



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

LIFE IS A BEACH AND MUCH MORE

Recount Requests

Following the Town Meeting vote on March 11, 2014, a request was received by the Town Clerk for the recount of 2 warrant articles: Warrant Article 7, which approved \$3 million for Conservation Land Acquisition, and Article 17 which defeated the request to hire a full time police officer. The recount was held at Town Hall on March 26th. Neither outcome changed.

Public Hearing Date Error

Meanwhile, it was discovered that the date of the required public hearing in advance of placing Article 7, the \$3 million Conservation Land Acquisition Fund, on the March ballot was in error. The standard date for public hearing on a bond issue prior to a regular Town Meeting had been used; but, because we are an SB2 Town, the hearing date should have been earlier than it was held.

Two means to remedy this situation were available to the Town: call a special town meeting or request the assistance of the NH Legislature. If the legislative solution was not

successful, we could still call a special Town meeting; but, due to the time remaining in the legislative session, the reverse was not a possibility.

With assurance of voter intent reinforced by the recount results, we chose the more expedient and less costly method for resolution of this matter. With the assistance of our legislators, approval of the Rye \$3 million bond warrant article for Conservation Land Acquisition was attached to House Bill 1124 as a ratification amendment. The bill moved through the NH Legislature successfully and was signed by Governor Maggie Hassan on May 6, 2014.

Although a first for Rye and certainly not one that we wish to repeat, we learned that the legislative remedy for this specific situation is not uncommon.

Town Hall Final Planning Phase

As the result of approval of Article 8, Rye voters have given the Town the green light to proceed with completion of the design process that will enable presentation of finalized

plans for the solution of our municipal space needs and renovation of our historic Town Hall to voters for their consideration in March of 2015.

Given the depth of back-ground accrued from knowledge of studies completed, work already accomplished and rationale for each planning decision made to date, it was decided to keep the 2013 Town Hall Committee intact. Only Historic District Commission representation changed as Mae Bradshaw replaced Paula Merritt who has moved from Rye.

At the first meeting of the 2014 Town Hall Committee, a unanimous decision was made to retain the services of Sheerr McCrystal Palson (SMP) for the final Town Hall planning phases. During 2013 SMP created a unique proposal to meet our restoration and space needs. Details of the 2014 contract with SMP were worked out by a sub committee composed of Selectman Craig Musselman, Town Hall Committee Chair Victor Azzi and Town Administrator Mike Magnant.

Schematic design, design development and preparation of construction documents for the purpose of renovating our 1839 Town Hall building and building separate, connected new Town Hall office space are now well underway by SMP in consultation with the Town Hall Committee.

Please take the time to follow the development of this project. Observe the overall concept using the Fly Around 3D video model and follow the Town Hall

NO SPRAY

Residents who do not want their property treated for mosquitoes must contact Dragon Mosquito Control in writing at P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number and a description of your property with boundaries OR visit their website at www.DragonMosquito.com to register your No-Spray request online. Residents who would like to have their stagnant water checked for mosquitoes may call Dragon's office at 734-4144 or email Info@DragonMosquito.com. There is no charge for this service. Contact Dragon Mosquito for more information on spray dates, location, materials used, precautions and other concerns.

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Committee process on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RyeTownHall>.

The need for space, safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements continues to increase as time goes by.

Rye Town Beaches

Beach Use Ordinance: In March, voters approved adoption of a Beach Use Ordinance for Rye Town beaches. This ordinance was hammered out last year during numerous meetings that frequently placed conflicting views on the table.

Representatives of the first three businesses to apply for permits under this ordinance attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 28th. At that time, permits were approved for Summer Sessions Surf Shop and Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Co. The application from the Shack Surf Shop was tabled pending review of additional information.

It is believed that this process, which requires insurance and instructors trained in CPR, will contribute to safety on our beaches and protect the Town from liability. In addition, it will provide a more detailed picture of how our beaches are being utilized for recreation which should be of assistance in planning for the future.

Parking Study Status: Complaints about traffic, parking and congestion increase exponentially each summer season. This year voters approved funds to pay for a parking study along the Ocean Boulevard beach area. The selected engineering firm will be asked to analyze the existing and future parking needs, current parking restrictions, pay for parking options and make recommendations to

accommodate the increasing demand.

Beach Committee: Since establishment of a Beach Commission in 1999, the Charge to the Commission and the original process for the hiring and oversight of lifeguards gradually became obsolete.

Several years ago, at the suggestion of Fire Chief Skip Sullivan, the Board of Selectmen placed responsibility for the day to day supervision of the lifeguards under the Fire Department. This change has provided immediate response to emergencies on our beaches as well as daily lifeguard training, oversight and interaction among emergency team members and our lifeguards.

Rather than appoint new Beach Commission members at this time, the Board decided to create a 5 member Beach Committee consisting of all 5 applicants for the 3 Beach Commission openings. This ad hoc Committee has been established for one year. Its charge is to follow the Rules of Procedure for Committees Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, work cooperatively with the Fire Department and to study and recommend best beach practices to the BOS by December 18th. This report will provide information appropriate to development of a March 2015 warrant article to update the role of a Beach Commission.

The following residents were appointed members of the Beach Committee: Lori Carbajal, Keper Connell, Colin Drake, Steve Hillman and Larry Rocha. The first Beach Committee meeting was held on May 5, 2014.

Spring Meeting with Senator Stiles: On April 29th, in preparation for the upcoming beach season, State Senator Nancy Stiles convened

a work session composed of the same State agencies that met with local officials during 2013 for the purpose of seeking resolution of our common beach related concerns. BOS Chairman Craig Musselman presented a summary of Town initiatives: passage of the Beach Use Ordinance, status of the parking study and creation of a Beach Committee to study and recommend best beach practices as they might be applied to the beaches of Rye.

Brian Wilson, new head of the State Parks Department, discussed an update of Rules at State Parks which include no dogs and no surfing year round. Douglas Deporter, Department of Transportation (DOT), stated that paving from Rye Harbor to the new bridge at Odiorne will not be undertaken until after Labor Day. He met with our DPW Director Dennis McCarthy to observe parking regulations along the length of Route 1-A in Rye. The Board of Selectmen will meet soon with Dennis and Chief Walsh to ascertain any appropriate signage changes prior to the summer season.

Chief Walsh noted continued State Police support. Recalling the injuries and loss of several fingers of one young man in recent years, he expressed particular concern regarding the use of illegal fireworks.

Once again we thank Senator Stiles for coordinating this effort.

New FEMA Maps

The long awaited updated FEMA maps have been received and are being reviewed. Building Inspector Peter Rowell presented them at the BOS meeting of April 28th. There are many changes in the floodplain delineation. Due to a combination of updated technology and a rise in sea level, a few buildings that were within the floodplain are now outside it while many that

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were not included in prior mapping are now within the floodplain zone. These changes have the potential to affect insurance and construction/renovation dramatically for many Rye home owners.

The new FEMA maps may be viewed at the office of the Building Inspector during office hours or at <http://bit.ly/1hXZVm7>. FEMA declared an initial 30 day community comment period in May which is to be followed by a 90 day appeal period. At this writing, we have not received the start/end dates of the appeal period.

Change in Staff

The Board of Selectmen recently received formal notification from Fire Chief William "Skip" Sullivan of his plans to resign effective September 1, 2014. Chief Sullivan has served the Town of Rye well as Fire Chief since 2007 and the Town has benefitted from his leadership of this department in many ways.

His announcement now will allow us to seek a replacement in a timely manner and to plan for an orderly transition.

Update of Town Policies

The Town is guided by numerous and diverse policies which have been developed and approved over the years. As an example, we are required by law to review the Town's **Investment Policy** annually while some policies are reviewed and updated as needed.

