



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 10th Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Selectmen's Message:

VITAL DECISIONS TO BE MADE ON MARCH 10TH

The 2015 budget was finalized at \$8,740,834, down \$339,064 from 2014 (\$9,079,898). This figure, less offsetting revenue, leaves \$5,672,629 to be raised by taxes. The Tax rate is \$11.55 per \$1000 of assessed value.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles based on our current valuation of \$1,786,611,900 is as follows:

		Amount of Warrant Article	Tax Impact Per \$1000
Article #6	Highway Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 100,000	\$.056
Article #7	DPW One Ton Pickup	65,000	.036
Article #8	Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund	50,000	.028
Article #9	Police Personnel	47,250	.026
Article #10	F/D Collective Bargain	20,164	.011
Article #12	Municipal Building Maintenance Fund	25,000	.014
Article #13	Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,000	.003
Article #22	Master Plan Expendable Trust	3,000	.002

ARTICLE 5. If passed, Article 5: Renovation and Addition to Town Hall at a cost of \$4,100,000 will have no tax impact in 2015, \$.046 in 2016 and \$.316 in 2017, (assuming a bond at 3.5% at our 2014 valuation). (3/5 ballot vote is required.)

Additional Town Hall information follows the explanation of articles.

ARTICLE 6. Approval of Article 6 will add \$100,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve Account. It has been determined through the Capital Improvement Plan process that, given the highway equipment

required, the estimated replacement cost and life expectancy of each piece, it is necessary to appropriate \$100,000 annually to be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve Account to keep from falling behind.

ARTICLE 7. This article requests approval of \$65,000 for a one ton pickup truck. A necessary piece of Public Works equipment, this truck, purchased in 2006, is 9 years old with in excess of 75,000 miles logged. Its life expectancy is 10 years.

ARTICLE 8. This is a request for addition of \$50,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund. As of 12/31/14, our total liability (the amount owed if all eligible employees retired or left at once) was \$486,968.38. The NH Department of Revenue Administration advises towns to maintain this Leave Fund at 50% of liability (currently \$243,484.19). The account has \$174,339.78. Adding \$50,000 via approval of Article 8 will bring the account to \$224,339.78, still below the recommended 50% by \$19,144.41.

ARTICLE 9. Approval of Article 9 will add one full time police officer for the last 6 months of 2015. The article

is nearly identical to the request of last year which lost by only 36 votes. At the present time, we continue to have one shift daily covered by a single officer.

ARTICLE 10. The sum of \$20,164 is the result of a collective bargaining agreement reached with the Professional Firefighters Association of Rye. A staffing grievance was settled within the agreement and COLA's will be applied back to October 1st of 2014.

ARTICLE 11. This article allows the BOS to call a special meeting to address cost items if Article 10. is defeated.

ARTICLE 12. Self-explanatory, this article requests the addition of \$25,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Account for the purpose of funding major repairs to our municipal buildings.

ARTICLE 13. Also self-explanatory, Article 13 requests that \$5,000 be added to the Rye Public Library Building Expendable Trust Fund, a maintenance fund for repairs at the Rye Public Library.

ARTICLE 14. If Article 14. is approved, the Beach Cleaning Fund will be amended to increase its funding from

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TOWN REPORTS

AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2014 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 3 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.

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the sale of restricted beach parking permits from 25% to 50% and add water quality monitoring and other beach environmental issues to the purposes for which expenditures from this fund can be made if approved by the voters. (2/3 majority vote is required.)

ARTICLE 15. If approved, Article 15 will create a dedicated fund to be known as the Parsonage Maintenance Fund which will receive 100% of the rental revenue from the Parsonage for the purpose of building and ground maintenance repairs. As a result, no revenue from the Parsonage will go into the General Fund and expenses will no longer be paid from the Municipal Building Maintenance Fund once there is a sufficient balance in the account. Any surplus in this fund shall be expended only after a Town Meeting vote for purpose(s) related to the Parsonage and with the Board of Selectmen designated as agents to expend. (2/3 majority vote is required.)

ARTICLE 16. This article asks approval of the operating budget in the amount of \$8,740,834. If this article is defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,414,962. NOTE: No other warrant articles are included in this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. Approval of Article 17 will adopt a Fireworks Ordinance for the Town. (Copies are available at Town Hall and on the website.) Increasing police reports of incidents of carelessness with fireworks and several very serious injuries have prompted this article. Our neighboring towns have fireworks ordinances. Currently Rye does not. Sellers of fireworks post this information within their stores making our beaches an attractive destination.

ARTICLE 18. Approval of Article 18 will amend the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance to allow Towing and Immobilization, providing our police officers with another tool regarding repeat offenders.

ARTICLE 19. This Winter Road Weight Limits Ordinance, which serves to prevent severe deterioration of roadways at strategic frost/thaw times during the year, was adopted by the Board of Selectmen last April. It requires voter approval to remain in force.

ARTICLE 20. The Heritage Commission currently has 5 members plus alternates. The tasks to preserve our

heritage being undertaken by the HC, such as the old graveyard maintenance project, would benefit by allowance of a larger working group.

ARTICLE 21. The position of Beach Supervisor was not funded in 1999 and has never been funded making the Beach Commission, which was established to oversee the Beach Supervisor and be a liaison between the Beach Supervisor and the Board of Selectmen, unworkable and obsolete. Several years ago at the suggestion of then Fire Chief Skip Sullivan, the Board of Selectmen placed the training and oversight of the beach lifeguards under the supervision of the Fire Department, a strategy that has proven successful in terms of emergency response time and day to day supervision. If approved, this warrant article will place all operations of the Beach Lifeguards under the Fire Department. It is the intention of the Board of Selectmen to extend the ad hoc Beach Committee for another year.

ARTICLE 22. If approved, this citizen petitioned article will establish and fund, in the amount of \$3000, a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund to employ outside assistance during the Master Plan revision process as set forth by RSA 674:3 Master Plan Preparation.

ARTICLES 23. & 24. are petition articles.

ARTICLE 25. This is a citizen petitioned article submitted by the Rye Recycling Education Committee, a sub-committee of the Rye Energy Committee. The Board of Selectmen **did not recommend** this article by a vote of 3 – 0 in the belief that, if approved, it will place an unfair burden on those who recycle as opposed to those employing a commercial trash hauler. The Recycling Committee cited Eliot, ME as having a successful pay as you throw program; but Eliot does not have a coastline with beach trash considerations.

ARTICLES 26., 27. & 28. are petition articles.

ARTICLE 29. If approved, this annual warrant article allows the Board of Selectmen to hold an auction of surplus equipment if needed.

THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT

The need for the Town Hall

renovation and addition continues to be dire for both office and meeting room space. The overcrowding has been documented over a 5 year period and the Town Hall building is not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Safety issues abound due in part to the gradual imposition of current technologies throughout an 1839 building.

The planning process has been continuous throughout the year as the result of voter approval of Article 8 on the 2014 March Warrant which provided funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the completion of schematic design, design development and preparation of construction documents to complete the project.

Since 2010, this project has been moved forward by a Town Hall Committee composed of representation from appropriate Town boards, commissions and committees and included a builder and several engineers. This Committee has been ably chaired by Ned Paul, Victor Azzi and currently Paul Goldman. Town Hall staff members have provided extraordinary support in the form of detailed minutes recorded by Beth Yeaton, financial information provided as needed by our Financial Administrator/Assistant Town Administrator Cyndi Gillespie and the day to day attention of Town Administrator Mike Magnant, who has coordinated the myriad of diverse activities required to achieve target dates.

Great effort has been made by the Town Hall Committee to engage residents in this process. Numerous open houses have been held at Town Hall to allow first hand observation of the crowded conditions and safety problems there. Public input has been encouraged at Town Hall Committee meetings and at special public discussion meetings with our architects, Sheerr, McCrystal & Palson. In addition to continuous updates in this Newsletter, detailed minutes of the Town Hall Committee meetings and their video streaming have been and continue to be available on the Town website. Also, a "fly around" video of the design concept has been shown continuously at the Rye Public Library, in the lobby of the Town Hall and on the website.

Beginning in 2009 with a walk-through energy audit of Town Hall, numerous studies, surveys and investigations have been undertaken to answer

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long debated questions and lay the foundation for basic Town Hall Committee decisions. Among those decisions: Town Hall and the business operations of the Town should remain at the current site; Town Hall should be renovated (as opposed to restored) to reclaim the hall with its tin ceiling, wainscoting, stage and curvilinear stairs; a "separate yet connected" addition should be subservient in appearance to the Town Hall building and the addition should be simple in form: rectangular as opposed to ell shaped.

There are many advantages to the plan being presented to voters at this time. No land purchase is necessary. The plan is phased; no modular rental units will be required. A "connected yet separate" addition concept allows renovation of the upstairs hall plus some office space in the Town Hall building with the remaining offices in the addition thus enabling consolidation of the Town business operations to be retained. Additional parking will be gained through access to the upper parking lot.

The financial timing of this project is also to our advantage as we retired 3 long term bonds in 2014 (Safety Building, Library Addition and the original Conservation bond) and 2 short term Public Works bonds.

