



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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

### Selectmen's Message:

## IT'S DECISION TIME

In March of 2011, the Board of Selectmen announced that "among the 37 towns in Rockingham County, **Rye has the third lowest tax rate** (town, school and county combined). Only New Castle with 0.8 square miles of land, highway primarily State #1-B and median age of residents (1,031) 61.9 years and Newington with 4.5 square miles (excluding Pease), 791 residents, industrial waterfront, electrical power plants and malls, are lower". **In March of 2016, Rye continues to maintain this position relative to the other Rockingham County towns.**

Our budget process seeks to balance the level of services enjoyed and expected in Rye with rising costs while simultaneously anticipating future needs.

The 2016 budget was finalized at \$9,104,794, up \$363,951 from 2015 (\$8,740,834). This figure, less

offsetting revenue, leaves \$6,733,828 to be raised by taxes. The 2015 Tax Rate is \$10.90 per \$1000 of assessed value.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles based on our current valuation of \$1,868,082,700 is as follows:

	Amount of Warrant Article	Tax Impact per \$1000
Article # 4 541 Washington Road	\$460,000	\$ .246
Article # 5 New Rescue Ambulance	\$275,000	\$ .000
Article # 6 DPW Truck with plow & spreader	\$175,000	\$ .000
Article # 7 Red Mill Lane Culvert(s)	\$150,000	\$ .080
Article # 9 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,000	\$ .054
Article #10 Highway Equipment Cap Res Fund	\$ 75,000	\$ .040
Article #11 Cost of Town Hall Options & Survey	\$ 60,000	\$ .032
Article #12 Library Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 60,000	\$ .032
Article #13 Town Employees Accum. Leave Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ .027
Article #14 Municipal Bldgs. Maint. Exp. Tr. Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ .013
Article #15 Library Bldg. Maint. Exp. Trust Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ .003
Article #20 Petitioned Article: Seacoast Pathways	\$ 1,500	\$ .001

**Article 4** If passed, this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to land bank the 1.4 acre parcel adjacent to the Public Safety Building for future public purposes "with consideration of the historic residential character of the neighborhood". The opportunity to purchase land in the Town center is a rare occurrence. Sufficient funds are available to demolish the existing house. See pages 100/101 of the Rye Master Plan, TOWN CENTER, for the results of citizen visioning sessions. ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us))

**Article 5** Approval by voters will authorize withdrawal of \$275,000 from the Cell Tower Special Revenue Account created in 2005 "to restrict 100% of the revenue from the cell tower on Johnson Lane off Grove Road to purchase a new ambulance when needed". Our current ambulance: 2008 chassis, out of service 25 days in 2015/ repairs of \$9000 (do in part to little warm up and not much time idling) and will have over 100,000 miles by the time a new ambulance can be delivered. There is no impact on the 2016 tax rate.

**Article 6** Approval of this article allows purchase of a new DPW six wheel dump truck with plow and spreader (\$275,000). Purchase is recommended by the Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIP).

### TOWN REPORTS

#### AVAILABLE

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2015 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 1st 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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Sufficient funds are available in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (See: Article 10.)

**Article 7** A 2013 town wide storm water infrastructure evaluation prioritized the condition of our 66 drainage structures in excess of 15 inches in diameter. The worst (on Wallis Road) was replaced in 2014/2015 at a cost of \$150,000. The next two are on Red Mill Lane. If Article 7 is approved, both culverts will be bid, with one replaced in 2016/2017, the other to await funding in 2017/2018.

**Article 9** As recommended by the 2016-2021 CIP Committee, this article seeks voter approval to add \$100,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund as a means of saving toward purchase of a fire truck to replace a 1998 model. Current balance in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund is \$153,673. The estimated cost of a new fire truck is \$575,000.

**Article 10** Approval of Article 10 will add \$75,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Both Articles 6 and 10 relate to this fund. If the Article 6 purchase of a six-wheel dump truck with plow & spreader (\$175,000) is approved and subtracted from the Fund (currently \$264,825) and Article 10 approval restores \$75,000 to it, the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund will be \$164,825.

**Article 11** The recent Town Hall Survey indicated that the primary reason for rejection of the 2015 Town Hall Plan was the 4.1 million dollar price tag. Approval of Article 11 will allow the Town to retain a licensed architectural firm to study the project construction cost and key design parameters for each of the five Article 11 Town Hall options as well as distribute and tabulate a follow up survey which will include the new information.

**Article 12** Approval of Article 12 will establish a Rye Public Library Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$60,000 for the purpose of replacing the HVAC system, if and as required.

**Article 13** Passage of this article will add \$50,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund. Current balance in the Fund is \$174,898. Current Town liability for unpaid accumulated leave is \$474,244. GASBY Auditing Standard recommends that this account be funded at 50% (\$237,122). If Article 13 is approved, the balance in the account will be just \$12,224 short of the goal.

**Article 14** The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund is for major repairs to municipal buildings. Current balance in this account is \$38,312. If Article 14 is approved at \$25,000, the balance will become \$63,312. This account funds major repairs to the Public Safety Building, Town Hall, buildings at the Public Works Department, the Parsonage, Outer Marker and also buildings at the Recreation Area, if the Recreation Department has insufficient funds.

**Article 15** Approval will add \$5000 to the Rye Public Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund to maintain the Rye Public Library building.

**Article 20** This is a Petition Article. Approval of Article 20 will provide \$1500 to Seacoast Pathways, a mental health recovery support program in the seacoast area which is currently utilized by several Rye residents.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

**Parsons Creek Watershed Pollution:** The Parsons Creek Watershed encompasses approximately 2.3 square miles in the Town of Rye and has one primary exit to the Atlantic Ocean. Known locally as Stinky

Creek, the odor responsible for the nickname could be caused by rotting seaweed, animal waste, human fecal matter, storm water run-off and any combination of the preceding. Given the large area and coastal location, determination of the source(s) of pollution and their remediation requires a vast amount of data collection throughout the watershed over a long period of time.

Failed septic systems are extremely difficult to detect if they were constructed or installed in sand. Standing surface septic waste does not generally occur in these circumstances to provide visual evidence and dye testing is typically not effective in the presence of even a rudimentary septic tank.

As the result of the persistence and oversight of Planning Administrator Kim Reed, bacteria monitoring has been ongoing in the Parsons Creek Watershed since 2008. Continuous testing has identified septic systems as the primary sources of bacteria. There is "no smoking gun", no single source of pollution. In 2012, a septic database and risk factor priority map were two of the Best Management Practices (BMP) instituted as the result of Phase I of the Parsons Creek Watershed Plan, a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Resources Grant. In 2015, the Town was awarded a second DES grant in the form of Phase II which includes drafting a septic ordinance and additional water sampling.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, voters will have the opportunity to approve a Septic Pump-out Ordinance, as adopted by the Health Officer and approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of improving maintenance and assisting in identifying inadequate septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed.

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## Selectmen's Message (continued from page 2)

problem will undoubtedly require time and effort, a number of solutions and the cooperation of homeowners within the Parsons Creek watershed.

**The Parsonage Apartments: We need to Talk:** The Town came into possession of the Parsonage property in Rye Center in the 1990s in conjunction with the remodeling and expansion of the Rye Public Library. With the goal of operating the Parsonage buildings as affordable senior housing, in 1999 the Town entered into a lease arrangement with The Housing Partnership (THP), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing in the seacoast area.

The Town received a Community Development Block Grant from the State Office of Planning which was partnered with a loan of \$300,000. These funds provided a modest rehabilitation of the property at that time without any effect on the tax rate. THP has managed the property since then, providing day to day maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

More than sixteen years have elapsed and the need for major updates has become apparent. At the Selectmen's meeting of December 8, 2014, the Board authorized \$12,750 to reroof the Parsonage building. At that time, Marty Chapman, Executive Director of THP, indicated that a property assessment would be undertaken. The current lease is due to expire in 2019.

An inspection of the Parsonage buildings was conducted by Lassel Architects PA on June 3, 2015 and the findings and analysis were presented to the Board of Selectmen by Mr. Chapman on September 28<sup>th</sup> along with a proposal from THP for ownership in the form of two options. Although either option would perpetuate the property as affordable

senior housing, one option would return the property to the tax rolls.

The first draft of a warrant article drew sufficient discussion to cause the Board to set it aside in favor of establishing a Parsonage Property Committee to conduct a study and make recommendations. Committee membership and a charge to the committee will be announced in March.

**Beach Issues:** The Tighe & Bond Parking Assessment Study dated January 5, 2015 was focused on analysis of parking along the Ocean Boulevard corridor. The Study outlined existing parking conditions, provided observations of parking usage including current signage and evaluated parking alternatives such as remote parking lots and metered parking.

In accordance with the Tighe & Bond Study, the Board of Selectmen held a site walk on April 28<sup>th</sup> and made decisions, driveway by driveway, along the length of Ocean Boulevard for No Parking striping to provide safe egress onto the roadway for residents. Once NH Department of Transportation (DOT) approval was obtained, the striping proposal was carried out. It should be noted that an estimated 35 to 40 parking spaces were lost as a result of this action.

In June, we authorized parking consultant John M. Burke, P.E. to conduct a study not to exceed \$5000 to determine the feasibility of installing parking meters. His report indicated that installation of kiosks/meters could be economically favorable to the Town. Details related to 1. number, locations, type and cost of metering equipment, 2. associated installation, operating and maintenance costs and 3. anticipated seasonal installation and removal expenditures are being determined.

The bottom line: In addition

to permission from NHDOT to utilize the State right of way for this project, before moving forward we will require a financial agreement with the State with regard to rates and revenue.

The 2015 Report of the Rye Beach Committee was presented to the Board of Selectmen on January 11, 2016. It contained a number of recommendations based on observations of committee members during last year's summer season.

The Town, through Police Chief Kevin Walsh, is receiving applications for Beach Use Permits for the 2016 season. No permits will be issued until after the deadline for submission of applications in order to provide us with a true vision of the volume of beach use activity that has been requested.

**Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment:** A Recreation Needs Assessment Committee has been formed with membership as follows: Gregg Mikolaities, Beverly Levesque, Garritt Toohey, Shawn Crapo, John Provencher, Doug Abrams, Randy Crapo, Tom Degnan and Priscilla Jenness, selectmen's representative. The first meeting of this committee had to be rescheduled and is now set for Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

See you at the polls on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

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



## Moderator's Message

### **Please Vote on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and Bring Your Photo ID**

The Town and School District election will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 in last year's election dropped from 38% to 32% of Rye's registered voters. Help us reverse that trend this year and vote on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Warrant Articles on the Town**

**Ballot:** There are 27 articles on the Town ballot. In addition to the \$9,104,794 operating budget article, 12 Selectmen's articles would, if passed, appropriate another \$1,435,000. Those articles seek authorization to (1) purchase property in the center of town (\$460,000), (2) buy a new ambulance (\$275,000), (3) buy a new dump truck (\$175,000), (4) replace one or two culverts on Red Mill Lane (\$150,000), (5) hire an architect to study the costs of 5 Town Hall options (\$60,000), (6) create, or add money to, six reserve funds – Highway Equipment Capital (\$75,000), Town Employees Accumulated Leave (\$50,000), Municipal Buildings Maintenance (\$25,000), Library HVAC Capital (\$60,000), Library Building Maintenance (\$5,000), and Fire Truck Capital (\$100,000). Other Selectmen's articles seek, among other things, (1) to require non-resident contractors and landscapers working on Rye properties to buy an annual dump permit for \$150, (2) regulate wastewater treatment in the Parsons Creek Watershed, and (3) amend the Town parking ordinance to restrict parking near

driveways and crosswalks in some areas.

The warrant also contains 6 articles brought by citizens' petitions. Those articles seek to (1) contribute \$1,500 to Seacoast Pathways, (2) adopt recommendations in two Town-commissioned Ocean Boulevard parking studies as soon as reasonably possible if approved by voters in the 2017 Town election, (3) support options for the future of Town Hall that include saving it, (4) consider limiting the space needs in future Town office designs to the space in buildings currently owned by the Town, (5) require a Town Election to approve the Town's acquisition or sale of property (except where State law permits acquisition without such approval), and to require the Town to obtain an appraisal for all such property assessed for over \$200,000, and (6) establish a permanent electioneering zone at the Transfer Station.

#### **Warrant Articles on the**

**School Ballot:** The School District ballot contains 3 articles. In addition to the \$13,436,384 budget article, another School Board article seeks to transfer \$60,000 to an expendable trust fund for maintaining property abutting RJH that was recently purchased by the School District, the money having previously been donated for that purpose. A citizens' petition seeks to appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in an expendable trust fund to pay only for heating oil expenses in excess of those budgeted.

#### **Contested Races on Both**

**Ballots:** There are 4 contested races in this year's election: (1) Board of Selectmen, 1 seat: Priscilla Jenness and Richard Moynahan; (2) Cemetery Trustee, 1 seat: Richard Moynahan and Frank Drake; (3) Budget Committee, 2 seats: Peggy Balboni, Mae Bradshaw and Shawn Crapo; and (4) Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1 seat: Patrick Driscoll and

R.J. Lincoln. Additionally, there are two seats open on the Rye School Board. Only one candidate, Scott Marion, has filed for that office. The second School Board seat will be filled by a write-in candidate. The terms for all of the above races are for 3 years.

A sample ballot and the proposed Town budget are posted on the Town website at [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us). The proposed School District Budget is posted on the Rye Junior High School website at <http://sau50.org/rye/rjh/>.

#### **Registration, Absentee Bal-**

**lots:** You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours from Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. **You can also register and vote at the polls on Election Day.** If you can't get to the polls, you can apply for an **absentee ballot** at the Town Clerk's office as late as the day before the election.

**Voter IDs:** 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. **Even if you don't have a photo ID, you can still vote if you satisfy the guidelines below. Note that there is a change to the voter ID law, so please read this carefully.** If you do not have an acceptable ID, you will be asked to fill out a Challenged Voter Affidavit ("CVA") verifying that you are who you say you are, **AND** (1) have your photo taken by an election official, **OR** (2) fill out an affidavit of religious exemption. **You will not have to fill out a CVA or have your photo taken if your identity is verified by** (a) the Town Moderator (Robert Eaton), (b) the Town Clerk (Elizabeth Yeaton), or (c) a Supervisor of the Checklist (Madeleine Chichester, Sally King or Jane Holway).

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 8<sup>th</sup>. For those unable to get to the election, absentee ballots are available at this office. Absentee ballots will be available about 3 weeks prior to the election. Voting hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A sample ballot and the minutes from the Deliberative Session are posted on the town website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)).

This is a busy year for voting as we have 4 elections: Presidential Primary Election on February 9<sup>th</sup> (thankfully behind us), Town Election on March 8<sup>th</sup>, State Primary Election on September 13<sup>th</sup> and General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. For those who voted at the last primary election and were dismayed to find you were not listed in the party of your choice, now is the time to fix this problem. Voters who are undeclared going in to any primary election may choose to vote in either party. They may also change back to undeclared status right there at the election. If the voter does not change back to undeclared, they will be listed in the party they voted for at the election. Many voters forget to change back and are disappointed when voting in the next primary election and find they cannot vote in the party of their choice. The deadline to change your party affiliation before the September primary election is **MAY 31st**. 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 September Primary Election.

If we are discussing the Town Election, it means spring is just

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

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

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

Dog owners may face a Civil Forfeiture of **\$25.00 per dog** if the license is not completed by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Dog licenses may be done in person, by mail or via the internet. Please include a current rabies certificate and appropriate fee for each dog as well as a stamped, self-addressed envelope if done by mail.

Once again we are offering the ability to register your vehicles

& boats, license your dogs, purchase Beach Parking Permits, obtain a Transfer Station Permit and pay your tax and sewer bills online. To use these services just go to the Town's website listed ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). Look for the brightly colored icons on the home page.

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

I would like to announce my retirement as of the end of April. I can't believe almost 26 years have gone by since I first started working in this office. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Rye residents and property owners who I've always considered to be "my people". I will sorely miss my colleagues and seeing everyone here in the office or out & about the Seacoast. We will be selling our Rye home and moving to our lakeside cottage in Wakefield. The winters will see us and the dog traveling south or west in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. It's time to begin the next chapter in our lives!

Elizabeth M. Yeaton  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Town of Rye  
March 8, 2016

**For MODERATOR** Vote for one  
for two years  
ROBERT G. EATON

**FOR SELECTMAN** Vote for one  
for three years  
RICHARD MOYNAHAN  
PRISCILLA V. JENNESS

**FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE** Vote for one  
for three years  
RICHARD MOYNAHAN  
FRANK DRAKE

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE** Vote for one  
for three years  
VICTOR AZZI

**FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST** Vote for one  
for six years  
JANE HOLWAY

**FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS** Vote for one  
for three years  
R. CHRISTOPHER NEE

**FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE** Vote for two  
for three years  
SHAWN CRAPO  
PEGGY BALBONI  
MAE C. BRADSHAW

**FOR PLANNING BOARD** Vote for two  
for three years  
PHIL WINSLOW  
GEORGE (BILL) EPPERSON

**FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** Vote for one  
for three years  
ROBERT J. LINCOLN  
PATRICK DRISCOLL

**FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER** Vote for one  
for three years  
DAVID M. ADAMS

**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 8th! 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.**

Explanation

In June 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court in City of Los Angeles, California v. Patel, held that a Los Angeles regulation which requires hotel operators to make records of guest available to police officer is facially unconstitutional as a violation of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. Thus, town counsel has advised that the above stricken sentence is unconstitutional. (The Supreme Court's decision did not invalidate the part of the Los Angeles regulation which requires such records to be kept.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 2:** Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend Section 402.3 "Requirements for Multi-Family Dwellings & Developments" as follows: (Note: New language emboldened and italicized.)

C. Frontage: A multi-family dwelling or a multifamily development shall have a minimum contiguous frontage on a town or state road or street of 150 feet. ***The planning board may allow the frontage requirement to be met on a private street provided the requirements of § 402.3, F are met and further provided that the planning board determines:***

- 1. The private street is a street depicted on a subdivision plat approved by the planning board; and***
- 2. Adequate provisions exist for maintenance and repair of the private street; and***
- 3. Frontage on a private street will not result in an adverse impact on community facilities or community services; and***
- 4. Frontage on a private street will not be contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.***

Explanation

The proposed amendment would allow multi-family dwellings and multi-family developments which provide workforce housing, to be built on approved private streets, such as Airfield Drive.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 3:** Proposed by Rye Planning Board.

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

Amend § 402 Multi-Family Dwellings & Multi-Family Developments as follows: (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***).

402.5 Growth Management. The following provisions apply to multi-family dwellings ***and multi-family developments*** which receive a Special Use Permit pursuant to this section.

A. For multi-family dwellings ***and multi-family developments*** which may be affected by the limitations of Article IX-Growth Management, the planning board may require a Phasing Plan. Any such

**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?

Amend Section 504 "Tourist Camps, Motels, Hotels and Lodging Houses" as follows:

(Note: Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized.)

§ 504.9 Record of Guests: The manager of every tourist camp, motel, hotel or lodging house shall require all persons using the same to register his ***or her*** name, home address, and car license number. Such records shall be available at all times for inspection by the Police Department.

phasing plan shall assure proportional build out of workforce housing units.

B. Multi-family dwellings **and multi-family developments** shall be exempt from the Equitable Distribution requirements of Section 901.2, C.

C. If the limitations of Article IX would allow building permits for at least 50% of the dwelling units in a multi-family dwelling **or a multi-family development** but not all of the units, building permits may be issued for all of the units (i.e. for the entire dwelling). However, the occupancy permits for the remaining units above the limitation shall not be issued until building permits become available under Article IX. In such circumstances, the subsequent town wide building permit limitations shall be reduced accordingly.