Personnel Policy: This year the update of our Personnel Policy required changes only to Appendix C. in order to reflect current insurance benefits and wage/salary classifications. The updated **Use of Town Property Policy**, which incorporates the provisions of RSA 41:8 and 41:11a, was also approved. It includes requirements

and limitations regarding reservation of public facilities, accessibility, access to restricted areas, no alcohol and no smoking restrictions, insurance, indemnification, fees and waivers.

Rules of Procedure for Committees Appointed by the Board of Selectmen: While this document is a reference for ongoing committees, it is especially important to newly created committees at their inception such as the Energy Committee, established in 2007, and the recently appointed Beach Committee as it is the basis for their compliance with organizational requirements (officers, posting of meetings, agendas, minutes, etc.).

Process for Conservation Commission Land Acquisition: In consultation with the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen developed and, on January 6, 2014, approved a specific process to be followed by the BOS regarding all Conservation Commission land acquisitions. This process includes a detailed check list of 16 items that must be compiled for review, unless individual item(s) are waived/deemed not appropriate to a specific acquisition. The process also includes a BOS public hearing and a BOS site walk, each with opportunity for public input. This process is in addition to the Conservation Commission process required by statute.

Pedestrian and Cycling Events on Rye Roads

Rye, along with other coastal communities, has become an increasingly popular area for incorporation into pedestrian and cycling road racing events both competitive and non-competitive.

In April, the selectmen received two applications for races to

be held on May 4, 2014: Cycle the Seacoast, a non-competitive event with 400 riders and Wallis Sands Half Marathon, a competitive event, with 900 runners. Although each event planned staggered starts, these race routes overlapped on a portion of Route 1-A. Chief Walsh felt that they could be conducted safely; but he discouraged application for the number of runners to exceed 900 for the half marathon.

Applications to hold an event using Rye roads are submitted to Police Chief Kevin Walsh who oversees the details such as insurance, planned route and safety issues prior to presenting them to the selectmen with proposed changes and/or request for approval.

Although to date no organization has been turned away, we are aware that, due to the increasing number of events and the number of participants, that may not always be the case.

Upcoming race dates may be viewed on the Rye Police website: <http://www.ryepolice.us/>

Adopt a Graveyard Program

Rye has 65 known private graveyards, many of which are not maintained. These graveyards were catalogued by the late Louise Tallman and have been photographed by Mike Mittleman.

The Heritage Commission, citing RSA 289:14-a, is seeking to utilize the process provided to secure, maintain, repair and preserve such burial grounds in Rye through the Adopt a Graveyard Program.

This program requires support of the Selectmen which was obtained by the Heritage Commission in April. A search will be made for any living descendants of known family graveyard names through the newspaper. If no living

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relative can be found, the graveyard can be declared abandoned and eligible for "adoption". A process is described in the RSA for obtaining permission to traverse private land to provide caretaking services for abandoned graveyards.

Isabella's Signs

Isabella Hillman, Rye Junior High student, presented a petition article for inclusion on the 2014 Town Warrant. Voters approved her non-binding proposal to install No Smoking signs at Town beaches.

Most recently, Isabella reported to selectmen that she has obtained several sources to help fund the cost of the signs as well as a graphic designer willing to help with that aspect of her proposal. Currently she is consulting with DPW Director Dennis McCarthy to determine the proper size for the signs. We continue to applaud Isabella's efforts.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe summer.

Board of Selectmen

Craig N. Musselman, Chairman
Priscilla V. Jenness, Vice-Chairman
Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Selectman

Building Department News

On April 9, 2014 the Town received their long awaited Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) from FEMA Region 1. When approved sometime in 2015 they will replace the current maps done in 2005. These maps were produced using new methodology and 2-foot topographic data obtained through Light Detection and Ranging

(LIDAR). This effort will supply us with the most up to date flood hazard risk maps available. These maps, produced by FEMA's map contractor and the University of New Hampshire, do not take into account the much talked about projected sea-level changes and only reflect recent historical and topographic data.

The new FIRM maps will be used in a number of ways. They will be used by the insurance industry to set insurance rates for home owners and businesses located in a flood hazard area. They will become part of the Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance to set the Base Flood Elevation for all major building and development that takes place in the flood hazard area. The town will use them to identify critical infrastructure located within the flood hazard area. Home owners will be able to use them to assist in any mitigation efforts they may undertake within the flood hazard area.

The maps show what the town can expect in a flood event that has a **1% chance** of happening. In a very brief overview of the differences between the 2005 FIRMs and the preliminary 2015 FIRMs, the maps show an increase in the number of properties that are expected to be affected by wave action from the ocean. These waves are very damaging when they directly strike a wood frame building. It also shows that we can expect a deeper flow across the land between the ocean and the marshes. This flow will affect homes whose location is even further back from the beaches. Major changes in the flood zones have taken place to most homes located along the ocean side of Ocean Blvd. in the Wallis Sands and Foss Beach areas. Other

homes in the Jenness Beach area have also seen changes in their flood zones showing increased depths and wave action.

The maps are available for interactive viewing on the town's web page. We also have paper copies in the Building Department where the Building Inspector and the Planning Administrator are available to explain them. The Town will be holding at least one informational meeting for the residents of Rye to review and ask questions about the FIRM maps. Watch the web page and newspapers for the location and date. The Town will have a 90 day appeal period in which we will be able to present evidence of errors and to propose changes. Anyone who identifies errors in the FIRM maps should contact the Building Department, in writing, with their observations.

We need to realize that living along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean is a great place to live and spend time. Despite the risks it may pose for building along the shore, there are many techniques that can be used to mitigate the risks. We need to work together to insure that when we get the **1% storm** we are all safe and our homes and cottages are still able to be enjoyed when the storm passes.

While I'm sure this doesn't answer all your questions I hope you have learned where to go for assistance.

Peter Rowell
Building Inspector

Visit the Town Website
<http://www.town.rye.nh.us>

For news and up to date information about the Town, including meeting notices, agendas and minutes.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

To make it easier for you, especially if you're having difficulties getting to our office, we are offering the ability to register your vehicles and boats, license your dogs, purchase Beach Parking Permits and to pay your tax and sewer bills online. To use these services just go to the town's website (www.town.rye.nh.us).

Beach Parking Permits 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 so please don't ask us to do so. If you have trouble getting in to the office to purchase your permit, you may apply either through the mail or on the town's website. For mail-in requests, please include a copy of the registration for each permit requested. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is also required if done by mail. For internet requests, provide a plate number and state of registration for each vehicle. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified before the Beach Parking Permit is issued.

The State of New Hampshire is now requesting 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.

Have you licensed your dog yet? If not, you are late. All dogs must be licensed by April 30th each year. 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 31st	\$1.00/month

Dog owners may face a Civil Forfeiture of **\$25.00 per dog** if the license is not completed by May 31st. 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.

First Issue 2014 Property Tax bills should be in the mail by the end of May. They will be due **July 1**. Taxpayers who escrow their taxes should forward a copy of the tax bill to the mortgage company. If you pay by mail and would like a receipt, just include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. We would be happy to get the receipt back to you. Historically, the days at the end of June & beginning of July are extremely busy in our office. Our summer residents are arriving; people are registering vehicles, paying taxes and getting their Beach Parking Permits. If you don't want to stand in line when paying your taxes, consider making your payment by mail or online. Remember, as long as your payment

is postmarked July 1 or earlier, the payment will be considered on time. Please consider the following: post-dated checks are **NOT** accepted in this office. They will be returned to you.

Once again the State of NH is offering the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or can be downloaded from the state's website (www.nh.gov/revenue). The form must be completed and returned to the state no later than June 30, 2014. If you need assistance completing the form, help is available by calling this office at 964-8562.

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 9th. If you need to change your party affiliation prior to this election, it must be done no later than Tuesday, June 3rd. Come in to our office M-F 8 AM to 4:30 PM to make changes to your party affiliation. In addition, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 3rd from 7 PM to 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Many folks are unhappy on primary day to find they are not listed as undeclared or in the party they want to vote for. Usually this happens when they voted in a previous primary election and never signed the paperwork to return to undeclared status.

