



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

MOVING FORWARD

Tax Rate Information

On November 9th, the 2016 Town of Rye Tax Rate was set by the Board of Selectmen at \$10.68 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. This figure is \$0.22 less than 2015. We were able to apply 1 million dollars against the tax rate this year leaving 5%, or \$1,310,041, in the Fund Balance Account in keeping with State guidelines.

Overall the Town portion of the tax rate is up \$0.04, the Local School portion is down \$0.28 and the State School portion has increased \$0.03.

Rye Beach Precinct, Jenness Beach Precinct and/or Rye Water District taxes will also be applied to your Tax bill where appropriate as follows: Rye Beach Precinct tax is \$0.26 (down \$0.15), Jenness Beach Precinct tax is \$0.29 (up \$0.05) and the Rye Water District tax is \$0.57 (up \$0.03).

Town Hall

The external condition of our Town Hall is unsightly and intolerable. Overall the building does not meet applicable codes and internally it is not ADA compliant. This situation is not new. Town Hall has been awaiting its turn for attention for many years as other big ticket items (school addition, safety building and library addition) received

higher priority and have been addressed.

Over the past four years, the Town has worked to ascertain, define and refine the needs of our 1839 Town Hall building as they relate to both its historic past and to current requirements for efficiently conducting the business of our Town.

During this time, we have appointed several Town Hall Committees each with membership and expertise drawn from our various boards, commissions and committees as well as residents at large. Despite the dedication and diligence of these committees, to date we have been unable to present a proposal via warrant article that has garnered the required 60% voter approval necessary for bonding.

Following the defeat of the 2015 plan designed by architects Sheerr, McCrystal, Palson (SMP), we enlisted the University of New Hampshire to conduct a survey of Rye residents to determine areas of consensus as the basis for planning a successful resolution of our continuing Town Hall dilemma. Through analysis of the 1,132 surveys returned, it was abundantly clear that citizens want the Town Hall to remain at its present site in the center of Rye. It was equally apparent that 4.1 million dollars is too steep a price to achieve support for any plan going forward.

Two other factors must also be considered as we move ahead. With a crippling need for space within Town Hall, in November of 2014 the Recreation Department relocated from Town Hall to the Recreation Area Modular. The Recreation Area is now viewed as its future home base by the Recreation Department. At approximately the same time, the Sewer Department moved its office to the Rye Beach Precinct Building. Obviously, Town Hall required space will be adjusted downward within any new plan. In addition, while the UNH survey showed the present Town Hall site to be highly favored, it indicated little support for maintaining the "great hall" within the building as a place for voting and other large gatherings. Use of this large space for office planning has further revised the interior

square footage requirement downward. These changes have reduced our Town Hall space need from 11,000 square feet to approximately 7,000 square feet. In other words, given the downward revisions noted here and taking ADA compliance into account, the Town Hall space needs of today require approximately 1,300 square feet in addition to space available within our existing two story building.

The 2015 Town Hall Committee deliberations highlighted an additional controversy. While support for renovation of Town Hall has been strong, a smaller but insistent number of residents continue to seek replacement rather than renovation of the original structure. The actual cost of either proposed solution is unknown and the 2016 warrant article for \$60,000 to retain professionals to estimate costs of renovation versus new construction failed by 153 votes. With no plan and no money, "square one" comes to mind.

At the BOS meeting of September 26th, Vice Chairman Craig Musselman presented a possible way to move forward and Selectman Jenness concurred. Briefly, it is as follows: Invite four previously vetted firms to each submit two (2) Town Hall design/build proposals via a Request for Proposal (RFP) with a firm price for each. Given the newly revised space requirements, both proposals are to include a two story extension to the rear of the building about 30' wide by 20' deep. Submissions are due on December 8, 2016. The complete Request for Design/Build Proposals for the Rye Town Hall is available in the Selectmen's office at Town Hall.

We look forward to having the results of this RFP process move us closer to preparation of a March 2017 warrant article.

Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee (A Selectmen's Committee)

Earlier this year, the BOS appointed a Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee. This committee met regularly with assistance from Norman Larson of Christopher Williams Architects. The charge to evaluate all

Holiday Parade

"A FROSTY NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY"

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road to the Rye Junior High School

For additional information
call the Fire Dept. at 964-6411.



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aspects of the existing recreation buildings and programming was completed by October and Chairman Gregg Mikolaities reported committee findings to the Board on November 14th.

Recreation Department data showed a wide range of programming for the community servicing residents from ages 4 to 95 years of age. In 2015 the Recreation Department had 1780 participants and programs were held in 12 different locations. Among these programs are the Over 55 Program with more than 150 participants monthly from September through May and the After School Program which averages 45 children per day. Lack of programming for teens is a concern.

The report concludes that equipment storage space is severely lacking and some available storage space is unheated and susceptible to mold and mice. Programming offered is restricted by the facilities available. A review of existing facilities by the architect for ADA compliance showed that some of the existing facilities used (Recreation House, Recreation Office Modular and After School Program space at the Elementary School) do not meet ADA requirements.

Short term and long term recommendations were presented. Short Term Recommendations include: Immediately address the need for temperature controlled storage for both recreation programming equipment and general equipment used to support maintenance of the recreation fields by developing a budget to construct a heated garage type structure at the Recreation Area in accordance with the architect's report. Other recommendations call on the selectmen to negotiate multiyear agreements: one agreement to be made with the School Department for use of the Elementary School for the After School Program and the basketball program and the other agreement to be made with the Congregational Church for the Over 55 Program use. Consideration of funding to update the Land Use Master Plan at the Recreation Area is also a short term recommendation.

The Long Term Recommendations focus on the inadequacy of the current recreation house and modular for recreation programming and staff working conditions as outlined in the Williams report. They conclude with a

recommendation that the Selectmen, in association with the Recreation Commission, consider funding an architectural study to determine costs to construct a 10,000 square foot Community Center at the Recreation Area, including added parking and site work.

Parsonage Committee (A Selectmen's Committee)

Committee Chairman Mel Low presented the report of the Parsonage Long Range Planning Committee to the Selectmen on October 12th. The Committee Charge "to study and make recommendation to the Board as to how to continue to provide quality affordable housing at the Parsonage and to rehabilitate the buildings in the most economical manner" resulted in lengthy deliberation from inception of the committee in March through the end of September.