Hutter, a construction firm from New Ipswich, NH, was selected from among three prequalified bidders and was approximately \$600,000 below either of the other two competitors. The Hutter proposal is aggressive in that, if voters approve the project, it will be completed by February of 2016. Robert Doyle, who conducted the study of the old Trolley Barn/Police Station, has been selected to serve as Clerk of the Works and Owner's Representative pending voter approval of the project.

On March 10th, voters will be presented with a well-designed, thoroughly vetted Town Hall renovation and addition plan that will preserve our heritage while moving the Town into the 21st Century at a cost of \$4,100,000 which is all inclusive.

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

Moderator's Message

Please Vote on March 10th!

The Town and School District election will be held on March 10th, 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. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said that "nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves . . . by not voting." Turnout jumped in last year's election from a meager 25% of registered voters to 38%. I hope that positive trend will continue this year, and that you will vote on March 10th.

Warrant Articles on the Town Ballot: There are 30 articles on the Town ballot. In addition to the \$8,740,834 budget article, 16 Selectmen's articles seek, among other things, authorization to (1) build an addition to Town Hall and renovate the existing building (\$4,100,000), (2) hire a new police patrolman (\$47,250 for 6 months in 2015) – a similar article was defeated by 36 votes in 2014, (3) enter into a new 3-year contract with the firefighters' union (\$20,164 in 2015), (4) purchase a one-ton pick-up truck (\$65,000), (5) add money to four reserve funds – Highway Equipment Capital (\$100,000), Town Employees Accumulated Leave (\$50,000), Municipal Buildings Maintenance (\$25,000), and Library Building Maintenance (\$5,000), (6) adopt an ordinance limiting the use of fireworks, (7) amend the town parking ordinance to allow the towing or immobilization of vehicles owned by people with unpaid parking tickets, (8) increase the Heritage Commission from 5 to 7 members, and (9) dissolve the Beach Commission and delegate its responsibilities to the Fire Department.

The warrant also contains 7 articles brought by citizens' petitions. Those articles seek to (1) establish a "pay-as-you-throw" trash bag program at the Transfer Station, (2) appropriate \$3,000 for a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund to help defray the cost of outside assistance in updating the Plan, (3) advise our political

leaders to amend the United States Constitution "to get big money out of politics", (4) study a possible indoor field turf facility in Rye, (5) require town meetings to be held in locations where video streaming is available, (6) refine the Selectmen's conservation land purchase process, and (7) compel the Capital Improvement Plan Committee to annually prepare and amend a program of municipal capital improvement projects that takes into account the Town Master Plan and guidance from the Board of Selectmen.

Warrant Articles on the School

Ballot: The School District ballot contains 5 articles. In addition to the \$13,419,932 budget article, two School Board articles seek (1) approval of a new 5-year contract with the Rye school teachers' union (\$93,578 in the upcoming fiscal year), and (2) authority to acquire 3 acres of land adjacent to Rye Junior High School on terms to be determined by the School Board, and to appropriate \$10,000 as a deposit for that acquisition. A citizens' petition seeks to appropriate \$3,000 to study the feasibility of, and implement if possible, video and audio streaming of School Board meetings at the Junior High School, and to require the Board to stream its meetings when possible.

Contested Races on Both Bal-

lots: There are 5 contested races in this year's election: (1) School Board, 1 seat: Kevin Brandon and Theresa Kobylinski; (2) Library Trustee, 2 seats: Phil Boynton, Gary Layman and Karen Oliver; (3) Budget Committee, 2 seats: Doug Abrams, Mae Bradshaw and Ray Jarvis; (4) Planning Board, 2 seats: Mel Low, Tom McCormick and Ray Tweedie; and (5) Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2 seats: Russell Bookholz, Burt Dibble and Patty Weathersby. The terms in all the races on the ballot are for 3 years.

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

Registration, Absentee Ballots

& Voter IDs: You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours from now through Friday, February 27th, or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Saturday, February 28th, 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

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the polls, you can apply for an **absentee ballot** at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election. Finally, don't forget, New Hampshire has a voter ID law, so if you have a photo ID, please bring it with you to the polls, **but even if you don't have a photo ID, you can still vote.** See you at the polls!

Bob Eaton
Town & School District Moderator

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

We are fast approaching the annual Town Election to be held at the Elementary School on March 10th. 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. For those unable to get to the election, absentee ballots are available at this office. A sample ballot and the minutes from the Deliberative Session are posted on the town web site (www.town.rye.nh.us).

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. Just stop by this office or go to one of the sessions when the Supervisors' of the Checklist meet and fill out a brief form. It only takes a few minutes and there will be no surprises at the Presidential Primary Election to be held early next year.

Once again we are offering the ability to register motor 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 above. Look for the brightly colored logos on the main

page. Payments by checking account number or credit card are accepted for online transactions. Just a reminder: We are now registering boats here in Rye. Any boat owner, whether a Rye resident or not, can register their boats at this office. In addition to the charges listed on your renewal form sent out by the state, there is a \$5.00 processing fee for each boat and that fee remains here in Rye.

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 (full time) 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.** Property owners with a motel or cabins who wish to purchase Beach Parking Permits for their guests' use must show proof of payment of Cabin License Fees.

The State of New Hampshire is now requiring 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.

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 30th \$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.

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



The Rye Farmers' Market will begin its 2015 season (our 7th season!!) on Wednesday, June 24, 2:30-5:30 at 580 Washington Road, Rye Center (where we always are). We'll have lots of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and baked goods and are looking forward to adding more vendors to our market. See you there!

Rye Farmers'
Market Committee

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

Monday
May 25, 2015
9:00 a.m.



OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 10, 2015

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years Vote for one
CRAIG MUSSELMAN

FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

For three years Vote for one
ELIZABETHM. YEATON

FOR TREASURER

For three years Vote for one
JANE E. IRELAND

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
KENNETH MOYNAHAN

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for two
KAREN OLIVER
PHILIP BOYNTON
GARY LAYMAN

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years Vote for one
KERRY S. POPE

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years Vote for two
RAY JARVIS
DOUG ABRAMS
MAE C. BRADSHAW

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years Vote for two
RAY TWEEDIE
MELVIN R. LOW
THOMAS McCORMICK

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

for three years Vote for two
PATRICIA M. WEATHERSBY
RUSSELL S. BOOKHOLZ
BURTON DIBBLE

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years Vote for one
PETER KASNET

**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?

Re: Width of Parking Spaces

Amend Section 500.1 Size of Parking Spaces, to change the width required from 10 feet to 9 feet. (Note:

Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized.)

§ 500.1 Size of Parking Spaces: All parking

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 10th! 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.

spaces required herein shall have a minimum size of ten (10) nine (9) feet in width by eighteen (18) feet in length.

Explanation

To change the stall size from ten (10) feet to nine (9) feet.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 2: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend § 301.8, B.6 of the Wetlands Buffer Restrictions as follows: (Note: Deleted language is struck through. New language is emboldened and italicized.)

6. Uses permitted by Special exception pursuant to § 301.6 § 301.7 may be permitted by Special Exception in the Wetlands Buffer, subject to the requirements of § 301.6 § 301.7.

Explanation

When the Wetlands Ordinance was amended in 2012 the sections were re-indexed and what was § 301.6 became § 301.7. However, the necessary change was not made in § 301.8, B.6. This amendment corrects that oversight.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 3: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend "Section 501 Signs and Outdoor Advertising" to allow LED lighting; to clarify the lighting permitted; and to bring the zoning criteria into conformity with the criteria of the Planning Board's Land Development Regulations. (Note: Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized.)

SECTION 501 SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING:

501.4 Illumination Criteria: Moving, fluttering, blinking or flashing lights or signs are prohibited. Lighting shall not glare on abutting properties or on public streets. No sign in any district shall be flashing or animated; nor shall it be illuminated by other than light-emitting diode (LED), incandescent or fluorescent light.; nor shall any No illuminated sign of advertising lighting shall outline any part of a building such as a gable, roof, sidewalk or corner. Wherever sign "area" is referred to in this Zoning Ordinance herein, it shall mean the area of one side of a not more than two-sided sign, or one-half of the total area of a sign of not more than two sides. Temporary (non-permanent), holiday lighting is excluded from the above restrictions.

Explanation

To allow LED lighting which was not in existence when the original sign regulations were adopted more than 30 years ago and to have consistent lighting requirements in the Zoning Ordinance and Planning Board Land Development Regulations

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 4: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the definition of "Impervious" to read as follows and replace the word "impermeable" with the word "impervious" throughout the ordinance.

IMPERVIOUS: Any modified surface that cannot effectively absorb or infiltrate water. Examples of impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, roofs, and unless designed to effectively absorb or infiltrate water, decks, patios, and paved, gravel, or crushed stone driveways, parking areas, and walkways, storage areas, compacted gravel including drives and parking areas, oiled or compacted earthen materials, stone, concrete or composite pavers and wood. (From NH RSA 483-B:4 Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act).