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Public Works News

Lately I have received a great number of inquiries regarding the services offered at the Transfer Station; therefore I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the hours and services offered.

The facility is opened Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 3:45 pm. Opening and closing times

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are strictly adhered to, so it is recommended that residents allow sufficient time prior to closing to allow for your separation and disposal activities.

Yard waste is accepted at the facility on Tuesday and Saturdays only, during regular hours (7:30 am to 3:45 pm).

The facility is operated and staffed by one to three attendants on any given day depending upon work load. The attendants will always be wearing lime colored high visibility safety vests and are available to answer any questions a resident might have, regarding proper facility use. Their primary function is to operate the facility and insure compliance with operation rules and regulations.

The rules and regulations are established by the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Town of Rye, Board of Selectmen. Compliance with all rules is mandatory for all customers and non-compliance can result in removal of a resident's privilege to use the facility.

Only residential household rubbish is accepted and recycling of all household trash is mandatory. Glass, plastics, cardboard, newsprint and paper must be removed from the rubbish and deposited in the appropriate containers by class and color. There is no charge for disposal of household rubbish or recyclables. There are charges for disposal of demolition materials, bulky items, such as furnishings and carpets, all electronic items, metal products and tires, to name but a few. The transfer center attendants will establish the appropriate costs and their determination is final, and not open to negotiation.

Medical sharps are taken at the facility if correctly packaged.

Sharps should be placed in a plastic container such as a detergent bottle, clearly marked on the outside as "Medical Sharps", the plastic container should be re-capped and the cap taped to the container. The attendants can also provide warning stickers for the containers. The container may then be deposited in the trash compactor, **not the plastic bin.**

A small swap shop is maintained on site for the recycling of reusable items such as books, magazines, small electronics, video tapes, kitchenware, clothing, etc. **No liquids, paints, gas grills, computers or TV's are accepted in the swap shop.** Material dropped off at the swap shop must be in good, operating, reusable condition. The swap shop is not provided as a means to avoid paying disposal fees; rather it is intended to provide a service and means to recycle items which still have a useable life. If it is broken, missing parts, excessively worn, inoperative, unsafe, unsanitary, or just plain junk, please do not bring it to the swap shop. The swap shop takes a great deal of time and effort by the attendants and a few volunteers to maintain and keep open.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

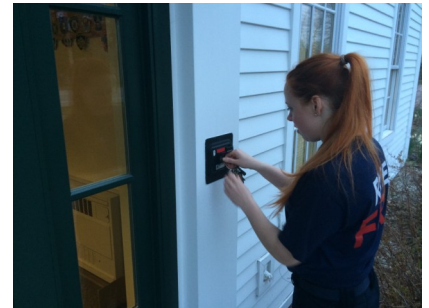
Message from the Fire Chief

We want Rye residents to know that Rye Fire & Rescue participates in a program known as the Knox Box system, which consists of a small steel vault that would hold a key to your residence or business so that in an emergency, the fire and ambulance personnel could gain access without damaging a door or a window. The "key

vault" would be installed near the front door or in a location preferred by the property owner and a sticker would be placed on the front door indicating the presence of a Knox Box.

In the case of a medical emergency when the resident could not reach the door to admit the ambulance crew or when the fire department was called to the property when there was no one home, entry could be gained with no damage to the structure.

For security reasons, this Knox Box would have to be ordered on a form available from the fire department and signed by the fire chief or his designated agent. You would send the form to the Knox company along with a check and when the box arrives, you would contact the fire department so they might assist with the mounting location.



Firefighter-EMT Lexie Gorski opening and demonstrating the Knox Box

The residential Knox Box is available for less than \$200 and in the view of the Rye Fire & Rescue personnel, is a good investment in order to avoid unnecessary property damage in the event of an emergency call to your property.

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If you are interested in perhaps purchasing and installing a Knox Box for your property, stop by the Rye Fire Department and speak with the officer in charge. They can provide you with the necessary authorization and ordering form.

William H. Sullivan
Fire Chief

Police Chief Offers a Few Reminders

The State of New Hampshire has an emergency notification system known as "NH-ENS". The NH-ENS alert system may be used to broadcast emergency alert messages to inform citizens of a situation requiring immediate attention such as severe weather conditions (hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storm, etc.) evacuations, missing child alert, boil water notifications and hazardous material incidents. Outbound messages can be broadcast for voice, text messaging and e-mail. NH-ENS alert system has a list of all E-911 customers in the State of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire and the Town of Rye are encouraging you to sign up your cell phone numbers and e-mail address to receive emergency notifications. Based on your personal preference, alerts will be delivered via phone call, text message, email or a combination of all three. Go to <http://www.nh911.org/selfregistration> to sign up.

About dogs on Rye beaches: Starting on May 24th, (the Saturday before Memorial Day), dogs are not allowed on the beach from 9:00 a.m. until after 7:00 p.m. Please remember, the law says you SHALL have your

dog under control at all times. The Town Ordinance requires that you clean up after your dog and any dog waste must be taken with you and disposed of properly.

Beach parking advice: When you get your 2014 Beach Parking Permit Sticker from the Town Clerk's office, please put it on the driver's side rear window as soon as you get it. Parking enforcement will ticket vehicles without a sticker once the "Parking by Permit Only" signs are posted, May 1st.

And, remember, Rye beaches are dry - **NO ALCOHOL**. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages. Beaches are open from sunrise to midnight. Any permits for fires must be approved by the Fire Chief. The person obtaining the fire permit must extinguish the fire before leaving the beach. **NO FIRE SHALL BE BUILT ON ANY SAND AREA OF ANY BEACH**. Fireworks are not allowed on public beaches without Board of Selectmen approval.

Bicycles: All bicyclists should ride single file. Please remember if your children are under the age of 16 they must wear a helmet.

May 30th is the Special Olympics torch run. Police officers and members of communities run torches from different areas in New Hampshire to Durham, NH for the Special Olympics opening ceremony. This is one way communities and police officers support our Special Olympians. Please be patient if traffic is delayed. As always, thank you for your continued support when you drive by

Thank you for your support.
Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Kevin Walsh
7 Chief of Police

Heritage Commission Message

Why build a Town Hall Addition and Restore the Existing Town Hall Auditorium?

With the opening of the renovated Town Hall in 1873 (from the 1839 Methodist Church), Rye had a lively new town government center and a common meeting place. The growth of the town in the 20th century caused the hiring of more town employees and resulted in the Fire Station being used for some office space, the creation of a court room/government meeting room, a citizen effort that renovated the down stairs office space and in 1986 the early stages of creating temporary office space in the auditorium.

The large open space of the upstairs auditorium does not lend itself to the practical needs of permanent office space for town employees. When people have to make their offices on a stairway landing, a front hall and a stage, when there is very little privacy and when extensive and improvised wiring to serve the offices poses a risk, it is time to do what Rye residents did in 1873 and give not only town officials, but all residents, a government center and community hall we can all be proud of.

The proposed addition to town hall, which will house most town employees and which will be connected to the historic structure, is a reasonable, efficient and attractive building that will serve the needs of Rye for many decades to come.

With the historic auditorium's restoration (removal of temporary offices) the town will gain a large space for town government use both during the business day

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and on weekday evenings when there are so many public meetings. The Town Hall represents one of the finest examples of community gathering places in New England, as well as 19th century New England church architecture. In the past, the meeting hall was used for town government, cultural and social events, entertainment and rental to outside groups. Today, we have an opportunity to restore those uses for the Rye of tomorrow.

Rye public meeting space is at a premium. We juggle between the uncomfortable, limited capacity court room, the slightly larger Library meeting room and the less than optimal RJH cafeteria where an elongated space and poor acoustics compromise effective meetings.

The capacity of the Town Hall Auditorium is approximately 230. The gym at the Junior High has only one advantage over the Town Hall and that is capacity. In every other respect, the Town Hall auditorium is the superior venue.

