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Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 11th Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Selectmen's Message:

VOTER DECISIONS TO BE MADE ON MARCH 11TH

As expected, three topics dominated the discussion of Warrant Articles at the Deliberative Session held on February first: the 3 million dollar Conservation Commission Bond Fund article, a \$250,000 Town Hall final planning phase request and beach issue articles. One hundred and ninety six registered voters attended the marathon session with a large number remaining until close to its 3:35 p.m. conclusion.

The 2014 budget was finalized at \$9,079,898.00, up \$399,421 over 2013 (\$8,680,627.00). This figure, less offsetting revenue, leaves \$5,726,740 to be raised by taxes. This figure does not include the cost of any warrant articles.

A breakdown of the impact of money warrant articles, based on our current valuation of \$1,763,653,590.00, is as follows:

	<u>Amount of Warrant Article</u>	<u>Tax Impact Per \$1000</u>
Article #7 Conservation Land Acquisition	\$3,000,000	\$.000 (2014)
Article #8 Town Hall: Final Planning Phase	250,000	.141
Article #9 PWD Front End Loader	45,000	.025
Article #10 PWD 6 Wheel Dump Truck (Capital Reserve)	150,000	.000
Article #11 Wallis Road Box Culvert	150,000	.085
Article #12 Town Employees/Collective Bargaining	9,700	.005
Article #14 Police Dept./Collective Bargaining	7,746	.004
Article #16 PWD One-ton Truck (Capital Reserve)	65,000	.000
Article #17 Police Personnel	46,915	.026
Article #18 Fire Dept./Ladder Truck (Grant Offset)	15,000	.009
Article #19 Highway Capital Reserve Fund	100,000	.056
Article #20 Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund	50,000	.028
Article #21 Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,000	.003

Article #7, if approved, will allow the Conservation Commission to continue acquisition of easements and open space with particular emphasis on protection of water quality.

Article #8 requests funding for the final stages of the Town Hall design planning process to include Schematic Design, Design Development and preparation of Construction Documents for the consideration of voters a year from now. **A summary of the extensive preparation accomplished**

to date through grants, work in kind, dedicated committees and voter approved warrant articles follows in a Special Town Hall Report.

Articles #9, #10 and #16 concern purchase of highway equipment. The Town of Rye maintains 15 pieces of major highway equipment which are in various stages of their life expectancy. **Article 9** requests a front end loader for use both on the road and within the Transfer Station. \$45,000 represents year one of a 3-year lease/

TOWN REPORTS

AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2013 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 4 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 that one be mailed to you.

purchase agreement. **Article #10**, purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck to replace an older high mileage 6-wheel dump truck, **and Article #16**, purchase of a new 1-ton truck (used to plow our many small roads) to replace an older high mileage ¾ ton truck, **will not impact the tax rate as the funds have been set aside in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.**

Article #19 will add \$100,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve Account. It has been determined through the Capital Improvement Plan process that, given the current highway equipment required and the estimated replacement cost and life expectancy of each piece, it is necessary to appropriate \$100,000

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annually to be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve Account to keep from falling behind.

Article #11, if approved, will replace a deteriorating box culvert on Wallis Road. Of the three culverts on Wallis Road, this is the closest to Ocean Boulevard and it is failing. Replacement will not alter the water flow and will have no impact on a legal matter currently in the court system.

Articles #12 and #14 are the result of collective bargaining agreements concluded with two of our three labor unions: Rye Town Employees Association composed of Public Works employees and Town Hall staff, and the Rye Town Police Association. These figures are primarily the result of cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Only the Fire Fighters contract has not been settled.

Article #17 is a police personnel request. Police Chief Walsh has asked for an additional full time police officer. His request was recommended by a vote of 2 to 1 by the Board of Selectmen and 6 to 0 by the Budget Committee. At the present time, we have one shift daily that is covered by a single officer. \$46,915.00 represents 6 months service as Chief Walsh hopes to hire by June first.

Regarding **Article #18**, \$15,000 represents the amount to be raised by taxation in the event that Rye receives an Assistance to Fire-fighter Grant in the amount of \$285,000. This grant, plus the \$15,000 offset amount, will allow purchase of a fire department ladder truck (\$300,000) to replace our 1988 ladder truck. If this article is approved and the grant is not awarded, the appropriation will lapse and the funds will not be expended.

Article #20 requests approval of \$50,000 to be added to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund. The balance in this account as of 12/31/13 was \$155,247.78 and our liability on the same date was

\$482,309.82. The Department of Revenue Administration advises towns to maintain this account at a level equal to 50% of their liability. For Rye, as of 12/31/13, that amount was \$241,655. During 2013, three employees (2 police officers and a deputy town clerk/tax collector) left our employ requiring funds from this account. Even with approval of the requested \$50,000, this account will not yet be funded at the recommended level.

Article #21: Approval of this article will add \$5,000 to the Library Building Maintenance Fund as a means of planning in advance for major repairs and/or replacement within the library.

Article #22: \$9,079,898 is the Town operating budget, the result of a lengthy budgetary process. It is unanimously recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. It does not include any of the preceding Warrant Articles.

Article #23 is a Beach Use Ordinance, developed by the Beach Use Study Committee approved by voters in 2013. The goals of this ordinance are: beach safety and enjoyment of the beach for all beach goers and protection of the Town from liability.

These articles are followed by 3 petition articles and **Article #27**, which, if approved, allows the BOS to sell at public auction, or sealed bid, surplus Town equipment not traded in on new equipment. This is a necessary annual warrant article for a rarely used process.

Board of Selectmen,
Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Craig N. Musselman, Vice Chairman
Priscilla V. Jenness, Selectman

MOVING FORWARD ON TOWN HALL: A PREFACE

Relentlessly, the effects of growing population; consolidation and expansion of municipal services;

increasing rules and regulations; storage of materials, maps and records; and the explosion of technology, which added copiers, fax machines, computers, printers and other office equipment, have devoured space at Town Hall, obscuring its interior historic features as meeting space disappeared and office work areas have become over crowded.

That said, you should be aware that regardless of the various decisions of the Boards of Selectmen over time to cram more activity into little available space, nothing has been done to our historic building that cannot be reversed.

The building itself is in dire need of updating to include bringing it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The needs are clear and progress has been made toward the goal of restoring our historic Town Hall to functioning community meeting space and providing adequate up to date space within which to efficiently conduct the business of the Town.

A number of steps have been taken with minimal investment by taxpayers:

2009 An energy audit was done at Town Hall.

2010 1. A Block Grant was written for a geothermal heating cooling system and solar attic fans in the amount of \$138,053 plus a required Town match (\$20,000) which used "in kind" work. The grant was awarded in 2011 and, later, an additional grant of \$20,000 was received.

2. A structural analysis of Town Hall footings and foundation, attic roof construction and structural roof support system was accomplished.

2011 A Town Hall Functions and Space Needs Study (\$40,000) was approved and completed. The study produced valuable data; but a warrant article to move forward with the next stage of design was defeated.

2012 1. A Town Hall Space Needs Committee was formed, chaired by

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Ned Paul. Representatives of Town boards, committees and commissions and Town Staff (non-voting) made up the composition of the committee.

2. The geothermal heating/cooling system was installed as well as the solar attic fans.

3. Town Hall roofing was done (using encumbered funds) to prevent further deterioration.

2013 1. A Warrant Article for \$60,000 was approved to retain an architect/engineer to prepare schematic designs for restoration of our historic Town Hall and additional space for conducting the business of the Town in keeping with the Space Needs Study plus preparation of a Facilities Master Plan.

2. A Warrant Article was also approved (\$9,800) for analysis of the old Trolley Building/Police Station. It was important to complete this study first as the possibility of using this building as part of our space needs solution came up in every discussion.

No lead or asbestos was found in samples tested; but moisture and fungal spores were found throughout the building, although not the black (toxic) type. Cost estimates and possible building configurations for 3 scenarios were developed: storage only, storage/office and offices only. Lack of parking all but rules out the offices only option. An estimated cost to raze the structure was also included.

3. A Town Hall Committee was formed, composed of Space Needs Committee members wishing to stay, new members and an additional Selectman. The first task of this committee was to select an architect to develop schematic designs and a Facilities Master Plan in keeping with the Warrant Article from among the 4 responses to Request for Proposals sent out in early summer. Ultimately, Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture, Inc. of Concord, NH was chosen.

4. Victor Azzi was voted Chairman of the Town Hall Committee, with Paula Merritt as Vice-Chair and Beth Yeaton, Clerk. Chairman Azzi's Town Hall Committee Report follows.

Board of Selectmen

RYE TOWN HALL A Status Report

Following an uncertain and tentative start in July of 2013, the Town Hall Committee selected and has been working with SMP Architecture, with members coming together and working unitedly and doggedly to achieve the goals entrusted to them by the vote of the people of Rye in March of 2013. As represented by the Schematic Design, the proposed solution, with the unanimous approval and support of the Committee, is a renovated/restored Rye Town Hall building, connected to a modest new neighboring building, which, together, will serve the needs of the Town Offices for many years to come. The old and new buildings will be functionally connected to one another by an internal building corridor, resulting in a coherent, functional, energy-efficient, flexible, organizationally-connected set of Town Offices, Meeting Rooms, and service facilities with appropriate adjacencies, integrated in a seamless fashion.

The genius of this solution, respecting the historic character of the Rye Town Hall, is that on this limited central site in the Rye Town Center, there will appear to be two separate, independent, and neighboring buildings, while, in reality, they will be connected through the shared entry plaza and the below-plaza internal corridor to act as one. The site design and improvements will include a pedestrian connection from the large upper parking lot to the

plaza and, further, to the lower parking lot, all together providing a crossroads of convenient and accessible connections for all people to, into, and through both buildings and parking lots.

