are the keys to successful hiring. Often numerous certifications exist within a job title but may vary widely according to the size, needs, and desires of the hiring town or city. In order to clarify Article 21, we offered an amendment adding the words **where required by State law** after "professional positions". The amendment was approved.

Voting will take place at the Rye Elementary School on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Craig Musselman, Chairman
Priscilla Jenness, Vice Chairman
Joe Mills, Selectman

Public Works Director Explains Warrant Article 5

The Department of Public Works has proposed a number of articles on the Town Warrant this year. The Selectmen's report in this issue of the Newsletter explains each article; however, I would like to expand on Article 5.

Article #5 on the ballot for your vote on March 13 asks for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This fund was established in 1994 for the replacement of DPW equipment and vehicles.

Currently, the department has a total of 15 different equipment units or vehicles, with a combined replacement value of approximately 1.5 million dollars and an average service life of approximately 15 years per unit.

In order for the DPW to have the vehicles and equipment it needs to provide essential services and at the same time avoid peaks and valleys in the budget expenditure line, it is important that the Town provides adequate funding each year for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Dennis McCarthy
Director of Public Works

RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Annual Meeting

The Rye Water District's Annual meeting will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Rye Junior High School at 10 a.m.

Items planned for the agenda include:

- Election of a Commissioner (3 year term);
- Warrant articles to raise and appropriate the sums of:
 - \$10,000 to be placed in the existing

capital reserve fund established for the purpose of replacing or enlarging the distribution system,

- \$25,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses occurring during the fiscal year, and
- \$15,000 to be placed in the District's existing capital reserve fund established for the purpose of purchase, repair, modification,

or replacement of equipment and buildings that support operation of the water distribution system;

- Amendment of the 1995 warrant articles #10 and #11
- Vote to raise funds to defray the Water District charges for the ensuing year.

Water District Commissioners
Ralph Hickson, Arthur Ditto,
John Murtagh

Town Moderator's

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share and vote on March 13.

Warrant Articles on the Ballot: The Town ballot asks voters to appropriate funds for an \$8,583,264 budget, and to: do further design work on a possible renovation of and/or addition to Town Hall (\$135,000); hire a consulting engineer to develop a long-range plan for use of the DPW site (\$45,000); buy a new one-ton truck with money from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund—HECRF (\$65,000); add \$100,000 to the HECRF; and buy protective clothing for the Fire Department (\$35,000). 12 articles on the ballot result from citizens' petitions. They seek, among other things, to have the Zoning Board elected instead of appointed; to advise the Selectmen to implement TV or on-line streaming coverage of various Town board meetings; to analyze space needs at Town Hall before doing more design work on the possible expansion thereof; to recommend closing one of Rye's post offices; to adopt a conflict of interest policy for Town officials and employees; to advise Town boards regarding the propriety of a new club near Wallis Sands Beach; and to ask the Selectmen to study new parking restrictions on parts of Locke and Old Beach roads. The School District ballot contains just two articles—the \$12,682,784 budget, and one seeking to appropriate \$112,000 for technology at both Rye schools.

You can see the whole ballot, and the proposed Town budget, at www.town.rye.nh.us. The School budget is posted at www.ryeschool-board.us.

Contested Races on the Ballot

There are three contested races in this year's election. On the Town ballot, Karen Oliver, Garry Layman, and Philip Boynton are running for two 3-year seats as Library Trustees. On the School District ballot, Ilene Spitzer, Betty Anderson and Peggy Balboni are running for one 3-year School Board seat; Bob Eaton and Kevin Scott

POLICE CHIEF WARNS OF SCAMS

Remember if it seems too good to be true, it is! We continue to take reports of scams, for example:

- People post property for sale or rent online. The property owner receives confirmation that someone wants to purchase/rent the property. The owner receives a check in a higher amount than requested, with a note explaining it was written for the wrong amount and to please cash it and mail the excess back. The property owner's bank cashes the check, but in a few days sends a notice that the check was not valid and *the property owner has to make up the total amount of the check!*

- If anyone calls and asks you to send money, *don't do it until you know it is for a legitimate reason.* The police department has been getting reports of people receiving e-mails and/or phone calls saying a family member has been arrested and needs bail money. If a family member is really in need, you will know about it before the phone call or e-mail. *Make sure you verify anything like this before sending any money.*

Dog-walking: Town Beaches and Town Forest: Warm weather is approaching and more people will be walking their dogs on Town beaches and in the Town Forest. **Please pick up after your dog!** While most people adhere to the ordinance and pick

up after their dogs, there are those who do not. We thank our law-abiding dog owners who gently remind those who forget, that they need to clean up!