In the Town Museum there is a binder of playbills of many of the performances at Town Hall during the turn of the 20th century. Town reports chronicle a wide variety of uses by every imaginable group in town and some outside groups, as well. There were even some wild and crazy semi pro basketball teams which played there in the 1920's.

My first memory of visiting the Rye Town Hall auditorium was in 1949 at a church fair when I was four years old. The sights, sounds and smells of that visit are still a vivid memory. In 1953 I saw my father perform as Elwood P Dowd in "Harvey," a Rye Players' performance four years after it opened on Broadway. I also performed on the stage myself in an 8th grade variety show in 1959 and I remember

attending some lively town meetings there in the early 1960's.

When the new Junior High gym was opened in 1966, town meeting moved to that venue, but the historic hall continued to be used for many other purposes. In 1978 the last theatrical performance was "Abelard and Heloise" and in 1985 there was a wedding reception and dance and a two day Rye Historical Society event which celebrated the town's Bi-centennial with a hall full of exhibits. The next year the Selectmen began moving offices into the hall, but also gave the historical society some exhibit space. All the offices you see in the meeting hall today are temporary, including the one on the stage.

Town government meetings, community seasonal gatherings and cultural performances were but a few of the many uses of this historic space from 1874 to 1985 and its possibilities for the future are endless.

Potential Uses of Town Hall Auditorium:

1. First and foremost the auditorium would be for town government use during regular business hours and weekday evenings such as anticipated large attendance at Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings. It could also be used for other large needs meeting space by town government groups. Flexible seating and tables as well as audio visual equipment would be available to seat a variety of audience sizes. The stage area could easily be partitioned off for special meetings which could occur while the auditorium is in use for other purposes.

2. The Town Deliberative Session and Town Elections could be held here to relieve the strain and parking congestion at the two schools. This space is where they used to be held. Access for elections and other events

would be from the upper parking lot. (Handicap accessible)

3. Other events sponsored by town government such as conferences, presentations, etc.

4. Non-governmental use of the hall when the space is not scheduled by town government:

A. Recreation and other low impact programs could be run in the auditorium such as: Babysitter Course, CPR Course, First Aid Course, Pre-school Classes, Lego Robotics, Yoga and some Fitness Classes.

B. Senior citizen activities

C. Overflow programs sponsored by the Rye Public Library, Friends of the Library because capacity of the Library meeting room is only 55

D. The Rye Heritage Commission and the Rye Historical Society large scale events

E. Special events sponsored by the town

F. Town Cultural presentations, performances (i.e. theater, speakers, music, recitals, film, dances, classes, fund raisers, parties, receptions, fairs, art exhibits, etc.). Much of this activity would take place on the weekend because of town government demand during weekdays.

G. Use by the schools – Town Hall Auditorium would be a desired location because of its historic nature, fine acoustics and pleasing aesthetics. Parking capacity, when using church and town lots, is greater than either school.

H. Use by other town non-government groups such as the Lions, Scouts, Youth Sports, etc.

I. Rental to outside groups to stage events: performances, conferences, etc.

The town hall addition is a vitally needed space and the auditorium restoration is not an expensive proposition and its use by the town in the future will be something to celebrate.

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If we do not act now we will lose it forever.

Alex Herlihy
Rye Heritage Commission

Evolution in lighting brings savings for your home

There is now a dramatic technology change in the cost of providing light for our homes. The old incandescent bulb invented by Thomas Edison in 1879 is no longer manufactured in the US due to its poor energy efficiency. The replacements are LED and CFL bulbs, which have much lower costs to operate.

CFL bulbs that have been out for a number of years are a great improvement to the energy efficiency of incandescent bulbs. However, they have low levels of mercury in them, can be slow to reach full brightness and may not be dimmable.

Pricing on LED bulbs has come down dramatically, and they are the best alternative for many applications. Rye residents can now purchase 60-watt equivalent bulbs at \$3 each on the www.NHSaves.com website. They reach full brightness immediately and have a very pleasing light output. The only negative for some may be that LED bulbs do not have the same dimmable range as incandescent bulbs. Perhaps you can install a lower wattage LED bulb as a replacement?

The new bulbs will save you money. A 60-watt incandescent bulb will cost an estimated \$501 and need to be replaced about 25 times to run for 50,000 hours, which is the projected life of some LED bulbs.

This includes the cost to replace the bulb and to provide electricity at today's cost of \$0.16 per kilowatt-hour. For comparison a 13 watt CFL equivalent will cost \$114, and a 9.5 watt LED bulb will cost only \$79 for the same service!

Now if we estimate the average house has 25 light bulbs, the cost to operate incandescent bulbs for 50,000 hours would be \$12,525, the CFL bulbs would be \$2850 and LED bulbs would only be \$2050! So, in other words, the LED bulbs will save almost \$10,500 in lighting costs over the projected lifetime of the LED bulbs! This saves not only the cost of electricity but also has the greater potential to reduce emissions into our atmosphere. Go to the Energy Committee page on the town website (www.town.rye.nh.us) to see a more comprehensive comparison of lighting choices.

Howard Kalet
Rye Energy Committee

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



Recycling Food Waste into Compost! The Rye Recycling Education Committee gives the scoop on Composting.

Did you know that composting is the ultimate form of recycling? Compost is not dirt! Compost is a biologically active organic material rich with beneficial fungi, bacteria, enzymes and Earthworms. Compost increases the soils structure and its ability to retain nutrients and moisture. When we practice composting, we are *Reducing, Reusing and Recycling*.

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Did you know that Food Waste makes up the largest percentage of waste going to landfills? Just in 2012 alone, 36 million tons of food waste was generated in this country with only 5% diverted from landfills for composting. Once in the landfill, the organic matter decomposes and produces Methane, an environmentally harmful greenhouse gas. Our town's trash (or municipal solid waste) is comprised of roughly 21-33% food waste. This translates into approximately 250 tons or more of food waste for the town of Rye alone.

Using our Rye Junior High as an example – a trash audit was conducted at the school a few years back. The audit used 2 days' worth of school lunch waste - which weighed in at 85 lbs. After the students sorted this material the waste was reduced by 70% to just 25 lbs., this after 9 lbs. of recyclable material and 51 lbs. of compostable material were recovered. Using these numbers - this works out to over 2 tons of compostable material (organic matter) that could be diverted from the landfill each 180 day school year.

How to Compost – Composting can be done in any designated area, whether it be a specialized compost container, a garbage can with the bottom cut out or a composting bin made by constructing 3 sides out of wood. All of your kitchen scraps (except for dairy, meat and bones) can be composted at home. Remember to stir your compost regularly. By putting biodegradable items such as your coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peelings and kitchen paper products (such as egg cartons, paper towels, napkins) into your compost bin, you will be both dramatically decreasing the amount of waste your household sends to the landfill as well as creating a living nutrient-rich amendment

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for your garden.

For those residents who find composting too time consuming we are looking to add Food Scrap Collection at our recycling center. The food scraps would be collected in 5 gallon buckets (with biodegradable liners) by each household to be deposited in a special receptacle at the recycling center. The participating households would receive a sack of finished compost each year in return. We would begin this program with a pilot study which would require a minimum number of households to volunteer for it in advance. Stay tuned...

Please consider composting! Recycling food waste into compost saves our town money, enhances the soil and reduces our demand on the landfill.

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.

Deidre Smyrnos

Rye Recycling Education Committee

Senior Serve News

The volunteers of Rye Senior SERVE are very grateful for the recognition they received from the Board of Selectmen in the Dedication of the 2013 Town Report. Our volunteers generously contribute much time to help their senior neighbors by providing transportation to important appointments, assisting with the weekly shopping trip on the SERVE van and by making daily calls to check on well-being. Generally, the volunteers' work goes unnoticed. To have their efforts so publicly recognized was very satisfying and we thank the Board of Selectmen.

Volunteers are always needed. Please call Connie Olson, 964-5170, for further information about volunteer opportunities.