The conventional architectural process includes the several phases referred to as *Programming, Schematic Design, Design Development, and Construction Documents* (Drawings and Specifications). With the completion of this year's work, we are ready to continue with the process. A Warrant Article requesting \$250,000 will be on the Town Warrant seeking approval from the Town's voters on March 11, 2014. With that approval, the Committee will critically review the results of the earlier Programming and Schematic Design phases and, then, proceed with the Design Development and Construction Document phases, in open, transparent, public proceedings, to their completion. With the Construction Documents in hand, fixed-price, lump-sum competitive bids will be solicited from prequalified competing General Contractors. An analysis and evaluation of those bids will allow for a construction cost and total project cost to be determined and reported to the Rye voters in January of 2015, allowing them to determine whether the Town is ready and willing to vote in March of 2015 to proceed with construction of this project. Considering the state of the economy, the ever-changing design industry as well as the construction industry, are still able and eager to take on new work at costs and with timetables likely to be favorable to the taxpayers of the Town of Rye.

Facilities Master Plan

During this same period, a companion piece of work has been undertaken by the Town Hall Committee, working with SMP Architecture, as approved and directed by the voters in March of 2013 --- the creation of a *Facilities Master Plan* for the Town of Rye. This document is

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to be a planning document to be used by all Town Boards, particularly the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Conservation Commission. It provides a baseline map and compilation report as a point of departure for those contemplating the building of buildings or other physical improvements or changes of use or ownership for Rye Town properties. It is to include all buildings, lands, and other facilities owned by, existing in, or having easements to/from the Town, including the Schools, State Parks and Beaches, the Water Districts, etc.. It should be helpful to the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Committee, the Capital Improvements Program, and the Master Planning efforts. Among the outcomes, with this document, there should be no surprises, going forward, as the result of one department or another, or one board or another, not knowing what others in this town are planning to do and when.

Victor Azzi, Chairman
Rye Town Hall Committee

Moderator's Message

Please Vote on March 11th!

The Town and School District election will be held on March 11th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 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. FDR once said that "nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves . . . by not voting." At 25%, turnout in the 2013 Town election declined by 8.4% from 2012. With many contested races on this year's ballot, I expect to see a huge increase! I hope you will vote on March 11th.

Warrant Articles on the

Ballot: There are 27 articles on the Town ballot. In addition to the \$9,079,898 budget, 11 Selectmen's articles seek to, among other things, (1) establish a Conservation Land Acquisition Fund through the issuance of up to \$3,000,000 in bonds, (2) complete the design process for the renovation of and addition to Town Hall (\$250,000), (3) purchase a new dump truck (\$150,000), a new 1-ton truck (\$65,000), and a new fire truck (\$300,000), (4) enter into a 3-year lease to purchase contract for a new front-end loader (\$45,000 payment in 2014 on a \$175,000 contract), and (5) hire a new police patrolman (\$46,915 for 6 months in 2014). New union contracts with town employees and the Police Department are also on the ballot for voter approval. An article drafted by the Town Beach Use Ordinance Committee would establish a permitting process for the commercial use of Town beaches and the rental of certain beach equipment. If that article is defeated, two other articles brought by citizens' petitions would, if approved, require the Selectmen to consider taking other steps to limit the commercial use of the beaches.

The School District ballot contains just one article – the \$13,213,843 operating budget. The default budget is \$13,098,881.

Contested Races on the Ballot: There are 6 contested races in this year's election. On the Town ballot, the races are as follows: (1) Board of Selectmen, 1 seat: Joe Mills and Mae Bradshaw; (2) Library Trustee, 2 seats: Judy Terhune, Brian Klinger and Karen Allen; (3) Budget Committee, 2 seats: Skip Page, Jaci Grote and Paul Goldman; (4) Planning Board, 2 seats: Keriann Roman, Patrick Kane, Jerry Gittlein and Brian Amend; and (5) Sewer Commission, 1 seat: Dave Kohlhase and Robert Burns. On the School ballot, 5 people are running for 2 seats on the School Board – Glenn Walker, Alissa

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Tweedie, Jeanne Moynahan, Kate Hillman and Randy Crapo. The terms in all the uncontested races are for 3 years.

The whole ballot, the proposed Town budget, and the proposed School District budget are posted on the Town website at www.town.rye.nh.us.

Voter ID, Registration & Absentee Ballots

Don't forget that **New Hampshire has a voter ID law.** Ballot clerks must ask voters to present an authorized photo ID when they check in. **Voters who do not present an acceptable ID will still be allowed to vote if they sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit.**

Acceptable IDs, which have changed slightly since the last election, **are as follows:** (1) a driver's license issued by any state or the federal government; (2) an ID card issued under RSA 260:21 or a nondriver's ID card issued by the motor vehicles division, department, agency or office of any state; (3) a US armed services ID card; (4) a US passport or passcard; (5) certain valid student ID cards, even if they have no expiration date; or (6) a legitimate photo ID as determined by the Town Moderator, the Town Clerk, or the Supervisors of the Checklist. Unless otherwise noted above, an ID may not be more than 5 years past expiration unless the voter is over 65. In addition, the Town Moderator, the Town Clerk or a Supervisor of the Checklist may verify a person's identity.

Finally, you can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours from now through Friday, February 28th, or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Saturday, March 1st, between 11 and 11:30 a.m. at Town Hall. **You can also register and vote at the polls on election day.** If you can't get to the polls, you can apply for an **absentee ballot** at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election. See you at the polls!

Bob Eaton
Town & School District Moderator

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Town of Rye

March 11, 2014

FOR MODERATOR

for two years
ROBERT G. EATON

Vote for one

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years
JOE MILLS
MAE C. BRADSHAW

Vote for one

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years
ROGER O. PHILBRICK

Vote for one

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years
KAREN ALLEN
BRIAN S. KLINGER
JUDY TERHUNE

Vote for two

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for six years
MADELINE L. CHICHESTER

Vote for one

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years
JEFFREY BALBONI

Vote for one

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years
PAUL GOLDMAN
JACI GROTE
SKIP PAGE

Vote for two

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for one year
MELVIN R. LOW

Vote for one

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years
KERIANN ROMAN
BRIAN AMEND
JEROME A. GITTLEIN
PATRICK KANE

Vote for two

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

for three years
PAUL GOLDMAN
SHAWN CRAPO

Vote for two

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years
DAVID KOHLHASE
ROBERT J. BURNS

Vote for one

ARTICLE 3

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Amendment 1: Proposed by Rye Planning Board.

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

Add a new section to the Aquifer Protection District to require recertification every two years that a property remains in compliance

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 11th! 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.

with all conditions of the conditional use permit and all applicable special requirements of § 306.5 and all applicable performance standards of § 306.6. Failure to file such an affidavit shall be deemed a rebuttable presumption that the property is not in compliance.

Explanation

The amendment provides a mechanism for the town to monitor a property's continued compliance with conditional use permits issued within the Aquifer Protection District.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 2: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Update outdated references to the "NH Water Supply and Control Commission" (or Board) to "NH Department of Environmental Services".

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 3: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend § 301.8 Wetlands Buffer to clarify that a vernal pool does not have to be 1 acre or larger in size in order for the 100 ft. wetlands buffer to apply to it.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 4: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Change the parking space width requirement from 9 ft. to 10 ft.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 5: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the § 301.8, A.3 description of the Wetlands Buffer within the Berry's Brook watershed to use a map titled: "Berry's Brook Watershed Rye, New Hampshire Wetland Soils and Tax Parcels March 2003" to portray the Berry's Brook Watershed.

Explanation

The March 2003 map provides a better delineation of the boundary of the Berry's Brook Watershed than the map in the 1998 Master Plan, which is the map currently reference in the zoning ordinance. The March 2003 map also shows wetlands and parcels within the watershed. That information is not shown on the map in the 1998 Master Plan.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 6: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend § 701.8 to change the expiration period of unused variances and special exceptions from 1 year to 2 years and to otherwise comply with state law.

Explanation

The amendment is required in order to comply with Chapter 93 of the Laws of 2013. As a result of this legislation variances and special exceptions are valid for 2 years and may be extended by the zoning board of adjustment for "good cause."

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 7: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Add a new provision establishing that unused special use permits and unused conditional use permits expire after 2 years unless the planning board has extended the permits for good cause.

Explanation

Special use permits and conditional use permits are granted by the planning board in accordance with requirements of the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance has provisions for the expiration of unused variances and special exceptions but none for unused special use permits or conditional use permits.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 8: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend § 505 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities to exempt collocation and modifications from the requirements of §'s 505.3 to 505.11. The exemption does not apply to substantial modifications of existing towers, mounts or personal wireless service facilities.

Explanation

The amendment is required in order to comply with Chapter 93 of the NH Laws of 2013 and recent changes in federal law regarding wireless telecommunications services. The changes in law reflect state and federal policies to facilitate the collocation of personal wireless services facilities on existing antenna mounts or existing towers in all areas, while also allowing for expeditious modification of existing personal wireless service facilities to keep pace with technological improvements. New towers would remain subject to the requirements of the ordinance.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 9: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Change the Title of the Aquifer Protection District to "Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District" and enlarge the district to include all of the area within the Rye Water District Wellhead Protection Area.

Explanation

This amendment was suggested by the NH Department of Environmental Services and requested by the Rye Water District (RWD) in order to enhance protection of the groundwater around RWD wells.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 10: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend § 401.8 Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) to allow the planning board to waive Subsections 401.4 B, G, L, M, N, but not Subsection 401.4, E. Amend § 401.8 Retirement Community Develop

Explanation

A word processing error referenced the wrong subsection E in the waiver provisions. Subsection E limits the density of RCD's, and it was not intended that the planning board could waive density requirements. Subsection G limits the number of dwelling units in a building to 4, and it was intended that the planning board could waive that requirement. After reviewing the RCD regulations at the end of 2013, the planning board determined that § 401.8 should also provide for waivers of Subsections B (Parcel Size); L (Occupancy); M (Floor Space); and N (Parking).

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4

Proposed amendment to Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of the Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance as proposed by the Rye Planning Board as follows?

Amend the variance requirements of § 2 to add additional requirements stated in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Explanation

The amendment makes the requirements for a variance consistent with federal law governing the town's eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program. See 44 C.F.R. 60.6.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 5. (By petition)

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of the zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows?

Shall the town amend §210.3(E relative to the allowed building area in the Business District as follows (Note: Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized):

No more than forty percent (40%) of the area of any lot shall be occupied by buildings. Driveways, parking lots, unwall covered areas, barns, sheds and other impervious areas shall not be included in the ground floor area, but their additional area, together with the total area of all buildings on the lot, shall occupy no more than forty percent (40%) of the lot. For purposes of this calculation, any area which is submerged at mean high tide, or which is wetlands, shall be subtracted from the lot area. The building requirements for dwellings in this district shall be the same as specified for dwellings in a General Residence District. No principal building other than a dwelling on a lot in this district shall have less than 1,200 square feet of ground floor area, excepting tourist camps.