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 5: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Comprehensively amend Section 306 Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District with several new provisions, including requiring Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) for any use having impervious surfaces more than 15 percent of a lot or 2500 sq. ft. whichever is greater; by requiring StormWater Management and Pollution Prevention Plans of applicants for a CUP; by requiring Spill Control and Countermeasure Plans for conditional uses using regulated substances; by establishing standards for hydrogeological studies; by reducing the allowed impervious coverage from 35% to 25%; by requiring residential uses to comply with the 25% impervious coverage requirement; and by making the prohibition against commercial storage of fertilizers, manure and compost applicable to residential and horse farm uses. Copies of the proposed amendment are posted at the town hall and on the town website. A copy of the proposed amendment will also be posted at the polling place.

Explanation

The Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District covers most of Rye located southerly of the Town Center. The proposed amendment strengthens the protection of Rye's aquifer and groundwater resources with several provisions which are summarized in the article.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment 6: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Add the following new Section 202.16 to the Zoning Ordinance:

202.16 Medical Marijuana Facility.

A. In order to mitigate their harmful effects on neighborhood children and residential neighborhoods, any medical marijuana facilities shall not be permitted:

1. On any parcel located 500 feet or less from the boundaries of the Single Residence and General Residence Districts, as measured along street frontage; or

2. Within 500 feet of the property line of any mobile home park.

B. In order to prevent a concentration of medical marijuana facilities in one area, which would tend to encourage blight, devalue property and increase crime, no medical marijuana facilities shall be permitted within 1000 feet of another medical marijuana establishment.

Explanation

Recent state legislation allows 4 medical marijuana facilities to be licensed in New Hampshire, one of which could be located in Strafford or Rockingham Counties. Under state law towns are not allowed to prohibit such facilities, however, such facilities are not allowed in residential districts or within 1000 ft. of schools or drug free school zones. The amendment further restricts the location of such a facility should the state license one in Rye.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board and as required by FEMA in order to continue the town's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program? Copies of the proposed ordinance as amended are posted at the Town Hall and on the town website. A copy of the proposed ordinance as amended will also be posted at the polling place.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), gross budget, for the purpose of renovating the Town Hall 1839 building and constructing connected new Town Hall office space, along with equipment and furnishings, and authorize the borrowing of up to four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) through the issuance of not more than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act

A YES vote would allow the Selectmen to raise \$4,100,000 to renovate the existing Town Hall building and construct a new Town Hall building for additional office space.

A NO vote would mean no action would be taken on renovating the Town Hall Building.

(N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations towards this purpose. (3/5) ballot vote required.) This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 6

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 (8-0)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of purchasing a one (1) ton pickup truck with utility body, frame, plow and spreader for the Department of Public Works to replace a 2006 three quarter (3/4) ton pickup truck. 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 (8-0)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 8

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 account. 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 (8-0)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 9

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-seven thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$47,250) to fund the position for the last six months of calendar year 2015. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) Note: The amount of \$47,250 to fund the position for six months in 2015 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 \$91,450.

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 10

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,164.00 for the 2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs, attributable to the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters Association of Rye, at the current staffing level. This amount includes retro pay from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. The Town of Rye's Collective Bargaining Agreements are based on an April 1st to March 31st effective year. The Town's budget is on a calendar year. The range in year 2016-2017 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels over the life of the contract are broken out as follows:

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
10/01/14-03/31/15	\$ 9,757.71	N/A
04/01/15-12/31/15	\$10,406.29	N/A
01/01/16-03/31/16	\$ 3,468.77	N/A
04/01/16-03/31/17	\$13,903.27	\$24,330.72

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 (8-0)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only?

☐ YES ☐ NO

A YES vote would raise \$47,250 to fund the addition of one full time police officer.

A NO vote would not raise \$47,250 to fund the addition of one full time police officer.

A YES vote would raise \$9,757.71 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters Association of Rye.

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

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 10 cost items if Article 10 is defeated.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Art. 10 cost items.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. 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 (8-0)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will 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 operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 14

To see if the town will vote to amend the special revenue fund known as the Beach Cleaning Fund which was established by Article 14 of the 2004 town warrant as follows: (1) increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the fund from 25% to 50% (of total beach permit revenues); and add "monitoring water quality and other environmental issues on Town beaches and watersheds affecting Town beaches" to the purposes for which expenditures may be made from the fund. At present expenditures from the fund are limited to "cleaning town beaches of trash and debris." Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required).

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

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

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of adoption of Article 15, as follows: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent

A YES vote would add \$25,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$25,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance 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 increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the Beach Cleaning fund from 25% to 50% to help in monitoring water quality and other environmental issues on Town beaches and watersheds affecting Town beaches

A NO vote would keep the Beach Cleaning Fund as originally established in 2004.

(100%) of revenues from the annual lease payment of the Parsonage building to expenditures for the purpose of building and ground maintenance and repairs at the Parsonage located at 575 Washington Road? Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as The Parsonage Maintenance Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body (Town Meeting) to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 majority vote required).

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

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

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling eight million seven hundred forty thousand eight hundred thirty four dollars (\$8,740,834)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million four hundred fourteen thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$8,414,962) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)
NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.

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

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

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 17

Are you in favor of adoption of a Fireworks Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows: The Fireworks Ordinance prohibits the retail and wholesale sale of fireworks and the possession, display and discharge of fireworks within the Town of Rye. Persons who have been issued a Certificate of Competency by the N.H. Commissioner of Public Safety are exempt from the prohibition of the possession, display and discharge of fireworks provided they obtain a permit from the Fire Chief for each occasion on which fireworks are to be displayed and discharged.

A YES vote would set up a special revenue fund and restrict 100% of revenues from the annual lease payment of the Parsonage building and authorize the Selectmen to expend these funds for maintenance and repairs on the Parsonage building.

A NO vote would disallow establishment of the special revenue fund for repairs and maintenance to the Parsonage building.

A YES vote would raise \$8,740,834 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$8,414,962.

A YES vote would require a permit from the Fire Chief in order to use fireworks in the Town of Rye.

A NO vote allows the use of fireworks in the Town of Rye without a permit to continue.

The ordinance includes standards for issuance of permits and enforcement procedures, including fines of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for a second offense in the same calendar year.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 18

Are you in favor of amending the Parking Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows: Add a new section on "Towing or Immobilization For Unpaid Fines." The new section authorizes the Police Chief to have an illegally parked motor vehicle towed and stored or otherwise immobilized (i.e. "booted") if the owner has accumulated three (3) unpaid parking tickets or unpaid fines in excess of \$135.00 on any and all vehicles registered in the owner's name. The new section includes notice and appeal provisions intended to provide due process before towing or immobilization would occur.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 19

Are you in favor of adoption of a Winter Road Weights Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows: The Winter Road Weight Limits Ordinance authorizes the Public Works Director to establish temporary weight limits on town roads.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 20

Shall the number of members appointed to the Rye Heritage Commission be increased from five to seven, thereby expanding the volunteer opportunities beyond what was authorized in Article 18 of the 2011 Warrant Article? This change is in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Sections 673:4-a and 674:44.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Rye Beach Commission which was established by Article 25 of the 1999 Town Warrant as follows: Article #25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Beach Commission consisting of three Rye residents to be appointed for three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen and whose responsibilities shall be as follows:

1. To assist the Board of Selectmen in hiring a Beach Supervisor.
2. To act as a liaison between the Beach Supervisor and the Board of Selectmen.
3. To ensure that the Beach Supervisor performs the duties of his or her position as set forth in the job description.
4. To work with the Beach Supervisor in the preparation of an annual Beach Budget, and to furthermore place all operations of the Beach Lifeguards; including hiring of staff,

A YES vote authorizes the Police Chief to have illegally parked vehicles towed or immobilized if the owner has three or more outstanding parking tickets.

A NO vote would disallow illegally parked vehicles to be towed or immobilized for outstanding parking tickets.

A YES vote authorizes the Public Works Director to set temporary winter road weight limits.

A NO vote disallows winter road weight limits.

A YES vote would increase the Rye Heritage Commission to seven members.

A NO vote would keep the Rye Heritage Commission at five members.

A YES vote would dissolve the Rye Beach Commission and leave the operations of the beach under the direction of the Rye Fire Department. The position of Beach Supervisor has never been funded.

A NO vote would disallow the Rye Beach Commission to dissolve.

supervision, training, preparation of the beach annual budget under the direction of the Rye Fire Department.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 22 (By Petition)

To see if the Town shall raise and appropriate \$3000, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to establish a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund for the purposes of defraying the cost of outside assistance in updating the Master Plan, and to appoint the Planning Board as agent to expend such funds. The Planning Board shall, as required by RSA 674:3, inform the residents and invite input in refining a vision for their Town, to be set forth in the Master Plan, which shall then become the basis for revised land use regulations.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen. (2-1)

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (5-1)

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 23 (By Petition)

New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

To request that the Town of Rye, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that: 1) Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and 2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Rye, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Rye's Congressional delegation, and to Rye's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote.

☐YES ☐NO

ARTICLE 24 (By Petition)

To see if the Town shall create a committee to evaluate the pros and cons of different locations and designs for an indoor field turf facility to be used for town recreation and youth sports team practices.

The report should be completed by June 30th and presented jointly to the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Recreation Commission. The Committee will engage with local youth sports teams, e.g. Rye Little League,

A YES vote would establish a Master Plan Trust Fund to assist in funding to update the Master Plan

A NO vote would disallow a Master Plan Trust Fund to be established.