The SERVE Youth Corps will be working again during school summer vacation. Young people will be available to help senior residents with household tasks and also, they hope, with technology skills. More exciting news about this program will be coming in June. Look for further information about their plans in the local newspapers, Rye Town Website, Rye Civic League News, fliers and mailings.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior Serve

Conservation Commission Updates

The Commission's preservation and restoration efforts continue at the Goss Farm. The restoration of the Goss Barn is final (except for electrical work) as of April 2014. Thanks to supporters of the bond article that passed last year and for the conservation license plate program funds from the NH Division of Historical Resources to restore this historic agricultural structure! A big thank you goes out to **Ian Blackman, LLC** who completed the barn restoration starting last fall and continued through this very cold and windy winter!

During the spring and summer more volunteer days will be offered for beautification of the areas adjacent to the barn as well as for general clean-up around the farm, especially cutting invasive plants, and wood cutting/splitting. Please stop in to visit with **Sidewalk Farms, LLC** during the summer months, as they have begun to plant using innovative and sustainable

methods in the western field. After school is out, they will be available on Thursday mornings (9-11) to answer basic gardening questions, and have some wonderful permaculture techniques to share. Please be sure to support the Rye Farmers' Market this season as well!

Another thank you goes to the **Rye Heritage Commission** that had \$1200 slated for use at the Goss Farm, and as of May 2014 agreed to transfer those funds to the Conservation Commission to be used for continued outreach and educational experiences on-site. Our community is really working together! So far, a strawberry workshop was held in



*recently created strawberry patch
(sheet mulching technique)*

early May and 200 strawberries were planted in the Rye Junior High garden plot. For any parents or others interested in assisting watering/weeding in this plot for one week during the summer, please contact Tracy Degnan or Tracy Ritzo at the Rye Junior High wiki @ <http://rjhgardencommunity.wikispaces.com/home> and sign up to help. This will ensure locally grown foods get to the cafeteria in the fall and are available for enhanced placed based learning. What a terrific hands on opportunity for middle school students in Rye! Notices for additional workshops will be forthcoming.

Thank you for the continued support for the Goss Farm as it honors Rye's agricultural heritage and is leaving a legacy for all Rye residents to enjoy.

Sally King, Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission

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RYE ART IN BLOOM 2014

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“Peaceful Stream, Israel”
 by Lynn Joslyn,
 Watercolor; Flower
 Arranger: Karey Kelly

The Town of Rye Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, the Rye Driftwood Garden Club and Rye Art Study Group recently held the 14th annual Rye Art in Bloom at Webster at Rye. The exhibit displayed 27 selected works of art interpreted in flower arrangements. Music performed by Bob Allison.

The exhibit succeeded in stimulating interest in the art of flower arranging, sharing the talents of local artists and fostering community relationships.

1. “3 Buddies” by Joan Sweeney, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Bev Lord
2. “A Spring Thing” by Jean Leopold, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Patrick
3. “An Old Beauty” by Jan Olmstead, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jan Olmstead
4. “Castello Di Nipozzano, Tuscany” by Priscilla Jenness; Flower Arranger: Priscilla Jenness
5. “Chez Moi” by Barbara Caswell, Oil; Flower Arranger: Ann Malpass
6. “City Lights” by Marianne Forman, Oil; Flower Arranger: Tracy Mahoney

7. “Clyde” by Judith Stillwagon, Pastels; Flower Arranger: Judith Stillwagon
8. “Curlew” by Robert Mitchell, Wood; Flower Arranger: Margaret Gray
9. “Dragonfly” by Claire Russo, Fabric; Flower Arranger: Kathryn Job
10. “Eel Pond Residents” by Barbara Ripley, Oil; Flower Arranger: Marge Robertson
11. “Fruit and Dish” by Dorine Gross, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Kim Devlin-Brytz
12. “Iron Mask” by Angelo Sinisi, Steel; Flower Arranger: Joan Sinisi
13. “Loons at Eagle Creek” by Elizabeth Carlsen, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Elizabeth Carlsen
14. “News” by Kate Clifford, Oil; Flower Arranger: Kate Clifford
15. “Peaceful Stream, Israel” by Lynn Joslyn, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Karey Kelly
16. “Pow Wow River, Amesbury” by Linda Szabo, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Debra Sleeper
17. “Sandpipers” by Carol Cortina, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Jenny Wilson

18. “Seacoast Sails” by Maddi Alana, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Sarah Oliver
19. “See the Sea” by Carol Rodenberg, Acrylic Triptych; Flower Arrangers: Claudia Hackett and Ethan Hackett
20. “Sligo Road Farm, Rollinsford, NH” by Roger Venden, Oil; Flower Arranger: Crystal Ruhland
21. “Snowy Woods” by Julie Hyde, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Fran Hyde
22. “Spirit of Provence” by Christine Orliac, Oil; Flower Arranger: Jane Holway
23. “Summer Calm” by Marge Allen, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Marge Allen
24. “Telling a Story” by Shirley Lyle, Watercolor/Pastel; Flower Arrangers: Phyllis Goodsell and Pam Sheerin
25. “The Blacksmith” by Ann Tolson, Acrylic; Flower Arranger: Jaci Grote
26. “Touchdowns on the Lake” by Doris Rice, Watercolor; Flower Arranger: Karen Johnson
27. “White Mountains in the Clouds” by Jodi Adams, Fabric Art; Flower Arranger: Cynthia King

It's *Summer Time* at Rye Public Library!

Load music, books and more on your favorite device for the beach at our website www.ryepubliclibrary.org. Just don't drop it in the water! Of course we've got print books and magazines too. Don't forget our Summer Music Series during June, July and August.

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)**.

6/17 *Breaking Night: A Journey from*

8/19 *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman

Homelessness to Harvard by Liz Murray

7/15 *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville

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!

6/4 *12 Years A Slave* R 134 min

7/23 *Monument Men* PG-13 118 min

6/11 *American Hustle* R 138 min

7/30 *Nebraska* R 115 min

6/18 *The English Teacher* R 93 min

8/6 *Grand Budapest Hotel* R 100 min

6/25 *Rush* R 123 min

8/13 *Gloria* R 110 min

7/2 *Labor Day* PG-13 111 min

8/20 *At Middleton* R 99 min

7/2 *Saving Mr. Banks* PG-13 125 min

8/27 *August: Osage County* R 121 min

7/16 *Mary Poppins* 139 min

Please visit the Library or check our website ryepubliclibrary.org for forthcoming movie selections!

Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:

Every Tuesday beginning at 9 am.

Learn at your own pace, with plenty of encouragement in a pressure-free environment.

Knitting with Mary:

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

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.

Generations Genealogy Club:

First Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL! 6/3, 7/1, 8/5

Military Book Discussions:

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.
6/5, 7/3, 8/7

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

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Historic New England

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Museum of Science, Boston MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Ogunquit Museum of Art

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

NH State Parks parking pass

Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

Watch for 2014/15 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

All programs are free and open to the public!

COMPUTER TUTOR SESSIONS AND 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 Summer TECH TALK CLASSES

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

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| 6/4 Introduction to Microsoft Excel | 7/16 Using the New RPL Catalog —Tips & Tricks |
| 6/18 Introduction to the Mac operating system | 8/6 Windows Files & Folders: Move it, Copy it, |
| 7/2 Technology Petting Zoo—Try out some devices and see what you think! | Cut it, Paste it! |
| | 8/20 Windows 8.1 Operating System-Basics |

Rye Public Library Youth Department Spring Programming June – August, 2014

Youth Programs:

New Library Card Night (Kindergarten)

June 17th 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Wednesdays 11:00 – 11:30 AM

Story Time at the Farmer's Market (All ages)

Wednesdays June 18th – Sept. 24th 2:30 – 3:00 PM

Mother Goose Story Time (birth to 24 months)

Fridays 10:00 – 10:30 AM

Read to a Labrador Retriever!

Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00

Lego Mania

Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00

Guessing Jar Fun!