Explanation

The Zoning Ordinance currently includes impervious areas in the lot coverage calculation in the General Residence District, but not the Business District. This makes the calculations more consistent, and also excludes submerged and wetlands areas from the calculation.

THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS
DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 6. (By petition)

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of the zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows?

Shall the town amend Appendix A Definitions of the Rye Zoning Ordinance for "Impervious Coverage" by adopting the definition for "Impervious Surface" of RSA 483-B:4.VII-b. (Note: Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized):

IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE, IMPERVIOUS SURFACE, IMPERMEABLE SURFACE, IMPERMEABLE AREA: Means any modified surface, area, or coverage that cannot effectively absorb or infiltrate water. Examples of such surfaces, areas, and coverage include, but are not limited to, roofs, and unless designated to effectively absorb or infiltrate water, decks, patios, and paved, gravel, or crushed stone driveways, parking area, and walkways. (RSA 483-B:4. VII-b). IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE: The addition of pavement, cement, stone or other ground cover, including buildings and structures that prevents water from flowing through to sub-soil layers. (Adopted 3/11/08)

Explanation

This amendment provides a single definition for impermeable and impervious surfaces in

the Zoning Ordinance. It is consistent with NH RSA, the scientific definition of impervious surfaces, and the Rye Master Plan-2009 Chapter 1-Vision, page 1-2: "Impervious surfaces limit natural water cleansing and potentially cause flooding."

THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS
DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to be placed in the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate under-developed land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to act on behalf of the town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands (subject to the hearing and procedural requirements of NH RSA Chapter 36-A) and to further authorize the issuance of not more than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of completing the design process, including Schematic Design, Design Development, the preparation of Construction Documents (including drawings and specifications) and the solicitation and analysis of competing construction bids from pre-qualified general contractors for the purposes of renovating the Town Hall 1839 building and building separate, connected new Town Hall office space. This project is under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with the advice and concurrence of the Town Hall Building Committee. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 9

7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for the

A YES vote allows Conservation Commission to continue acquisition of easements and open space.

A NO vote prevents Conservation Commission from continuing to acquire easements and open space.

A YES vote provides funding for the final stages of the Town Hall designing phase.

A NO vote disallows the funding for the final stages of the Town Hall designing phase.

purpose of leasing to purchase a front end loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) 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 (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to purchase a new six wheel dump truck to replace an existing older, high mileage six wheel dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) 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 (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of replacing the Wallis Road Box Culvert by public bid. Said sum to include engineering services for bidding and inspecting of the project. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 12

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

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year
	Base 2% Max 3.5%
2014 (9 mos.)	\$9,700
2015 (12 mos.)	\$13,190
2016 (12 mos.)	\$13,454

A YES vote funds \$45,000 for the first year's lease payment for a front end loader for the Public Works Dept.

A NO vote would disallow funding for a front end loader for the Public Works Dept.

A YES vote authorizes withdrawal of \$150,000 from Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a dump truck for the Public Works Dept.

A NO vote would disallow authorization to withdraw \$150,000 from Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a dump truck for the Public Works Dept.

A YES vote would raise \$150,000 to fund the replacement of the Wallis Road box culvert.

A NO vote would disallow funds for the replacement of the Wallis Road box culvert.

The range in years 2015 and 2016 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,700 for the 2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 12 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 12 cost items only?

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 14

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

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year
	Base 2% Max 3.5%
2014 (9 mos.)	\$7,746
2015 (12 mos.)	\$10,534
2016 (12 mos.)	\$10,745

The range in years 2015 and 2016 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,746 for the 2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only?

☐YES ☐NO

A YES vote would raise \$9,700 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Town Employees Association.

A NO vote would disallow funding for the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Town Employees Association.

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 12 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Art. 12 cost items.

A YES vote would raise \$7,746 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Police Association.

A NO vote would disallow funding for the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Police Association.

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Art. 14 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special meeting to address Art. 14 cost items.

ARTICLE 16

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 truck to replace an existing older, high mileage ¾ ton 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 (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to add one (1) full-time patrol officer in the Rye Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand, nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$46,915) to fund the position for the last six months of calendar year 2014. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) Note: The amount of \$46,915 to fund the position for six months in 2014 includes wages and benefits based on present figures plus the required outfitting equipment. The costs to fund this position for a full year based on present figures for wages and benefits plus uniform allowance would be \$88,326.30.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to purchase a fire department ladder truck to replace a 1988 ladder truck. This amount is to be offset by the Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the amount of two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) with the remaining amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be raised by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the ladder truck is received or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of the grant. Should the grant not be awarded the appropriation would lapse and not be expended. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

A YES vote authorizes the withdrawal of \$65,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a 1 ton truck for the Public Works Dept

A NO vote disallows withdrawal of \$65,000 from Capital Reserve Funds for the purchase of a 1 ton truck for the Public Works Dept.

A YES vote would raise \$46,915 to fund the addition of one full time police officer.

A NO vote would not raise \$46,915 to fund the addition of one full time police officer.

A YES vote would raise \$15,000 toward the purchase of a fire department ladder truck.

A NO vote would not raise \$15,000 toward the purchase of a fire department ladder truck.

ARTICLE 19

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 (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 20

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 31:91-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 (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 22

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 nine million seventy-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$9,079,898)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million seven hundred twelve thousand two hundred one dollars (\$8,712,201) 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

A YES vote would add \$100,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would not raise \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

A YES vote would add \$50,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$50,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund.

A YES vote would add \$5,000 to the Library Building Maintenance Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$5,000 to the Library Building Maintenance Fund.

A YES vote would raise \$9,079,898 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would would raise a default operating budget amount of \$8,712,201.

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. (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to amend the BEACH ORDINANCE as proposed by the Beach Use Ordinance Committee by adding new Section 13, as follows:

13. Beach Permits

a) The purpose of the Beach Permit program outlined herein shall be to allow management of the time, location, impact and intensity of commercial beach activities to facilitate the safe, enjoyable, and accessible use of public beach resources by all beach users.

b) Any person or entity proposing to conduct a group (more than two people, including the instructor) lesson, event or other activity at the beaches designated in section 13 d, if for a fee or other compensation, or any entity proposing to rent beach equipment as designated in section 13 e for use at beaches in the Town of Rye, shall first obtain approval of the Board of Selectmen.

c) For the purposes of this section, the word "entity" refers to businesses, whether corporations, partnerships or proprietorships; and organizations such as non-profit corporations, religious institutions and educational institutions.

d) This section shall apply to beach activities, whether in the ocean or on land, in the following beach areas:

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

2. Foss Beach – the area starting to the east of Washington Road and extending to the Rye Harbor State Park.

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

4. Brown Cottages Beach – the area between Jenness Beach State Park on the north, southerly to the Eel Pond outlet pipes;

5. Sawyers Beach – the area starting at the Eel Pond outlet pipes and extending south to the end of the sand beach just south of the Beach Club parking lot;

6. Philbrick's Beach – the area from the east of South Road, southerly to the Rye Ledges;

7. Farragut Beach – the sand beach east of the intersection of Central Road and Ocean Boulevard;

8. Bass Beach – the area from the Bass Beach cottages southerly to the North Hampton Town line; and

9. Seavey Bridge – the beach/boat landing area on the northwest corner of the Seavey Bridge on Pioneer Road, west of Odiome Point State Park.

e) "Designated Beach Equipment" shall mean: surfboards, paddle boards, kayaks, or other equipment as designated by the Board of Selectmen.

f) Instructors and leaders of lessons, events or activities subject to the provisions herein shall be certified to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR"), unless waived by the Board of Selectmen. Such instructors or leaders shall be deemed "CPR qualified" for the purposes of this ordinance.

g) Applications for Beach Permits shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen on forms provided by the Town at least thirty days prior to the event or proposed initiation of activities.

h) For Beach Permits for activities utilizing Designated Beach Equipment, initial permits for applicants that used Rye beaches in 2013 shall be issued for an initial two year period by the Board of Selectmen for 2014 and 2015 if the frequency, magnitude and impact of activity proposed are at most equivalent to that which occurred in 2013. Such applications and/or permits issued annually in subsequent years, or for those without a history of activity in 2013, shall reflect a frequency, magnitude, location and impact that assures that the purpose outlined in section 13 a) is met.

i) Activities permitted in the immediately prior year that were compliant with permit requirements and that continue to meet the purpose outlined in Section 13 a) shall have priority with respect to the size, location and time of approved activities over applications for new activities if an application for such prior activities is submitted prior to April 1 of the following year.

j) All applications for Beach Permits shall be accompanied by a signed "Release and Indemnification" form provided by the Town and a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire designating the Town of Rye as an additional named insured in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.

k) All applications for Beach Permits involving the use of Designated Beach Equipment shall include a "Certification of Participant Release" on a form provided by the town and signed by the Applicant committing the Applicant to obtaining from each individual participant a signed "Release of Town of Rye by Participants" form to be provided by the Town, to be retained by the applicant for a period of at least one year after the date of the lesson, rental or event, and to be provided to the Town of Rye upon demand within that time.

l) Permits issued for the rental of Designated Beach Equipment, and for lessons involving groups of three or four, including the instructor, shall require proof of insurance and

signed Certification of Participant Release and Release of Town of Rye by Participants forms, but shall not stipulate the frequency, magnitude and location of these activities.

m) Fines – Failure to obtain a Beach Permit for a lesson, event or activity subject to the provisions of this ordinance or to otherwise comply with this ordinance shall be a violation subject to a fine of \$50. Each noncompliant lesson, event or other activity shall be considered a separate violation. Failure to obtain a Beach Permit for the rental of Designated Beach Equipment shall subject the violator to a fine of \$50 per violation. Each individual rental transaction shall be considered a separate transaction. A second violation in any calendar year shall result in a fine to the business or event coordinator of \$50 for each participant in the lessons or event.

n) Should any section, requirement or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court or authority of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other section requirement or provision of this ordinance, and to such end all sections and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

o) If a permit is denied, the Selectmen shall state the reasons for denial, in writing, and such denial will appear in the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 24. (By Petition)

Shall the Town of Rye adopt a non-binding resolution declaring all town beaches as Smoke-Free Zones? Estimated cost: \$25.00/sign, 10-15 signs +/-

This article is recommended by the Selectmen. (3-0)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 25. (By Petition)

If Article 23 does not pass, shall the Town of Rye, NH consider preserving public beach access by allowing only ocean borne commercial activities such as surf, kayak and stand up paddle board lessons and camps banning all other commercial uses of the beach?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 26. (By Petition)

If Article 23 does not pass and Article 25 does not pass, to protect public access on Town beaches, shall the Town of Rye consider prohibiting commercial activity on Town beaches from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Mondays through Friday, between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm and at all times on the weekends and holidays?