D. **Waiver.** *The planning board may waive the requirements of § 402.5, C and/or § 901.2, B, provided that after a duly noticed public hearing it determines on the record that each of the following criteria is met:*

*Applicability of the requirement(s) will make financing of the multi-family dwelling or multi-family development infeasible; and*

*The waiver will not result in an adverse impact on community facilities or community services; and*

*The waiver will not be contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.*

Explanation

*The zoning ordinance requires that at least 20% but not more than 51% of the dwelling units of a multi-family dwelling or of a multi-family development be work force housing as defined by state law. The limitations of the Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) with respect to the phasing of building permits and occupancy permits may make it impossible for developers of projects having workforce housing to obtain financing. The amendment would allow the planning board to waive the requirements of the GMO in such a circumstance, subject to appropriate safeguards.*

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 4:** Proposed by Rye Planning Board

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

Amend the Appendix of Definitions to add the following language to the definition of "Living Space". (Note: New Language **emphasized and italicized**).

LIVING SPACE: All rooms or portions of a dwelling or structure designed for, or used primarily for living, cooking, eating, sanitary, recreational, or sleeping accommodations by a person, or family, as distinguished from storage or other such dead space. ***A screened porch/deck is not living space. A porch/deck which is enclosed part or all of the year with glass or other material***

***is living space, whether or not heated. Where possible living space shall be calculated based on the exterior wall to wall dimensions of a dwelling unit for each floor having living space. For attached dwelling units and where storage/dead areas are adjacent to living space measurements attached dwelling units and where storage/dead areas are adjacent to living space measurements shall be from the mid-point of wall studs. Where upper floors do not extend the full width of the exterior walls (such as a cathedral ceiling and partial second floor) the calculation of living space shall be adjusted accordingly.***

Explanation

The zoning ordinance requirements for Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) limit the amount of living space allowed in a dwelling unit. Appraisers and assessors use exterior measurements to determine building space, thus the planning board believes clarification is required. The amendment also clarifies how screened porches and decks and enclosed porches and decks are considered in a manner consistent with a recent RCD approval.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Amendment 5:** Proposed by Rye Planning Board.

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

Add the following new provision to Section 301 Wetlands Conservation District:

§ 301.9 Exemptions. Utilities such as the Rye Water District, Aquarion, the Rye Sewer Commission, Eversource and CATV providers are exempt from the requirements of the Wetlands Conservation District for trenching and for the installation of poles and overhead wires for utilities located within the rights-of-way of town roads; state highways and private streets and for trenching and installation of poles and overhead wires for utility replacements or repairs serving buildings existent as of the effective date of this exemption, which is March 8, 2016.

Exempt work shall be accomplished in accordance with Best Management Practices (BMP's) as described in "Best Management Practices to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution: A Guide for Citizens and Town Officials", NH DES, January 2004, as amended; "Innovative Stormwater Treatment Technologies Best Management Practices Manual", NH DES, 2002, as amended; and "Best Management Practices to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution: A Guide for Citizens and Town Officials", NH DES, January 2004, as amended.

Explanation

*Without this exemption every time a utility works within a street right-of-way located within wetlands or the wetlands buffer or repairs or replaces a service to an existing building where the service is located within*

the buffer, it would be required to first obtain a special exception under the Wetlands Conservation District requirements. Such a requirement is not reasonable and would overburden the zoning board of adjustment.

☐ YES ☐ NO

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ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to acquire a 1.4 acre parcel of land, together with the house and any other buildings thereon, at 541 Washington Road, adjacent to, and to the northeast of, the existing Rye Public Safety Building, in order to land bank the property for future use, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) for the purchase. The future uses, which may include a site for a new Town Hall, shall be for Town of Rye public facility purposes with due consideration of the historic, residential character of the neighborhood. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) to purchase a new rescue ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 2008 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of the two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) from Special Revenue Fund 14, *The New Ambulance Vehicle Fund* created in 2005 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no 2016 tax impact, the money having been set aside in prior years. (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 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to purchase a new truck with plow and spreader to replace a 2002 six wheel dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no tax

A YES vote would raise \$460,000 to purchase and land bank a piece of property in the center of town for future town use.

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a piece of property in the center of town for future town use.

A YES vote would raise \$275,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance.

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new ambulance.

A YES vote would raise \$175,000 for the purchase of new truck with plow and spreader for the Public Works Dept.

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new truck with plow and spreader for the Public Works Dept.

impact. (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 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of replacing one or both existing culverts under Red Mill Lane by public bid by construction contractors. Said sum to include engineering services for bidding and inspecting of the project. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization of the issuance of bonds and notes for the purpose of purchasing a new loader/backhoe in the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) as authorized by Article 4 of the 2011 annual town meeting. (3/5 vote required.)

Note: The loader/backhoe was purchased through a lease/purchase program and the original bond authorization needs to be withdrawn.

**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 raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) 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

A YES vote would raise \$150,000 to replace one or both culverts under Red Mill Lane.

A NO vote would not replace one or both culverts under Red Mill Lane.

A YES vote would rescind the authorization of the issuance of bonds or notes to be used to purchase a new loader/backhoe in the amount of \$110,000.

**Note:** This is a housekeeping item

A NO vote would not rescind the authorization of issuance of bonds or notes to purchase a new loader/backhoe in the amount of \$110,000.

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

A NO vote would not raise \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund

A YES vote would add \$75,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would not raise \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund



## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to retain a licensed architectural firm to study, determine and report on the estimated construction project costs and the key design parameters required to support Town Hall business functions for the following five options, and to conduct a town wide follow up survey.

Alternate 1: Renovate the existing Town Hall keeping the historical features in place, i.e. spiral staircases, tin ceiling, monumental windows while, however, utilizing the Great Hall for office space. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g.: siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.

Alternate 2: Renovate the existing Town Hall without regard to the historical features, and utilize the Great Room for office space. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g.: siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.

Alternate 3: Tear down the existing Town Hall, and build a new structure of 2 or 3 stories on the existing site keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District. The architect shall not confine his or her thinking to the existing footprint or size of the building if increasing the width, length, or height of the building (or relocating foundation) would provide a more economical project and/or better flow pattern.

Alternate 4: Leave existing Town Hall, for use by others, with no cost to the Town. Build a new structure of 2 or 3 stories, on the existing site keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District. The architect shall consider total building mass for the site, along with traffic flow, parking, septic, drainage, and any other considerations. Architect should consider possible modification of property lines of town-owned property as needed, to provide access, individual septic systems, or other needs.

Alternate 5: Leave existing Town Hall, for use by others, with no cost to the Town. Build a new structure at the Washington Road site next to the Public Safety Building, keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District, and installing landscaping to minimize visual impacts on the residential neighborhood. (If Warrant Article 4 passes.)

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of creating a fund to replace the Rye Public Library's aging and inefficient current heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Library Trustees as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:91-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote requires.)

**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 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 15

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

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

A YES vote would set up a revenue fund for repairing the Rye Public Library's aging HVAC system..

A NO vote would disallow establishment of a revenue fund for repairing the Rye Public Library's aging HVAC system..

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

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

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

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$25,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust 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.

## 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 (\$9,104,794) nine million one hundred four thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (\$8,828,460) eight million eight hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred sixty dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

**NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.**

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the "TOWN DUMP REGULATION" as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

Add a new paragraph at the end of the section on "PERMITS", which reads as follows: "Contractor permits shall be issued to contractors and landscapers doing business with residents of and in the Town of Rye, NH. Contractors shall obtain a yearly permit issued at the Transfer Station, by the Transfer Station staff, for a yearly fee of \$150.00 for non-resident contractors and landscapers. Said contractor permit being good for one calendar year, running from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year." Said amendment meaning and intending to require contractors and landscapers doing business in and with residents of Rye to pay a \$150 fee for non-resident contractors and landscapers per year for the privilege of using the services of the transfer station.

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to approve the Health Regulation re: onsite wastewater treatment system pump-out and inspection applicable to Parsons Creek Watershed as adopted by the Health Officer and approved by the Board of Selectmen with the purpose of improving the water quality of Parsons Creek.

☐ YES ☐ NO

A YES vote would raise \$9,104,794 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$8,828,460.

A YES vote would require non-resident contractors and landscapers doing business in Rye to pay a fee of \$150 per year for using the transfer station.

A NO vote would not require non-resident contractors and landscapers doing business in Rye to pay a fee of \$150 per year for using the transfer station.

A YES vote would require residents in the Parsons Creek Watershed to pump-out their septic tanks every 3 years & have it inspected by the Building Inspector.

A NO vote would not require residents in the Parsons Creek Watershed to pump-out their septic tanks every 3 years & have it inspected by the Building Inspector.

## ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE by adding in Section 12, the following: "In certain areas, the Town may designate that parking shall be restricted at certain driveways and crosswalks lined and marked 'No Parking'." (Authorization: RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 XVIII)

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 20 (By Petition)

To see if the Town of Rye will contribute \$1,500.00 to support Seacoast Pathways, a mental health recovery program providing services to Rye residents.

Seacoast Pathways provides a non-judgmental environment in which people living with mental illness can support each other as they work towards personal goals for jobs, education and housing.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 21 (By Petition)

In anticipation of The State of New Hampshire's agreement to allow the Town of Rye to collect parking revenue to defray costs which are borne solely by Rye tax payers, to see if the Town will vote to require that, after reviewing the recommendations of the John Burke parking study currently underway, the Board of Selectmen consider proceeding with the third and sixth recommendations on page 1-2 of the Town-commissioned parking study dated January 5, 2015 (i.e. the Tighe & Bond Study), so that full operation will occur at the earliest reasonable date if voters approve at the March 2017 election. These recommendations are, for the portions of Ocean Blvd. between Marsh Rd. and Highland Park Ave., and between Harbor Rd. and Perkins Rd., to stripe individual parking stalls and install parking kiosks. The study estimates annual profit, after the first year, of \$405,000, and recommends the kiosks as a way to "address congestion and improve safety." The Board of Selectmen shall review during 2016 whether or not a warrant article should be presented for an up or down vote at the March 2017 election, shall obtain public input throughout the process, and shall revise the Tighe & Bond recommendations based on any new information received.