Discussions were held during this time with Marty Chapman, Executive Director of The Housing Partnership (THP). THP has managed the Parsonage as affordable housing since 1999. Issues discussed included the THP proposal to expand the number of units at the Parsonage, how best to continue the Town of Rye/THP relationship, grant potential for new or existing facilities and Parsonage income and expenses. Information was also gathered through a review of the history of the buildings, their maintenance and present condition, tax and current lease information and a site walk of the basement, buildings and grounds. Options regarding expansion or relocation of affordable housing were also discussed as well as short term lease options should the Town wish to "buy time" for a design charrette.

While the committee recognized the need for affordable and workforce housing in Rye, it understood that the Town itself does not intend the update, repair or management of it directly. The Committee also expressed the thought that long term future use of the Parsonage buildings and/or land should be considered within the larger context of the Rye Town Center initiated via a Plan NH design charrette.

The report concludes with five recommendations and an explanation for each. Among the recommendations are the following: "The Town not sell the Parsonage to, or enter into a long term lease with, THP (or any other

entity); The number of units at the Parsonage is not to be increased (on-site); and The Town explore potential alternate Town-owned sites for low income/workforce housing". In addition, five "key terms" were set out as a guide for Town lease of the Parsonage to THP following expiration of the existing lease on May 30, 2019, including recommendations regarding a potential short term lease extension.

Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration Committee (A Selectmen's Committee)

Water quality monitoring over the past several years using Federal grants and Town funds have indicated periodic bacterial contamination of the outlet of Parsons Creek at the southern end of Wallis Sands beach. Data from the same sampling locations over the years of monitoring are in most cases inconsistent, making it almost impossible to discern potential point sources. Analysis of water samples to determine human vs animal (wildlife or dogs) sources has been inconclusive. This year, the outlet of Parsons Creek showed contamination levels mostly below state standards, but some were high.

The septic pump-out ordinance adopted by Town Meeting in 2016 has been successful in beginning to locate some failed systems and holding tanks approved by the state decades ago, some "temporary". Some of these holding tanks are pumped infrequently, with annual metered water use far in excess of the quantity of wastewater pumped.

The Town has offered to do on-site evaluations of some of the most challenging parcels for proper functioning of septic tanks and leachfields, but most invited homeowners have not taken the Town up on its offer. Improved technologies are available for use in these challenging circumstances (small lots, high groundwater, close proximity to surface water), but installation costs are significant to the homeowner, and enforcement is difficult or impossible under current state and Town regulations and ordinances.

The Parsons Creek Water Quality Committee appointed by the Selectmen met monthly in 2016 to review all available information. For the Parsons Creek watershed, the Committee has recommended that the Town develop an

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ordinance that will require inspection and updating of septic systems upon transfer of ownership of properties, stipulate appropriate treatment technologies for the more challenging sites, and provide additional enforcement provisions for holding tanks. Continued water quality monitoring is recommended, including other Rye coastal watersheds (Rye Harbor, Eel Pond) for comparison purposes. Expanded dog waste signage is recommended. The Town has recently received a wetlands permit to allow excavation of abandoned buried pipes identified by the Committee in Wallis Sands beach that are suspected as a potential source of contamination of "beach seeps" at low tide. All of these steps are important for the long term improvement of water quality in Parsons (or "Stinky") Creek.

Thank You

On behalf of the Town, we wish to express gratitude to the members of our community who have served on the Recreation Facilities Needs Committee, the Parsonage Long Range Planning Committee and the Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration Committee during 2016. In each case, the issues have been complex, the number of meetings considerable and the participation enthusiastic and productive. Our Town has once again benefitted as the result of those residents who volunteer their time and talents in exploration of ways to resolve problems and move forward for the good of our community.

Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) 2017-2022

The CIP Committee is an annual committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with RSA 674:5. The Committee's charge is to prepare and recommend a program of municipal capital improvement projects (\$15,000 or more) looking forward at least six years. With pertinent information updated and provided by Town departments, boards and commissions, the annual performance of this task presents a snapshot in time of the status of our capital assets and anticipated capital needs. The CIP is an essential planning tool. It recommends to the Selectmen and is advisory in nature.

The 2017-2022 CIP Committee Final Draft Report was presented for review and discussion at a BOS Public Hearing on October 24th by Chair Mae

Bradshaw. Committee members Vice-Chair Phil Winslow, Clerk Ned Paul, School Board Representative Jeanne Moynahan, Russ Bookholz and Randy Crapo were also present.

During the discussion, Vice-Chair Phil Winslow stated that there is a window of opportunity for the Town in 2017. The last school bond payment is being made, which is about \$295,000. The second conservation bond will also be paid down, which is \$97,000. The result is that in 2018, \$392,000 will no longer be paid annually for these two items. He suggested that in moving forward with Town Hall, with a first bond payment due in 2018, at 2.9 million dollars over a 10 year period at 2.3%, the town would probably have that covered without any raise in the tax base.

The Public Hearing was suspended to a later date at which time a revised CIP with input from the Recreation Commission will be considered. (The Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee report was not available until November 14th.)

Development of the CIP is a lengthy process and we are grateful to committee members for their investment of time and knowledge to maintain and provide this useful planning reference.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

We hope to see you at the "Frosty New England Holiday Parade" on Sunday, December 4th.

Board of Selectmen,

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

Assessing Department Update

The firm of Municipal Resources, Inc. has been contracted to handle the assessing functions for the Town. The three primary members of the staff working in Town are, Scott Marsh, Shawn Main and Mike O'Leary. Additional staff members may be assisting. It is requested that if any of the appraisers come to your property, you

support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable and proper by answering their questions and allowing them to inspect and verify the data of your property. The Town is continuing the process of cyclical inspections where a percentage of the properties are viewed each year to ensure data accuracy on the property record cards.

Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet with taxpayers. If an appointment is desired, please contact Joanne Drewniak in the Assessing Office at 379-8270.

All communities are required to update assessments at least every five years. As the Town was last updated in 2012, the Town is scheduled for a revaluation for the 2017 tax year. Municipal Resources has been contracted to complete this process as well and will be starting within the next sixty days.