A "YES" vote directs the Selectmen to consider submitting a subsequent warrant

article prohibiting commercial activity on Town beaches from Memorial Day through Labor Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and at any time on the weekends and holidays.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 27

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 2014.

☐ YES ☐ NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

A NO vote would not direct the town to consider prohibiting commercial activity on town beaches during specified times, should Articles 23 and 25 fail.

A YES vote authorizes Selectmen to dispose of surplus town equipment.

A NO vote prevents Selectmen from disposing of surplus town equipment.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

You've been asking and we've made it happen after many years of trying. This office now has the ability to register your boats. Anyone owning a boat, residents and non-residents alike, can register or renew boats here. The town fees associated with boat registrations completed here remain in Rye. This should generate good revenue for our town.

The State of New Hampshire continues to require every person registering a motor vehicle, whether that vehicle belongs to you or someone else, to produce their driver's license. This requirement is to prevent the fraudulent use of NH vehicle documents during the illegal exportation of vehicles to foreign countries. Be sure to have your license ready the next time you visit our office for vehicle registration. Most people have been very cooperative in dealing with this new requirement.

We are fast approaching the annual Town Election to be held at the Elementary School on March 11th. For those unable to get to the election, absentee ballots are available at this office. Absentee ballots will be available about 3 weeks prior to the election. Voting hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. 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 3 elections: Town Election on March 11th, State Primary Election on September 9th and General Election on November 4th. For those who voted at the last primary election 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 3rd**. 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

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takes a few minutes and there will be no surprises at the September Primary Election.

If we are discussing the Town Election, it means spring is just around the corner. Beach Parking Permits 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 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 of age	6.50
Unaltered dog	9.00
Senior citizens (over 65) may license one dog at a discounted price	2.00
Late fee if done 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 30th. Dog licenses may be done in person, by mail or via the internet. Please include a current rabies certificate and appropriate fee for each dog as well as a stamped, self-addressed

envelope if done by mail.

Once again we are offering the ability to register your vehicles, license your dogs, purchase Beach Parking Permits and pay your tax and sewer bills online. To use these services just go to the town's web site listed (www.town.rye.nh.us).

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Planning Board News

One significant aspect of our planning efforts for 2014 is the coastal zone, climate change and sea level rise. The Town has applied for and has been awarded a grant called the "2014-2015 Assistance Program for NH's Coastal Zone Communities". There will be no cost to the Town. This project is funded by the NH Coastal Program under the Coastal Zone Management Act by NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management. The implementation team – consisting of staff from the Rockingham Planning Commission, UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Sea Grant, and the Natural Resource Outreach Coalition- will assist Rye in facilitating community discussions and developing local action plans to adjust to the changing climate and extreme weather events. The Kickoff event for this grant is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Rye Junior School.

Rye will be partnering with the Rockingham Planning Commission as part of their "Tides to Storms" coastal assessment and hazard mitigation planning initiative. RPC with support from the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup will work closely with coastal communities through the fall of 2015 to evaluate their risk and vulnerability to flooding from sea level rise and

storm surge, and identify practical approaches to protecting municipal and private assets, public safety and natural resources.

The project will provide the following products to coastal NH communities

- ♦ Maps and Data - Detailed maps, risk and impact analyses, mitigation strategies, and recommendations for municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- ♦ Informational Materials - Informational outreach materials and tools to help plan future actions and inform public and private investments.
- ♦ Coastal Vulnerability Assessment - A regional-scale vulnerability assessment report and map set for NH coastal communities.
- ♦ Town-specific Vulnerability Assessment Summary - A report for each community summarizing the impacts of climate change on land, natural resources and infrastructure based on projections of future of sea level rise and storm surge.

The project is intended to assist coastal NH communities to take actions to prepare for increased flood risk, including:

- ♦ Enhance preparedness and raise community awareness of future flood risks.
- ♦ Identify cost-effective measures to protect and adapt to changing conditions.
- ♦ Improve resiliency of infrastructure, buildings and investments.
- ♦ Protect life, property and local economies.
- ♦ Protect services that natural systems provide.
- ♦ Preserve unique community character.

In the upcoming elections there will be a series of warrant articles

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proposed by the Planning Board for approval and implementation. Additionally there are 2 citizen petitions that are not approved by the board. Following are the amendments and a brief explanation of each.

Amendment 1: Add a new section to the Aquifer Protection District to require recertification every two years that a property remains in compliance with all conditions of the conditional use permit and all applicable special requirements of § 306.5 and all applicable performance standards of § 306.6. Failure to file such an affidavit shall be deemed a rebuttable presumption that the property is not in compliance.

Amendment 2: Update outdated references to the "NH Water Supply and Control Commission" (or Board) to "NH Department of Environmental Services".

Amendment 3: Amend § 301.8 Wetlands Buffer to clarify that a vernal pool does not have to be 1 acre or larger in size in order for the 100 ft. wetlands buffer to apply to it.

Amendment 4: Change the parking space width requirement from 9 ft. to 10 ft.

Amendment 5: Amend the § 301.8, A.3 description of the Wetlands Buffer within the Berry's Brook watershed to use a map titled: "*Berry's Brook Watershed Rye, New Hampshire Wetland Soils and Tax Parcels March 2003*" to portray the Berry's Brook Watershed.

Amendment 6: Amend § 701.8 to change the expiration period of unused variances and special exceptions from 1 year to 2 years and to otherwise comply with state law.

Amendment 7: Add a new provision establishing that unused special use permits and unused conditional use permits expire after 2 years unless the planning board has extended the permits for good cause.

Amendment 8: Amend § 505 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities to

exempt collocation and modifications from the requirements of §'s 505.3 to 505.11. The exemption does not apply to substantial modifications of existing towers, mounts or personal wireless service facilities.

Amendment 9: Change the Title of the Aquifer Protection District to "Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District" and enlarge the district to include all of the area within the Rye Water District Wellhead Protection Area.

Amendment 10: Amend § 401.8 Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) to allow the planning board to waive Subsections 401.4 B, G, L, M, N, but not Subsection 401.4, E.

ARTICLE 4: Proposed amendment to Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance: Amend the variance requirements of § 2 to add additional requirements stated in the Code of Federal Regulations.

ARTICLE 5: (By petition) Shall the town amend §210.3(E relative to the allowed building area in the Business District. THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 6: (By petition) Shall the town amend Appendix A Definitions of the Rye Zoning Ordinance for "Impervious Coverage" by adopting the definition for "Impervious Surface" of RSA 483-B:4.VII-b. THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Many Fun Projects for The Rye Heritage Commission

The members of the Heritage Commission keep busy. We have had

input into the Rye Town Hall Committee work on a monthly basis throughout the year. The Facebook aerials of the building, as the concepts have been developed by the committee and the architects, SMP, have been a fascinating entry into the digital world.

In dramatic contrast to the SMP technology, the Heritage Commission is focusing on maintenance of the sixty-five historic graveyards in town. A speaker from Newmarket who has experience with the challenges of such a project is a presenter at the February meeting of the Rye Heritage Commission.

We had a cheery Holiday meeting where we honored Mel Low with the prestigious Tallman Award recognizing his extraordinary contribution to the preservation of Rye historical and cultural resources.

As chair of the Heritage Commission, I have been designated to attend the meetings of the "1614 Commission" in Concord to plan the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Isles of Shoals by Captain John Smith. Smith modestly called the islands *Smith's Isles*.

It was Captain Smith who first referred to this region as New England on his famous map of 1616. This map was a catalyst for the European colonization of America. There is already a monument to John Smith on Star Island depicting three heads of Turks Smith allegedly decapitated as a soldier during Crusades to Transylvania.

The New Hampshire legislature has appropriated funds to match private funds to be raised, up to \$40,000.00, to construct a new memorial commemorating the 400th anniversary at Ragged Neck in Rye Harbor State Park. The granite will be provided by Swenson Granite, the same source as granite for the Library of Congress. The commission has scheduled the dedication of the

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monument for late June 2014. It is anticipated that there will even be an appearance made by a theatrical John Smith. The day will be marked by the dedication of the monument in the morning and a boat ride to Star Island for lunch, tours and educational programs. There is an opportunity to contribute financially to this historic event, and for major donors, the opportunity for name inscribed granite benches at the monument site.

You, too, can share in the fun. One vacancy for an alternate member to the Rye Heritage Commission remains. Give a call to Chair Mae Bradshaw at 603-964-3928 or email at MaeBradshaw@comcast.net.

Mae Bradshaw,
Heritage Commission Chairman

Assessing Department Update

A reminder regarding the State's Department of Revenue Administration's "Low and Moderate Income Property Tax Relief" program and some frequently asked questions (FAQs), to help you see if you qualify. This is a State initiated program and NOT a town exemption program. For all of you who are 65+ we have an Elderly Exemption program available and if you qualify could reduce your tax liability.

What is Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program? Chapter 158, Session Laws of 2001, enacted the property tax relief to eligible low to moderate income claimants, who own a homestead in New Hampshire. RSA 198:56; RSA 198:57

When and where do I apply for relief? Completed claims, Form DP-8, shall be filed with the Department no sooner than May 1, and no later

than June 30, following the due date of the final property tax bill for state education property taxes. Mail your claim to:

NH Dept. of Revenue Administration
Document Processing Division
PO Box 299 Concord, NH 03302.