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

## ARTICLE 22 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to support those options for Rye Town Hall that also include saving the Town Hall building, in order to allow pursuit of private and public grants and contributions.

☐ YES ☐ NO

A YES vote would add Section 12 to the Parking Ordinance.

A NO vote would not add Section 12 to the Parking Ordinance.

A YES vote would provide funding of \$1,500 to support Seacoast Pathways.

A NO vote would not provide funding of \$1,500 to support Seacoast Pathways.

A YES vote would require that the Selectmen consider proceeding with a few of the recommendations from the parking study done by Tighe & Bond, and to have the recommendations in full operation at the earliest reasonable date if approved at the March 2017 election.

A NO vote would not require that the Selectmen consider proceeding with a few of the recommendations from the parking study done by Tighe & Bond, and to have the recommendations in full operation at the earliest reasonable date if approved at the March 2017 election.

A YES vote would support options for Rye Town Hall that also include saving the Town Hall Building.

A NO vote would not support options for Rye Town Hall that also include saving the Town Hall Building.

#### ARTICLE 23 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to consider that Town office designs be limited to a space need equal to building space currently owned by the Town, inasmuch as the space requirements have been reduced due to:

1. The Recreation and Sewer Departments relocated to facilities outside of Town Hall in 2015; and
2. The continued use of the second floor of the Town Hall for offices rather than a large meeting room.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 24 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to require Town Meeting approval prior to the sale, gift or lease for a period of more than one year, of any real property, owned, or to be owned, by the Town. Any contemplated transaction where the assessed value or the consideration exceeds \$200,000 shall require an appraisal, by a State-licensed appraiser, commissioned by the Town. A property survey plan shall be required unless one is already recorded with the Registry of Deeds. This article shall govern all transactions by Town Boards and Commissions, except that Town Meeting approval shall not be required where State law specifically permits acquisition without such approval.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 25 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to make permanent the established limited public forum zone at the Transfer Station used for electioneering, distribution of campaign materials, the obtaining of petition signatures and other similar activities, during Station's hours of operation. Approval by the Board of Selectmen shall be contingent only based on safety and operational considerations.

☐ YES ☐ NO

#### ARTICLE 26

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 2016.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**

A YES vote would limit the space in the design of a new Town Hall to the current size.

A NO vote would not limit the space in the design of a new Town Hall to the current size.

A YES vote would require Town Meeting approval prior to the sale, gift or lease of any real property, owned, or to be owned, by the Town. If the assessed value or the consideration exceeds \$200,000 an appraisal will be required as well as a property survey plan.

A NO vote would not require Town Meeting approval prior to the sale, gift or lease of any real property, owned, or to be owned, by the Town and would not require an appraisal or property survey plan.

A YES vote would make permanent the established public forum zone at the Transfer Station for electioneering, obtaining petition signatures and other similar activities.

A NO vote would not make permanent the established public forum zone at the Transfer Station for electioneering, obtaining petition signatures and other similar activities

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

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

## Frozen Pipes, Ice Dams, Frigid Rooms?

### Homeowners and Mobile Home Owners Learn about Weatherization Services

The Rye Energy Committee will hold a weatherization workshop on how to reduce your home heating costs and increase the comfort of your home. It will start with a short presentation on practical do-it-yourself measures to Button Up your home. Ryan Clothier of Southern New Hampshire Services will speak about the free weatherization services his organization provides for those who qualify for fuel assistance. Kate Peters of Ever-source will explain how the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program could pay for measures like adding insulation to your home. All are welcome to join us on **Saturday, March 12th from 10:00am - 12:00pm** at the Rye Public Library. Seating is limited so please **RSVP to staywarmnh@yahoo.com**.

## Message from Public Works

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

**Collection:** Due to the recent withdrawal of the Towns of Hampton, South Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Newcastle from the Solid Waste District consortium, of which the Town of Rye is still a member, there will be a number of changes to how the Household Hazardous Waste Collections were conducted in the past. There will be no spring HHW collection in Hampton for Rye residents.

Beginning this year there will be only one HHW collection for the remaining consortium members of Rye, North Hampton, Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, and Sandown. This collection will be held in Brentwood at their Transfer Station on a yet to be determined date, at the end of September or beginning of October. Residents are encouraged to plan accordingly.

**Road Pavement Condition Survey:** Rye Public Works recently contracted for a study of the condition of every mile of road pavement within the town limits, which are maintained by the Town of Rye. This survey was conducted by Street Scan Inc., a company established by a number of Northeastern University graduate students. The survey

(See Public Work's Message, 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](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us), Town Website [www.town.rye.nh.us/](http://www.town.rye.nh.us/)

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## SPRING PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016, 8:00 A.M.**

**Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH**

**Rye and New Castle Residents Only**

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs. (Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 14, 2016)



## TOWN OF RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

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

**Monday, May 30, 2016, 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 16th 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 8, 2016, 5:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, 2016, 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 programs, including day trips, fitness classes, 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](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)



## DISCOVERING NEW ENGLAND STONE WALLS

Why are we so fascinated with stone walls? Kevin Gardner explains how

and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles changed over time and their significance to our famous landscape. He has been a stone wall builder for forty years, and author of *The Granite Kiss: Traditions and Techniques of Building New England Stone Walls*.

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Lunch: Shepherds pie, spinach salad, roll, blueberry pie a la mode.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 3, 2016

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MIDNIGHT RIDE: A VISIT WITH RACHEL REVERE

This living history program by Joan Gattorna tells a remarkable story of tea, trouble and revolution related by the woman who rode through life with Paul Revere. Rachel Revere tells of the Boston Tea Party, the Midnight Ride and the Siege of Boston. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Lunch: Baked stuffed chicken, roasted potatoes, Greek salad, roll, ice cream and cookie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



## SPRING FLING FASHION SHOW: THRIFT SHOP STYLE

Come and see some seacoast

locals hit the runway, modeling some wonderful outfits fashioned from the stock of donations made to the Rye Congregational Church Thrift Shop. Start spring off in style and have fun doing so. Learn how to be fashion savvy on a budget.

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016

Lunch: Assorted deli sandwiches, mini chicken salad rolls, potato salad, arugula salad, relishes, chips, sherbet and a cookie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 5, 2016

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



**ELTON JOHN AND BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE SHOW** This show is high energy, has outrageous costumes and features Rock N Roll at its finest. Join us at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA to experience an outstanding show and perfect impersonations by Joey Riedel and Michael John of these great legends.

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016; Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, April 26, 2016; Departure Time and Location: TBD

Meal Choice: Boneless breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, coffee/tea.

Fee: \$89 (Includes transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch.) 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.

Dates: March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, April 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, (July 6, 11, 13, make-up classes to date) 2016, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. The location for the make-up classes is TBD.

Fee: \$35 (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.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday.

Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required.

Dates: March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 2016, Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

Fee: \$34 (Prorated to start date)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.



## WALKING GROUP

meets once a week on Friday to walk Central Cemetery. If you enjoy the company of others

while exercising, this social group is for you.

Dates: Fridays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Town Hall Upper Parking Lot, 10 Central Road, Rye. Fee: No charge (Registration form required)

Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.

**2016-2017 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM  
SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016, 7:00 A.M.**



**Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH**

Registrations will not be accepted prior to 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016. All registrations received on Monday, May 9, 2016 will be accepted. Registrations received after May 9, 2016 will be accepted based on availability. The Recreation Office will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016. The purpose of this new format is to eliminate individuals standing in line and will be offered on a trail basis. Please contact Rye Recreation for the After School Program Registration Form. (Rye Residents Only)

**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 2 days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Limited space available.

**CPR, AED & FIRST AID** teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies as well as 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. Saturday, April 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fee: \$50



**ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION** is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Breathe. Learn 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 Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$82.50 (5 classes)



**GYROKINESIS®** is instructed by Kathryn Londoff. This is a holistic movement exercise that gently works the entire body, opening energy pathways, stimulating the nervous system, increasing range of motion, and creating functional strength, through dynamic, rhythmic, flowing sequences. It lubricates and decompresses the spine, strengthens proprioceptive awareness, and allows one to move more efficiently and freely in space. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. **An introductory class will be offered on Monday, April 11, 2016, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at no charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.** Mondays, April 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6, 2016, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Fee: \$66 (6 classes)



**GROUP GOLF LESSONS** are provided by Timothy Riese, PGA Head Professional. Each session will cover set-up, full swing and short game. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH.



**ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-ed)**

Session 1, Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$139 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

**WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS**

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$139 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** is Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Held at Rye Junior High and based on availability. No charge. Participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.



**BICYCLE RODEO** Join Rye Police, Rye Fire, Rye Recreation and the Safe Routes to School Committee for the 9th 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 7, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parental supervision and bike helmet required. Fee: No charge (Registration form required)



**FINDING WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**



is a presentation by Sarah Quinn RD, LD. Packed with vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber, fruits and vegetables are important in protecting overall health. When it comes to eating enough, most of us fall short. Less than 15% of Americans eat enough fruit and less than 9% eat enough vegetables each day. Come learn some quick and easy ways to bump up your daily intake of fruits and veggies by blending them into yummy drinks and help get a jump start on this very thing! Held at the Rye Public Library. Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: No Charge (Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP)

**ADULT SELF DEFENSE** is instructed by Sensei Scott Lombardo. Learn self defense and foster self confidence, awareness, self respect and physical coordination. Held in the Rye Elementary School Gymnasium, Rye. Thursdays, April 14, 21, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fee: \$75 (6 classes)  
*Proceeds benefit www.V-MAT.org Veteran's Martial Arts Training.*



**SKATEBOARD CLINICS** are provided by Rye Airfield and taught by RAMP CAMP instructors. These full day, co-ed clinics are held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads and board required (Rentals are available for an additional fee). The registration deadline is one week prior to each clinic.