A YES vote creates a committee to evaluate the pros and cons of an indoor field turf facility design and location.

A NO vote would not create a committee to evaluate the pros and cons of an indoor field turf facility design and location.

Rye Travel Soccer, Seacoast Lacrosse, Portsmouth Youth Football and others to collect requirements and estimated usage.

The report will include:

- Utilization assessment from different groups
- Possible locations
- Design options
 - As a stand-alone facility
 - As part of a recreation facility on Recreation Road
- Possible health issues related to artificial turf
- Assessment of need
- Potential grants and funding options (fund raising, other towns...)

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 25 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to implement a SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) program for a one year trial period – to be extended based on a cost- benefit analysis conducted by the Board of Selectmen. This "Pay as You Throw" program is predicted to reduce tonnage going to the landfill from the Rye Transfer Station by 40% or approximately 500 tons per year and at the same time increase the amount recycled. Residents will be required to use designated Town of Rye trash bags to be purchased at a cost of \$1.25 for 15 gallon and \$2 for 30 gallon size bags, and \$3 for 50 gallon bags. The reduction in expenditures to the Town of Rye should exceed \$150,000 annually. The revenue from this program is to be used to offset the cost of operating the transfer station. The combined revenue and reductions in expenditures from this program should lower the tax burden by \$150,000 or more annually.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 26 (By Petition)

Shall all Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Town, and subcommittees thereof, be required, whenever possible, to hold those meetings in a location, such as the Town Hall Courtroom or the Library, where video streaming facilities are provided? When such meetings are held in these locations, video and audio streaming shall be enabled for all portions of the meeting except those that may be non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 27 (By Petition)

Under the "a to q" process (the "Process") for conservation land purchases, promulgated by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014, only the written information (the "Information Submittal") and testimony at the public hearing may be considered in approving or recommending any acquisition. The

selectmen may consider requiring as part of the Information Submittal an appraisal at the behest of the Town appropriately addressing the development potential of the property and a property survey plan and boundary description. A hazardous waste environmental analysis shall be performed for town on property previously used for commercial use.

☐ YES ☐ NO

A YES vote would authorize the Selectmen to consider requiring an appraisal and would require a hazardous waste environmental analysis be performed on property previously used for commercial use for any Town of Rye property acquisition.

A NO vote would keep the original process for acquisitions in place.

ARTICLE 28 (By Petition)

In addition to the requirements of 2013 Warrant Article 21, shall the CIP Committee annually fulfill the requirements of RSA 674:5 that it "prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects" which shall take into account the Master plan and guidance from the Board of Selectmen?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 29

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 2015.

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

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

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

Rye Heritage Commission Message

As the Heritage Commission Chair, representing both that commission and the Historic District Commission, I have had the privilege in 2014-2015 to serve on the Town Hall Committee. The Rye Town Hall was built in 1839 as a Methodist Episcopal Church. The building and site were sold to the Town of Rye in 1873 to become the new town government center. The Town Hall became the hub of community life as the only meeting house in town. It was used for meetings of the Grange. The large meeting hall on the second floor was venue for fairs, performances, wedding receptions and dances until the mid-1980's. At that time, town offices were scattered all over town; and, in order to consolidate the business of government, the second story meeting room, with its historic tin ceiling, proscenium stage and monumental windows, was divided into "temporary" offices and awkwardly used as such from 1985 to the present.

Returning the second story meeting room to its vibrant past will become a reality with the passage of Warrant Article 5 in March of 2015. Steps already taken to revitalize the building have included a new roof and the addition of a geothermal system. The future holds structural reinforcement and insulation of the building, rehabilitation of the monumental windows with improved energy efficiency and restoration of the "great hall" meeting room. The Heritage Commission will seek grants from the State of New Hampshire to accomplish some of these restoration projects in the year to come. Fund raising by the

Heritage Commission's Message

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commission over the past few years has amassed ten thousand dollars for Town Hall education and project "seed money" with which to start the grant process.

The Heritage Commission has enjoyed some success in its Adopt-a-Graveyard program since the autumn. The Brackett Massacre Site has been adopted by Thomas O'Neil, a descendant of the Brackett Family, and the Seavey burial ground on Sagamore Road has been adopted by Brenda Wheatley and Mark LaBounty. The commission anticipates a spring clean-up of the South Road Burial Ground and welcomes volunteers.

It is anticipated that after March 10th the Heritage Commission will grow from five members to seven. We welcome public attendance at our meetings which are held in the Court Room at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. We expect to be seeking new members and alternates in mid-March. If you have interest in these projects or have ideas you wish to share, please contact me at maebradshaw@comcast.net.

Mae Bradshaw, Chair
Heritage Commission

Historic District's Message

We strongly support Warrant Article #5 which will be on the town ballot on March 10th. This warrant article will raise \$4,100,000 to renovate the current 1839 (176 year old) Town Hall building and construct connected new Town Hall office space.

The most significant issue facing the Rye Historic District in 2015 is the decision by the residents of the town on what to do with the Rye Town Hall. The current Town Hall, originally built as a Methodist Church in 1839 was purchased by the Town of Rye for use as the Town Hall in 1873 and has stood until recently as the center of Town business and social activities. The facility anchors the town's Historic District and has exemplified the past history and culture of the town we live in.

That said, as the town grew and the demand for enhanced town services multiplied the Town Hall is now only being used for town business activities and does a marginal job at that. The beautiful second floor town meeting room along with its tin ceiling began being carved up for office space in 1986 and in 2004 the entire second floor, including the stage was totally taken over for that purpose. We have town employees housed in hallways, stairwells, as well as areas which were previously closets. It became obvious in 2011 that the Town Hall was "bursting at its seams" and new office space had to be found. A space needs committee was convened and a study was completed that considered the alternatives which included finding alternate space in other town owned buildings, finding land to build a new Town Hall on, expanding and renovating the current town hall, etc. The alternatives were then measured for effectiveness based on finding a low cost alternative, delivering a product that maximized the public's ease of doing business with the town, providing ADA compliant access, updating the electrical and communication features, etc.

A second Town Hall Committee was convened following the approval by the town voters of \$60,000 in 2013 to retain a licensed architect to design a Town Hall complex. This committee worked throughout 2013 and 2014 with the town voters approving another \$250,000 to complete the design. Following two years of meetings the Town Hall Committee and the consulting architectural firm have delivered that design which can be seen on the Town Web Page.

We encourage you to look at the resultant work of the committee and to vote yes on Warrant Article #5 on March 10th.

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission

Assessing Department Update



As many of you have noticed our *new* GIS (Geographical Information System) software

on the Town website has been lacking the 'sketch' of the improvements on your property. This is due to the 'sketch routine' in the Vision CAMA (computer assisted mass appraisal) software is proprietary software owned by a different company who licenses it out to Vision for their use. With that being said, our cost to provide the Vision PRC (property record card) with the sketch was costing the Town several thousand dollars a year. To be prudent with your money we have developed a system for extracting the entire PRC and attaching it to our GIS website at a reasonable cost, hundreds NOT thousands of dollars. Look for the sketches, coming soon to our GIS site.

As for our administrative house-keeping items; the biggest for this year is the "Conservation Commission's land", to make sure we have their properties listed correctly and all the necessary documentation provided for statutory compliance, similar to what we just did with the 'current use program' owners.

Joanne and I have started reviewing our 'outbuilding' data (garages with living space) and found some discrepancies that need to be rectified for tax year 2015. You may notice a Silver Mazda with NH license plate 'CNHAS' out in the field reviewing your outbuildings, this is Jared Hynes a NHDRA Certified Assistant Assessor.

In addition to the items above Certified New Hampshire Assessing Services, LLC, the Town's assessing company, will be reviewing the entire town and making adjustments to the property grades. It has come to my attention that this needs to be checked and corrected if wrong.

FYI: A reminder for all of you who are getting up in your years: we have an Elderly Exemption available that if you qualify could reduce your tax liability. In addition to the Elderly Exemption we have an Exemption for the Blind and Veteran's Credit is available. Please take the time to read the qualifying information to see if any of these tax reducing programs work for you. With the assistance of Joanne Drewniak, Assessor's Assistant, and all the other knowledgeable town employees we will work our hardest to be as brief as possible when looking for your assistance.

(See Assessing Update, page 18)



SPRING PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

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

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SPRING PROGRAMS

SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT



Rye Recreation Modular
55 Recreation Road, Rye

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015, 8:00 A.M.

Registration is limited to a first-come, first-served basis and will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

(Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 18, 2015)



2015-16 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

SIGN-UP NIGHT

Rye Recreation Modular
55 Recreation Road, Rye

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

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



FALL SOCCER

SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Rye Recreation Modular
55 Recreation Road, Rye

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015, 8:00 A.M.

(Rye and New Castle Residents Only)

Soccer deadline is July 31, 2015

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 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

RYE ART IN BLOOM Join Rye Recreation and Webster at Rye for Rye's own Art in Bloom. This will be the 15th 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 17, 2015, 5:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, 2015, 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. Lunch programs 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, a sticks and stitches group and a walking group. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch or \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents are welcome to join. For a registration form and/or more information, contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us



SENTINELS OF THE COAST: LIGHTHOUSES OF MAINE

Join Dreams Unlimited's Michael Perry for a

beautiful slide show journey down the Maine Coast from the Isles of Shoals to the candy striped lighthouse at West Quoddy Head. Maine features 64 lighthouses. We won't visit all of them, but we will visit many! Colorful pictures of the lights and landscapes, fun stories and historical anecdotes, smiles and laughter for all!