Hours for Dogs on Town Beaches: Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 26, 2012, dogs are not allowed on the beach from 9 a.m. until after 7 p.m. Don't forget:

Register your dog and make sure the dog license is attached to its collar.

It's time to get your 2012 Beach Parking Permits!

Attach your permit to the driver's side back window as soon as you get it! Parking enforcement reports many residents come in to complain about receiving a ticket. They often use the excuse that they forgot to get their sticker or forgot to put it on their vehicle.

Please remember, Rye Beaches are strictly NO ALCOHOL.

Town ordinance prohibits open containers, including alcoholic beverages concealed in colored plastic cups.

Thank you for your continued support. I sincerely appreciate everyone's encouragement and look forward to the coming years.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

are running for a 3-year term as School District Moderator.

Registration & Absentee Ballots

You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours on any day through March 2. **You can also register at the polls on election day and then vote.** If you can't get to the polls, you can get an **absentee ballot** application at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election.

Bob Eaton
Town Moderator

Visit the Town Web site
<http://www.town.rye.nh.us/>
for news and up-to-date information about the Town, including meeting notices, agendas, and minutes.

Community Garden Plots to be Available at Goss Farm

The Rye Conservation Commission, with the help of community participation and much appreciated donations, was able to scrape enough money together to have a metal roof placed on the barn. The new roof will stop the existing deterioration and rot, and is scheduled to go on this spring! The north foundation and pilings underneath the barn need serious work for the structure to be safe for farmer and community use. A second request for a Conservation License Plate grant to restore the Goss Barn will be proposed (4/2012). However the funds to fix it right the first time are considerably more than this competitive grant even offers! Much needed donations for this

community effort can be made to the Rye Conservation Commission/Goss Farm. This entity qualifies as a tax exempt organization, and donations of services, money, and materials may be tax deductible. Anyone interested in making a donation, or participating in other fundraising efforts please contact the Commission or e-mail: thegossfarm@gmail.com and we will provide assistance. This farm and barn will be a legacy the entire town will be proud of for many generations! See the latest power-point presentation on the town-web site about all that has gone on the farm during the past year!



Retiring



Having served since 1994 as Clerk of the Works for the Rye Sewer Department, Walter Parenteau has announced his retirement as of March 1.

Walter, who began his career in Rye after “retiring” as a mechanical contractor, will turn a very young 94 years of age in May. His vitality and zest have always amazed those who know him and marvel at his capacity to continue with skiing, golfing, traveling, and more. Advancing years don’t slow Walter in the least!

Those in the Sewer Department are grateful for his years of good work. Those who know Walter as a wonderful friend and colleague will miss seeing him each day in Town Hall. We wish him the all the best life has to offer.

WANTED: Community Garden Coordinator

The Rye Conservation Commission is looking for a community-minded and friendly individual to assist with coordinating the first community garden at Goss Farm. That individual should be in town from May through September to assist with checking on plot use, etc. Knowledge of gardening is helpful as is good public relations! Anyone interested please leave your name and contact information with Nancy W. at 964-5523. Also plan on being available to attend the RCC meeting on April 19 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall

Interested in a Goss Farm Community Garden Plot?

For the first time the Goss Farm will have a Community Garden available for Rye residents use. It is expected to be available for farming this May-Sep-

tember. The plans are still being formulated but we expect plots to be approximately 10 x 20 or 30. We may have 10 plots this first year and individuals may rent a plot for \$25 a year to offset set-up costs, water, fencing, etc. All funds collected go directly back to farm operating costs. Please leave your name and contact information with Nancy W. at the Selectmen’s office or e-mail thegossfarm@gmail.com for additional information. Forms will be available to fill out by March 15 and offered on a FCFS basis. All plot holders are expected to donate at least five hours of time at the farm sometime prior to establishing their plot.

New Commission Members Sought

The Conservation Commission is looking for new commission members. Some activities members participate in include: site walks, open space protection, review of NH DES Wetland permits, assistance at Goss Farm, and general stewardship of our protected lands and natural resources. There are opportunities for those interested to come on board initially as alternates. Once again please contact Nancy W.

As always, we appreciate the enthusiasm and community spirit that the Goss Farm is inspiring, and look for additional conservation opportunities this spring!

Rye Conservation Commission
Submitted by Sally King

Light Mosquito Crop in 2011 due to Dry Summer

Most of the summer of 2011 was very dry, which limited the mosquito population in Rye. In late August into September, there was an increase in rain events, including the remnants of Hurricane Irene, which triggered the hatching of several mosquito species at the end of the season. The population burst was short lived due to the cooler weather in early fall. The generally dry season favored the occurrence of West Nile Virus (WNV) over Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). There were a total of eight mosquito batches that tested positive for WNV from Manchester, Nashua, Brentwood, Portsmouth, and Keene.