There are four major phases to a revaluation which we will be utilizing: Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review and Informal Hearings. The following is a brief description.

PHASE 1: MARKET ANALYSIS

A variety of resources will be used to analyze the real estate market. Appraisal personnel will be analyzing recent sales that took place over the last few years to determine which market factors influenced property values. Personnel will visit all properties that have sold in the last two years, from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017. They will measure the exterior of all buildings and perform an interior inspection. Staff will have a picture ID as well as a letter from the town to identify them, their information is also registered with the Rye Police Department. Once all the data is collected and reviewed, a determination of land values and neighborhood codes that rate the desirability of locations throughout the Town will begin.

PHASE 2: VALUATION

Valuation is done using one of the three recognized methods: Replacement/Market Cost, Income Approach and Sales Comparison Approach. The Sales Comparison is the most widely used approach, and most easily explained. During this phase, individual characteristics of the improvements are analyzed using information gathered in phase 1. Each property is compared to other comparable properties with

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similar characteristics. Then the market values of the improvements are added to the land value that was determined. This value is the final estimate for each parcel of property, building and land.

PHASE 3: FIELD REVIEW

Field Review is the method of checking and re-checking the proposed assessed values that have been determined and the data. During this review, properties are viewed in the field by experienced appraisers who double-check for uniformity and accuracy of information.

PHASE 4: INFORMAL HEARINGS

Once the Field Review is completed, a notice of new values will be mailed to each property owner. At this time, anyone with questions concerning the revaluation process or the data on their property will be offered an opportunity to meet to discuss any question or provide any information regarding the assessed value. That information is then reviewed and, if applicable, adjustments are applied. The property owner is provided a letter regarding the outcome of the meeting.

In addition to updating assessments, the Department of Revenue Administration requires that properties receiving property exemptions and/or tax credits are reviewed to ensure that they continue to qualify. The assessing office will be mailing out information to property owners having these items within the next few months. It is important that if a letter is received the requested information is returned to the assessing office.

Additional information regarding the status of the revaluation process will be provided as it progresses over the next year.

Please feel free to contact the assessing office with any questions or concerns you have at 379-8270.

Scott P. Marsh, CNHA
Municipal Resources
Contracted Assessor's Agents

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

Historic District News

Update on the Rye Parsonage Building in Rye Town Center.

One of the iconic and highly visible buildings in the Rye Historic District is the Parsonage at 575 Washington Road. Located adjacent to the Town Library and diagonally across the street from the Congregational Church the 1810 Parsonage building houses seven low income apartments and one stand alone single apartment building. The building was converted into tiny apartments in the 1940's for housing workers at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Prior to being acquired by the Town, there had not been any major improvements to the property in over 50 years.

The building is currently leased by the Town to The Housing Partnership (THP) who manages the facility as low income living units. In 1999, at the time of the lease, a block grant was obtained as well as a \$300,000 loan both of which funded a modest rehabilitation to the property. The Housing Partnership has recently proposed expanding the building to almost double the size (12 units) in its current location. (the reason for the proposed expansion was that it would allow the THP to apply for grants to do much needed additional rehabilitation to the building). This proposal was seen by the Historic District Commission members as unacceptable as it would substantially bulk the center of Town and add to the parking challenges that currently exist there. Given that the facility is in need of the enhanced rehabilitation and that the lease to the Housing Partnership is set to expire in January of 2019, the Rye Board of Selectmen established a Long Range Planning Committee to review the options that the Town has going forward.

The Parsonage Long Range Planning Committee was made up of six Rye residents and was charged with "studying and making a recommendation to the Selectmen as to how to continue to provide quality affordable housing at the Parsonage and to rehabilitate the buildings in the most economical manner. Such recommendations may

include continuing to lease with The Housing Partnership or another entity, selling the property with a possible deed restriction that the property remains affordable senior or workforce housing, or other recommendations that meet the above criteria as the committee sees fit."



Following three months of review, study, and analysis the Committee grappled with the challenge that the Parsonage is in the center of the Town and any change to the facility should be considered within the scope of what the Town Center should look like in the next 100 years. Within that context the following recommendations were made:

- The Town should not sell the property or enter into a long term lease with the THP or any other entity.
- The number of units at the Parsonage is not to be increased on site.
- The Town hire Plan NH to conduct a design *charrette for the future of the Rye Center.
- The Town leases the Parsonage to THP following the expiration of the existing lease but for as short a lease period as possible, the THP should invest approximately \$280,000 in renovations paid for by fund donations from its members, borrowing, and the rents can be raised by no more than 25% over time.
- The town should explore potential alternate Town-owned sites for low income/work force housing .

If you are interested in reading the full nine page Parsonage report, please refer to the Town of Rye website www.town.rye.nh.us under Boards and Committees (Parsonage Long Range Planning Committee).

* Charrette---A Plan NH Charrette is a brainstorming exercise to develop planning and design recommendations for town centers.

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission

Notes from the Police Chief

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

Winter Parking: Winter is here and soon the snow will arrive. We are asking residents and visitors to please park in their driveways during the night and during snow storms to assist Rye Highway Department with snow removal.

Snow Plowing: If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, please remind the contractor not to push snow across the road from your driveway.

Holidays: The Holiday Parade is Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1:00 PM starting at Webster at Rye. A few reminders for the holiday season are to please remember to lock your vehicles. People purchase gifts, put them in the car then go to another store. Please secure your vehicle and put any purchases out of sight. Gift cards are also being targeted by thieves; please put the cards out of sight even when you are at home. Keep your receipts for gift cards. If a card is lost or stolen, the receipt can help track the card. Do not give out your social security number, including when using the computer to make purchases. Never give out personal information.

Vacation: If you are planning to go away for a couple of days, weeks or the winter, please make sure your

home is locked. Use the security system, if you have one, talk to a neighbor and let them know you are going to be away. Whenever possible, ask a family member to check the house and please let the Rye Police know you are away.

One problem the Rye Police consistently encounter is that people do not always call us. When we talk with people they tell us they don't want to bother the police with something they feel is small. Please, nothing is that small - call us. Police are only as effective as the people who support them. We look forward to hearing from you.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Rye Senior SERVE Thanks Their Volunteers

As this busy year winds down, Rye Senior SERVE want to recognize and thank the volunteers who provide help to Rye's senior residents in a variety of ways.