**SPRING RECESS SKATEBOARD CLINICS**

Grades 3-8, April 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m.) Fee: \$25 per day

**SATURDAY SKATEBOARD CLINICS**

Grades 3-8, March 19, May 21, June 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m.) Fee: \$25 per day

**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 6, 13, 20, May 4, 11, 2016; K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Session 2, Wednesdays, May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2016; K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)

**FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to 4 yrs - grade 5, Rye and New Castle residents.



Held September 10 to October 15, 2016. 4 yrs meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:15 a.m. Grade K meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 meets twice a week and practice and play a game each day, Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Grades 3-5 meets twice a week and practice and play a game each day, Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Fee: \$30 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). **Late fee of \$30 will apply to registrations received after the July 29, 2016 deadline.**

*The above schedule and age groupings are subject to change based on registrations received.*





# SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

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## SUMMER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016, 8:00 A.M.**



**Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH  
Rye and New Castle Residents Only**

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs. (Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 14, 2016)

**THE SPIRIT OF BOSTON** Come aboard and enjoy the most entertaining experience in Boston featuring the luncheon Grande Buffet! The two-hour cruise on Boston's historic harbor is perfect for an afternoon getaway. While you dine you will be entertained with a fascinating narrated tour of Boston's skyline. After lunch the DJ plays various hits. After the cruise there will be time at Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market before heading for home (weather dependent). Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2016; Reservation Deadline: July 5, 2016; Departure Time and Location TBD; Meal: Grande Buffet.

Fee: \$89 (Includes transportation, driver tip, tour and lunch)

*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

**Monday, July 4, 2016**

**Parsons Field**

7:00 p.m., Live Band

At dusk fireworks by Jack Tobey & Crew

**WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE**



**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. You must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. Dates: June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, (July 6, 11, 13, make-up classes to date) 2016, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. The location for the make-up classes is TBD.

Fee: \$12 (Prorated to start date)

*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 27-August 19, 2016 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 picnic 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. (No additional charge)

Post-Camp: 4:00-4:30 p.m. (No additional charge)

### 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 4th); Full Day: \$112/wk,

Half-Day: \$60/wk

### Week 1, June 27-July 1, All About Lego's®

Enter the wonderful world of Legos®.

Build pre-designed projects and develop your own creations. Tower competitions, daily challenges, games and crafts will be based around your favorite building block.



### Week 2, July 5-July 8, NASCAR Rye Cup

Ladies and gentlemen, rev up your engines! Build your own race car and see how fast it can go! Racing crafts, treats and games make-up the week. (No camp July 4th)



### Week 3, July 11-15, Culinary Creations

Great Chefs of Rye are born this week. Learn how to follow recipes, set a table and create tasty treats and delectable dishes. Fun crafts and games are also on the menu.



### Week 4, July 18-22, Drip, Drop, Splash!

There is no better way to cool off during the heat of summer, than to join us as we play sponge ball, water balloon games, and create cool water crafts and refreshing treats.



### Week 5, July 25-29, Team Spirit

We'll play lots of different sports this week. Get ready to show your team spirit! Decorate a team shirt, prepare some tailgating recipes and compete for the ultimate award!



### Week 6, August 1-5, National Parks Adventure

Journey into the wild and discover our National Parks. Create crafts and play games influenced by the animals and scenery of Yosemite, Grand Canyon, and Acadia. Become a park ranger for the day.



### Week 7, August 8-12, Fiesta Fun

Put on your sombrero and get out the maracas; we are having a party all week long. Let's do the Mexican hat dance, create a piñata and make some sombrero cookies.



### Week 8, August 15-19, Star Wars

A long time ago in a camp NOT so far away... campers prepare to save the galaxy. We'll create a large survival ship, light sabers, go on an asteroid treasure hunt and make Yoda soda. May the Force be with you!



## 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 11, 2016, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$95



## 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 Public Library, Rye. Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2016, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Fee: \$66 (4 classes)



## 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 18-22, 2016 Entering Grades 6-8, Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Week 2, July 25-29, 2016 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



## 2016-2017



**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.

**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 11-15, 2016

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

Week 2, August 1-5, 2016

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 Timothy Riese, PGA Head Professional. Each session will cover set-up, full swing and short game. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH.



Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$139 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 11-15, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$210/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 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2016, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2016, 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, weather permitting.



Session 1, Tuesdays, June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2016, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2016, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

**BASKETBALL CAMP** instruction is provided by Anne Haky, Girls Varsity 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 11-15, 2016

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 18-22, 2016

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 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2016

K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 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 on the stage at Rye Junior High School. Campers attending more than one session need to bring a snack and drink each day. *Participants do not take LEGOs/Projects home.*



**Session 1, LEGO® Robotics and Engineering** Using LEGO®

Power Functions and robotics technology, participants will learn about gears, circuits, and computer programming as we construct a variety of projects. We'll use iPads to program and control projects built with the new LEGO® EV3!

July 25-29, 2016, Entering Grades 1-6, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Session 2, LEGO® Star Wars Engineering: The Bricks Awaken!** Channel your inner JEDI as we build your favorite Star Wars vehicles from the ice planet Hoth, Luke Skywalker's home planet of Tatooine, Geonosis, Endor, and many more. Learn basic engineering principles as we construct motorized Droid Tanks, Pod Racers, and a Battle Droid Factory! May the bricks be with you!

July 25-29, 2016, 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 1-5, 2016, 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 25-29, 2016

4 yrs - Entering K, Co-ed, 9:00-10:30 a.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 8-12, 2016

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

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

**SKATEBOARD CAMPS** are 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).

The registration deadline is one week prior to each camp.

Week 1, July 11-15; Week 2, July 18-22; Week 3, July 25-29; Week 4,

August 1-5; Week 5, August 8-12; Week 6, August 15-19, 2016.

Entering Grades 3-8, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$279/wk

**PICKLEBALL LEARN-TO-PLAY CLINIC** Pickleball is a simple paddle game played using a special perforated, slow-moving ball over a tennis-type net on a badminton size court. Instruction is provided by Bill Wilson of Rye. Come and try it! Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Weather permitting, for ages 18 yrs and over. Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: No charge (Registration form required.)



 **TO REGISTER FOR FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE USE THE SPRING REGISTRATION FORM**

## What's Springing Up at Rye Public Library?

We've got our customarily busy schedule ready for you this spring at RPL! Join us for information and entertainment of all kinds for the whole family. Look for One Book/One Town event in May!

An important event in March—**A Community Conversation on Substance Abuse** Thurs. March 24th at 7:00 pm

### ***RPL Wednesday Matinee Series***

**Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. State of the art projection system!**

3/2 <i>The Martian</i> PG-13 141 min	4/13 <i>Miss You Already</i> PG-13 113 min
3/9 <i>Bridge of Spies</i> PG-13 141 min	4/20 <i>Steve Jobs</i> R 122 min
3/16 <i>Suffragette</i> PG-13 107 min	4/27 <i>Concussion</i> PG-13 123 min
3/23 <i>Everest</i> PG-13 121 min	5/4 <i>Spotlight</i> R 128 min
3/30 <i>Big Stone Gap</i> PG-13 103 min	5/11 <i>Trumbo</i> R 125 min
4/6 <i>The 33</i> PG-13 127 min	5/18 <i>Creed</i> PG-13 133 min

### **Ongoing Activities:**

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

**Now offering afternoon and evening sessions:** Third Tuesday of each month at **2:00 pm and 7:00 pm!**

3/15 <i>The Hill Bachelors</i> by William Trevor	5/17 <i>Okay For Now</i> by Gary Schmidt
4/19 <i>The Girls of Atomic City</i> by Denise Kiernan	ONE BOOK/ONE TOWN Big Read!
<b>Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:</b> Every Tuesday at 9 am. Pressure-free art practice.	<b>Mah Jongg Club:</b> Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm American style Mah Jongg
<b>Knitting with Mary:</b> By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	<b>Military Book Discussions:</b> First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/3
<b>Learn to Play Bridge:</b> with Skip Page. Every Tuesday 3-5 pm. Beginners welcome!	<b>Chair Yoga with Amelia:</b> Supported stretch & breathe practice. Monday mornings at 9
<b>Monday afternoon senior visits</b> 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 <i>Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library</i>	

### **FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**New members welcome! Monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues @ 6:00 pm**

**Spring 2016 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library:**

<b>John Gilbert Winant, NH Statesman</b> Thurs. March 17th 7:00 pm – Prof. Stuart Wallace, SNHU	<b>Shoals Marine Laboratory with Director Jen Seavey</b> Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm
<b><i>Celebrate National Library Week with an RPL OPEN HOUSE!</i></b> <b><i>On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am-2:00 pm</i></b>	

**All programs are free and open to the public!**

**Discounted Museum Passes: borrow passes for reduced or free entry to the following:**

Children's Museum of NH, Dover	Museum of Science, Boston MA
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester	Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Historic New England	Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA	Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME	Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA	NH State Parks parking pass

*Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library*

## RPL SPRING 2016 TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION

**COMPUTER TUTOR & DEVICE ADVICE-** Schedule a time to bring in your specific computer or device-related questions including security, how to borrow downloadable content for your e-reader or tablet through RPL , or help with your Windows, Mac, Android, or iOS device. *Call to make a **20-minute** appointment on Monday or Friday mornings, or some Thursday evenings.*

**TECH TALK COMPUTER CLASSES:** Classes are from **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**. Call 964-8401 to register for classes.