How do I qualify for relief? You must own a homestead subject to the state education property tax; have resided in such homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim for relief is made; have a total household income of (1) \$20,000 or less if a single person or (2) \$40,000 or less if married or head of a New Hampshire household.

http://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low_mod_program.htm

You can check out all the info and get an application from the above link

Our office is working to update all of the 'Current Use' program land in town and would appreciate it if you received a notice from us that you complete it as soon as possible and return it. This is being done so that we have a correct data form when we install the new Geographical Information System technology for Tax Year 2014.

As spring heads our way I will be out in the field as usual reviewing properties that have had permitted work done to them. This is part of our annual duties to establish we have listed your property correctly. We establish the amount of work done to your property as of April 1 for 2014. All the local contractors are used to seeing me come visit this time of year and if you happen to be home I anticipate meeting you.

FYI: I drive a Silver, Jeep Liberty, NH plate 'CNHA' with the town seal affixed to my vehicle and a town issued ID around my neck while in the field. So please be aware that I will be out there and truly identifiable. The town's web-

site has my picture on the Assessing Department's page if you would like to verify that any individual at your property is truly me.

David M. Hynes, CNHAS
Town Assessor
Joanne Drewniak
Assessor's Assistant

Rye Historical Society News

The new history of Rye by Alex Herlihy is progressing and we need help with the 20th century, which is mostly undocumented. If there is any aspect of the last hundred years that you are knowledgeable about and would like to write a contribution which will appear in the history, please contact the society: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org You will receive information describing this history outreach project and who is working on what topic at this point. Multiple people working on one topic is welcome

Currently RHS is mounting a major new exhibit at the museum which will open in the spring. It will feature a concise history of Rye as well as in depth thematic sections of our history.

Please visit our website to learn more about the society and the museum. www.ryenhistoricalociety.org The site has a new section added last year - click on tab on left that says "Index of Resources" to learn what is in the museum.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks which may well fit your interests and skills.

RHS welcomes new members. Annual dues are: Individual \$10.00, Family \$15.00, Business/organization \$25.00 and Life membership \$ 200.00. Other amounts are welcome and contributions of

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voluntary work will also be considered for membership.

Benefits of membership:

- ◆ Quarterly E-newsletter (sent bcc) to keep you in the Rye history loop.
- ◆ Invitation to special events and alerts on issues relating to Rye history.
- ◆ Participation and voting on important decisions at April annual meeting.
- ◆ Discount on items from the museum's gift shop (listed on website).
- ◆ Paid members are welcome at RHS Board meetings.
- ◆ Discovery that one of your interests or talents matches one of RHS needs (listed on website).
- ◆ All members of RHS have a standing invitation to a specialized tour of the museum's collection in whole or in part.
- ◆ Knowledge that you are helping to keep the town museum open and vital by supporting its annual budget.

Checks payable to: Rye Historical Society, P.O. Box 583, Rye, NH 03870 or go to the society web site to use PayPal.

To contact the society: email info@ryenhistoricalociety.org or (603)997-6742 for questions or to open the museum on request.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Rye Historical Society

Police Chief Warns of Scams

Remember: If it's too good to be true, it is! We continue to take reports of scams.

- ◆ 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 return the excess. 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, *do not do so until you verify it*. The police department has been receiving 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. If someone asks you to get a "green dot credit card", **DON'T**. *Make sure you verify anything like this before sending any money.*

Dog-walking at 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 they need to clean up!

Hours for Dogs on Town Beaches: Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 24, 2014, dogs are not allowed on the beaches from 9:00 AM until after 7:00 PM. Don't forget to license your dog, make sure the dog license is attached to its collar and your dog is wearing the collar.

Sharing the roads: Vehicles, bicyclists, runners and walkers need to be courteous to each other. If your group is more than one, consider breaking up groups and distance each smaller group. Drivers remember there are others on the road. Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy.

It's time to get your 2014 Beach Parking Permits! *Attach your permit to the driver's side rear 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 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 of alcohol, including alcoholic beverages in plastic cups.

Thank you for your continued support. I sincerely appreciate everyone's encouragement.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Sixth Season for the Rye Farmers' Market

The Rye Farmers' Market will be starting our 6th market on June 18, 2014!

We will be having our market every Wednesday, 2:30 - 5:30 through September 24.

Go to our FaceBook page, Rye Farmers' Market, as the date approaches for information about our vendors!

Rye Farmers' Market Committee





SPRING PROGRAMS

10 Central Road Rye, NH 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516
E-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us, Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us/

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PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHTS

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Rye Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road, Rye

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



SPRING PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

(Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 19, 2014)



SUMMER PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

(Non-resident registrations will be accepted on April 9, 2014)



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

(Rye Residents Only)



FALL SOCCER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

(Rye and New Castle Residents Only)

Soccer deadline is July 25, 2014

Late fee of \$30 will be applied to soccer registrations received after the deadline.



TOWN OF RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

**Central Cemetery
(beside Rye Town Hall)**

Monday, May 26, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

RYE ART IN BLOOM Join the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, the Rye Art Study Group, Webster at Rye and Rye Recreation for Rye's own Art in Bloom. This will be the 14th year for this spectacular display of flower arrangements interpreting selected works of art. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road, Rye on Friday, April 11, 2014, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, 2014, 1:00-4:00 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.



ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB meets September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming, including day trips, fitness classes, walking group, sticks and stitches group and pickleball learn-to-play clinics. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are taken and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch and \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For a registration form and more information, contact the Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us



CONTAINER AND RAISED BED GARDENING is presented by Ron Christie, UNH Cooperative Extension, Program Coordinator, with the assistance of a Master

Gardener. Do you envision a yard with raised garden beds of beautiful, thriving vegetables? A deck where you can pluck a tomato from its container? If so, come and learn some pointers on how to make this vision a reality. Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014
Lunch: Roast turkey with stuffing, potatoes, green beans almondine, ice cream and a cookie. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 6, 2014
Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC WITH TWO OLD FRIENDS Emery Hutchins and Jim Prendergast are musicians who play and sing a

unique combination of Celtic and American country music. In their performance they seek to show the connection between the two genres. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.* Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014
Lunch: Baked meat lasagna, garlic toast, Caesar salad and bread pudding. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 3, 2014
Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



A VISIT WITH QUEEN VICTORIA

In 1837, teenaged Victoria ascended to the British throne.

Those who would try to usurp her power underestimated this intelligent young woman. This program reveals the personal details of a powerful yet humane woman. Sally Mummey performs this living history in proper 19th Century clothing resplendent with Royal Orders. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.* Date: Thursday, May 8, 2014
Lunch: Build your own deli sandwich, salads, sherbet and a cookie. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2014
Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



DEBBIE REYNOLDS was a leading lady in the 1950's and 1960's. She starred in numerous movies, singing and dancing her way into the hearts of millions. Don't miss this chance to see this living legend live in concert at Mohegan Sun Casino. This is a ticketed event and limited space is available. No refunds after March 14, 2014.

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Reservation Deadline: February 27, 2014 or by chance

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$82 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and \$20 free slot play or free bet and \$10 meal voucher good at any Mohegan Sun eating facility.) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



THE TEMPTATIONS were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989. The Temptations hits include: "My Girl", "Just My Imagination", "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" and many more. Travel with us to Venus De Milo in Swansea, MA to hear all of these classic songs live in concert. Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan or baked haddock, minestrone soup, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2014

Reservation Deadline: May 21, 2014

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$82 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



OVER 55 FITNESS is instructed by Alexis Mason. This cardio and toning class is designed for participants 55+. Simple moves and combinations for cardio are paired with a light-weight strength training format for an energizing, full-body, low-stress workout. Breathable clothing and sneakers are a must. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Please see below for a complete list of dates. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

Dates: March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 30, July 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 2014., 10:00-11:00 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Fee: \$37 (Prorated to start date)

OVER 55 PICKLEBALL LEARN-TO-PLAY CLINIC

Pickleball is a simple paddle game played using a special perforated, slow-moving ball over a tennis-type net on a badminton size court. Instruction is provided by John and Charlotte Crowley of Rye. Come and try it! Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Weather permitting.

Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge (Registration form required)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



OVER 55 WALKING GROUP meets once a week to walk the Town Forest. If you enjoy the company of others while exercising, this social group is for you. Meet at the Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Fee: No charge (Registration form required)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



OVER 55 STICKS AND STITCHES GROUP meets every other week. If you crochet, knit, sew, quilt and/or needlepoint, this social group is for you. Come and enjoy the company and support of others while you complete your own project. Held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Thursdays, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 5, 2014, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge (Registration form required) materials not included.

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



ADULT, CHILD & INFANT CPR / ADULT & CHILD AED

teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Participants earn American Heart Association Heart Saver Certification. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Safety Complex. Saturday, April 12, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fee: \$40



FIRST AID teaches rescuers to effectively recognize and treat emergencies in the critical first minutes until emergency medical services personnel arrive. Participants earn American Heart Association First Aid Certification. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Safety Complex. Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fee: \$40



GROUP GOLF LESSONS are provided by Ford Sullivan, Certified PGA Instructor. Each session will cover set-up, full swing, pitching, chipping, putting and bunkers. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH, rain or shine.

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-ed)

Session 1, Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2, Thursdays, June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$130 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$130 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.



ADULT YOGA AND MEDITATION

is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Breathe. Learn the ancient practices of yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class and mats are provided. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Tuesdays, April 15, May 6, May 13, 27, June 3, 2014, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$82.50 per session (5 classes)



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL is held Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014. Over 40 years, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 18-40 years, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High School, Rye. No charge.