The vast majority of mosquito control in Rye was achieved through the use of larvicides. Mosquito breeding habitats, such as the salt marshes, swamps, woodland pools, and other stagnant waters, were monitored and treated accordingly throughout the season. No town-wide truck spraying was conducted last year and we intend to continue with this strategy in the coming year. Street spraying will only be ordered after certain qualifiers are met. Disease test results, adult mosquito surveillance data, field observations, and weather will be used to determine the need for street spraying as well as a declared health emergency by the State of New Hampshire.

Looking ahead

The RMCC unanimously voted in favor of awarding the mosquito control contract to Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. of Brentwood. Their proposal was most aligned with the objectives of the RMCC and we look forward to working with owner Sarah MacGregor and her team of field technicians this coming season. Residents with questions or concerns about mosquitoes are encouraged to contact us (RMCC) at rye-mosquito@gmail.com

Dragon is also available at info@dragonmosquitocontrol.com or by calling their office: 603-734-4144

Residents With Ponds and Vernal Pools

If you have a fresh water pond or vernal pool on your property you may be interested in considering the use of dragonfly naiads (nymphs) to control mosquito larvae naturally. Dragonflies have been seen in abundance in recent years, since some Rye property owners are already incorporating naiads in their ponds with considered success.

Naiads are available locally in quantities of 50 for around \$50 from the St. Aspinquid Lodge in York, Maine. Naiads should be transported in a cooler and placed in their habitat as soon as possible after picking them up. Shallow, nonflowing water at the edge of a pond, spaced at least six feet apart is recommended. It's important to note that naiads cannot survive in salt water. Some naiads will be mature enough to fly the first year, while others will burrow in the mud to overwinter for up to four years before flight. They can eat mosquitoes in flight but mosquitoes are most active at dusk when dragonflies are not flying. Consequently, naiads are most effective in the water as voracious feeders of mosquito larvae. Order forms are expected to be available in April with pick-up of naiads scheduled for early May. St. Aspinquid Lodge's phone number is 207-363-4817.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Ted Merritt, chairman
Charles Moore and Brian Helfrich, members

READY TO SERVE RYE'S SENIOR RESIDENTS

THE VAN

The Rye Senior SERVE van is on the road each Tuesday morning. The van volunteers will pick you up at your home, drive you to the Market Basket Plaza for grocery shopping, bring you home and help carry your purchases inside! You can visit the pharmacy, the card store, the bank or just a friendly breakfast with your fellow riders. This is a social outing as well as a time to get your important errands done. Call the Rye Town Hall, 964-5523 by noon on Monday to reserve your place for Tuesday's van trip.



DAILY CALLS

While our winter has been an easy one thus far, this is New Hampshire and that could change at any minute. If you would like a call each morning to check on your well-being, call Tricia Quinn at the Rye Library, 964-8401 to make arrangements.

PERSONAL RIDES

SERVE volunteers will provide transportation to routine medical, dental, and other important appointments. Call Connie Olson, 964-5170 to request a ride to your appointment.

Connie Olson
Chair, Rye Senior SERVE



Town of Rye
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
Central Cemetery (beside Town Hall)
Monday, May 28, 2010
9 a.m.

SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



Rye Safe Routes to School

Punxsutawney Phil decided on February 2 that we will have six more weeks of winter to go. Since there is not going to be much snow; spring is coming up fast it is time to start thinking of biking and walking.

The Fall Walk-to-School event was a big success this past October and luckily we had Mother Nature on our side. It was not too cold, the rains held off and it was great to see walkers and bikers heading to the schools.

This year will be our fifth year of hosting an Annual Bike Rodeo. The date is set for Saturday, May 12, 2012 and let's all hope for a full event with lots of sunshine.

BICYCLE RODEO - Join the Rye Police Department, Rye Fire Department, Rye Recreation Department and Safe



Routes to School Committee for the 5th Annual Rye Bicycle Rodeo. This bicycle safety clinic will feature bike inspections, rules of the road, obstacle course, helmet fitting, demonstrations, prizes and drawings. It will be held In the Rye Congregational Church Parking Lot, Saturday, May 12, 1–3 p.m. Parental supervision and bike helmet required. No charge to the public and open to all ages. Registration required.