SERVE is a private non-profit volunteer organization which receives some administrative and financial support from the Town and is mainly funded by generous donations from civic groups and individual townspeople.

The volunteers provide the energy and time that make SERVE programs possible.

The Board of Directors makes policy decisions and coordinates programs. They are: Jane Ayotte, Joyce Bowden, Alan Gould, Claudia Hackett, Ralph Hickson, Mel Low (Treasurer), Phil McDonough, Connie Olson (President), Tricia Quinn (Secretary) and Jack Reid. Board members also volunteer in programs.

The SERVE Van Crew, coordinated by Jack Reid, oversees the weekly shopping trips and other social events. They are: drivers Ralph Hickson, Ted Kelly, Jack Reid and Alan Gould; co-pilots Joyce Bowden, Jane Holway and student Cooper Walsh.

The Personal Drivers, coordinated by Claudia Hackett, bring senior

residents to medical and other important appointments. They are: Trudy Brady, Keith Eveland, Carol Fisher, Sally Flanagan, Lucy Heguy, Connie Olson, Michael Quinn and Catherine Rogers.

The Daily Callers, coordinated by Tricia Quinn, make wellness calls each day to residents who request this service. The callers are: Claudia Hackett, Shirley Harper, Marian Mullaly, Connie Olson, Mary Ann Orcutt, Tricia Quinn, Evelyn Shea, Mary Walter, and substitutes Jane Ayotte and Shawna Healy.

Janice Ireland, Selectmen's Executive Assistant, and Rye Public Library staff offer invaluable administrative help to SERVE.

These volunteers are your friends and neighbors serving your friends and neighbors. They make our community a better place for all. Please consider joining them in this rewarding venture. Call Connie Olson (964-5170) for more information.

SERVE wishes all our Rye neighbors a joyous holiday season and a happy new year.

Connie Olson
Rye Senior SERVE

Planning Board News

Your Planning Board and its committees have been busy in Q-4 with a variety of projects. We feel that all of them are important but a few stand out as particularly impactful in that they will affect the way we go forward as a community. Last December we put forth a new wetland amendment with the Conservation Commission for public comment. During the public meeting, there were enough new ideas put forth that compelled the board to rethink and revise the amendment. A committee was organized this summer made up of residents of various skills and knowledge to rewrite the ordinance to better reflect the will of the people. As a result the committee spent weeks analyzing and drafting a new version of the original ordinance. When completed it was presented to the Rules and Regulations Committee for their comments and then moved to the complete

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Planning Board. A public hearing of the amended ordinance will be held on December 13, 2016. If approved, it will be moved to the warrant for a March vote. In the end, this was a collaborative effort lead by Phil Winslow and a cast of dedicated residents. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Please be advised that the Planning & Zoning Administrator each year puts the proposed amendments on the Town Website. The proposed amendments for public hearing on December 13th and other proposed zoning amendments and the public hearing dates are available on the Town website at http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_Planning/2017_Zoning_Amendments.pdf/.

Many will be surprised that the Town of Rye consists of 35.5 square miles of total area. 22.9 miles of it is wetlands and/or marsh (64.5%). Only a portion of the remaining 12.6 miles is considered possibly "buildable" and a portion of that is in "conservation". One estimate is that 12% or 1.5 miles is now impervious or completely built upon. As general rule when a Town exceeds 10% of impervious coverage the water supply could be threatened. The Town is at a point where every subdivision application must be seriously vetted in regard to overall growth and impact on the citizens, environment, wild life and most importantly our most valuable resource, our water.

Rye is uniquely blessed with extremely pure and up to now adequate water supply from our three wells. They are; Cedar Run, Garland and Bailey Brook. In the past we have passed ordinances that have protected these wells and will continue to do so. Recently, we were presented with an application for a new subdivision consisting of 22 building lots off of South Road. It is comprised of approximately 100 acres in total, 50 of which are wetlands, inside the wellhead radius zone and occupies the historic Cedar Run swamp. The zone is a 4000 foot radius around the wells intended to protect them from potential pollution sources such as storm water runoff, septic and others. The public had the opportunity to hear the applicant present his plans at a meeting on November 1st. Approximately 50 residents were in

attendance and many voiced their opinions. The process will go forward in a deliberate and calculated manner until the project is approved, modified or rejected. All meetings will be held at the Rye Junior High the second Tuesday of each month and are public.

Recently, I read an online local publication which has criticized the work of various committees here in town including the Planning Board. As a reminder, these committees are made up of resident volunteers who are unpaid and unreimbursed for any expenses they may incur. Most have full time jobs and some have small children to be attended to. All have one thing is common, busy lives. We are committed to the Town. Our motives are to keep Rye a desirable place to live. Putting pressure on individuals or the committees they work on is counter productive. If they were to quit because of negativity and we had to pay for the time and effort put in on a volunteer basis your tax bill would be more akin to Stratham or Exeter. The solution is to get on one of these committees as an alternate or simply attend their meetings. We can do this but only with your help.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Sewer Department Update

Financially Speaking: The Rye collection system was constructed

in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. The Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's WWTP. As part of the current Inter-municipal Agreement that is good until November 17, 2019, Rye is responsible for contributing to The Town of Hampton WWTP upgrades (Rye's share 4%). Please see the table below indicating the current list of capital projects budgeted for in 2017.

The proposed Sewer Budget for 2017 is \$258,343 which includes \$49,750 that is recovered through the owner of Adams Mobile Home Park. This is a \$3,071 decrease over last year's budget. The wages, fica/medi, and Hampton capital improvement line items were reduced.

The original bond for Rye's sewer service in the amount of \$4.4 million that was shared 40% to Town general funds and 60% to the users of the sewer services was paid off at the end of 2012. It is important to note that 100% of the Sewer Department Budget is covered by fees to users.

The Sewer Budget operates out of Fund 2. Revenues received from fees and charges are deposited into the fund and department costs are expended from the fund. The monies are able to accumulate from year to year and are not deemed part of the general fund; the fund has to be self-supporting.