Begins July 7th; Winner announced July 14th

Family Movies

Fridays 3:00 PM *Check Website for details*

Family Garden Club with Pat Ritter

June 10th / July 8th / August 12th 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Magician Norman Ng

June 24th 6:00 PM

Wildlife Encounters – ANIMALS!

July 15th 6:00 PM

Mad Science: “Spin, Pop, BOOM!”

July 29th 6:00 PM

Michael Zerphy – music, magic, juggling

August 5th 6:00 PM

Check our website in June for even more programs!!

Please view our website at ryepubliclibrary.org, or call us @ 964-8401 for an expanded list of programming and events, and to check dates and times; not all programs above will run through August

Preparing for Climate Change in Rye

The Town has been working on a grant called the “2014-2015 Assistance Program for NH’s Coastal Zone Communities”. The purpose of the project is to provide the Town of Rye with information and tools to better understand how climate change (e.g. sea level rise, storm surge, more intense and more frequent storms, hotter summers and warmer winters) might affect the Rye community. The implementation team – consisting of staff from the Rockingham Planning Commission, UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Sea Grant, and the Natural Resource Outreach Coalition- has assisted Rye in facilitating community discussions held at the Rye Junior High. Together, the public, the implementation team and the steering committee are developing local action plans to adjust to the changing climate and extreme weather events. The kick-off event held on April 1st had over 50 people in attendance. There was a presentation by Dr. Cameron Wake followed by discussions of where the residents felt the impacts would be mostly seen in Rye. You may view the slides and learn more of how to participate by going to the Town Website http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_BComm/prepare/index. The follow up event held on May 5,



2014 had over 35 people in attendance, built on the facilitated

discussion at the first workshop and explored the tools and strategies that can help to make Rye less vulnerable to severe storms and a changing climate. The presentation by Julie LaBranche may be viewed on the website.

The next workshop scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014 will focus on the effects of climate change on saltmarshes and what residents can do and to increase resilience in Rye. This workshop will be outside at one of the saltmarshes, weather permitting. Please check the town website for the location. If it rains, the workshop will be held at the Rye Jr. High. The final workshop scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th will review the plans from workshops 1-3 and transition to the *Tides to Storms* project. This final workshop will be held at the Rye Junior High from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

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

Kimberly Reed
Planning/Zoning Administrator

Planning Board News

As the winter continued to hold its grip on Rye; here is a brief summary of the most visible agenda items the planning board has heard this quarter.

The long range planning

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committee has completed the updating of the master plan. A copy of the new plan can be obtained at the town offices or on line by going to the town website at [http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNHBCoMm/Planning/2013 Master Plan.pdf](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNHBCoMm/Planning/2013%20Master%20Plan.pdf). There are some changes and the addition of a new chapter, the energy chapter. Please secure a copy either on line or hard copy and read it. There is a wealth of important information contained in it.

Sea Glass Lane (former Rand property) was conditionally approved as well. The existing RCD (Retirement Community Development) Ordinance was modified and up dated to embrace Changing Places LLC. The board approved a change to include a two car garage and made accommodations to allow a certain number of homes to be a maximum of 2,160 square feet. The board has the authority to grant these changes under certain circumstances as long as the intent of the original ordinance is not substantially changed. If the conditions imposed by the planning board are met and all DES concerns are satisfied we believe this development will be a great asset to the town. A July construction start is anticipated.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

John Smith Monument Dedication Scheduled for August 14, 2014

In 1614, Captain John Smith explored and mapped the local coastline from Penobscot Bay to Cape Cod. He was the first

European to map the Isles of Shoals, which he named "Smith Isles." That name did not endure; however with the consent of King James I, Smith named this region "New England." John Smith's map and 1616 best selling book "A Description of New England," detailed its abundant fishing grounds, clean rivers and heavily forested land, and is considered one of the main reasons for the subsequent flood of English immigrants to our region, which included the first permanent settlement six years later at Plymouth Colony.

To commemorate this historic 1614 expedition and 400th anniversary of the first mapping of the Isles of Shoals, the New Hampshire legislature authorized the funding of a monument using matching public and private funds. The oversight commission and the Department of Resources and Economic Development are erecting a granite obelisk and granite benches, on Ragged Neck at Rye Harbor State Park. The obelisk honors the former obelisk dedicated to Captain Smith, which was erected in 1864 on Star Island to commemorate the 250th anniversary.

This new historic monument has a view of the Isles of Shoals and will be dedicated on Thursday, August 14, 2014. Star Island, in the Isles of Shoals, will also be commemorating this 400th anniversary with re-enactments and special programs for day visitors on June 25, July 23, and August 27. To learn more visit www.starisland.org/johnsmith

There is a special opportunity to sponsor one of the four benches at the monument site. Each memorial bench will be a six foot long block of New Hampshire granite. An inscription will be engraved on the end of each, to identify the family or individual, in whose honor the donation

was made. The tax deductible contribution for the bench is five thousand dollars and will be matched by state funds to complete the funding for the 400th anniversary monument construction.

For more details on how to make arrangements to reserve a bench or make a private donation please contact Ben Wilson, Director, State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Historic Sites. 603-271-3556 or benjamin.wilson@dred.state.nh.us.

Meet the Historic District Commission

The Historic District Commission (HDC) is looking for new members. Come join the Commission and get to know more about the history of the Town of Rye and how you can help to preserve the architectural character of the Town that our forefathers worked so hard to create. All you need to bring with you is the willingness to learn and an interest in sharing your thoughts and ideas with other members of the commission. This is a great opportunity to participate in Town government and to meet new people. (if you are interested please call Phil Winslow at 603-501-0995 or e-mail to philwins@gmail.com)

We have focused our past articles on the HDC's buildings and history so we thought that this would be a good opportunity to change course and to focus on the members of Rye's HDC. We currently have six regular members, a representative from the Rye Board of

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Selectmen, and two alternate members.

- **Leo Axtin** has been a member of the HDC for fourteen years and a resident of Rye for almost twenty years. He has a BS from Merrimack College and a Ed.M from the University of Massachusetts. Leo is a man of many talents and interests: he is a Licensed Real Estate Broker, a licensed commercial passenger vessel owner-operator, a past Elementary-secondary teacher, a reserve officer in the US Coast Guard, and is currently the Rye Harbor Master—you can find him during the summer watching over Rye Harbor.
- **Mae Bradshaw** has been a resident of Rye for thirty-five years, a member of the Rye Historic District Commission for five years and has served as Chair of the Rye Heritage Commission since its inception in 2011. Mae is a member of the Rye Historical Society and former President of the Board of Directors of the Old Newbury Historical Society in Newburyport, Massachusetts. She is an attorney licensed to practice in New Hampshire, Florida, Massachusetts and Maine, having practiced in the Seacoast since 1976. She is an alumna of Phillips Academy, Connecticut College and Suffolk Law School.
- **Daryl Kent** has been a resident of Rye for all of his life and has been on the Commission for twelve years. His family members were actually some of the original founders of the Town. He has a family history of service to the Town as his great, great uncle was the Town Clerk for over sixty years and his

father was on the original Rye HDC which incidentally was the first town in the State to have a Historic District Commission. He attended Rye schools and has an associate's degree in Civil Technology from UNH. He owns K & S contracting which is located here in Rye and he and his wife have two daughters. We are lucky to have Daryl on the Commission and rely heavily on his building materials and architectural knowledge.