We already have sponsors lined up with the return of Pedro's bike grips and Exeter Bike Shop gift certificate. Rye Airfield will be attending and the Girl Scouts will be offering face painting. This is a great family event for those beginning to ride and for experienced riders who can get their bikes inspected and registered and

visit the Rye Airfield Table.

Last Spring was our first Bike to School event in collaboration



with SRTS and other Bike/Pedestrian Project Partners. There were great prizes throughout the Seacoast and some Rye students were big winners. Hopefully we will be



having similar prizes and as May approaches, I will have more information. This year Seacoast Bike/Walk to Work Week and

Commute Green Events will be the week of May 14th to the 18th and National Bike/Walk day will be Friday, May 18, 2012

Kimberly Reed,
Planning & Zoning Administrator

The Rye Heritage Commission: Considering Town Hall Preservation, Restoration, Renovation

The Rye Heritage Commission, created by a majority vote of Rye citizens last March pursuant to New Hampshire law, will consider the preservation, restoration, and renovation of the Town Hall. The Commission intends to hold these discussions with members of the Historical District Commission (Town Hall stands within the Historic District) and the Rye Historical Society.

Several surveys of town members, town officials and administrators have indicated desires to preserve certain aspects of the present Town Hall such as the exterior and the second floor tin ceiling, to restore the meeting hall and stage on the second floor, to retain the twin winding stairs, and to replace the single-pane windows with double-pane windows.

If the great hall is restored to its original purpose, how will the offices currently housed there be accommodated? If needed greater square footage for town operations were in an addition, how would it relate to the present building?

The members of the Heritage Commission are:

Mae Bradshaw, Chair;

Richard Davis, Vice Chair;

Sarah Hall, Clerk;

Jane Holway;

Priscilla Jenness, Selectman Representative;

Alex Herlihy, Alternate, and

Peter White, Alternate.

Please speak to any of these Commission members about your ideas of improving the Town Hall.

Rye Historical Society to Give Rye History Trolley Tour

The Rye Historical Society will offer a Rye History Trolley Tour on Saturday, April 14, from 10–11:30 a.m. The tour will begin at the Town Museum (next to the Rye Public Library) and will proceed down Central Road to Ocean Boulevard heading north to Odiorne Point. There will be stops along the way before returning to the museum.

This tour is an RHS fund raiser to support the Town Museum. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$18 for children and seniors. To sign up and reserve a place, send your name, telephone number and the number of people in your party to RHS: info@ryenhistoricalsociety.org Payment in the form of cash or check (made out to: Rye Historical Society) will be collected on the day of the tour.

Those who sign up will receive: A one year free membership to the Rye Historical Society/Museum, a copy of "Rye History in a Clam Shell," and a special invitation to visit the museum after the tour for a showing of historic photos. **Note:** If anything changes in your plans to attend, please contact us by calling 997-6742 as soon as possible and not later than 24 hours before the event.

Town Hall Program —Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

On Thursday April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Rye Library, RHS will present a program about the history of the town hall and the Rye Historical Society's proposal for preserving this historic building. If an addition is deemed to be the way to provide needed square footage for town operations, RHS will also look at how an addition should relate to the historic hall.

Winter Hours at the Museum

Visitors are welcome to visit the museum on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 p.m. The Maritime

2012 SUMMER HELP WANTED

OCEAN BEACHFRONT
DIRECTOR/LIFEGUARD
SUPERVISOR

The Town of Rye seeks a mature, responsible individual to recruit, hire, schedule, and supervise a staff of Red Cross certified lifeguards for its three town beaches. Other duties include equipment control and training. Work week includes weekends, five days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday June 23 through Labor Day, Monday, September 3. Competitive pay. Send letter of interest and resume by Monday, April 16, to *Town of Rye Beach Commission, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870, Fax: (603) 964-1516, or e-mail: nweiand@town.rye.nh.us*

LIFEGUARDS

The Town of Rye is seeking responsible individuals to serve on its safety patrol staff of certified lifeguards. Start Saturday, June 23 through Labor Day, Monday September 3, five-day work week, 9-5 includes weekends. Salary \$10/\$12 hr, depending on experience. Applications may be found on the Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us or may be requested by calling 603-964-5523. Applications and letters of interest with copies of up-to-date certifications will be accepted until Monday, April 16. Send to Town of Rye Beach Commission, 10 Central Road, Rye NH 03870, or via fax to (603) 964-1516 or by e-mail to nweiand@town.rye.nh.us

exhibit continues to expand, including a "History of Fishing out of Rye Harbor" section. **The museum is open on request by calling 997-6742. Regular hours resume in May: Saturdays 10–2 and Wed. 2–4.** For further info, see our web site:

www.ryenhistoricalociety.org

Alex Herlihy
Chairman, Rye Historical Society

Summer Programs at the Rye Public Library

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

Rye Public Library Sets New Standards in 2012!