For more information contact the Sewer Department at 964-6815.

Lee Arthur
Sewer Administrator

Rye's Contribution to Hampton's WWTP Upgrades or Bonds					
Year	Total \$	Rye's Share	2017 Payment	Upgrade Description	Final Payment Year
2000	\$1.4 Million	\$56,000	\$2,289	Nitrification, dilution study and outfall study	2020
2005	\$4.75 Million	\$190,000	\$10,123	Additional clarifier, dewatering equipment, sludge thickening facility	2025
2009	\$1.38 Million	\$55,200	\$3,171	Process/control building, replace generator, upgrade headwork's	2029
2011	1.385 Million	\$55,400	\$3,285	Sludge monitoring and handling, NPDES Engineering	2033

Tips from Rye Fire & Rescue: Winter Is Coming, Be Prepared

Winter is coming, and we all know the snow and cold can get us into some trouble. Because we cannot always predict the weather, or how and when it comes, the best thing we can do is try to be prepared for it. We know that we need to get the shovels out of the garage and start the snow blower before there is a foot of snow in the driveway. These are the things that we always remember to do. But did you remember to have your chimney cleaned this season by a certified chimney sweep. According to the latest statistics available there are over **25,000** chimney fires per year in the United States. These fires are responsible for over 125 million dollars in property damage. When you have your chimney inspected and cleaned you can greatly lower your risk for a chimney fire. Here are some of the signs of a chimney fire: loud crackling from the stovepipe or chimney, smoke backing into the house or flames coming from the chimney. If you believe that you might have a chimney fire please exit the residence and call 911.

We turned back the clocks early last month. Daylight savings time should be the time of year we change the batteries in our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Detectors save lives! According to the National Fire Protection Association, deaths caused by house fires where there were no smoke detectors present, or where they were not operating properly, account for 60 percent of all home fire deaths. Smoke alarms were lacking in 37 percent of home fire deaths, and at least one alarm was present but non-operational in 23 percent. Here is a quote from the National Fire Protection Association; "Three out of five home fire deaths occurred in homes without working smoke alarms, which emphasizes the importance of taking personal responsibility when it comes to protecting yourself and your family from fire," says Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "Installing and maintaining these alarms could save a majority of the lives lost in home fires, especially if they work in conjunction with home sprinklers."

Shoveling is the next headache that I know gives me chest pain just

thinking about it. According to US National Library of Medicine, snow shoveling can greatly increase your chance of having a ST elevation myocardial infarction, also called a heart attack. Some factors that put you at higher risk for a heart attack while moving snow, are hypertension (high blood pressure), hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol), diabetes, tobacco use and a sedentary life style. Also, if you have had a heart attack with stents placed in the past year, this increases your risk monumentally. If you do have to shovel you should go slow and allow your body to warm up. Shovel many light scoops instead of fewer heavy ones. Be sure to drink plenty of water and take breaks often. And remember to stay warm because a cold body with these risk factors can make for an even higher risk of a heart attack because it thickens the blood and can cause blood clots to form. If you have signs of a heart attack, (chest pressure, pain, light headedness, racing heart, or some other change in your body makes you nervous) stop shoveling right away, get inside and call 911 immediately. When having a heart attack time is muscle. This means, the longer you wait to seek medical attention when having symptoms of a heart attack, more potential damage can occur to your heart muscle.

Lastly, cold weather can create many problems, some of which we just talked about. Hypothermia is another problem that cold weather can cause. Hypothermia is a medical emergency that occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce it; causing a dangerously low body temperature below 95.0 degrees F. We see this especially in people who have a hard time controlling their body temperatures, such as the elderly and young populations. Some of the things you can do to help prevent hypothermic emergencies include; bundling up and dressing in layers, wearing a hat/gloves/mittens or some other covering to keep heat loss to a minimum. Additionally, avoid sweating and prevent yourself from over working and perspiring to the point of making clothing wet which pulls heat from your body faster. If your clothing does get wet changing it as soon as possible will inevitably help you from getting into trouble with those freezing temperatures.

Planning ahead, taking a few

precautions and being prepared for the winter months and the weather that lies ahead will help keep you and your family safe. Stay warm!

Rye Fire and Rescue wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

Lieutenant Jacob R. MacGlashing
Rye Fire and Rescue

Mosquito Control Update

There needs to be clarification of what "*spraying for mosquitoes*" actually means. Many people assume that all mosquito treatments involve the application of long lasting pesticides which stay in the treated area and effect non-target pests. A generation ago, when DDT was being used, that was true. Today there are many non-residual pest specific pesticides that have been effectively used for many years.

- *Street Spraying* is done when adult mosquito populations are high. A truck with a fogging machine drives slowly along the town roads applying a pyrethrum fog which knocks down any mosquitoes it contacts during the several minutes it is in the air. It is a short term non-residual treatment.
- *Turf & Brush Treatments* are done to recreation areas and school playgrounds to control mosquitoes and ticks that rest in these areas during the day and emerge when they sense a potential host. These treatments are applied with hydraulic sprayers or mist blowers using a residual material called Bifenthrin. One treatment may last for three to four weeks.
- *Larvaciding* is the best approach to mosquito control and there are several effective materials with good track records in use today. BTI is effective up to the forth instar when mosquito larvae stop feeding. Golden Bear is paraffinic oil which covers the surface of a breeding pool and suffocates the larvae. The oil dissipates quickly and does not build up in the marsh habitat.

Marsh management is another effective way to control mosquito



WINTER PROGRAMS

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WINTER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Monday, December 5, 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, December 5, 2016, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs.

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 (603) 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us

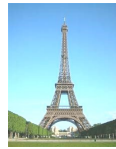


A THEATER NEAR YOU When did movies first arrive in NH? Where did they play? Who presented them? Who saw them? When and where were the state's first movie theaters constructed? This program explores these questions and more as Jeffrey Klenotic presents examples from his ongoing research, which aims to produce a digital archive and interactive map charting every venue where movies played in NH. *This is a UNH Speakers Bureau Presentation and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017

Lunch: "Breakfast for Lunch" Scrambled eggs, link sausage, home fried potatoes, fresh fruit, and blueberry crepes.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 5, 2017.