<b>March 16th</b>	Introduction to Downloadable Books from Rye Public Library
<b>April 13th</b>	Windows 10 Basics
<b>May 11th</b>	Windows 10 Intermediate

## Rye Public Library Youth Department 2016 Spring Programming March - May 2016

### **Youth Programs:**

<p><b>Crazy 8s Math Club! Grades 3-5 (sign-up only)</b> Mondays, Mar 21st - May 16th, 3:15 pm (no mtg. April 25)</p> <p><b>Story Time for Toddlers &amp; Preschoolers</b> Wednesdays, 11:00 am (no story time on April 27th)</p> <p><b>Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)</b> Fridays, 10:00 – 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Teen Advisory Board</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, March 1st - May 10th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+)</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, March 8th - May 10th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Dumbledore's Army (A Harry Potter Club)</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, March 22nd - May 24th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Chess Club - All Ages</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, March 16th – May 18th, 3:15 - 5:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Dr. Seuss Celebration Party and Stories</b> Wednesday, March 2nd, 3:30-4:30 pm (<b>sign-up only</b>)</p> <p><b>Friday Flicks</b> <i>Check website for featured films</i> 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, March 4th - May 20th, 3:10 pm (<b>no flick 3/18</b>)</p> <p><b>Book Bites Book Club (Grades 2-5)</b> Thursdays, April 21st &amp; May 19th, 3:15 - 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>NEW! Teen Writer's Workshop</b> Tuesdays, March 15th &amp; April 19th 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Early Release Day Movie</b> <i>Check website for film</i> Wednesday, May 18th, 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>Cinderella Around the World Party &amp; Stories</b> Thursday, March 24th, 3:30-4:30 pm (<b>sign-up only</b>)</p> <p><b>"Cans" Film Festival-Community Service</b> Friday, May 6th, 3:10 pm (bring food donations)</p> <p><b>Teen/Adult Book Club Discussion: Okay For Now</b> Tuesday, May 17th, 7:00 pm</p>
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*Please view our website at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org), or call us @ 964-8401 for an expanded list of programming and events, and to check dates and times*

## Public Work's Message

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was performed by driving a van equipped with cameras and sensors, which can automatically photograph, measure, and analyze the pavement surface for cracks, potholes, distortion, rutting, patches, rideability, weathering and raveling. All this detailed information is analyzed and quantified by computer and a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is automatically obtained for each individual road segment from cross street to cross street. The PCI index runs from a brand new perfect road of 100 to a broken up and failed pavement surface of 0. Upon determination of the PCI for each town road segment, and using historic costs associated with recent paving activities, a maximum cost to bring all town roads up to new, can and was determined to be \$5.3 million. Then by applying the commonly accepted service life cycle of 15 years between repaving activities, one can simply determine that a yearly paving program should be funded at approximately \$350,000 per year. Over the prior several years the Board of Selectmen have been increasing the paving products budget line to meet this goal. Currently the budget line is at \$300,000. Every effort will be made to reach this funding level and maintain it in order to provide the residents with good roads. In addition, the information obtained from the pavement condition survey, and traffic considerations will be used to establish a multi-year road maintenance program which will identify which roads will receive improvement, what the improve strategy will be and approximately when it will be implemented.

### **Rye Snow Plowing By the Numbers:**

- Plow Routes - 7
- Miles of Road – 45

- Average Tons of Salt Used Each Storm - 40
- Pounds of Salt Applied per Lane Mile – 450
- Pounds of Sand Applied per Lane Mile - 0
- Average Yearly Snow Accumulation Anticipated – 60 inches
- Average Yearly Number of Snow Events Anticipated – 25
- Cost of Salt per Ton - \$55 Untreated / \$75 Treated
- Average Tons of Salt Used Each Year – 1,000

Dennis McCarthy  
Public Works Director

## **Rye Fire Department and Open Burning**

As the weather changes from winter to spring, many people's thoughts turn to being outside, enjoying the warming temperatures, the fresh air and cleaning up the winter kill and debris that has accumulated on their property throughout the winter.

To get rid of this wood debris many will seek to burn it in brush piles, camp fires or fire pits. Open burning is a privilege granted by and under the control of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Rye. Any open burning in the State of New Hampshire requires written permission from the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Warden in the jurisdiction the burning is to take place. There are conditions that go along with burn permits. Permits are issued only to the landowner or person(s) having written approval from the landowner. The Permittee must be 18 years of age or older. All open fires must have someone in attendance at all times and extinguished when you're done.

These rules are in place to protect the woodland resources

locally and throughout the state. On average, New Hampshire experiences about 250 wildland fires each year, which burn an average of 250 acres. Another 200-300 illegal fires occur each year that are extinguished before they turn into a wildland fire. Wildland fire control is achieved through prevention, training, early detection, careful pre-planning, hazard mitigation, and suppression.

Additional protection from woodland fires is accomplished through a system of Forest Rangers, forest fire lookout towers, aerial surveillance, cadre of appointed forest fire wardens, mobile patrols, enforcement of fire protection laws, participation in the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Commission, and the training and aiding of local fire departments and wardens. Surveillance is constant and vigilant.

Other rules that people who seek to burn should be aware of include; no burning is allowed between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm unless it is actively raining or there is significant snow cover at the site of the burn and may be curtailed at any time because of high winds or other conditions.

What you burn is also regulated; the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste (this includes shredded paper and sensitive documents). State Law as of July, 2011 has banned the importation of untreated firewood without a commercial or home heating compliance agreement. Firewood is a major source of damaging insects and diseases. This ban will help protect the health of New Hampshire's forests. Kiln-dried, packaged firewood is exempt from this ban. You may visit the NH DRED Firewood webpage for information on obtaining a commercial or home heating compliance agreement.



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Beach fires are unique to Rye. Permits for beach fires are issued to RYE RESIDENTS ONLY. Beach fires are allowed on the rocky areas of the beach only. No fires are allowed on the sand. Beach fires are allowed between 5:00 pm and Midnight. All ash and debris must be properly disposed of once completely extinguished.

If you have any questions about open burning or permits, please call 964-6411 or stop by the station anytime.

Thomas Lambert  
Fire Chief

## Planning Board Update

During the next election cycle you, the voters of Rye, will be asked to vote on a variety of issues. The following is a list of the proposed zoning amendments and a short description of their intended results.

### Amendment 2016-1

Re: Tourist Accommodations  
Records

In June 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court in City of Los Angeles, California v. Patel, held that a Los Angeles regulation which requires hotel operators to make records of guests available to police officers is facially unconstitutional as a violation of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. Thus, town counsel has advised that as the ordinance stands now it is unconstitutional. (The Supreme Court's decision did not invalidate the part of the Los Angeles regulation which requires such records to be kept.)

### Amendment 2016-2

Re: Frontage Requirement for Multi-Family Developments

The proposed amendment would allow multi-family dwellings and multi-family developments which provide workforce housing, to be built on approved private streets, such as Airfield Drive.

### Amendment 2016-3

Re: Applicability of GMO to Multi-Family Dwellings / Developments

The zoning ordinance requires that at least 20% but not more than 51% of the dwelling units of a multi-family dwelling or of a multi-family development be work force housing as defined by state law. The limitations of the Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) with respect to the phasing of building permits and occupancy permits may make it impossible for developers of projects having workforce housing to obtain financing. The amendment would allow the planning board to waive the requirements of the GMO in such a circumstance, subject to appropriate safeguards.

### Amendment 2016-5

Re: Definition of "Living Space"

The zoning ordinance requirements for Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) limit the amount of living space allowed in a dwelling unit. When the RCD provisions were enacted in 2006 the intent was that "living space" is measured interior floor space. Since appraisers and assessors use exterior measurements to determine building space, the planning board believes clarification is required. The amendment also clarifies how screened porches and decks and enclosed porches and decks are considered in a manner consistent with a recent RCD approval.

### Amendment 2016-8

Re: Exemptions from Wetlands  
Conservation District for Utilities

Without this exemption every time a utility works within a street right-of-way located within the wetlands buffer or repairs a service to an existing building where the service is located within the buffer, it would be required to first obtain a special exception under the present Wetlands Conservation District or a conditional use permit under the proposed new Wetlands and Surface Water Overlay District. Such a requirement is not reasonable and would overburden the town's land use boards.

Bill Epperson, Chairman  
Planning Board

## Historic District's Message

### Parson's Field---a little bit of Heaven!!

One of the most prized and regularly used pieces of property in the Rye Historic District is Parson's Field. What a gift to every resident



in Town--whether you walk it with your dog, cross country ski from

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there to Recreation Road, hike from there to the Awcomin Marsh, bring your binoculars along to bird watch, park and walk into the town woods, or just sit and enjoy this marvelous respite in the center of Rye.

Few if any other New Hampshire Towns have such a jewel. If you haven't visited Parsons Field you can do so by driving north on Washington Road past the Junior High School and on your immediate right you will see the following sign.



Drive into the Parson's Field access road and you will come to a large parking area and to the entrance to the Town Forest. Unload the children/grandchildren/dogs and step into another era--this is what life should be like---open space, clean air, no traffic, a safe environment for the children, and a welcoming stress free atmosphere. Visiting Parson's field should be on your "must do list" for 2016.

You may also be interested in the story of how Parson's Field came to be town property and not a maze of cul-de-sacs with mega homes or condominium complexes. "In 1977, Mrs. Esther Parsons

placed her 52.5 acre estate, located in the center of town, on the market. To prevent the development of this large area, 151 families donated \$56,000 to serve as a down payment and formed a non profit corporation, the Parson's Park Corporation."

At a special town meeting in October of 1977, 699 residents came to vote on a bond issue to purchase the entire estate which consisted of the front field, the woodland of approximately 47 acres and the Parson's homestead which consisted of the house and outbuildings situated on approximately 1 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land. The bond issue required 2/3 majority. The plan fell short of passing by 15 votes. Not to be deterred, the Parsons Park Board of Directors with Mel Low serving as president, continued to meet every Sunday to rethink their strategy. In addition to Mel, the board consisted of Robert Bowen, Linda Chace, Priscilla Jenness, Charles Tallman, Frances Holway, David Duggan, Jessie Heflihy, Stephen White, Thomas Barron, William Hodgeman, and Donald Cilley.

The new strategy agreed to by the Board was to separate the estate into three parts: Woodand, Field, and Homestead and to offer each parcel to the voters in subsequent town meetings in that order. With only \$52,000 raised of the \$214,000 cost, the plan required the patience and cooperation by Mrs. Parsons. Fortunately she had a love of the town and a deep appreciation of the role that her home (dated 1757) and her husband's family had played in the history of Rye.

In 1978, the warrant article for the woodland (47 acres) passed at the town election at a cost of \$60,000. Subsequently the warrant article for the field passed in 1979. The 1980 warrant article to purchase the homestead missed passing by three votes and the home was

subsequently sold to a private buyer but remains today as a fine example of a historic pre-revolutionary home in the Rye Historic District.