Welcome to the many community members visiting the Rye Public Library during our new Wednesday evening hours until 8 p.m.! We're happy to report that our added hours on Wednesday nights are quickly growing to the usage levels we have enjoyed on our other open evenings: Tuesdays and Thursdays. In January 2012, circulation activity on Wednesday nights reached 60 percent of our busy Thursday nights! This is surely a sign of things to come throughout the year, and a reflection of the opportunity our added hours offer those whose work schedules prevent them from visiting the Library during the daytime. Our strategic planning process identified this need, and we responded through the addition of 156 open hours on Wednesday nights in 2012. This was the first of a long list of objectives we will begin to address as our plan officially gets fully under way later this spring.

Throughout 2011, our Strategic Planning Committee, composed of community members, Library staff, and Trustee representation, worked to develop our planning process and fulfill a series of community definition projects

to gain further understanding of Rye, our existing Town Master Plan, and the future directions of the Library. The community was strongly involved in the planning process through our Visioning Session and Technology focus events. With this direct input, we worked to set new standards for the Rye Public Library and determine our role in helping meet the community's needs and do our part to fulfill Rye's Master Plan. We've established new vision and mission statements for RPL and developed four major goals with over 100 objectives to better serve you, further integrate the Library into the Rye community, and work cooperatively toward the lofty goals of the Town Master Plan.

Thanks to all who contributed to this valuable undertaking, and watch for the final Rye Public Library Three Year Strategic Plan to be available for your review later this Spring. With our successful Wednesday hours being just the first objective we've met, there is much to look forward to!

Andy Richmond, Director

Ongoing Activities

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join this lively discussion group! Now offering two sessions:

Third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

3/20 *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

4/17 *The Bells* by Richard Harvell

5/15 *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.! Enjoy our new projection system!

3/7 The Way 123 min PG-13

3/14 Mildred Peirce part 1 168 min TVMA

3/21 Mildred Peirce part 2 168 min TVMA

3/28 Moneyball 133 min PG-13

4/4 Higher Ground 109 min R

4/11 We Bought a Zoo 124 min PG

4/18 Inside Hana's Suitcase 88 min NR

4/25 The Ides of March 101 min R

5/2 Burlesque 119 min PG-13

5/9 Margin Call 107 min R

5/16 Buck 89 min PG

5/23 Take Shelter 120 min R

5/30 The Descendants 115 min R

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.

Generations Genealogy Club:

First Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL!

3/6, 4/3, 5/1

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! All skill levels are welcome to join this welcoming group.

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! Schedule will be determined based on response and weather considerations.

Sponsored by Friends of the Rye Public Library

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

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Museum of Science, Boston

New England Aquarium (NEW!)

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

Museum of Art, Portland, Maine

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Summer Programs at the Rye Public Library

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Childrens Museum, Dover
Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Historical New England
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester
Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Library Spring Programming 2012 ~ Arts, Food and Music Abound!

Tuesday, 3/13 from 7–8 p.m.

“Gluten Free Cooking with Oonagh” Presenter: Oonagh Williams, Award Winning Chef and Culinary Instructor.

Learn more about cooking tasty, healthy and allergy conscious recipes with regionally known chef and authority Oonagh Williams, as seen on WMUR TV and the Cooks Corner.

Wednesday, 3/14 from 7–8 p.m.

“Raised on Songs and Stories, and evening with Paul Carroll; Irish Balladeer” Presenter: Paul Carroll, Irish Musician.

A touch of the craic here at RPL! Just in time for everyone’s favorite emerald event, join us for this authentic voice of Ireland. Hear samples at his website: www.pjcarroll.com

Thursday, 3/15 from 7–8 p.m.

“Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist” Presenter: Margaret Burgess, Associate Curator, European Art, Portland Museum of Art.

Find out more about this exciting show at PMA on view February 23 through May 28, 2012, which will feature compelling works from a private collection that have never been exhibited together publicly. PMA passes available at RPL through the Friends of RPL!

Watch our website for a full schedule of other topical and timely programming to complement the Friends of the Rye Public Library Programming Series throughout 2012.
All programs are free and open to the public!

Art Exhibits 2012

Jan. thru March. Upstairs: Mary Vermeersch and Students.