LIFE IN PARIS: PICTURES AND STORIES

Henry Smith will present images and stories from his many years of travel to French soil. Informative and entertaining, he shares his keen interest in life in France, social and political, past and present - the bouquinistes, art and graffiti, the open air markets, cemeteries, and so much more! *This is a UNH Speakers Bureau Presentation and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, garden salad, biscuit, and strawberry shortcake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, February 2, 2017.



RALLY 'ROUND THE FLAG: THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR THROUGH FOLKSONG

Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett present an overview of the American Civil War through period music. Sing along as the presenters explore lyrics, documents, and images. Through

camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes, they

examine the folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives, influence public perceptions of events, and fuse and conserve cultures in times of change. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017

Lunch: Shepherds pie, spinach salad, roll, and ice cream cake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 2, 2017



ADAM TRENT, MAGICIAN REINVENTED

Adam Trent has been described as "Justin Timberlake meets David Copperfield." Adam is taking the magic world by storm, blending dancing and singing to his own original pop music with innovative stage illusions, charming wit, and emotion to create an experience that is part magic show, part concert, and part stand-up comedy. Travel

with us to Randolph, MA and enjoy lunch at Lantana's. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Meal Choice: New age chicken blue or vegetarian meal, minestrone soup, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: March 29, 2017

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$95 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)



LIVE LONG & STRONG is instructed by Alexis Mason. This 'on your feet' fitness program is designed for ages 55+. Low impact, moderately paced aerobic/cardio exercises paired with light strength training... All set to music of bygone eras. No experience necessary! Do what you can do and take breaks when you

need them. The only expectation is the one you set for yourself. Please wear sneakers and breathable clothing. We love to laugh - come join us! Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday.

Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: December 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 2016, January 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, 30, February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 31, June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28, July 3, 2017, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

Fee: \$50 (Prorated to start date)



STRETCH & BALANCE is instructed by Vivian Lefebvre. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed standing or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to

leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Must be a member of the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club.*

Dates: December 6, 8, 13, 15, 2016, January 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, February 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 2017, Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. and Thursday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye

Fee: \$54 (Prorated to start date)



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 Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Session 1, Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2017, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Session 2, Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2017, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$99 per session (6 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 Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. **An introductory class will be offered on Monday, January 9, 2017, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at no charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.** Session 1, Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, March 6, 2017, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Session 2, Mondays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2017, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$55 per session (5 classes)



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, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1,

2017

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, February 8, 15, 22, March 8, 15, 2017

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.



SKI or SNOWBOARD LESSONS will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski lessons and snowboarding lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation



will leave from both RES and RJH, after dismissal on Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 2017. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$275 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for

an additional fee of \$70 and helmets for \$20. Helmets are required.

This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was Tuesday, November 22, 2016. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program.



DELIBERATIVE SESSION CHILD CARE is for children 4 years old and up. Participants will take part in games, arts and crafts, and a movie. Held in the Rye Junior High cafeteria

the length of the Rye Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 4, 2017, with drop off beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents

must sign their child in and remain in the building at all times. Fee:



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.

RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 3, 2016 to February 11, 2017. Grade K meets once a week to practice and play as a group and grades 1-5 meets twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games. Held at Rye Elementary School.

This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 28, 2016. Space is not limited; however, the late fee must be paid. You can register today. Fee including late charge: \$60 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).

GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE & SCRIMMAGE

GROUP is open to girls grades 1-5. Held December 3, 2016 to February 11, 2017. Meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group. Held at Rye Elementary School. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 28, 2016. Space is not limited; however, the late fee must be paid. You can register today. Fee including late charge: \$60 for 1st registrant, \$25 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).



OPEN COURT BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Grades K-5, Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17, 2016, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2017, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Rye Elementary School. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance. Adults are prohibited from providing instruction on the court unless they have passed a Rye Recreation Background Check.



HOLIDAY RECESS BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School. Wednesday, December 28; Thursday, December 29; and Friday, December 30, 2016, 9:30-11:00 a.m. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance. Adults are prohibited from providing instruction on the court unless they have passed a Rye Recreation Background Check.



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, December 11, 18, 2016, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017, 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.



VIDEO GAME DESIGN AND CODING

WORKSHOP is instructed by Kevin Husson and is for youth entering grades 4-6. Learn the basics on how to program and create your very own video game. Held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Participants will need to bring a flash drive, snack and drink. This program was advertised previously. However, if space is available, more registrations will be accepted. Please contact the Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program. Saturday, December 10, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$30

Rye Public Library prepares for Winter 2017

Stay warm at Rye Public Library this winter and find all your info and entertainment needs!

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

12/7 *Wild Oats* PG-13 126 min

12/14 *Boys of 36* NR 53 min

12/21 *Money Monster* R 138 min

12/28 *Florence Foster Jenkins* PG-13 151 min

1/4 *A Man Called Ove* PG-13 116 min

1/11 *Sully* PG-13 96 min

1/18 *Light Between Oceans* PG-13 133 min

1/25 *Dressmaker* R 119 min

2/1 *Mr. Church* PG-13 104min

2/15 *Esio Trot* R 88 min

2/22 *Inferno* PG-13 121 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 pm and 7 pm!

12/20 *At The Water's Edge* by Sarah Gruen

1/17 *Gentlemen and Players* by Joanne Harris

Coloring for Adults: 11am on Thursdays! Materials provided.

Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Pressure-free art practice.

Knitting with Mary:

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

Learn to Play Bridge: with Skip Page. Every Tuesday 3:30-5:30 pm. Beginners welcome!

2/21 *Our Souls At Night* by Kent Haruf

Mah Jongg Club: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm. American style Mah Jongg

Military Book Discussions:

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.
12/1, 1/3, 2/7, 3/7

Chair Yoga with Amelia: Supported stretch & breath practice. Monday mornings at 9:30 am.

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome! Monthly meetings 2nd Tues @ 6pm
Spring 2017 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library:

***Clutter Control* with Dave Downs**
Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm

***The Economic Future of New Hampshire* with**
Charles Arlinghaus Thursday, March 16, 6:30 pm

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

**Computer Tutor or Device Advice Sessions –
Monday or Friday mornings or Thursday evenings**

Call to schedule an hour-long one-on-one session to answer your specific computer or device-related questions including security, how to borrow downloadable content through RPL, or help with your Windows, Mac, Android, or iOS device. This service is free to anyone.