BICYCLE MAINTENANCE CLINIC Get your bicycle ready for summer! Learn the basics of bicycle maintenance. Includes flat tire repair, chain/shifter and brake adjustments, and proper lubrication. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Sponsored by Philbrick's Sports and open to all ages. Saturday, April 26, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: No charge (Registration form required)



BICYCLE RODEO Join the Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation Department and Safe Routes to School Committee for the 7th Rye Bicycle Rodeo. This bicycle safety clinic is open to all ages and will feature bike inspections, rules of the road, obstacle course, helmet fitting, prizes and drawings. Held in the Rye Congregational Church Parking Lot, Saturday, May 10, 2014, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parental supervision and bike helmet required. Fee: No charge (Registration form required)



BABYSITTER COURSE provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. Hands-on activities, video, plus discussion focusing on decision making skills and solutions for real-life problems. Participants earn American Red Cross Certification. Held at the Rye Library for ages 11 and up. Participants should bring lunch, snack and drink. Saturday, March 22, 2014, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$85



SPRING RECESS BASEBALL CAMP instruction is provided by David Adam, 10 year pro pitcher. Learn basic skills, for the beginner to advanced player. This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Grades 2-6, April 28-May 2, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$125



GROUP TENNIS LESSONS are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Zoltan Koncz, USPTA tennis professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink. Participants are grouped on grade level, not ability. Session 1, Fridays, April 11, 18, 25, May 9, 2014 4yrs-K, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Grades 4-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 7-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Session 2, Fridays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2014 4yrs-K, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Grades 4-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 7-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$55 per session (4 lessons)



TOURNEY GROUP TENNIS TRAINING is co-ed and for Juniors and Adults. Held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility and coached by Mark Moulton, USPTR Professional. All participants must have rating, ranking, or an evaluation by Coach Moulton to train in these classes. Please contact the Rye Recreation Department prior to registering in order to arrange an evaluation. Saturday, April 12, 19, May 10, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2014 Level 2 (10 & Under), 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Level 3 Advanced (12 & Under), 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Advanced (14 & Under), 11:00-12:30 p.m.; Advanced (Adults) and Advanced (18 & Under) 12:30-2:00 p.m. Fee: \$100 (8 lessons, 1 hour); \$150 (8 lessons, 1 1/2 hour)



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM is open to grades K-2 and 3-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$14.00/day with a minimum of 2 days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available. Please contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281.

For more information, contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

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E-mail: larthur@town.rye.nh.us, Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us/

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SUMMER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP NIGHT

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Rye Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road

Rye and New Castle Residents Only

(Non-resident registrations will be accepted on April 9, 2014) Registration is limited to a first come, first serve basis and will not be accepted prior to sign-up night.



FALL SOCCER SIGN-UP NIGHT

Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Rye Recreation Modular, 55 Recreation Road
(Rye and New Castle Residents Only)

Soccer deadline is Friday, July 25, 2014

Late fee of \$30 will be applied to soccer registrations received after the deadline.



JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Friday, July 4, 2014, Parsons Field
7:00 p.m., Live Band

At dusk fireworks by Jack Tobey & Crew
WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS

DAY CAMP is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 23-August 15, 2014. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road. Full-day campers need to bring two snacks, drink and lunch each day and half-day campers need only snack and drink. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen and label belongings. Water activities daily and a BBQ every Friday. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

Hours:

Full-Day: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Half-Day: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Pre-Camp: 8:00-9:00 a.m. Post-Camp: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Fees include t-shirt:

Weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Full Day: \$145/wk,

Half-Day: \$77.50/wk

Week 2 (No Camp July 4th); Full Day: \$116/wk,

Half-Day: \$62/wk

Week 1, June 23-27, Kings, Queens and Knights

Calling all knights to the Summertime Horyezon's Kingdom! Have fun, learning to defend the King's and Queen's treasures and castle from an invasion.

Week 2, June 30-July 3, Holiday Happenings

(No camp July 4) A years worth of holidays are packed into just one week! Decorate camp each day to a different holiday theme, play fun games and make delightful treats.

Week 3, July 7-11, Disney Adventures

Get those "magic carpets" dusted off! Measure out a "tsp" of this and a "tsp" of that, as we whip up fun creations and explore Disney themed adventures.

Week 4, July 14-18, Scissors, Glitter and Glue, Oh My!

If you like to build, cut, glue, paint, tape and create, then this week of arts and crafts is for you!



Week 5, July 21-25, Outer Space and Beyond

Take a trip to the moon and back in just one week. Play cool games, design your own rocket, make astronaut food and much more.



Week 6, July 28 - August 1, Stars on Stage

Are you musical, theatrical, comical or whimsical? Come and share your talent. Plan a talent show and perform for an audience at the end of the week.



Week 7, August 4-8, Down on the Farm

It's time for a hoe-down! Saddle-up for galloping fun games, yummy treats and hay bales of creative crafts.



Week 8, August 11-15, Carnival, Circus, Magic

Come one and all, it's an amazing, fun carnival! Campers will create carnival games and learn cool tricks. At the end of the week we'll set-up our carnival and complete our summer with a "spectacular fun time"!



OVER 55 TRIP: NEW ENGLAND'S PREMIERE BAND

Straight Lace has over 40 years of experience and a song list that includes the very best of the golden oldies. Join us as we travel to the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA, for a high energy show that will make you want to get up and dance as well as sing along.

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2014, Departure Time and Location TBD

Reservation Deadline: July 2, 2014

Meal Choice: Chicken or baked scrod, cheese and crackers, garden salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls, bread, dessert and coffee/tea.

Fee: \$82 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



OVER 55 PICKLEBALL LEARN-TO-PLAY CLINIC

Pickleball is a simple paddle game played using a special perforated, slow-moving ball over a tennis-type net on a badminton size court. Instruction is provided by Bill Wilson of Rye. Come and try it! Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Weather permitting.



Wednesday, July 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: No charge (Registration form required.)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.

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are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Zoltan Koncz, USPTA tennis professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink. Participants are grouped based on grade level, not on ability. For additional tennis opportunities, please contact the Recreation Department.

Session 1, Fridays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2014

4yrs-Entering K, 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 1-3,

4:00-5:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 4-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.;

Entering Grades 7-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Session 2, Fridays, August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2014

4yrs-Entering K 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 1-3,

4:00-5:00 p.m.; Entering Grades 4-6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.;

Entering Grades 7-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$55 per session (4 lessons)



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Saturday, June 14, 2014,

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$90



ADULT YOGA AND MEDITATION

are instructed by Jeanie Ryan. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Breathe. Have fun with others while learning the ancient practices of yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class and mats are provided. Held at the Rye Public Library, Rye.



Thursdays, July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14 2014,

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$85 (5 classes)

YOUTH GROUP GOLF LESSONS are provided by Pease Golf Course. These co-ed lessons are focused on introducing the fundamentals of golf to young, aspiring players. Learn golf etiquette, putting, chipping, pitching, full swing and course management. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH, rain or shine.

Week 1, July 14-18, 2014

Entering Grades K-4, 8:00-8:45 a.m.; Entering Grades 5-12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Week 2, August 4-8, 2014

Entering Grades K-4, 8:00-8:45 a.m.; Entering Grades 5-12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$70/wk, clubs available if needed.

GROUP GOLF LESSONS are provided by Ford Sullivan, Certified PGA Instructor. Each session will cover set-up, full swing, pitching, chipping, putting and bunkers. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH, rain or shine.

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-ed)

Thursdays, June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$135 (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Session 1, Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$135 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

YOUTH GROUP SURFING LESSONS are provided by Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Company. Learn the fundamentals of surfing and ocean safety. These co-ed lessons are for youth entering grades 6 and up. Held at Jenness Beach, in Rye, weather permitting.

July 14-18, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$195/wk, equipment provided.

ADULT GROUP SURFING LESSONS are provided by Summer Sessions Surf Shop. Learn the fundamentals of surfing in a fun and inviting environment. Meet at Summer Sessions Surf Shop, 2281 Ocean Boulevard, Rye (across from Jenness Beach), weather permitting.

Session 1, Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2014, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2014, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), equipment provided.

GROUP STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD LESSONS are provided by Summer Sessions Surf Shop for individuals 16 years old to adult. Learn the fundamentals of paddle-boarding and see our beautiful coastline from a unique perspective. Meet at Summer Sessions Surf Shop, 2281 Ocean Boulevard (across from Jenness Beach), Rye, NH, weather permitting.

Session 1, Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2014, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2014, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), equipment provided.

BASKETBALL CAMP instruction is provided by Anne Haky, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Physical Education Teacher for Windham High and former player for Wilmington College in Ohio. Held at Rye Elementary School. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

Week 1, July 7 - 11, 2014

Entering Grades 1-5 Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 1-2 Boys, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Week 2, July 14-18, 2014

Entering Grades 3-5 Boys, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 6-8 Boys, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Entering Grades 6-8 Girls, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$100/wk, includes t-shirt & participation award



LEGO ROBOTICS CAMPS instruction is provided by Kevin Husson. This program is for youth entering grades 1-6 and held in the Recreation Area Modular, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Campers attending more than one session need to bring a snack and drink each day.

Note: Participants do not take LEGOs home.

Session 1, LEGO Robotics and Engineering Using LEGO Power Functions and Mindstorms Robotics, participants will construct a variety of motorized machines and robotics. Many projects will be available including cars, a battle-tank, and a power crane.

July 21-25, 2014, Entering Grades 1-6, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Session 2, LEGO Minecraft Explore the amazing world of Minecraft with LEGO! Participants will construct a Minecraft Micro World by creating and customizing their own Minecraft Village complete with houses and crops.

July 21-25, 2014, Entering Grades 1-6, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$85 for one session, \$160 for both sessions



BASEBALL CAMP instruction is provided by David Adam, 10 year Pro Pitcher. Learn basic skills for the beginner to advanced player. This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye.

Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.

August 4-8, 2014, Entering Grades 2-6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$125/wk



BRITISH SOCCER CAMP instruction is provided by Challenger Sports, British coaches. Innovative practices, fun games and cultural education sets this camp apart.

Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, rain or shine. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.

July 28-August 1, 2014

4 yrs - Entering K, Co-ed, 2:30-4:00 p.m.;

Entering Grades 1-8, Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: 4 yrs - Entering K: \$80/wk, includes t-shirt

Entering Grades 1-8: \$135/wk, includes t-shirt

Host a coach and gain a cultural experience to remember, plus receive an \$80 reimbursement from Challenger Sports.



TETRA-BRAZIL SOCCER CAMP instruction is provided by Challenger Sports, Brazilian coaches. Participants will have the opportunity to experience first-hand the kind of soccer training that has made Brazil the most successful soccer nation in the world. Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, rain or shine. Participants should bring snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.

August 11-15, 2014

Entering Grades 2-8, Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$155/wk, includes t-shirt

Host a coach and gain a cultural experience to remember, plus receive an \$80 reimbursement from Challenger Sports.