Jan. thru March. Downstairs: Rye Public Library Art Committee Invitational Show: *Artist’s Choice*
The Rye Public Library Art Committee invites your submission to the Artist’s Choice show; all media; drop-offs January 2–6. Upcoming show: Birds and Blooms; all media; drop-offs March 27–30, 2012

SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library

with our new Technology Librarian Lisa Breton-Eaton!
Use our computers or bring your own.

COMPUTER TUTOR SESSIONS Mondays 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. *Sign up for 15 min. sessions*

This is your chance to bring in computer-related questions about specific tasks you may want to learn such as: how to move or copy files and folders, how to protect your computer from spyware attacks, or how to change your margins in a document.

TECH TALK Second and fourth Wednesdays each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wed. 4/11 Introduction to Computers: *Basics*

Wed. 4/25 Computer Basics: Spring Clean up

Wed. 5/9 Computer Basics: Files and Folders

Wed. 5/23 Managing Digital Photos

Wed. 6/13 Computer Basics: *Internet Security*

Wed. 6/27 Round Them Up! Managing ALL my Programs

Device Advice Sessions Fridays 10–11:30 a.m. *Sign up for 15 min. sessions*

Learn to borrow downloadable content for your e-reader or tablet through Rye Public Library.

Spring 2011 Youth Department Programs

Gaming with Lisa 1st and 4th Tuesdays, 3–4:30 p.m.

We’ll be alternating really fun games on our XBOX 360 with Kinect for each session. Check the website for each week’s game; ratings range from E for Everyone to E 10+ to T for Teen. No sign-up is required; just drop in.

Story Times Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Preschool/kindergarten story time is offered every Wednesday. Join us for stories, music, rhymes, and a fun craft! No sign-up is required.

Pajama Story Time

3rd Tuesday in March, April, and May 6:30–7 p.m.

Lisa and Andy are hosting a pajama story time! Have some dinner, then get into your jammies, bring a stuffed animal friend, and head to the library for some bedtime stories.

Afternoon Crafts for Teens March Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Each afternoon, we’ll feature a teen craft—no need to sign up—just drop in!

Family Friday Flick Movies 2nd Friday, 3:10 p.m.

Just for families! Most shows rated G; please be sure the movie is appropriate for the age level of your child. No sign-up is required. Check our website for the scheduled shows.

Family Game Night

4th Wednesdays in March, April, and May 6:30–8 p.m.

Check out all our fun games! Come in with the whole family to enjoy board games, card games, and even video games.

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Building Department *Springs into Action!*

The Building Department is ready to “spring” ahead in the realm of “building safety.” While we are called the Building Department, our function is better described as the building safety department. In conjunction with the Fire Department we ensure that all buildings in Rye are built and maintained to meet the safety standards the public has come to expect and deserves.

As your new Building Inspector, I would like to introduce myself. I come to Rye with a lifetime of experience working in the “building” environment. I have 25 years of experience as a building contractor in southern NH and 12 years as a building official, serving the past 4 years as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Hooksett, NH. Over the past few years I have achieved certification from the International Code Council as a Residential Building Inspector. Certifications are kept current by attending monthly training sessions sponsored by the NH Building Officials Association, International Code Council and the State Fire Marshal Office. I am actively working towards a certification as a Floodplain Manager.

Rye is blessed with miles of beautiful coastline, which we all enjoy; however, it is vulnerable to flooding and the damage it can present. In 1986, the Town adopted a Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance. This ordinance sets requirements for all development within the identified floodplain. It states that all development requires a permit to be issued before the work is started and defines development as “. . . any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.” If you have any question as to whether you need a permit or if you wonder if your property is in the floodplain, please contact this office.

The other natural feature that Rye has an abundant supply of is wetlands and marshes. They serve many important functions, including a home for birds, amphibians, reptiles, and insects. They also serve to buffer the effects of floods. The Rye Zoning Ordinance has many provisions to protect these areas, one being a 75’ buffer around them. A well-vegetated natural buffer ensures that any pollutants are filtered out before they enter the wetlands and the sub-surface water systems. Some of the common pollutants that have adverse effects on the wetlands are fertilizers and pesticides used in lawn care and run-off from animal wastes.

A few other notes of importance: (1) The DES Subsurface Bureau now requires a new design for all replacement septic systems. (2) The State Building Code has adopted the 2009 suite of codes developed by the International Code Council along with the NFPA 2011 Electrical Code. (3) Please check to see if you meet the Town ordinance requiring that all buildings have a street number clearly visible

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Teen Friday Flick Movies 4th Friday, 3:10 p.m.
Teen movies—rated PG or PG13. Free popcorn and drink with every show! Check our website for the scheduled shows. Please be sure the movie is appropriate for the age level of your child. No sign-up is required.