- **Joe Mills** is the Selectmen's representative on the HDC. He has lived in Rye for fifty three years, been a Selectman for twenty two years, and held positions on the Rye Recreation Commission and the Budget Committee. He and his wife have four children and six grandchildren.
- **Chris Remick** describes herself as a true "townie" having grown up in Rye and attended Rye schools and has never left except to attend college. She practiced nursing, has been a teacher, and has a BA degree and MBA in art. She has been on the Commission for three years. Chris and her late husband have two sons. She has written for the Fosters Daily Democrat for twelve years and has bought and sold antiques for several decades—a lady of many interests and talents. She claims her next objective is to learn how to "weld".
- **Karen Stewart** is among the newest members on the Rye Historic District Commission. Karen has a professional background in nonprofit marketing and communications, and currently works in the

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Communications Department of Phillips Exeter Academy. She was raised in an old farmhouse in a rural Vermont town, but lived and worked in Washington, DC; New York City; Boston and Los Angeles before settling in New Hampshire. She has been a resident of Rye since 2009 and lives within the Historic District. She shares her antique home with her husband, Todd Cronin, and their two sons.

- **James Tegeder** has joined the HDC this year. He and his wife have lived in Rye for five years in a historical farmhouse with their three children (Olivia 2, Jonah 4, and Owen 6), a dog, chickens, and a thousand bees. Their Rye home is the Moses Garland house built in 1845. James attended Loyola University and Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, California. James is also a member of the Rye Heritage Commission and an avid reader of the history of Rye and the Isles of Shoals.
- **Phil Winslow** and his wife Mae, both NH natives, have lived in Rye for seven years and have three children and eight grandchildren. They have lived in nine US states as well as Guam, Antwerp, Belgium and Shanghai, China. Phil was in the second graduating class of UNH's school of business, a USAF Captain, and a domestic and international business manager. Phil is also the Vice Chair of the Rye Planning Board, and the Rye representative on the Rockingham Country Planning Commission and the NH Senate Commission for seacoast hazard and risk.

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You can see that the Commission has members with a broad spectrum of backgrounds and experiences---why not add yours to the list ---call me at 603-501-0995 to discuss how you can help.

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission

Rye Water District News

Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting held at the Rye Junior High School on Saturday, March 29, 2014:

Arthur Ditto was re-elected as Commissioner for a three-year term;

Thomas Clifford was elected as Commissioner for a two-year term; The District was authorized to raise and appropriate:

\$60,000 to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Funds; and

\$898,905 to defray the Water District's charges for the ensuing year.

Route 1A Water Main Replacement Project

This past fall 5,300 feet of 12 inch HDPE water pipe was installed along Ocean Boulevard starting at the Washington Road/Ocean Boulevard intersection and running south to the Rye Harbor Bridge area. This spring work in this area continues with pavement replacement, shoulder restoration, driveway apron restoration and roadway edge loaming and seeding.

Additionally, this spring the remaining water main replacement has started. This work consists of installing 3,500 feet of 12 inch HDPE water pipe from the

intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Fairhill Avenue north to a point 650 feet north of Pollock Drive. All water main installation is scheduled to be completed by the end of May with cleanup activities being completed in June.

Three Water Suppliers in Rye

The Rye Water District supplies water and fire protection to the major portion of the Town of Rye.

Aquarion Water Works, a privately owned company in Hampton, supplies the southern portion of the Town, Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts.

The City of Portsmouth supplies water to the northern part of town along Pioneer Road, Sagamore Road, Elwyn Road and Wentworth Road. The portions of Rye served on Wentworth Road, Harbor View Drive, Heather Drive, Elizabeth Lane, along with a section of Frontier Road are supplied by Portsmouth Water but remain within the jurisdiction of the Rye Water District.

Fire Hydrants

If you have a hydrant near your property, we ask you to trim off limbs and cut back shrubs, so they will not hamper operation and maintenance of such. Please remember to not plant shrubbery, erect stone-walls, or install mail boxes closer than eight (8) feet from any fire hydrant. This will ease the snow removal process and access for the Fire Department in an emergency.

Outside Meter Reading Equipment

Outdoor renovations, additions, and siding replacement projects sometimes require the outside meter reading pad/radio receptacle to be temporally removed or relocated. Our meter reading equipment should not be removed or tampered with in any way by others. Please call the

RWD's office in advance of construction. Our personnel will be happy to remove or relocate the meter reader receptacle at no cost to the homeowner if a prior request is made.

Spring Flushing

The semi-annual water main flushing is now completed.

Water Conservation

As the warm weather approaches, we ask for your cooperation regarding outdoor water use. Lawn irrigation, car washing, and any other outdoor watering should be done before 9 am or after 6 pm. The majority of water from lawn sprinklers left running during the heat of mid-day just evaporates into the summer air; therefore, wasting water.

Effective and Efficient Lawn Watering

Here are a few good basic guidelines to maintain a green and healthy lawn.

- Water your lawn in the early morning hours at daybreak or earlier. This will allow time for the soil to absorb the water and feed the roots of your lawn. A more established rooting system is more resistant to the summer heat and lack of rainfall.
- Never water your lawn in the hot summer sun and on windy days. This will cause evaporation along with magnifying the harmful sun rays that burn up your lawn.
- When the summer's heat arrives, it's best to set your lawn mower cutting height higher and allow the lawn to grow longer (minimum 3") to shade the roots from the sun.

Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford

Rye Water District Commissioners

Rye Historical Society News

New Rye History Trolley Tour - Sat. May 24th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. departing from the Town Museum. Adults are \$20, seniors and under 18 are \$18. The tour will explore central and northern parts of town. Please send your name and the number of people in your party to: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org by May 21st or call RHS at 997-6742 for more information. There will be a repeat of this tour on Saturday, July 5th, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

New and very full Rye history exhibit at Town Museum - explore Rye as you never have before through a whirlwind 400 year jaunt, thematic in depth sections, 100 page time line and illustrated history of Rye. Exhibit is fluid and is looking for new contributions of images and stories.

Recent donations/loans include a large post card collection from Bev Armstrong and the historic records of the Rye Congregational Church.

Watch for publicity for RHS summer programs that are in the planning stages.

RHS welcomes new members: \$10 individuals, \$15 family and \$200 lifetime. RHS, PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870 or go to our website: www.ryenhistoricalociety.org and use Pay Pal. There are many projects awaiting your skills and interests. This is your society and your museum.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Rye Historical Society

Mosquito Control Report

The never-ending winter finally gave way to a reluctant spring. It was touch and go for a while but spring is well underway with daffodils and forsythia blooming, grass growing and black flies buzzing around our heads. By the time this article appears in the newsletter, the mosquitoes will be buzzing our heads too.

The spring mosquitoes aren't a disease threat but merely a nuisance. The threat of disease doesn't begin until late July or August and continues until the first snow. While snowfall will end the mosquito season, it also has an impact on the upcoming season. The heavy snowpack of last winter has melted filling the swamps and woodland depressions. This sets the stage for a healthy crop of mosquitoes. At this point in the season, it's difficult to predict if we'll see Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in our area. Wet summers favor EEE and dry, hot summers favor West Nile Virus (WNV). I expect to see EEE this summer but it's impossible to say how much.

The Rye mosquito control program began in early April. Twenty new swallow houses were erected in Awcomin salt marsh bringing the total number of bird houses to 40. Larviciding began in freshwater swamps, woodland pools and depressions. Next, salt marshes are being treated. These sites will be monitored regularly throughout the season. Twenty four new greenhead fly traps have been built and will be placed on the salt marshes in time for the emergence of the greenhead flies which peak in July.

Homeowners can help reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, flower pots, wheel barrows, tarps, pool covers, trash barrels and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

Routine road spraying won't be conducted this season. There is enough money in the budget to spray the entire town during a severe public health emergency. Advance notification will be made if this type of spraying is going to occur. The schools, Parsons Field and the Recreation Area will be sprayed if EEE or WNV are found in or near Rye.

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use our No-Spray Registry online at www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Anyone who submitted a request in 2013 may contact the office to reaffirm your request. Inquiries may be emailed to info@dragonmosquito.com or call the office at 734-4144. You may call or email our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, spray dates or questions about EEE or WNV. Check out our web site: www.dragonmosquito.com where you can request a larval survey, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Twitter.