The Rye Historic District Commissioners are honored to be responsible for the stewardship of this invaluable piece of property to be kept up for all to use and appreciate. (Many of the details of the history of this property were taken from the 2010 Annual Town Report)

Phil Winslow, Chairman  
Historic District Commission

## Rye Heritage Commission Message

The Rye Heritage Commission has focused on the need to renovate the Town Hall since the Commission's inception in 2012. In that year it secured the Rye Town Hall's place on the State of New Hampshire Register of Historic Properties. Because the citizens of Rye value this iconic building they have committed over \$350,000 investing in three years of study of what should be done to accommodate the needs to the town hall employees in the Rye Town Hall.

In 2015, the Rye Heritage Commission worked to acquire the designation for Rye Town Hall as one of New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's "Seven to Save" historic properties. This designation carries with it opportunities to tap into public and private grants and financial resources. The current Town Hall Committee conducted a survey of the citizens about possible solutions. The results of the survey suggest that the majority of the citizens do not want the town hall moved from the center of town and do not want the town to acquire a new location for town hall functions. A significant

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majority stated clearly they did not want the Rye Town Hall torn down.

Despite the Seven to Save advantages available, the new warrant offered by the town, proposes study of the costs of **five** alternatives for the town hall. **One alternative** is to tear down the current town hall building and build a new building on location. A **second alternative** spends \$460,000 to acquire new property, a residence in the historic district, which will need to be torn down to provide land for a new town hall to be constructed. A **third alternative** builds a new town hall behind the current town hall and abandons the current town hall to some indeterminate use. A **fourth alternative** renovates the original town hall structure without preserving any of the historic features. The **fifth alternative** is in accord with the results of the town-wide survey of the citizens for renovating the Rye Town Hall and preserving its historical features, except that the second story will remain divided for offices rather than be restored to an open meeting house room.

The Rye Heritage Commission is opposed to options which consider **demolition** as an alternative, because that option is counter-productive to any effort to raise funds locally, statewide or federally to defray costs of renovation of Rye Town Hall this year as one of the *Seven to Save*.

The Rye Town Hall already has:

- a new roof
- a new geo-thermal heating system.

There are grants available for:

- the steel reinforcement needed for the building (at an estimated cost of \$144,000.00);

- the restoration of the windows with increased insulation (at an estimated cost of \$58,000).

Because this structure in the center of our town is the iconic heart of the Rye Historic District, the Rye Heritage Commission unanimously supports a different warrant article which states:

***To see if the Town will vote to support only those options for Rye Town Hall that include saving the Town Hall, in order to allow pursuit of private and public grants and contributions.***

The intent is to disallow consideration of demolition of the Rye Town Hall Building as an **alternative**. **The rationale is that funding sources will not participate favorably so long as the threat of demolition remains on the ballot.** The hope and expectation is that the Town Hall building will remain a vital hub of activity in the center of our town.

Another selectmen warrant article proposes the purchase of 541 Washington Road, a private residence, which could be demolished for use as a new town hall or future town building needs. This purchase for \$460,000.00 (with no specific plan for its use or funding for its demolition or its renovation) creates uncertainty of shrinking residential use in the Rye Historic District.

Also being considered is conveyance of the historic Parsonage property, located between the Library and the Safety buildings, to the Housing Partnership for one dollar, when its current lease expires, for continued use as low income elder housing. The transfer has been delayed for a study which could lead to demolition and/or a large expansion of the current Parsonage buildings in the center of town. The Heritage

Commission and the Historical District Commission have expressed their intentions to participate actively in the review of this proposal which challenges the survival of a precious historic resource. It is anticipated that the two commissions will, in the year ahead, explore qualifying the entire Historic District for federal tax incentives for renovation of buildings in the Rye Historic District through public-private partnerships. It is also hoped that the town commissions can engage Plan NH to conduct a charrette of community members as an assembly to consider the fate of the Rye Historic District and develop a master plan for the fragile area at our town center.

There is much to consider and much to preserve and protect for future generations in Rye, New Hampshire.

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman  
Heritage Commission

## Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

The amount budgeted in 2016 by the Town for mosquito control is \$86,000. Requests for Proposals (RFP's) were sent to qualified contractors. Swamp, Inc. was selected for the second year in a row to be the contractor responsible for the Town's Mosquito Control Program. Rye residents should contact Swamp, Inc. with complaints about mosquito activity; concerns about mosquito breeding sites (stagnant water) on their property; and to update their status on the No Spray (street spraying) List. Swamp, Inc. can be reached by email at [swampfixer@swamp-inc.com](mailto:swampfixer@swamp-inc.com) or

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their website [www.swamp-inc.com](http://www.swamp-inc.com) by clicking on the top right tab for their contact information. Residents should also contact the contractor to make them aware of *private storm drains* on their property. They can be a significant breeding site for mosquitoes and may not be listed on the municipal storm drain map. Those drains are regularly monitored and treated.

Residents of Rye should welcome the newest member of the Rye Mosquito Control Commission, Denis Lipman. Denis is a very aristocratic gentleman originally from England with a classy British accent. He is a writer by trade and recently put on a reading at the Rye Public Library of his newest novel, A Yank back to England. The RMCC has a full complement of commissioners now that Denis is on board. The other members of the commission are Tim Sanborn and Tom Aspinwall.

The primary task of the RMCC is to promote the safety and health of Rye residents through the implementation of an effective mosquito control program. To that end the primary tasks of the program are monitoring and control through the application of pesticides. The most effective time to control mosquitoes is in their larval stages with the use of larvicides applied to breeding sites. The bulk of the annual budget is targeted to larviciding. It is safe and effective but it is a costly annual expense.

The non-chemical alternative to the annual application of pesticides may be found through better marsh management. Healthy marshes do not contain mosquito breeding areas and once they are rehabilitated they do not require the application of pesticides. About 11%, or 1,000 acres, in the Town of

Rye is salt marsh. Rye has neither a wetlands management plan nor a plan under study. Many successful wetland management projects have been undertaken in the past, most notably in the reduction of tidal restrictions. One project was completed in the Fairhill Marsh that established a new pool habitat that now contains minnows. Minnows are predaceous upon mosquito larvae and consume sufficient numbers to effectively control mosquitoes in a pool so no further application of pesticides is necessary. The RMCC is an advocate of marsh management and solicits support from Rye residents to establish a wetlands management plan.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman  
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

## Rye Water District News

### Annual District Meeting:

The Rye Water District's Annual meeting will be held at Rye Junior High School on Saturday, March 26th, at 10:00 am. All Rye Water District residences are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Items to be discussed and voted on include:

- Election of a Commissioner (3 year term).
- Election of a Clerk (3 year term).
- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be placed in the District's existing Distribution System Replacement and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose of replacing or enlarging the distribution system.

- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be placed in the District's existing Expendable General Fund Trust Fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses occurring during the fiscal year.
- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be placed in the District's existing Equipment and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose of purchase, repair, modification, or replacement of equipment and buildings that support operation of the water distribution system.
- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,196,892 One Million, One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars for general District operations and to defray water district charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in any other articles addressed.

Additionally, there is one Petition Warrant Article which states; "(By Petition) shall the non-partisan ballot system for the election of Rye Water District officers be adopted by the Rye Water District?"

This Petition article would change the way District officers are elected from the current method at the Annual Meeting to requiring the developing of an Official Ballot, establishment of an official election day, designation of a polling place, designing polling hours (e.g. 8AM to 7PM), and having to implement and manage all aspects associated with an election day process. The District Commissioners are of the opinion



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that passage of the article would add additional administrative burden and cost to the District and does not either improve or provide added value to District operations.

**Fire Hydrants and Snow Removal:** Although we've experienced a relatively mild winter compared to last, we would like to thank everyone who has helped keep fire hydrants cleared near their property. This aids in the event of a fire when time is essential to save lives and property.

**Water Usage and Cost:** In 2015 the Rye Water District pumped 135,000,000 gallons of water into the system from its three wells. Water demand more than triples during the summer months, which is triggered mostly by the operation of residential lawn irrigation systems. The Rye Water District billing system is based on water meter size and your accumulative water used, on a tiered basis, annually. In essence the more water used, the higher the water bill.

**Check for Leaks:** The most common reason for lost water in a home is from a leaking toilet. A faulty toilet tank seal or an incorrect water level setting can leak up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  a gallon per minute. A simple test can be performed by removing the tank cover and add a few drops of food coloring. If you see water in the bowl develop color, this means the bowl seal needs attention. This is a very simple test which can save you water and help prevent premature septic system failure.

**Lawn Irrigation & Backflow Prevention:** Water systems are designed with the intention of the water flowing in a certain direction, from the (distribution system) to the consumer; however, pressure within the system may deviate from "normal" conditions, causing the

water to flow in the opposite direction. This is called backflow. Backflow occurs when the pressure in the distribution system drops, such as during firefighting, water main flushing, or when a water main breaks, which could siphon water from consumer's plumbing, and or irrigation system into the distribution system. It's important your irrigation system's backflow preventer is installed correctly and tested at least once a year. Once again, if you're not sure a backflow device is present on your system or if it's installed correctly, please contact our office at 436-2596 to schedule a free evaluation this spring.

Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford

Rye Water District Commissioners

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



**35% You did it!  
YOU HELPED TO  
BOOST RYE'S RECYCLING  
RATE!**

According to the tabulations for 2015 our new improved recycling rate is 35.4%! In late 2014 we set a goal of achieving a 40% recycling rate (compared to our then stagnant rate of 30%). Well, great news, we are over halfway there! With proper recycling and increased participation in the Mr. Fox Composting program, let's aim for that goal of 40% by the end of 2016!

A big reason for our improved recycling rate is due to our Food Scrap program which allows us to divert food waste by utilizing the Mr. Fox Composting program.

Because of this program, 27 tons of food waste were kept out of the landfill and instead sent to Mr. Fox to be composted and returned to the earth! By keeping 27 tons of food waste out of the landfill, we lowered CO2 emissions by approximately 40 tons, the equivalent of taking 7 passenger cars off the road for a year. We would like to see more of you utilize this program. For more information, ask the recycling center staff and see the pamphlet for the Mr. Fox Composting program at [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us). High quality compostable bags can be purchased at Hungry Horse Café, sold in cartons of 15, which fit 5 gallon buckets perfectly.