Knitting with Pam 1st and 3rd Fridays, 3–4:30 p.m.
Pam Anthony will work with you on your knitting skills. No sign-up is required. Recommended for 4th–12th graders.

Lego Mania 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3–4:30 p.m.
No need to sign-up for this drop-in Lego craziness!! Just come on in and start construction. All ages; no sign-up required.

Teen Advisory Board 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Our team of young adults meets once per month to discuss library programming projects, collection development, and just to have fun and eat snacks! Please call Lisa H. if you are interested.

YAttitudes: Parent/Student Book Club 2nd Tuesday, 7–8 p.m.
Teens may come with their parent(s) or on their own to discuss a new book each month, and have delicious snacks. Check the library website for titles, or just give us a call. No sign-up is required.

Scene Stealers
March 22, 3:30–5:30 p.m. / Performance @ 5:15
May 17, 3:30–5:30 p.m. / Performance @ 5:15

Join Sarah Labadie! Kids will develop a play, establish their characters, and then perform it—all in one afternoon. For kids in grades 3–8; sign-up is required.

Theatre Games April 19, 4–5 p.m.
Sarah Labadie works with kids to play various theatre games during this hour-long session. Sign-up is required.

Beading Euphoria
March, April, and May Dates to be announced
Create some marvelous beaded jewelry with Lisa H. Please plan to bring your own beading supplies; call for the list of materials. Sign-up is required and space is limited to between 6 and 8 participants. Grades 5 and up, please.

Dates and times are subject to change; please check our website at ryepubliclibrary.org for updated information, or call us: 964-8401.

from the street giving access to the property. (4) **Remember to check your Smoke Detectors monthly!**

Please feel free to contact this office with any questions you may have. Hours open to the public are 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Monday through Friday. The afternoon is reserved for inspections, research, and pre-scheduled appointments.

Peter Rowell, Building Inspector
964-5800, ext. 20
Email: prowell@town.rye.nh.us

Town Clerk's Message (Continued from page 1)

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 is a busy year for voting as we have four elections. Now that the Presidential Primary is over, you can look forward to three more elections: Town Election on March 13, State Primary Election on September 11, and General Election on November 6.

For those who voted at the Presidential Primary and were dismayed to find you were not listed in the party of your choice, *now is the time to fix this problem*. Voters who are undeclared going in to any primary election may choose to vote in either party. They may also change back to undeclared status right there at the election.

If the voter does not change back to undeclared, they will be listed in the party they voted for at the election. Many voters forget to change back and are disappointed when voting in the next primary election and find they cannot vote in the party of their choice.

The deadline to change your party affiliation before the September primary election is **JUNE 5**. Just stop by this office or go to one of the sessions when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet and fill out a brief form. It only takes a few minutes and there will be no surprises at the next primary election.

On-line Services: Once again we are offering the ability to license your dogs, purchase Beach Parking Permits, and to pay your tax and sewer bills online. To use these services, just go to the town's web site listed above.

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 pre-

sented 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. For property owners with motels or cottages who wish to purchase permits for them, proof of payment of Cabin License Fees will be required.

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 of age	6.50
Unaltered dog	9.00
Senior citizens (over 65) may license one dog at a discounted price	2.00

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

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Assessing Department News

I will be closing in on my first year as your Assessor by the time this newsletter is printed. It is amazing how quickly time flies by. It has been an interesting year with many changes at the state level with new laws that pertain to assessing. One thing for sure, it is never boring. I greatly appreciate the support I have received from the Board of Selectmen and the people I have met while out in the field. Joanne Drewniak has been my right-hand person. She is able to answer many of your questions and is currently working on updating the Tax Exempt properties, required every year.

The 2012 Statistical Update is proposed to commence after the March 13 town vote. KRT Appraisal will be out in the field re-measuring and inspecting recent sales. If you are not home, they will make a second attempt to meet with you. Please allow them access to your property as this will allow for more accurate assessments throughout town. A town-wide field review will also take place. Notices of new values will be mailed to you and taxpayer hearings will follow sometime in the late summer or early fall. I will be monitoring the process along with the NH Department of Revenue Administration. The Assessing Department will post information on the Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us and on the Town Hall bulletin board.

I will be out and about reviewing building permits this spring, continuing the cyclical review of 20-25 percent of properties. Please call for an appointment if you should receive one of my cards. I will make two attempts to inspect your home.

The Assessing Department can be reached at 964-5523. We will be pleased to answer any of your questions.

Once again, Thank You for your support this past year and I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months.

Norm LeBlond C.N.H.A.
Rye Assessing Dept.