Sarah MacGregor
Dragon Mosquito Control
603.734.4144

RYE SAFE ROUTES



RYE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Summer, 2014 Newsletter



Thank you to everyone who turned out for our 7th Annual Bike Rodeo, Saturday May 10, 2014. A special thank you to Gus' Bike shop for providing support and service to make sure everyone's bikes were checked and working properly and to Exeter Hospital/Health Reach Community Education for donating helmets.



In addition, we would like to say we appreciate all the support, goodies and services from Rye Elementary School, Philbrick Sports, Pedro's, Rye Congregational Church and Rye Airfield.

The bike rodeo is a great family event for beginners and experienced riders that can come and get their bikes inspected, registered and participate in our parade around the Church. At the event bicyclists are educated on the rules of the road so that they can participate in our Annual Bike to School/Work Day and prepare for riding season.

May 16th was our fourth (4th) Annual Seacoast Bike/Walk to School/Work Day. This event is part of Commute Green NH with sponsors from SABR, Gus', RPC and Commute SMART Seacoast. For more information you may visit www.seacoastbikes.org. Breakfasts were held at the Rye Elementary School and the Rye Public Library for all the participants. This year, Gus' bike shop donated a bike to both the Elementary School and the Junior High to be raffled to a child in each school. Kids who rode their bikes each day of the week of May 11th to the 16th had their names put into the drawing and at the end of the week, a winner from each school was chosen. To find out who won, visit the Town Website at <http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/index>.



We hope that everyone has a great summer and ride safely and visit Keep Going, <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/keep-going> for year-round bike-to-school resources and tips.

We hope that everyone has a great summer and ride safely.

Kimberly Reed,
Planning & Zoning Administrator

Sewer Department Happenings

In 2010, the Rye Townspeople voted favorably on Article 13, which was to see if the Town would vote in favor of the expansion of the City of Portsmouth Sewer System (at no cost to the Town of Rye and pursuant to an Intermunicipal Agreement to be negotiated between the

Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth) in order to provide public sewer service by the City of Portsmouth from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Sagamore Road ending at Pioneer Road at Foyes Corner. The Intermunicipal Agreement is in place and construction began on the line in May. For more information on the project contact the Town of Rye Sewer Department.

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The annual flushing of the sewer lines in the Jenness Beach will take place in June.

It is important to note that The Town of Rye Sewer Department continues to experience operational problems with the sewage pumping stations throughout the Town. The cause of the problem relates directly to products and materials discharged from property owners to the Town of Rye public sewer mains.



Please do not put paper towels, tissue, newspaper, rags, flushable wipes, diapers, sanitary napkins or feminine products down the toilet.

All of these items have caused havoc with our pumps. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper. Kitchen solids can also cause a blockage. Garbage disposals do not always reduce items to the point that they will flush clear of the lateral lines.

Please do not dump cooking grease and oils down the drain. Flushing out the grease with hot water will not work either; this only causes a build up further down the drain and eventually contributes to a stoppage in the lateral or Town sewer pipes. To dispose of cooking grease, pour it into a heat-resistant container, such as a milk carton, and allow it to cool and set. That container should then be disposed in the regular garbage.

The bottom line is that the continued discharge of extraneous debris and grease, oils, and fats into the public sewer system will have a **negative financial impact** and increase the costs for maintenance and repair of Rye's public sewer system and will result in additional costs for the homeowner.

The Sewer Commissioners are David Kohlhasse, 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.

2014 Rye Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

On Monday, May 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. the Town of Rye will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony at Central Cemetery. The Ceremony will begin with a parade from the Veterans Monument lead by a 26 year old Morgan gelding "Willie" and end on the green at Central Cemetery. Participating in the parade will be New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Junior High Band, the Rye Police and Fire Departments, veterans, Girl and Boy Scouts, horses and vintage fire trucks.

The guest speaker is Lt. Dilan Masellas, USN of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The music and sound will be provided by Kevin Schladenhauffen, Karrie Burnett, the New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, the Rye Junior High Marching Band with assistance from Seacoast Power Equipment. Tighe Clough and Ethan Fuller will perform taps with echo. Songs will be sung by Ellen Baker, Karrie Burnett and the Cub Scouts Pack 181. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Chief William "Skip" Sullivan, Rye Fire Department, and a wreath donated by the Rye Lions will be placed in memory of our Veterans.

Awards will be presented by Selectman Priscilla Jenness and Chief William "Skip" Sullivan, Rye Fire Department, to participants of the Rye Recreation Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest from Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High School. Recipients of the Poster Contest Awards are: Grade K, Ashleigh Hancock; Grade 1, Rena Eberhardt; Grade 2, Gracie

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Mesmer; and Grade 3, Ava Lindsay and Brianna Turban. Recipients of the Writing Contest Awards are: Grade 4, Xander Mavrikis and Faith Moll; Grade 5, Sarah Lindsay; Grade 6, Samantha Gumprecht and Matthew Kelly; Grade 7, Jacob Allen, Claire McGrath and Nora Mitchell; and Grade 8, Abby Trainor. Posters will be available for viewing and the poems and essays will be read. Pastor Terry Shanahan, Rye Congregational Church, will give the invocation and Rev. Maurcie Lavigne, St. Theresa Church, will give the benediction. Refreshments are provided by the Rye Heritage Commission and Proud to be an American Pins donated by the Di Nola Family are available.

The Town of Rye has lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and merchant seamen in armed conflicts, including 38 lost in the American Revolution. The Town also remembers on this occasion those firemen and police officers who were lost in the line of duty.



RYE
FARMER'S MARKET

The Rye Farmers' Market starts on Wednesday, June 18th and will run every Wednesday through September 24th, 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the town parking lot beside the Congregational Church. We will have lots of local fruits and vegetables as well as baked goods, home made jams, Mediterranean specialties, plants, home made dog cookies, jewelry and more! If you or someone you know would like to participate in our market, please have them contact Susan Anderson at: sorazi3@comcast.net.

See you at the market!

Susan Anderson
Rye Farmers' Market Committee

Town of Rye Board Meetings

June 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.

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8	9 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	10 8am Sewer Comm. 7:00 p.m. Planning Board	11	12 6:30 p.m. CIP Committee	13	14
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22	23 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	24 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee	25	26 6:30 p.m. CIP Committee	27	28

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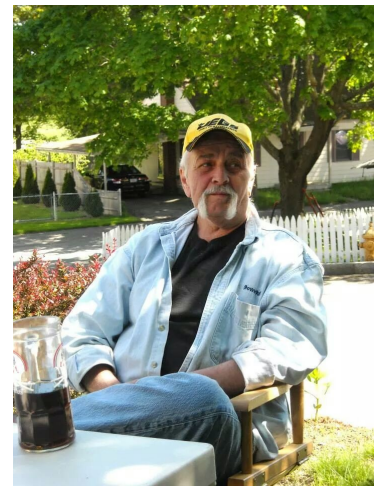
Library Trustees, first Thursday every month
5:30 pm at the Library

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Rye Energy Committee Seeking New Member

The Rye Energy Committee has one space open for a new member. We would love to have someone join us who is connected to the schools in some way, e.g. a parent of a student, is interested in energy conservation at both the residential and municipal levels and who has experience/interest in community outreach. The most important of these is having an interest in sustainability and energy efficiency in our town. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the Rye Library, 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to sit in on a meeting to see exactly what it is that we do! If you are interested, please contact Susan Anderson at sorazi3@comcast.net.



Kenneth I. Gaucher

We were saddened by the recent death of Town employee Kenneth “Skip” Gaucher on April 26, 2014.

Skip grew up in Rye, attended Rye schools and served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard following graduation from Portsmouth High School. He was both a fisherman and a mechanic.

Employed by the Town since 2007, Skip was promoted to Rye Public Works fleet mechanic in 2008.

On behalf of the Town, we send condolences to his family.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission has one vacancy. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Selectmen’s Office at 964-5523 or email jireland2@town.rye.nh.us for more information.

The Rye Recycling Education Committee currently has an opening for one new member. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Deidre Smyrnos at dsmyrnos@comcast.net.

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