Tech Talk Computer Classes

Classes are on select Wednesdays from **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM** and sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library. Call 964-8401 to register for classes.

Dec. 7	Backing up & Managing your Documents, Photos, Videos, and Downloads
Jan. 18	Introduction to Hoopla! (Hoopla is a new online resource providing ebooks, music, movies, and more.)
Feb. 22	Internet Security Basics: keep your information safe and secure.

**Rye Public Library Youth Department
Winter Programming December 2016 - February 2017
More details at ryepubliclibrary.org 964-8401**

Youth Programs:

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers
Thursdays 10:00am (Not meeting 12/29)

Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)
Fridays 10:00 – 10:30am

Dumbledore's Army (A Harry Potter Club)
1st Tuesdays Dec 6 - Feb 7 6:00 - 7:30pm

YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+)
2nd Tuesdays Dec 13 - Feb 14 6:30 - 7:30pm

Teen Writer's Workshop
3rd Tuesdays; Dec 20 - Feb 21 6:30 - 7:30pm

Teen Advisory Board
Jan 24; none in Dec or Feb 6:30 - 7:30pm

Chess Club - All Ages
Third Wednesdays Dec 21 - Feb 15 3:15 - 4:15pm

Friday Flicks *Check Website for Featured Films*
1st & 3rd Fridays Dec 2 - Feb 17 3:10pm

Book Bites Book Club (Grades 2-5)
3rd Thursdays Dec 15 - Feb 16 3:15 - 4:00pm

Turn the Page Café; Create a Snack and Eat it!
Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 21 3:00 - 4:00pm

Please view our website at ryepubliclibrary.org, or call us @ 964-8401 for an expanded list of programming and events, and to check dates and times

Mosquito Control Update

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populations. There are many marsh restoration techniques that may be used depending on the nature of the specific problems which exist. Each marsh is different and restoration projects must be well designed and well executed to be effective. Two of the most common techniques used are the removal of tidal restrictions and creation of pool habitat where tidal restrictions cannot be removed. Pool habitats support minnows that prey on mosquito larvae effectively reducing a significant amount of larvae without the use of pesticides.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission uses an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to solving Rye's mosquito problems. We are actively seeking ways to lower the cost and lessen the amount of pesticide applied each year. Please attend our meetings – they are posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Conservation Commission News

The Rand seventy-three acre parcel purchased through the Rye Conservation Commission officially became the property of the Town of Rye on September 30, 2016. With the increased use of the Rye Town Forest the



Old logging road on the Rand Conservation Parcel



Rand Conservation Parcel. Photos taken by Sally King



Conservation Commission is intending this parcel be enjoyed as the Town Forest traditionally has been. The land has old logging roads that run through it offering passive recreational opportunities. This parcel is accessible off of Sea Glass Lane with a gravel parking lot available on the left before the first house on the left. The commission is working on plans to put up a kiosk with trail maps at the trail head.

For all users of the Rye Town Forest and other public lands in Rye, please be aware that the hunting season is upon us. Please be safe and wear orange clothing for you and your pets. Although hunting is prohibited in the Town Forest, adjacent properties allow hunting so dress accordingly. Hunting is allowed on other town owned land such as Seavey Acres, the Airfield Woods and Marden Woods but is not allowed on the newly acquired Rand property (Sea Glass development). It makes good sense to wear orange on all of these tracts.

Attention to all dog owners! There have been numerous reports of dogs running out of control in the Town Forest. This is against New

Hampshire law and town forest policy. All dogs must be on a leash or under the owner's control at all times. Free running dogs disturb wildlife nesting and bedding areas; in some instances dogs have been seen running deer. A deer that has been chased by a dog(s) is weakened and consequently their chance of surviving the winter is decreased. This also affects their ability to produce healthy offspring. Please keep your dog under control. We don't want to have to establish a leashes only policy, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

A reminder for landowners who abut Rye conservation property – please respect the town land which has been acquired to preserve natural areas, protect our water, protect wildlife habitat and provide areas where our citizens can enjoy open space. Please do not dump grass clippings, branches and trash from your property onto the conservation land. The Rye Conservation Commission is in the process of putting up boundary markers on conservation land and wetland buffers to make it more apparent where protected land exists.

The Rye Conservation Commission would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season.

Sally King, Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission

Mike Garvan, Chairman
Trail Management Subcommittee

Rye Water District News

Rate study

The Rye Water District (RWD) has two sources of revenue to use in conducting its operations and infrastructure maintenance, water usage rates and fees and District precinct taxes. This year (2016), the RWD initiated action to perform a usage rate study to evaluate our current rate structure. This study will determine if our usage rates are adequate to cover the cost of providing water to District costumers. Additionally, this study will review the balance between usage rates and fees revenue and precinct tax revenues. After completion of the rate study the RWD Commissioners will make the appropriate adjustments to the current usage rates and fees. It is noted that the last time usage rates and fees were adjusted was in February 2013.

Hydrants/Snow Removal

Fire hydrants are now winterized and snow markers have been installed throughout the District. Once again we ask for your help in clearing snow away from hydrants near your property. This will be invaluable in an emergency. Please remind your snow plow operator that clears your driveway, snow should never be pushed or piled up on or near fire hydrants. It's unlawful to do so ref. NH RSA 236:21.

Freeze Prevention

To prevent damage and water loss due to freezing, all irrigation piping needs to be winterized, all outside faucets/spigots should be shut off; hoses removed and properly drained. As part of winterization of irrigation systems, the backflow preventer needs to be drained properly. If you are going to be away for an extended period, have someone periodically check your home or install a temperature alarm dialer to help prevent property damage from frozen pipes.

Did You Know?

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 ¾ a gallon per minute or over 1,000 gallons per day. A simple test can be performed by removing the tank cover and adding a few drops of food

coloring. If you see water in the bowl develop the dye 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.

Backflow Prevention & Lawn Irrigation

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 fire-fighting, water main flushing or when a water main breaks. This could siphon water from consumer's plumbing and/or irrigation system into the distribution system. It's important your irrigation system's backflow preventer is installed correctly and tested at least once a year. If you're not sure a backflow device is present or installed correctly, contact our office at 436-2596 to schedule a free evaluation for next spring.