Joanne Drewniak
Assessing Technician

Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2012

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 6:30 pm
**Heritage
Commission**

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6 7 pm
Planning Board

7 9 am
**Rye Water
District 60 Sagamore
Zoning Board
of Adjustment**

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*Daylight Savings
Time begins*

12 6:30 pm
**Board of
Selectmen**

13 8 am–7 pm
TOWN ELECTION
Rye Elementary
9 am Sewer Commission

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15 7 pm
**Conservation
Commission**

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*First day of
Spring*

21 6 pm
School Board
Rye Junior High

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26 6:30 pm
**Board of
Selectmen**

27 7 pm
**Technical
Review Comm.**

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31 10 am
Rye Water Dist.
Annual Meeting
Jr. High

April 2012

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4 9 am
**Rye Water
District 60 Sagamore
Zoning Board
of Adjustment**

5 6:30 pm
**Heritage
Commission**

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Easter

9 6:30 pm
**Board of
Selectmen**

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Commission
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Planning Board

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School Board
Rye Junior High

19 7 pm
**Conservation
Commission**

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23 6:30 pm
**Board of
Selectmen**

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**Technical
Review
Committee**

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May 2012

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**Rye Water
District 60 Sagamore
Zoning Board
of Adjustment**

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**Heritage
Commission**

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Commission
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Planning Board

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**Board of
Selectmen**

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School Board
Rye Junior High

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**Conservation
Commission**

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28 *Memorial
Day (observed)
Town offices
closed*

29 6:30 pm **Board
of Selectmen**
7 pm **Technical
Review Committee**

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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

YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE INSURANCE

Each and every year, the owner of a single family home will receive a bill from their insurance carrier for what is commonly known as a "homeowner's policy" that would normally cover such things as storm damage, property liability and loss of personal property. One component of a homeowner's policy is for loss due to fire. The average person probably doesn't give it a second thought, *but how does the insurance carrier know what to charge as an annual premium?*

Along comes ISO (Insurance Services Office) the leading supplier of statistical, underwriting, and actuarial information for the insurance industry. Every ten to fifteen years, an ISO field representative will visit a community to review the municipal fire department's capabilities in order to establish or reaffirm the fire insurance rating classification for the community commonly known as the PPC (Public Protection Classification).

The ISO field engineer will look at the fire department for such things as the response times and the capability for fire attack, the age and condition of the fire apparatus and all of the various hoses and equipment carried on the fire trucks; firefighter staffing levels, training records and department policies and procedures. When this portion of the survey is completed, a point value will be assigned

The town's water main and hydrant system and the volume of water available from various fire hydrants connected to the system will be carefully studied along with storage tank capacities and maintenance records. The municipal water system counts for fully 40 percent of the town's fire protection grading.

The next area to be reviewed is the fire alarm and communications portion of the grading. How the fire emergency calls are answered and the methods of alerting the firefighters along with the number of dispatchers on duty at the county dispatch facility are studied.

Visitor to Jenness Beach



This Harbor Seal pup visited Jenness Beach recently. Photo courtesy of Michael Labrie.

Once the evaluation is complete and the various points are added up, a numerical grade will be assigned somewhere between 1 and 10 (1 being the best and 10 the worst) Following the ISO visit in 2007, Rye's classification remained at 5/9. That means that any property within 5 miles of the fire station and 1000' of a fire hydrant falls into Class 5 and others into Class 9 which would pay a higher premium for fire insurance.

Rye is somewhat unique in that the

Town has properties that actually fall into Class 10, which means that there is no fire department available. Those properties are White, Star, and Seavey Islands, which are all part of the Isles of Shoals and lie geographically within the Town of Rye.

So much for your lesson on Fire Insurance 101. On a more timely matter, this winter has been good to us so far and every day of bare ground is a day closer to summer. Enjoy.

William H. Sullivan
Fire Chief

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My Voting Notes

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk, Tax Collector, 3
years (1)

Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist, 3
years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (2)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 1 years (1)

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

Amendment 8. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 9. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 10. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 4.

Amendment 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 5. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 6. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 7. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 8. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 9. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 10. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 11. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 12. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 13. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 14. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 15. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 16. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 17. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 18. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 19. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 20. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 21. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 22. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 23. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 24. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 25. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 26. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 27. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 28. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 29. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 30. ☐Yes ☐No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member,
3 years (1)

School District Moderator,
3 years (1)

School District Clerk,
3 years (1)

Article 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 2. ☐Yes ☐No

ON ELECTION DAY, MARCH 13

PLEASE USE THIS REVISION OF

"MY VOTING NOTES"

Vote at the Elementary School
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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