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015

Lunch: Baked stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, Greek salad, ice cream and a cookie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 5, 2015
Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



SONGS OF OLD NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jeff Warner offers ballads, love songs and comic pieces that reveal the

experiences and emotions of daily life in the days before movies, sound recordings and, for some, books. Songs from the lumber camps, the decks of sailing ships, the textile mills and the war between the sexes offer views of pre-industrial New England. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015

Lunch: Vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad and fudge brownie sundae.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2015
Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



SPIES IN TIME

How have spying and intelligence activities influenced the course of history? Investigate case studies of how great powers have used spies in war and peace. Trace the history of spying from the Dreyfus case in France (1894-1906) to the Aldrich Ames case in the U.S. (1980s and 1990s). Douglas Wheeler focuses the discussion on how human motives, traits, and ideas shape the search for secret information and how that information is used and misused in international affairs.

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015

Lunch: Build your own deli sandwich w/assorted cold cuts, breads, cheeses, tomatoes, pickles, relishes, olives, chicken salad, potato salad, sherbet and a cookie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 7, 2015

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



NEIL SEDAKA This American singer-songwriter is known for writing hits like "Love Will Keep Us Together" and "Laughter in the Rain". Don't miss this chance to see this living legend live in concert at Mohegan Sun Casino. There will be plenty of time before the performance for lunch and gaming. This is a ticketed event and limited space is available. No refunds after March 10, 2015.

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 or by chance

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$82 General Seating; \$99 Premium Seating (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and free slot play or free bet and meal voucher good at any Mohegan Sun eating facility.) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

The PEM collection offers outstanding works primarily from the 1700s to today: paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, textiles, architecture and decorative objects. Café on site. You are responsible for your

own museum admission (\$15-\$18) and lunch.

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$20 (Includes transportation and driver tip only)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



CARDIO & TONING FITNESS is instructed by Alexis Mason. Simple moves and combinations for cardio are paired with light-weight strength training for a full-body workout. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. Held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, April 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 2015, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Fee: \$43 (Prorated to start date) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

STRETCH & FLEX FITNESS is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre. Improve your flexibility and muscle tone with chair-based exercises. This is a simple and easy to follow, low-stress workout. Held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015, 9:00-10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 2015, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$18 (Prorated to start date)



Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.

WALKING GROUP meets once a week to walk Central Cemetery. If you enjoy the company of others while exercising, this social group is for you. Meet at the Town Hall Upper Parking Lot, 10 Central Road, Rye. Fridays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
 Fee: No charge (Registration form required)



Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.

STICKS AND STITCHES GROUP meets once a month on a Thursday. If you crochet, knit, sew, quilt and/or needlepoint, enjoy the company of others while you complete your own project. Held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Thursday, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, 2015, 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 Certification. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Safety Complex. For ages 11 and up. Held Saturday, April 11, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 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 Certification. Instruction is provided by Chuck Gallant, Rye Firefighter and held at the Rye Safety Complex. For ages 11 and up. Held Saturday, April 11, 2015, 1:00-4:00 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 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Session 2, Thursdays, June 11, 18, 25, July 9, 2015, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$135 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Session 2, Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, July 7, 2015, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$135 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 14, 21, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
 Fee: \$115.50 per session (7 classes)



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL is held Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015. Held at Rye Junior High and based on availability. Over 40 years, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 18-40 years, 10:00-11:00 a.m. No charge.



GYROKINESIS® is instructed by Kathryn Londoff. It is a total-body conditioning and balancing system for all ages and abilities. The class begins with participants on stools, learning how to create internal opposition in order to decompress the spine, followed by spinal motions in all possible planes. The limbs are then incorporated, the work progressing to the floor. Breath work is synchronized with the movements leading to greater energy, circulation, stamina, flexibility and strength. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. **An introductory class will be offered on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at no charge.** Wednesdays, April 15, 22, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2015, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Fee: \$77 (7 classes)



BICYCLE RODEO Join the Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation Department and Safe Routes to School Committee for the 8th Rye Bicycle Rodeo. This bicycle safety clinic is open to all ages and will feature bike inspections, rules of the road, obstacle course and helmet fitting. Held in the Rye Congregational Church Parking Lot, Saturday, May 9, 2015, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parental supervision and bike helmet required.
 Fee: No charge (Registration form required)



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 27-May 1, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$125



SPRING RECESS SKATEBOARD CAMPS are provided by Rye Airfield. This three-day, co-ed camp is taught by RAMP CAMP instructors. Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads and board required (Rentals are available for an additional fee).



Grades 3-8, April 27-29, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$99
 Grades 3-8, April 27-29, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$129

ONE-DAY SKATEBOARD CAMPS are provided by Rye Airfield. These one-day, co-ed camps are taught by RAMP CAMP instructors. Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads and board required (Rentals are available for an additional fee).

Session 1, Grades 3-8, March 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Session 2, Grades 3-8, May 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$25 per session

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink.



Session 1, Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, May 6, 2015
 4yrs-K, 3:15-4:00 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Grades 4-7, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 8-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 Session 2, Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2015
 4yrs-K, 3:15-4:00 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Grades 4-7, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Grades 8-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Adult, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)

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 \$15.50/day with a minimum of two days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.





SUMMER PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

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

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SUMMER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT



Rye Recreation Modular
55 Recreation Road, Rye

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015, 8:00 A.M.

Registration is limited to a first-come, first-served basis and will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

(Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 18, 2015)

LOBSTER BAKE & KENNEBUNKPORT, ME TOUR

Enjoy a guided tour of Kennebunkport, we'll explore the town's history and architecture. See the romantic Wedding Cake House, George & Barbara Bush's Summer Home and the lovely gardens and shrines of the Franciscan Monastery.

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015, Departure Time and Location TBD
Reservation Deadline: July 1, 2015

Meal Choice: A boiled lobster & steamed clams or baked haddock, clam chowder, Caesar salad, potato, rolls, dessert and beverage.

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

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS

DAY CAMP is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 22-August 14, 2015 and will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Full-day campers will need to bring two snacks, drinks, and a lunch each day while half-day campers only need a snack and a drink. Prior to arrival, please apply bug spray, sunscreen, and label all belongings. There will be 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: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Post-Camp: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Fees include t-shirt:

Weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Full Day: \$140/wk,

Half-Day: \$75/wk

Week 2 (No Camp July 3rd); Full Day: \$112/wk,

Half-Day: \$60/wk

BABYSITTER COURSE

provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. Hands-on activities, video, plus discussion on decision making skills and solutions for real-life problems. Participants earn American Red Cross Certification. For ages 11 and up. Held at the Rye Public Library, Rye. Participants should bring lunch, a snack and drink. Saturday, June 13, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$90



ADULT YOGA AND MEDITATION

is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Breathe. Have fun with others while learning the ancient practice 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 Library, Rye.

Thursdays, July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$66 (4 classes)



FALL SOCCER SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Rye Recreation Modular
55 Recreation Road, Rye

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015, 8:00 A.M.

(Rye and New Castle Residents Only)

Soccer deadline is Friday, July 31, 2015

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



CARDIO & TONING FITNESS is instructed by Alexis Mason. Simple moves and combinations for cardio are paired with light-weight strength training for a full-body workout.

Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. Held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye.

June 1, 3, 17, 22, 24, 29, July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, August 3, 5, 10, 2015, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$18 (Prorated to start date)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



Saturday, July 4, 2015

Parsons Field

7:00 p.m., Live Band

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

Week 1, June 22-26, Buggy Business

It's all about bugs! Join us and learn all kinds of interesting facts about bugs, how they live, and the cool things they do; even create your own bugs and make "bugs" you can eat!



Week 2, June 29-July 2, Puppets & Theater

Together we will create amazing puppets, a puppet theatre, and script our very own puppet show that you can invite special guests to. (No camp July 3rd)



Week 3, July 6-10, Kids Creations

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



Week 4, July 13-17, Mad Scientist

This week will be packed with scientific experiments. Through interesting and imaginative investigations, our campers will discover the excitement of science.



Week 5, July 20-24, Ocean Commotion

Are you ready to have a splash with under sea adventures? Come join us for a week of water games, ocean-themed crafts, and amazing sand creations.



Week 6, July 27-31, Pirates Gold Rush

Ahoy, Mateys! Come help us find hidden treasure, play pirate games, and learn about the pirates who sailed the seven seas.



Week 7, August 3-7, Nature Exploration

Who wouldn't want to be outside? Learn about the great outdoors, build forts and fairy houses and more. Come, discover, and help keep our environment beautiful.



Week 8, August 10-14, Around the World in 5 Days

Travel to places like Spain, China, Brazil and Egypt. Try their customs, eat their food, play their games and more. Become a cultural connoisseur!



YOUTH YOGA CAMP provides a fun, empowering, educational and creative boosting experience. Enjoy yoga and other activities daily that build your body, mind and spirit. Instruction is provided by Magnolia Barrett, a Rye native, and certified Yoga Instructor. Held in the cafeteria at Rye Junior High School. Participants should bring a snack and drink each day.