SKATEBOARD CAMP is provided by Rye Airfield. These co-ed lessons are taught by RAMP CAMP instructors who are among the most experienced skateboard instructors in New England. Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads and board required (rentals are available for an additional fee). Open to Rye and New Castle residents only.

Week 1, July 7-11; Week 2, July 14-18; Week 3, July 21-25; Week 4, July 28-August 1; Week 5, August 4-8; Week 6, August 11-15.

Entering Grades 3-8, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$199/wk



For more information, contact the Town of Rye Recreation Department at 964-6281.

Happy Spring from Rye Public Library!

Check out all our activities and the latest report on our Strategic Plan Progress on our website at www.ryepubliclibrary.org. Join us for our second Technology Fair on Saturday March 22 from 10am-2pm! View our calendar for scheduled events and speakers.

Ongoing Activities:

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join these lively discussion groups here at RPL!

Now offering two sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm (upstairs) and 7 pm (downstairs).

3/18 <i>The Art of Heartbeats</i> by Jan Philipp Sendker	5/20 <i>Language of Flowers</i> by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
4/15 <i>Heat and Dust</i> by Ruth Praver Jhabvala	

A Touch of Grace the Grace Putnam Memorial Film Series

Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm! Enjoy our new projection system!

3/5 <i>Jobs</i> PG-13 128 min	4/23 <i>Gravity</i> PG-13 116 min
3/12 <i>20 Feet From Stardom</i> PG-13 91 min	4/30 <i>Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom</i> 141 min
3/19 <i>Spectacular Now</i> R 95 min	5/7 <i>About Time</i> R 123 min
3/26 <i>Behind the Candelabra</i> 118 min	5/14 <i>The Book Thief</i> PG-13 131 min
4/2 <i>Promised Land</i> R 106 min	5/21 <i>Dallas Buyer's Club</i> R 117 min
4/9 <i>Captain Phillips</i> PG-13 134 min	5/28 <i>Philomena</i> PG-13 98 min
4/16 <i>Easter Parade</i> 107 min	
Please visit the Library or check our website ryepubliclibrary.org for forthcoming movie selections!	

Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:

Every Tuesday 10:00- 11:00am. No special art supplies – with paper and a marking implement you are on your way! Learn at your own pace, with plenty of encouragement in a pressure-free environment.

Generations Genealogy Club:

First Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL!
3/4, 4/1, 5/6

Knitting with Mary:

By the Fireplace at 10 am every Thursday! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.

Military Book Discussions:

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

Mah Jongg Club: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30pm in the Community Meeting Room. Learn and play American style Mah Jongg with this enthusiastic group

Seacoast Skewer Chess Club: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 6:00pm in the CMR. All ages/skills

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:

Children's Museum of N.H., Dover	Museum of Science, Boston MA
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester	New England Aquarium, Boston MA
Historic New England	Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA	Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME	Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	<i>Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library</i>

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Upcoming programming sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library:

Saturday, Mar 22, 2014 10am-2pm 2nd Annual Tech Fair! Information and refreshments

Sunday, Mar. 23, 2014 - 2-3 pm Scott Henley Director, Mt. Washington Observatory

All programs are free and open to the public!

COMPUTER CLASSES @ Your Library with our Technology Librarian

Lisa Breton-Eaton! Use our computers or bring your own.

COMPUTER TUTOR AND DEVICE ADVICE- Here is an opportunity to bring in your specific Windows or Mac computer-related questions including how to borrow content for your e-reader or tablet through our website, or other help with your Windows or Mac computer. *Call to make an appointment for a 25 min. session on Mondays or Fridays between 9:30-11AM*

2014 Spring TECH TALK CLASSES & GADGET USER GROUP SESSIONS

Specific Wednesdays each month from 9:30-11 AM. Call 964-8401 to register for classes.

3/5 Downloading eAudiobooks thru RPL website

3/19 Downloading eBooks through RPL website

SATURDAY 3/22 TECHNOLOGY FAIR! 10am- 2pm

(no registration needed)

4/2 iPad Basics

4/16 Gadget Users' Group- iPad &iPhone: Bring you iPad and/or iPhone and share in discussion about settings & apps. All levels welcome

5/7 Windows 8.1 Basics (Level 1)

5/21 Windows 8.1 Intermediate (Level 2)

Rye Public Library Youth Department Spring Programming 2014

Ongoing Activities:

Story Time For Toddlers & Preschoolers Wednesdays 11:00 -11:30 A.M.	Friday Movies 2 nd and 4 th Fridays of the month @ 3:10 P.M.
Book Bites Book Club & Snacks (Grades 3-5) 3 rd Thursday of the month 3:15 – 4:15 P.M.	Pajama Story Time 1 st Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:00P.M.
Y-LA Teen Advisory Board 3 rd Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:30 P.M.	Sew What? Crafts and Sewing Projects 1 st and 3 rd Fridays of the month 3:00-4:30 P.M.
Mother Goose Story Time (birth to 24 months) Fridays 10:00-10:30A.M.	YAttitudes Book Club (Discuss your favorite book & snack 2 nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 P.M.
Teen Crafts and Cupcakes 3:00-4:00P.M. Mar. 12&26/ Apr. 9/ May 14&28	<i>Check our website for additional upcoming programs!</i>

We look forward to serving you in 2014! Thanks for your patronage.

Please review our website at ryepubliclibrary.org or call us: 964-8401 for expanded lists of programming and events and to check dates and times.

RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Fire Hydrants and Snow Removal

We thank everyone who helped keep fire hydrants cleared near their property during winter months. This aids in the event of a fire when time is essential to save lives and property.

Annual District Meeting

The Rye Water District's Annual meeting will be held Saturday, March 29th, at the Rye Junior High School at 10:00 am.

Items planned for the agenda include:

- ◆ Election of a Commissioner (3 year term).
- ◆ Election of a Commissioner (2 year term).
- ◆ Warrant articles to vote, raise and appropriate the sums of:
 - \$30,000.00 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established for the purpose of replacing or enlarging the distribution system;
 - \$15,000.00 to be placed in the existing expendable general fund trust fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses occurring during the fiscal year;
 - \$15,000.00 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;
 - Vote to raise funds to defray the Water District charges for the ensuing year.
 - To transact any other business.

Backflow Prevention & Lawn Irrigation

Water systems are designed with the intention of water flowing in a certain direction from the (distribution system) to the consumer. Pressure within the system may deviate from "normal" conditions causing the water to flow in the opposite direction. This is called backflow. Backflow occurs when the pressure in the distribution system drops, such as during firefighting, water main flushing, or a water main breaks, which could siphon water from consumer's plumbing and/or irrigation system into the distribution system. It's important your irrigation system's backflow preventer is installed correctly and tested at least once a year. If you're not sure a backflow device is present or installed correctly, contact our office at 436-2596 to schedule a free evaluation in the spring.

Water District Commissioners
Arthur Ditto, Ralph Hickson, Thomas Clifford

Rye Conservation Commission Continues To Enhance Our Natural Resources

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is a community resource for gathering and dispersing information about Rye's natural resources, as well as for promoting the protection and enhancement of the natural resources found here. In keeping with the stated mission, one of the primary goals of the Commission is to conserve open space and protect

watersheds and wetlands. The RCC has been actively achieving those goals for decades. In 2003, the Rye voters approved the \$5,000,000 Open Space Fund. With these funds, the Commission acquired over 425 acres of land through both easement and purchase, and has now exhausted those funds. This was accomplished by leveraging town funds and

previously conserved land values with grants from NOAA, Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP), and the USDA Wetland Reserve and Ranch and Farmland Protection Programs. The Conservation Commission has now protected over 1,219 acres of land in town. Now, the Commission has put forth a warrant article to support critical land

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protection efforts in town with a \$3,000,000 open space bond. This is requested to further permanent land protection in town, and will be focused on the Berry's Brook watershed. Please support the Conservation Commission's efforts by **Voting YES on Article 7, the Open Space Bond**. Protecting our open spaces is based on pride of place, a sense of history, and love for the environment, so please support our proposal!

The Commission has also been actively managing town-owned salt marshes to reduce invasive species, with particular focus on reducing *Phragmites* or Common Reed. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) assisted with cost-share dollars and partnered with the Commission to complete these conservation practices that culminated in planting over 150 native plantings along the berm at the Awcomin Salt Marsh this past fall.

The Commission's preservation and restoration efforts continue at the Goss Farm this year. During the spring, summer and fall many volunteers, school groups, gardeners, and town staff assisted with hands-on activities at the Goss Farm. The biggest news is that the restoration of the Goss Barn is almost complete, and we have a farmer for the western field! The

Commission is pleased to report that the Goss Barn is 95% complete thanks to your support passing the warrant article last year, fundraising and volunteer efforts, and a grant received from the NH Division of Historic Resources, under the Conservation License Plate program. The Commission looks forward to celebrating the completion of the barn and future agricultural opportunities in 2014. It is anticipated that more farm based projects will be expanding soon. This will happen due to the availability of the barn, and with the assistance of a new farmer slated to tackle the western field this spring! The Goss Farm celebrates Rye's agricultural heritage and leaves a legacy for all Rye residents to enjoy.

Please look for more information on a spring celebration at Goss Farm, for sign-ups for community garden plots, and to review an open space presentation that supports the \$3,000,000 Open Space Bond (Phase II) all on the town website, under the Conservation Commission at www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_BComm/Conservation/index. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sally King

James S. Raynes,

Rye Conservation Commission

Historic District's Message

Rye's Historic District predominantly consists of Prerevolutionary, Federal, and Victorian residences dating from 1724, which are for the most part, situated along Washington, Lang, Olde Parish and Central Roads. I thought that it would be interesting to highlight one of the homes in the District and give you a little bit of history about it. That said prior to doing so a quote from Vitruvius cited by the Howells in the architectural Heritage of the Merrimack helps to frame the discussion. It reads:

"Three things in a building ought to be considered, without which it will not deserve commendation; those are Usefulness and accommodation, Lastingness and Handsomeness. For that work cannot be accounted Perfect which is Useful but only for a short time, or not convenient for a longer; or having these two hath not also Decency(1)

The home at 19 Lang Road now owned by Tim & Susan Grant meets the above description in all respects. It was originally built by Jonathan Wedgwood and his wife Hannah in 1790 as a residence and farm. The Wedgewoods moved to Rye from North Hampton and built the house on the access road from Rye to Lafayette Road (Route 1). Originally built as "a square, central chimney building, oak framed, set on a granite foundation, covered with clapboards. The four corners of the house are towards the points of the compass, with the front facing the southeast, as especially good exposure for winter as it makes the warm afternoon sun a helpful heating agent"(2)

Traditional for the time period "the downstairs rooms are seven feet nine inches high, the upstairs are six feet eight inches giving a pleasing variety of proportion---The largest of five fireplaces is in the kitchen where



Goss Farm Barn, January 2014, Photo courtesy of Tracy Degnan

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all of the cooking was done, simmering and boiling over the fire in pots hung from the crane, which is there today, and baking in the beautifully built brick beehive oven, on a level with the front of the fireplace.---There is a fireplace in each of the downstairs front rooms, so heating was adequate as long as the wood supply held out. There may have been a burning room at the opposite end of the kitchen near the buttery---Upstairs the two front rooms also have fireplaces" (2) The downstairs front rooms have functional interior shutters built into pockets in the plaster walls, referred to as Indian shutters. The myth is that Indian shutters were built to protect occupants from Indian raids. In truth these interior shutters were used to protect occupants from cold drafts, serving as insulation and retaining heat.