**reduce. reuse. recycle.**

**Poster Contest:** This past November, in an effort to further the dialog about recycling, with the help of Rye Elementary School art instructor Cindy Bean, we held a "3-Rs" poster contest. Over 80 wonderful entries were received, ten of which can be seen on display at the Rye Library. Thank you to all of our elementary school artists and to our local businesses that donated awards: Bowl-A-Rama, Cinemagic, Domino's Pizza, Peachwave Frozen Yogurt, Summer Sessions and Mr. Fox Composting.

**Thank you to the Public Works and the Recycling Center staff** for the new siding and new blaze-orange signs that make navigating the recycling center easier. Additionally, **kudos to the faculty and students of our Rye schools** for working hard to reduce waste and increase recycling.

**Reduce your unwanted junk mail** Consider converting newspaper and magazine subscriptions to electronic versions. Unwanted junk mail and specific mailings, including





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large catalogs, can be significantly decreased with the below websites:

- [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org)
- [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)

**No trash ever truly disappears!** The Rye Recycling Education Committee is in need of new members and meets at the Rye Public Library each third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Rye Recycling Education Committee



Deidre Smyrnos

Joan Provencher

John Provencher

Lorrie Platt

Jozef Platt, Student Member

## Conservation Commission Update

Those of you who walk in the Town Forest have undoubtedly noticed the addition of bog bridges. Constructed this past fall, the bridges



are designed to protect the wetlands from damage created by widening existing trails through the forest's wet areas. From a human perspective, the bridges will provide easier and dryer access to our much enjoyed woodland resource.

Fall also saw the addition of a hoop house at the Goss Farm. This



structure resembles a traditional greenhouse but is actually designed to allow planting directly in the earth it shelters. The hoop house will be utilized to extend our notoriously short New England growing season.

The last fall project was the burning and subsequent planting of the wet meadow at the Goss Farm to establish a pollinator habitat. We



are hoping optimistically for a spring show of native flowers but realize that this endeavor is a multi-year project.

Spring is around the corner and a time for rejuvenation. We encourage all garden enthusiasts to consider signing up for a garden plot in the Community Garden at the Goss Farm. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Selectmen's office at the Town Hall beginning May 1st.

See you at the farm.

Sally King, Chairman

Rye Conservation Commission

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## Sewer Department News



The Sewer Commission will be conducting a comprehensive revision of the Rye

Sewer User Charge Ordinance enacted in 1991. The objective is to evaluate the current operational processes and to propose changes that would improve sewer operations.

The Operation, Maintenance and Replacement (OMR) Charge is currently based on water consumption and this has posed administrative and accuracy challenges. The Sewer Department relies on third party data to bill users and this data has been difficult to interpret and sometimes unreliable. The Sewer Commission will propose the use of another methodology "equivalent units" as the basis of OMR Charges. Equivalent Use methodology for assessing OMR Charges is, in essence, a "flat rate".

In order to assess the impact of this change the Sewer Department is in the process of developing a data base by assembling and coding equivalent units. The objective is to provide users with a close estimate of the new "flat rate".

Other proposed changes to the Sewer User Charge Ordinance will include revising the document to reflect the elimination of the Capital Recovery (CR) Charge.

A public hearing will be scheduled in the upcoming months to further discuss and explain the proposed changes to the Rye Sewer User Charge Ordinance. Your participation and input is welcomed.

The current Sewer Commission consists of David W. Kohlhasse, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet,

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Vice Chairman; and David M. Adams, Commissioner, Lee Arthur is the Sewer Administrator.

The Sewer Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Sewer Commission Office now located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH, above the U.S. Post Office. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or for assistance after hours please call 964-6815, we would be glad to assist you. It is important to note sewer bill payments are only accepted at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870.

### Message From Rye Senior SERVE

Rye Senior SERVE is a volunteer group of Rye residents whose mission is to assist Rye's senior residents with issues of transportation and communication. If you are a senior resident, especially if living alone or no longer driving, call Connie Olson at 964-5170 for more information about SERVE programs or to receive a SERVE brochure.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The SERVE van offers a weekly trip to the Market Basket Plaza for grocery shopping and other errands. A SERVE volunteer will drive you to medical and other important appointments.

**COMMUNICATION:** If you request it, you may receive a phone call each morning from a SERVE volunteer to check on your well-being, especially reassuring if

you live alone.

The SERVE brochure may also be viewed on Rye's website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) under the Senior Services link. Your neighbors who volunteer for SERVE look forward to hearing from you.

Connie Olson  
Rye Senior SERVE

## Historical Society News

**Seacoast African American History Program. A Conversation on History and Race in NH April 14th.**

A discussion of forgotten slave traders and slavery in New Hampshire will introduce this program focusing on the more recent history of African Americans in the Seacoast area, including Rye, during the post-Civil War years into the 20th century. JerriAnne Boggis, director of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail, and its founder Valerie Cunningham, will lead the discussion on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm in the Rye Public Library. Sponsors of this event are the Rye Historical Society and the Rye Public Library, in collaboration with the Seacoast Peace Academy. For further information visit: [info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org) or call 603-997-6742.

**Seeking Information on Olympic Oil Refinery Proposal - 1973:** The Rye Historical Society (RHS) is working with Lisa Moll, a Rye resident and graduate student at UNH, to document the story of Rye's battle to save its coastline from industrial development by Olympic Oil in 1973-1974. The RHS and Lisa Moll are grateful to

the residents who have shared their memories and insights from this historic event. All residents, or former Rye residents, involved in the Olympic Oil battle are encouraged to share their stories, photographs, printed material, etc. with the RHS. Please contact Alex Herlihy by email for further information at [info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org). Photographs and/or other material collected from this event may be mailed to the RHS at 10 Olde Parish Road, PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870.

**RHS 40 Years Old:** RHS was founded in 1976 as an outgrowth of the Bicentennial Committee. As a condition of receiving federal funds to plan Bicentennial events, local communities were required to create something permanent to commemorate the historic occasion. Jessie Herlihy thought a historical society would be appropriate and everyone agreed. The society immediately began sponsoring programs at the library, documenting old houses and restoring historic farmstead graveyards. In 2002 the Town Museum opened and we have been going strong ever since. We welcome your participation in any way that interests you. Some ideas are located on our website ([www.ryenhistoricalssociety.org](http://www.ryenhistoricalssociety.org)) under the "contact us" tab. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Town Museum Opened Year Round:** Often regularly scheduled hours are not convenient for most people to visit a museum, so RHS has adopted a policy where the museum is open by request all year at a mutually convenient time. Most of the time the director, who lives close by, can open it for you within five minutes of your request. Just call the museum: 997-6742.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman  
Rye Historical Society



## Police Chief Warns of Scams

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

- People post property for sale or rent online. The property owner receives confirmation that someone wants to purchase/rent the property. The owner receives a check in a higher amount than requested with a note explaining it was written for the wrong amount and to please cash it and mail the excess back. The property owner's bank cashes the check, but in a few days, sends a notice that the check was not valid and *the property owner has to make up the total amount of the check!*
- People stating they are the IRS and you owe money for taxes. The IRS never does business by phone. The IRS will mail people a notice, asking to set up an office visit. Never agree to give any information over the phone, especially your **social security number, bank account information and date of birth. NEVER.**
- If anyone calls and asks you to send money, *don't do it until you know it is for a legitimate reason.* The police department has been getting reports of people receiving e-mails and/or phone calls saying a family member has been arrested and needs bail money. If a family member is really in need, you will know about it before the phone call or e-mail. *Make sure you verify anything like this before sending any money.*



**Dog-walking:**  
**Town Beaches and Town Forest:**  
Warm weather is approaching and more people will be walking their

dogs on Town beaches and in the Town Forest. **Please pick up after your dog!** While most people adhere to the ordinance and pick up after their dogs, there are those who do not. We thank our law-abiding dog owners who gently remind those who forget, that they need to clean up!

**Hours for Dogs on Town Beaches:** Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 28, 2016, dogs are not allowed on the beach from 9:00 am until after 7:00 pm. Don't forget: Register your dog and make sure the dog license is attached to its collar.

**It's time to get your 2016 Beach Parking Permits!** *Attach your permit to the rear window of your vehicle in the lower left hand corner as soon as you get it!* Parking enforcement reports many residents come in to complain about receiving a ticket. They often use the excuse that they forgot to get their sticker or forgot to put it on their vehicle.



**Please remember, Rye Beaches are strictly NO ALCOHOL.** Town ordinance prohibits open containers, including alcoholic beverages in plastic cups.

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

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police



Our 8th annual Rye Farmers' Market will begin Wednesday, June 22, 2016. The market is located beside the Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road and runs 2:30-5:30 pm through September 21st. Please come and buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and baked goods all produced locally! If you're interested in being a vendor, please contact Susan Anderson at [sorazi3@comcast.net](mailto:sorazi3@comcast.net). If you know of meat, fish or dairy vendors you think might like to come, please let me know!!



Rye Farmers' Market Committee

### Town of Rye MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Central Cemetery  
(beside Town Hall)

Monday, May 30, 2016

9:00 a.m.



# 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](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) for up-to-date information.

**March 2016**

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

**April 2016**

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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>7</b> 12:00 p.m. Long Range Planning 6:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	<b>12</b> 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 7:00 p.m. Planning Board	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	<b>26</b> 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**May 2016**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>5</b> 6:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	<b>10</b> 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 7:00 p.m. Planning Board	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Town Offices Closed	<b>31</b> 7:00 p.m. Technical Review Committee				

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

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

## My Voting Notes

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist,  
6 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3  
years (1)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years (1)

Article 3.

Amendment 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 3. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 4. ☐Yes ☐No

Amendment 5. ☐Yes ☐No

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

### SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, 3 years (2)

School District Clerk, 2 years (1)

School District Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Article 1. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 2. ☐Yes ☐No

Article 3. ☐Yes ☐No

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

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RYE, NH 03870

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