Week 1, July 13-17, 2015

Entering Grades 6-8, Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Week 2, July 20-24, 2015

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

Entering Grades 3-5, Co-ed, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$100/wk, includes yoga mat

YOUTH GROUP GOLF LESSONS are provided by Pease Golf Course. These co-ed lessons are focused on 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 13-17, 2015
 Entering Grades K-4, 8:00-8:45 a.m.; Entering Grades 5-12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 Week 2, August 3-7, 2015
 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.



WOMEN'S 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.
 Tuesdays, July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2015, 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 20-24, 2015, 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, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2015, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Session 2, Tuesdays, July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2015, 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 entering grade 6 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, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2015, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Session 2, Tuesdays, July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2015, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), equipment provided.



BASKETBALL CAMP instruction is provided by Anne Haky, Head 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 a snack and drink each day.
 Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a t-shirt.
 Week 1, July 6 - 10, 2015



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 13-17, 2015

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

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink.
 Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015
 4yrs-K, 3:45-4:30 p.m.; Grades 1-3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 4-7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Grades 8-12, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)



LEGO ROBOTICS CAMPS instruction is provided by Kevin Husson. This program is for youth entering grades 1-6 and held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Campers attending more than one session need to bring a snack and drink each day. *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 27-31, 2015, 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 27-31, 2015, 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 a snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.



August 3-7, 2015, 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 a snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen. *Host a coach and gain a cultural experience to remember, plus receive an \$80 reimbursement from Challenger Sports.*
 July 27-31, 2015



4 yrs - Entering K, Co-ed, 12:30-2:00 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

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 a snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen. *Host a coach and gain a cultural experience to remember, plus receive an \$80 reimbursement from Challenger Sports.*
 August 10-14, 2015

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

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

SKATEBOARD CAMP is provided by Rye Airfield. These co-ed lessons are taught by RAMP CAMP instructors. 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 6-10; Week 2, July 13-17; Week 3, July 20-24; Week 4,

July 27-31; Week 5, August 3-7; Week 6, August 10-14, 2015.

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

Fee: \$199/wk

2015-2016 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 \$15.50/day with a minimum of two days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.



What's "Spring"ing Up at Rye Public Library!

As we prepare this newsletter, spring is still a dream buried under record snowfall. That dream keeps us hopeful every year, though, and this one is no different. Keep us in mind for your information and entertainment needs as we all await the first tentative blossoms of 2015. Remember the resources at our website at www.ryepubliclibrary.org.

Ongoing Activities:

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

Two sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at **2:00 pm (upstairs)** and **7:00 pm (downstairs)**.

3/17 *Fools of Fortune* by William Trevor

5/19 *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro

4/21 *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

6/16 *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario

Wednesday Matinee Film Series

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

3/4 *Boyhood* R 165 min

4/15 *Wild* R 115 min

3/11 *The Good Lie* PG-13 110 min

4/22 *My Old Lady* PG-13 107 min

3/18 *Gone Girl* R 149 min

4/29 *St. Vincent* PG-13 102 min

3/25 *Pride* R 119 min

5/6 *Before I go to Sleep* R 92 min

4/1 *The Two Faces of January* PG-13 96 min

5/13 *The Theory of Everything* PG-13 123 min

4/8 *Maleficent* PG 97 min

5/20 *Unbroken* PG13 137 min

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

Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:

Every Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.
Learn at your own pace, with plenty of encouragement in a pressure-free environment.

Generations Genealogy Club:

First Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the New Hampshire Room. Learn about the process, find resources at RPL! 3/3, 4/7, 5/5

Knitting with Mary:

By the Fireplace at 10:00 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.

Military Book Discussions:

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.
3/5, 4/9, 5/7

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 NH , Dover

Museum of Science, Boston

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Historic New England

Ogunquit Museum of Art

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

NH State Parks parking pass

New England Aquarium, Boston

Museum Passes Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. New members welcome!
Rye Public Library Tech Fair- Sat. March 21 10am-2pm Sponsored by the Friends of RPL
Consult the RPL website www.ryepubliclibrary.org for forthcoming Friends programming

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.

WEEKLY COMPUTER TUTOR AND DEVICE ADVICE- Here is an opportunity to bring in your specific computer or device-related questions including how to borrow downloadable content for your e-reader or tablet through RPL, or other help with your Windows, Mac, Android or iOS device.
Call to make an appointment for a 25 min. session on Monday or Friday mornings or Thursday evenings.

2015 Spring TECH TALK COMPUTER CLASSES

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

3/25 Introduction to iOS (iPads & iPhones)

4/22 Introduction to Mac OS X Yosemite & upgrade options

5/20 Android Tips and Q & A

Rye Public Library Youth Department Spring Programming
March 2015 – May 2015 / Call the library for more details or check our website:
www.ryepubliclibrary.org

Youth Programs:

Story Time (ages 2+)

Wednesdays 11:00 – 11:30am

Mother Goose Story Time (birth through age 2)

Fridays 10:00 – 10:30am

Y-LA Teen Advisory Board

3/24 & 5/19 7:30pm

Book Bites: Chat & Snack Book Club 2-4th grade Mar 26; Apr 23; May 28 @ 3:15pm

YAttitudes Teen Book Discussion Group

2nd Tuesdays / March - May 7:00pm

Friday Movies 3:10pm / 2nd & 4th Fridays

Check website for featured films.

Crafternoons: Crafts for elementary-aged kids

4th Tuesdays / March - May 3:00 - 4:00pm

Bead Club (Ages 8+)

2nd Thursdays / March - May 3:00 - 5:00pm

Early Release Day Movie

Maleficent PG 97 min April 8th @ 1:00pm

Zentangle Drawing Fun!

Mar 19; April 16 @ 3:00pm

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.

Assessing Update *(continued from page 11)*

The Assessing Department is open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist you with any concerns and/or questions you have regarding assessing and taxation. We may also be reached by phone at 964-5523 or by email: dhynes@town.rye.nh.us. Our assessment data is available on-line via the Town's GIS website: <http://www.town.rye.nh.us>

David M. Hynes, CNHAS
Town Assessor

Joanne Drewniak, Assessor's Assistant

Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

Pesticide Application Warning:

There are stringent regulations in the State of New Hampshire that prohibit the application of any pesticides to, or within 25 feet of surface waters. Residents may not apply pesticides to surface waters even if the water is entirely on their property. Only licensed applicators with a special permit from the State are permitted to apply pesticides in this sensitive environment. More information on this topic or other pest control questions can be found by calling the NH Division of Pesticide Control at: 271-3550.

If a resident suspects that there may be a mosquito breeding habitat on their property they can contact the company with the contract for Rye's mosquito control. This year the contractor will be Swamp, Inc. They will send a technician to your property to inspect for possible breeding sites such as red maple swamps and vernal pools. If the water source of concern supports aquatic life such as frogs or minnows then it is probably not a good habitat for mosquito larvae because they prey on them.

Preparation for the Rye Mosquito Control Program begins early in the year with the submission of the application to the State of NH for a Special Permit. In March the successful contractor will submit their final mosquito control plan to the Rye RMCC for review. The commission will review and accept the plan then send it

to the Selectmen for approval. Also in March the contractor assembles the swallow nesting boxes and prepares them for installation in April prior to the nesting season. Monitoring and sampling swamps and woodland pools start in April and continue throughout the mosquito season. That can even include November and December for certain micro-habitats that are the home to melanura mosquito larvae. When larval activity is observed the contractor selects the most effective larvicide and method of application to control the problem. The greenhead traps are placed on the marshes in early June before the larvae maturing in the marsh mud hatch. At the end of June five light traps are installed around town and samples are collected the next day. The samples are frozen then sorted by specie and sent to a testing lab in Concord that checks for arbovirus infections (EEE & WNV). Based on activity report data the contractor typically works in Rye 4 days in April, 8 days in May, 17 days in June and 19 days in July. Activity reports do not give the number of employees or man hours expended although this may provide the commission with information useful in the overall analysis of the mosquito control program.

For no-sprays and requests, residents can either email swampfixer@myfairpoint.net, visit their website www.swamp-inc.com and click on contact Swamp, Inc. at the top right for fillable request forms or call Swamp, Inc. at (603) 431-0008.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission is seeking a new member. The RMCC is a three member commission with no alternates allowed. We currently have one vacancy. It is a volunteer position with a three year commitment subject to the approval of the Selectmen. There are no special requirements for the position other than being civic minded, having an interest in the environment and the willingness to attend one meeting per month. Please forward your inquiries to Rye Town Hall c/o Janice Ireland.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman
Tim Sanborn
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Police Chief Offers a Few Reminders

Thank you to the parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High. They drive past the school, turn around at Grange Park then enter the school parking lot. This has helped to keep the morning and afternoon commutes moving without creating a traffic jam. Please check to make sure your child has his/her seatbelt buckled. Some children leave their backpacks on and are not connecting the seatbelt properly. Officers continue to find children unbuckled.