Through the years the floor plan has changed to support the needs of the occupants---How the interior of the house looked in its early days can only be imagined. In its middle period all the pine wood was painted over and over again, and the plaster walls were papered. Samples of the papers

used were found in the summer kitchen---mostly dark and scrolly Victorian patterns"(2) Today the original wide-board pine floors still remain as do several of the original windows and interior doors and cabinetry.

In approximately 1941 significant additions were made to the house which included a three bay garage and an open arch which led through a sun room into the original home. This added substantive functionality to the house and significantly enhanced it's "curb appeal" as the once square home took on a nice linear dimension. The Grants have since painted the outside of the home a pleasing and historically-accurate Hawthorne yellow and added functional solid black wooden shutters. Also of note is the historically-correct installation of the shutters with louvers facing upward when in the open position.

When you drive or walk by this beautiful home try to imagine the generations of owners who have sought shelter within its walls and who have lovingly tended to its needs.

Credit to Mrs Herlihy who wrote a beautiful history of the home that she lived in for many years. Most of this article was taken from her ten page recorded history of the home

which she wrote in 1971.

John Mead Howells, The architectural heritage of the Merrimack, New York 1941

Mrs Herlihy, An eighteenth century New Hampshire Farmhouse, Rye NH, 1971

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Historic District Commission

Rye Recycling Center-- Let's do it the "Rye-ght" way.



The Rye Recycling Education Committee shines a spotlight on CFL bulbs and fluorescent tubes --

Did you know that the Rye Recycling Center collects and recycles compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and fluorescent tubes? In fact New Hampshire law requires that all CFLs and fluorescent tubes be recycled at the end of their life. **Please be sure to recycle your used fluorescent bulbs by carefully transporting all of your CFLs (in plastic bags) and fluorescent tubes to the Recycling Center and then hand them directly to an available attendant.** Fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFLs) contain a small amount of mercury and should NEVER be discarded with trash. When replacing your fluorescent light fixtures please bring the old fixtures to the Recycling Center since the metal ballasts can also be recycled.

It is important to note - that even though today's fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury*, that by switching to CFL bulbs, due to their greater efficiency, we actually reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and mercury emissions associated with electricity production.

**(Most CFLs contain less than five milligrams of mercury -- an amount similar in size to the period at the end*



The Grant Home, 19 Lang Road, Photo courtesy of Phil Winslow 24

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of this sentence. Some "low mercury" CFLs contain just one or two milligrams. To put that in perspective a watch battery contains about 25 mg. of mercury.)

LED (Light Emitting Diode) are the most energy efficient of all your light bulb choices. Because these light bulbs have such a long life, they are not only the most energy efficient but also the most economical in the long run. For reasonable prices go to <http://catalog.nhsaves.com/>. LED bulbs do not contain mercury and can be safely disposed with household trash at this time.

Please visit these websites for more information:

<http://www2.epa.gov/cfl/recycling-and-disposal-after-cfl-burns-out>
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=lighting.pr_what_are#led_different

The Rye Recycling Education Committee meets at the Rye Public Library each third Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. All interested residents are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Deidre Smyrnos at dsmyrnos@comcast.net

Deidre Smyrnos, Chairman
Rye Recycling Education Committee

Child Passenger Safety Tips From the Rye Fire Department

One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is keeping your child safe when riding in a vehicle. Each year thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. Proper use of car seats helps keep children safe. But with so many car seats on the market, it's no wonder many parents find this overwhelming.

Child Passenger Safety Facts :

- ♦ 80% of all Child cars seats are installed incorrectly
- ♦ Children buckled in age and size appropriate car seat, booster seats, and seat belts reduce the risk of serious and fatal injuries by 71% in infants, and 54% in toddlers.
- ♦ Booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% for children ages 4-8 years when compared to seat belt use alone.
- ♦ For older children and adults, seatbelt use reduced the risk for serious injuries or death by 50%.
- ♦ Restraint use among young children often depends upon the driver's seat belt use. Almost 40% of children riding with an unbelted driver were themselves unrestrained.

Did you know that the type of seat that your child needs depends on several things such as:

- ♦ Your child's age
- ♦ Your child's weight
- ♦ Your child's height
- ♦ The type of vehicle you drive



Your children are the most precious gifts on earth.

Lt. Charles Gallant of the Rye Fire Department is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. He offers FREE car seat inspections and assists parents with proper installations. To schedule an appointment or for more information on child passenger safety please call the Rye Fire Department at (603)964-6411.

Lt. Charles Gallant
Rye Fire Department

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2013 Mosquito Season Recap

The past year was another good year for mosquito control in Rye. While mosquito pools in North Hampton tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) and in New Castle for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), no such diseases were discovered in samples taken in Rye. Dragon Mosquito Control's crews worked diligently to minimize flying mosquitos by larviciding salt marshes, fresh water wetlands, catch basins, and other standing water sites. The principle material used is a natural bacterium not harmful to people, pets, birds, fish or plants.

For the third successive year, no street spraying was found to be necessary. However, disease threats were all around our community, and residents must remain vigilant to avoid mosquitos during Spring, Summer and Fall until after two killing frosts.

Parsons Field was sprayed for the Fourth of July. Parsons Field, school playgrounds and the Recreation Area were sprayed before and after the start of school. Mosquito activity declined with the onset of cooler weather.

Nasty greenhead flies were well controlled by the familiar blue boxes neatly placed in the marshes. After culling broken traps, 95 remain and 24 new ones are planned for 2014. Tree swallows are known as voracious insect eaters, mosquitos being a major dietary component. For the first time in over 20 years, 20 new tree swallow houses were placed in one Rye marsh and were quickly occupied by this species. Twenty more houses are planned for 2014 for other marsh sites.

Residents not wanting their wetlands treated may use the No-Spray registry online at www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry or write to Dragon Mosquito

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Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Inquiries may be emailed to info@dragonmosquito.com.

Ted Merritt, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission has one vacancy. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 for more information.

Public Works News

With the advent of spring many residents will begin to clean up their property and may be entertaining home improvements. As such the following information is presented.

The Transfer Station is open for the receipt of yard waste on Tuesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 7:30 am to 3:45 pm; in addition, construction debris can be brought in

during regular transfer station hours. There is no charge for yard waste, but there is a charge for construction debris. Residents should see the attendant prior to depositing of any yard waste and/or construction or demolition debris.

Homeowners planning on having their driveway surfaces paved or repaved must have their paving contractor obtain a paving permit from the Public Works Department, prior to performing the work.

Contractors anticipating home construction must obtain permits for construction of new driveways or relocation of existing drives. Also any construction work within the town's right of ways must obtain an excavation permit. Excavation, driveway and paving permits can all be obtained from the Public Works Department, located in the rear of the Transfer Station.

In addition to homeowner's spring cleaning and improvements, the Public Works Department will be beginning its own efforts by contracting for the town's streets to be swept, traffic markings repainted, and road cracks sealed on selected roads.

Dennis McCarthy,
Public Works Director

Sewer Department News



Please note per Sewer Use Ordinance 400 Permits: 400.1 General: No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Sewer Commissioners. No person shall construct, add to, alter, or replace any portion of a building sewer building services that leads in any way to a public sewer without first obtaining the written approval of the Sewer Commissioners or their authorized representative.

The Sewer Commissioners are David Kohlhase, Chairman; Peter Kasnet, Vice Chairman; and David Adams, Commissioner. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the courtroom at Town Hall and the public is encouraged to attend. The Sewer Commission Office is located on the second floor of Town Hall and is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. For more information contact the Town of Rye Sewer Department at (603) 964-6815.

Rye Sewer Commissioners



Crew from the US Life Saving Station performing surf rescue training at Locke's Neck, circa 1930. Photo courtesy of Patrick Carberry

**Town of Rye
MEMORIAL DAY
CEREMONY
Central Cemetery
(beside Town Hall)**

**Monday
May 26, 2014
9:00 a.m.**



Town of Rye Board Meetings

March 2014

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 or the Town website: www.town.rye.nh.us for up-to-date information.

1 11-11:30 a.m.
Supervisors of
the Checklist

2	3 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	4 7:00 p.m. Planning Board	5 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 6:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	11 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Town Election Rye Elementary 8am Sewer Comm.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Spring 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission	21	22
23	24 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	25 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee	26	27	28	29 10:00 a.m. Rye Water District Annual Meeting Jr. High
30 Easter	31	April 2014				
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day (Observed) Town offices closed	27 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee	28	29	30	31

Library Trustees, first Thursday every 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, 7pm at the Library

My Voting Notes

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectmen, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (2)

Supervisor of the Checklist,
6 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 1 year (1)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 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

Amendment 8. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 9. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 10. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 4. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 5. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 6. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 7. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 8. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 9. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 10. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 11. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 12. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 13. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 14. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 15. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 16. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 17. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 18. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 19. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 20. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 21. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 22. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 23. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 24. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 25. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 26. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 27. ☐Yes ☐No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, 3 years (2)

School District Clerk, 1 year (1)

Article 1. ☐Yes ☐No

ELECTION DAY, March 11th
Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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