Believe it or not, warm weather is approaching and people will be walking their dogs on the beaches. As a reminder, please pick up after your dog. Most people adhere to the ordinance; however, a few do not and thanks to the residents who remind those people they must clean up. Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 23, 2015, dogs are not allowed on the beaches from 9:00 AM until after 7:00 PM.

Skateboards on the roads can be hazardous. Children ride their skateboards on roads that have heavy vehicular traffic. Parents, please talk with your children who ride skateboards about where they are riding them. If a skateboarder loses his/her balance, the skateboarder could be hit by a vehicle.

Beach permits for vehicles: Please get your 2015 permit and put it on the driver's side rear window. Permits are required for mopeds parking in permitted areas. Parking enforcement reports many residents come in to complain about receiving a ticket. They almost always use the excuse they forgot to get their sticker. Also, the beaches of Rye are dry - NO ALCOHOL. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol.

On February 6, 2015 the New Hampshire Police Chiefs Association named Jayne Dockham the recipient of the 2015 Commander Richard Sexton Lifetime Service award. Jayne and Retired Police Chief Bud Dockham volunteered at the New Hampshire Cadet Academy. Jayne has done this for approximately 40 years. The first Commander of the academy was Richard Sexton. His vision was to allow cadets to see police as being sensitive,

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Jayne Dockham receiving the 2015 Commander Richard Sexton Lifetime Service Award.

Photo courtesy of Harriet Goff

humane people and to change the law enforcement stereotypes. Jayne volunteered many hours at each Cadet Academy doing the tasks necessary to make each Academy a success. Thanks to Jayne, many of our police officers attended the Cadet Academy and chose law enforcement as a career.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Rye Fire Department and Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon Monoxide (CO) – often called the invisible killer is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that is created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage or too close to the house can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

A person may be poisoned by a small amount of carbon monoxide over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter period. The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables that include the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women and people with underlying health issues that interfere with the body's ability to use oxygen can be more severely affected at lower levels of exposure.

Symptoms of CO poisoning may include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches.

Some of these can be confused with the flu or other illnesses.

The installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors will help in the protection of building occupants in the event of carbon monoxide problem. When purchasing and installing a CO detector the following tips will be helpful:

- Chose a CO alarm that is labeled by a testing laboratory
- Follow the manufactures instruction for placement and installation
- Install a CO alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level. Interconnect the alarms for best protection.
- Test the alarms at least once a month.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window. Make sure everyone is accounted for. Call 911 from outside.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, start it and move it out doors. Never run an engine or motor indoors.
- Generators should be used in well ventilated areas outdoors , at least five feet from structures and with the exhaust pointed away from the building .
- During and after snowstorms make sure vents for dryers, furnaces, stoves and fireplaces are clear of accumulated or drifted snow.

Carbon Monoxide State Statues (effective January 1, 2010):

The Statue requires that each unit of a multi-unit dwelling and each single family dwelling constructed or substantially rehabilitated after January 1, 2010 must be equipped with a Carbon Monoxide Detector.

A Carbon Monoxide Detector must be installed in every rental unit. "This shall include: hotels, motels, dormitories, apartments, duplex units, rooms rented out of the home of another and single family dwellings so long as they are rented."

Detector location is covered by NFPA 720, The Standard for the

Installation of Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment and the International Residential Code. Detectors should be installed outside of sleeping area in the immediate area of the bedrooms.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors in new construction shall be hard wired and have a battery backup. In existing buildings the Carbon Monoxide Detector shall have at least two independent and reliable power supplies provided, one primary and one secondary; each of which shall be of adequate capacity for the application. In new construction or substantially rehabilitated buildings the detectors shall be interconnected. In existing construction the detectors are not required to be interconnected but it is recommended.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on Carbon Monoxide and Carbon Monoxide Detectors please call or stop by the Fire & Rescue at 555 Washington Road, (603) 964-6411.

Thomas Lambert
Fire Chief

Message From Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Senior SERVE thanks the Town of Rye for allowing us to park the SERVE van in the garage of the old police station on Central Road. We also thank the Rye Conservation Commission for providing storage space in the Goss Barn cellar for the seasonal items which had been stored in the garage. On a very cold January morning a hardy band of volunteers moved those materials from the garage to the barn cellar. Members of the SERVE Board of Directors and citizen volunteers Sally King, Jeff Quinn and Harold Olson worked to clear the garage space for housing the van. Just in the nick of time, the van is protected from severe weather, both preserving the van and facilitating the efforts of volunteers to serve the residents who rely on the van for transportation especially to the weekly grocery shopping trip.*

This project was a fine example of cooperation among several officials of

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Senior SERVE's Message

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the community – Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Director of Public Works, Conservation Commission - and SERVE, an independent volunteer organization assisting senior residents of Rye. We are very grateful for the Town's support.

*Note: If you could benefit from this service, call Town Hall, 964-5523, before noon on Monday to reserve a seat on the van for Tuesday morning.

Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 to learn more about SERVE programs and volunteer opportunities.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior SERVE

Sewer Department News

IMPORTANT SEWER SYSTEM NOTICE

The Town of Rye Sewer Department has been experiencing 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.



Do NOT put paper towels, tissue, newspaper, rags, flushable wipes, diapers, sanitary napkins, feminine products down the toilet. All of these items

have caused our pumps to shut down recently. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper.

Kitchen solids, such as fruit and vegetable rinds and peels, corn kernels, eggshells, and chicken bones can also cause blockage. Garbage disposals do not always reduce some of these items to the point that they will flush clear of the lateral lines.

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. Avoid using chemicals that claim to dissolve grease, such as vinegar and baking soda. Those products only dislodge grease clogs and move them further down the pipe, which can lead to similar problems. 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. Please educate and encourage all members of the household to follow proper grease handling steps.

Financial Impact of Continued Discharge of Debris, Grease, Oils and Fats

The continued discharge of extraneous debris and grease, oils, and fats into the public sewer system will continue to increase costs for maintenance and repair of public sewer pipes and sewage pumping stations. Continued improper discharge of these materials could also incur additional costs for a homeowner because of the cleaning of laterals and basement flooding.



There is an easy way to prevent sewer problems and it boils down to one main effort: Do NOT put things down your pipes that should

not go down them. For more information contact the Sewer Department at 964-6815.

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

**Reduce
Waste**

If not you, who?

SMART/PAYT (Save Money and Reduce Trash / Pay As You Throw). Most of us think about trash as "out of sight – out of mind", but it doesn't really disappear. We need to acknowledge that waste disposal is interconnected with other systems such as water and energy, and for these reasons we need to begin treating waste as a utility, encouraging the reduction of waste by metering

just as we do with electricity.

Trash metering make sense economically, environmentally and is equitable.

This is why the Rye Recycling Education Committee supports Article #25 SMART/PAYT. The SMART/PAYT method is anticipated to increase recycling in Rye and decrease our trash by at least 44% resulting in a reduction of 500 tons trash per year. That is about one 10-Ton load LESS trash per week!

The EPA endorses PAYT and reports that this approach to waste has been proven to be the single most effective way to reduce residential solid waste, increase recycling, and decrease waste-related greenhouse gas emissions.

See these EPA web addresses:
<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/payt/index.htm> and <http://www.epa.gov/waste/conserve/tools/payt/tools/bulletin/summer10.pdf>



Educational Event March 8th - combined event: Article #23 "Get Big Money out of Politics" presentation by NH Rebellion and Trash Talking Article #25 SMART/PAYT, as well as Food Waste Collection with Mr. Fox Composting, will be held Sunday March 8th from 3PM – 5PM at the Rye Library.

Please put this event on your calendar and plan to attend so that we may answer any questions that you have.

Story of Stuff, great video about the way we make, use and throw away all the "stuff" in our lives. <http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff>

Yard Waste - It may not seem like it but spring is just around the corner! So while you are dreaming of time spent in the garden – here is a reminder that the "Brush Dump" is open Tuesday and Saturdays to receive leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, flowers, vegetation, brush, branches and small logs (nothing over 5 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length). Pay attention or see attendant for instructions as to where to off-load yard waste as there will be two areas, one for brush and one for leaves and grass clippings. If your lawnmower has a "mulch" setting – consider mulching your lawn clippings right back into your lawn instead of bagging them. For any invasive plants, Sumac and Poison Ivy – see Alan. Gardening amendments - for

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your garden and landscaping needs - screened loam and woodchips are available to residents at no charge, see attendant for more information.



Food Waste Collection – our Transfer Station and Recycling Center crew is working out the details to open up the “Mr. Fox Composting – Food Waste Collection” program to the entire town in the very near future. Stay tuned and look for signage with more information to be posted soon – or see Alan Bucklin at the Recycling Center who can tell you about this program.

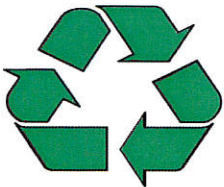
The word “waste” appears quite a few times above though it’s not really waste if it is not *wasted*.

Congratulations Rye Elementary School students and staff for some real environmental perseverance! Thanks to Food Service Director Lisa Furman, Principal Suzanne Lull, 5th Grade Science Teacher Doris Gianforte and students whose combined efforts have paid off by raising enough money to replace the Styrofoam lunch trays with compostable plant-based trays for the entire year. The new trays are healthier for both our students and the environment.

Other – “Box Tops for Education” are still collected for the PTA by the Rye Elementary School, the library and at the Transfer Station (see Rick or Alan). These Box Tops translate into money for our schools, each box top is worth ten-cents and these do add up. These can be found on General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Ziploc products and more: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/BoxTops/FlyersAndDownloads/Participating-Products-Flyer.pdf>

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, Chairman
Rye Recycling
Education Committee



Historical Society News

The Rye Historical Society (RHS) is encouraging everyone to visit the museum with its new policy of “Open on Request.” This means the museum is open at anytime, all year, by simply calling (603) 997-6742 or by emailing: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org. In most cases someone from the board will be available to open it for you to tour yourself and to answer your questions.

Why visit the museum? It is a treasure trove of Rye past and present and it will bring to life a great variety of the human and natural life of the town. After visiting, many have remarked: “Why has it taken me so long to visit? This is amazing!” This is your museum - we look forward to seeing you soon.

In 2014 a hot, new chronological and thematic exhibit of town history was mounted which gives the best insight into Rye since the museum opened in 2002. Through photos, captions, artifacts, maps, films, documents, personal writings, etc. Rye comes alive for the visitor and makes you want to delve into the collection beyond the exhibit.

RHS is also encouraging Rye residents to join the society at our \$10 basic membership with annual renewal in the spring. As you know, small non profits depend on public support to keep their institutions going. For membership dues, we believe in the approach of “volume over margin” in raising the annual funds needed to keep the museum open. To receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter just write to us.

We are always looking for those interested in giving us ideas on how we can improve the museum and the society and we welcome your interest and skills to further these goals. See our website www.ryenhistoricalociety.org tab “contact us” for some suggestions and watch for publicity of the first RHS program of the year on April 30th, the moving of the Marston House from Hampton to Rye in 1975.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman
Rye Historical Society

Conservation Commission Update

The Conservation Commission has a new land acquisition process in place that was referenced in the “Selectmen’s Message” in the December 2014 Town of Rye Newsletter. The purpose of streamlining this process is to create a single source document for all land acquisitions.

The Conservation Commission has first executed this process, to the letter, in the recent acquisition of the 73+/- acres of the former Rand Lumber property off of Wallis Road. The process includes “Information Submittal” [a-q], an exhaustive provision of documentation that with the cooperation of the seller was completed with minimal additional costs to the town. With considerable oversight in place, the Conservation Commission still needs the flexibility to react to acquisition opportunities. The Conservation Commission acquires both land and easements ranging from donations to properties valued at over 1 million dollars, making a one-size-fits-all approach neither practical nor cost-effective. This new approach uses a common set of requirements which can be tailored to specific acquisitions. For example, requirement “b” is a property survey plan. Sometimes these boundaries are straight forward, while others can be muddled or disputed. When disputed, a property survey may be necessary to clarify the boundaries. However, when there is an existing clean survey available an additional survey may not be required. A survey is not subjective, any licensed surveyor should arrive at the same results. Those who have purchased homes without requiring an independent survey realize that waiver for some documentation can be used appropriately as a cost effective approach.

Another example where flexibility in land acquisition is paramount is the Conservation Commission’s historic leveraging of town funds through grant achievement. While in a private real estate transaction the goal is usually to complete the sale as quickly as possible, land conservation is not always best served by a speedy closing. The Conservation Commission has already successfully

Conservation Commission

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leveraged the Rand purchase with a \$121,000 grant from Aquatic Resources Management funding, and with the full cooperation of the seller has postponed the closing significantly to allow for the possibility of securing additional grant funding.

As this approval format is newly established we consider it to be evolving and look forward to the opportunity for the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to continue to work together without the introduction of additional restrictions that could make land conservation cost prohibitive. The Conservation Commission's goal, shared with the citizens of Rye, is the effective protection of open space.

Goss Farm Update

Spring is coming, and soon you will start to see some changes at the Goss Farm, in keeping with sustainable agriculture. Our new farmers, Sidewalk Farms, LLC, will be managing the acre on the western field, and have already installed a new fence. Once the snow melts a workshop will be held on installing a hoop house or high tunnel, used to extend the growing season of crops. Look for information in late March/early April for workshop details and the hoop house will be installed at the farm! The Urban Forestry Center will also advertise this workshop and help with installation – if you want to learn and assist with its installation, please check in with the Urban Forestry Center, town website and look for flyers. We plan to host another workshop

in June demonstrating the benefits of a productive hoop house, review the barn and practices at the farm, and also hope to have a harvest workshop in October. Portions of the eastern field may also be dedicated for pollinator habitat, to benefit our local bees and other pollinators, and another workshop maybe held in August or September. There is a lot to look forward to – once the snow melts!

The RCCD will continue to assist the Rye Junior High on making their garden plot more productive, and may try new mulching methods to grow pumpkins and squash, and will also assist Community Garden members. Sign-ups for garden plots will be available on the town website and at the town hall after April 1st, with a hopeful start up time for May 31st. Lots of agricultural activities are planned, and we are looking forward to a productive spring & summer.

Sally King, Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission

Planning Board News

In the very near future the citizens of Rye will be heading to the polls to vote on a variety of issues. Not the least in importance are the new and or revised amendments to the Rye zoning ordinances. The Planning Board has spent the past few months reviewing, adding or modifying them. They are as below for your inspection.

Amendment 1: Change the parking space width requirement from 10 ft. to 9 ft.

Amendment 2: Amend § 301.8. B.6 Wetlands Buffer to correct for erroneous indexing/wetlands buffer.

Amendment 3: Amend § 501 Signs and Outdoor Advertising to allow LED lighting.

Amendment 4: Amend the definition of "Impervious" and replace the word "impermeable" with the word "Impervious" throughout the ordinance.

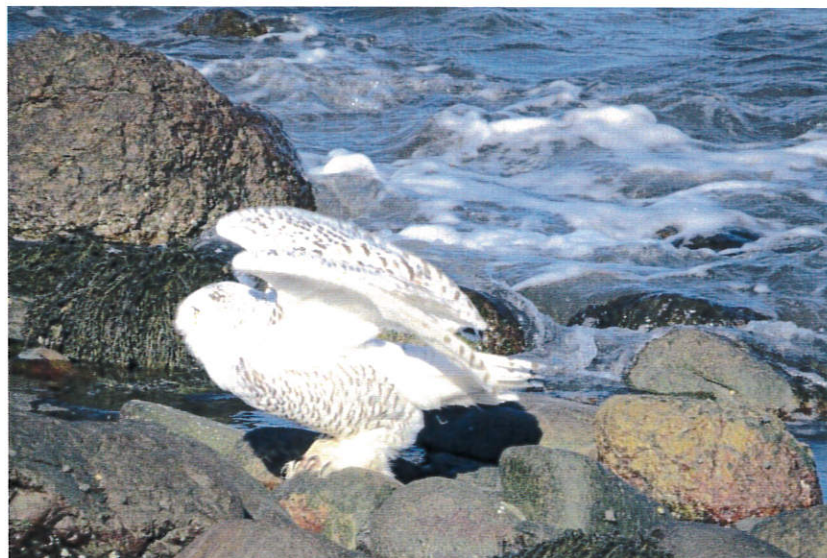
Amendment 5: Comprehensively Amend the § 306 Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District with several new provisions, including requiring Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) for any use having impervious surfaces more than 15 percent of a lot or 2500 sq. ft. whichever is greater.

Amendment 6: Add a new section to the Zoning Ordinance, § 202.16 Medical Marijuana Facility. This amendment further restricts the location of such a facility should the state license one in Rye.

ARTICLE 4: Proposed amendment to Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board and as required by FEMA in order to continue the town's participation in the NFIP program.

All of the above have been publicly noticed and vetted by the Planning Board and we recommend their passage. Please be aware that there are two petition Articles (22 and 26) that have not been vetted by the planning board and we strongly recommend that they not be accepted. We do not recommend their passage.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board



Snowy Owl at Rye Harbor
Photo courtesy of Sue Dunfey



Rye Recreation Commission Vacancy

The Recreation Commission is currently seeking letters of interest from residents interested in serving on the Commission. The Recreation Commission Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Rye Town Hall. Please forward correspondence by March 31, 2015 to Rye Recreation c/o Recreation Commission Vacancy, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH, 03870. For more information contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281.

Town of Rye Board Meetings

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.

March 2015

1	2 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	3	4 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment	5 6:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	10 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Town Election Rye Elementary School 8:00am Sewer Comm.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Planning Board	18 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road	19 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission	20 First Day of Spring	21
22	23 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	24	25	26	27	28 10:00 a.m. Rye Water District Annual Meeting Jr. High

April 2015

29	30	31 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee				
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May 2015

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24	25 Memorial Day (Observed) Town Offices Closed	26 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee	27	28	29	30
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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

My Voting Notes

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3
years (1)

Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (2)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

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

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

Article 28. Yes No

Article 29. Yes No

Article 30. Yes No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, 3 years (2)

School District Clerk, 1 year (1)

School District Moderator, 3 years (1)

Article 1. Yes No

Article 2. Yes No

Article 3. Yes No

Article 4. Yes No

Article 5. Yes No

ELECTION DAY, March 10th

Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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