Rye Water District Commissioners
Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford

News From The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

With 2016 coming to an end and the General Election behind us, it is time to move forward. A special thank you to our retired Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Beth Yeaton, who was a great help in making the election go smoothly along with our Moderator, Robert Eaton as well as all our election officials and staff. It has been a long road for Beth, but now she is enjoying her retirement with Norman at their lake house in Wakefield, NH.

Our 2nd issue 2016 Tax Bills have been mailed and are due on December 19th. I am pleased to announce that the tax rate has decreased from last year. Our 3rd quarter Sewer Bills were sent out and are due on December 8th. For your convenience, we have

placed a secure mailbox beside our office window to drop off tax and sewer payments. As we say 'Drop and Go'. If you would like a stamped receipt mailed back to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. Also, for your convenience, our side door will be open to pay tax and sewer bills and get a stamped paid receipt.

You can begin licensing your dogs in January, 2017. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2017. A current rabies certificate will be required. Beach parking permits will be available soon after the beginning of the year. A registration will be required for each vehicle you want to put a beach parking permit on. The fee will again be \$20 per vehicle. In order to obtain a parking permit, you must be a Rye resident or property owner. Transfer Station Permits are also available in our office. A registration must be presented for each vehicle you would like a permit for.

Our Town Election will be held on March 14, 2017. We hope to see a turnout and interest equal to what we saw at the Primary and General Elections. Election results are always posted on the home page of the Town website www.town.rye.nh.us as well as the Town Clerk's page.

The filing period for anyone wishing to run for a town office will be January 25th through February 3, 2017 at 5:00 PM. You must be a registered voter in order to run for office. Forms will be available in our office after January 1st and will include the list of available offices.

Our office is pleased to announce that Beth Yeaton will be this year's Grand Marshall in the Holiday Parade on December 4th.

Please know our door is always open. We in the Clerk's office are here to serve you as residents. Please feel free to call our office at 964-8562 with any questions you may have. If we cannot answer them we will be glad to direct you to the proper person.

Happy Holidays from Donna, Wendy and Amy in the Clerk's office.

Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Summer is over & the holiday season is on its way...

This is the time that the Rye Firefighters start to plan for the families of the Rye Community and the surrounding Seacoast Area that will be unable to share in the joys of the season. This is the 11th year that the Rye Firefighters have been able to participate in the Seacoast Area Firefighter Toy Bank and we greatly appreciate all of the support that our local community has offered to fellow residents. The many donations of toys and financial contributions have helped to make the season a wonderful time for various families who would be unable to celebrate on their own. However, it is not only during the holiday season that we are able to help in our community. Throughout the year, the Rye Firefighters toy bank also works to assist families in

being able to recover when they have been through such tragedies as a home fire or natural disaster. This is why we once again must ask for your help in preparing for this season. We will be accepting any donations that could be offered from November 1st until December 21st. If you know of a family in need please contact us.

Here is how you can assist:

- ♦ Donate new, unwrapped toys for age groups from newborn to 17 years old. We are always looking for ideas for the 11-17 age groups. Some good ideas for donations are Toys, crafts, games, Dolls, inflatable sleds, footballs, basketballs.
- ♦ Donate gift cards for local merchants to aid in purchasing items such as clothing and toys.
- ♦ Donate financial contributions to assist in making certain wishes come true. Donations should be made to the Rye Firefighter Toy Bank.
- ♦ Please drop off or mail any of your donations to the Rye Fire Station located at 555 Washington Road.
- ♦ Toy Drop-off Locations will be located at: The Rye Fire Station, Depot Honda, Hungry Horse Café, Rye Airfield, TD Bank, Rye Congregational Church, St. Theresa's Church, Rye Junior High and Elementary Schools, Outdoor Pride and Lang's Corner Garage

Please feel free to contact FF Charles Gallant or FF John Klanchesser at (603) 964-6411

Thank You for Your Support

WWW.toy-bank.com

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE - DECEMBER 4TH

The Rye Fire Department Association and The Rye Lions Club would like to invite your organization to participate in the annual Rye Holiday Parade.

Date/Time: **Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**

The parade will form behind **Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road at 11:00 a.m. and will march along Washington Road to the Rye Junior High School.**

Trophies will be awarded to the winning entries following the parade at the Rye Junior High School.

This year's theme will be **"A FROSTY NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY "**

Please return entry forms as soon as possible to: Attention: Parade Chairman, Rye Fire Department Association, 555 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870. For additional information call 964-6411.

Thank You,
Chuck Gallant
Rye Holiday Parade Chairman



Organization _____

Address _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Type of entry - Please circle: BUSINESS NON-PROFIT FIRE APPARATUS FLOAT BAND WALKING UNIT
EQUESTRIAN

ANY FLOATS CARRYING CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULTS ON BOARD TO SUPERVISE CHILDREN.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

This parade is a town event coordinated by the Rye Fire Department Association

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 Road, unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall or the Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us for up-to-date information.

December 2016

				1	2	3
4 Rye Holiday Parade 1:00 pm	5 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	6 6:30 pm Energy Committee	7 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	8 6:30 pm Budget Committee Work Session Town & School Budgets	9 6:30 pm Heritage Commission Town Museum	10
11	12 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	13 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	14	15 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	16	17
18	19	20	21 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road First Day of Winter	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Christmas Day Holiday Town Offices Closed	27 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen 7:00 pm TRC	28	29	30	31

January 2017

1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Holiday Town offices Closed	3	4 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	5 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	6	7
8	9 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	10 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	11 6:30 pm Public Hearing School Budget Jr. High School	12 6:30 pm Public Hearing Town Budget	13	14
15	16 MLK Civil Rights Day Town Offices Closed	17	18 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	19 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	20	21
22	23 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	24	25	26	27	28

February 2017

29	30	31 7:00 pm TRC				
			1 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	3	4 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Jr. High School
5	6 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	7 6:30 pm Precincts – Work Session & Public Hearing Town Hall	8	9	10	11 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Snow Date
12	13 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	14 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	15 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	16 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	17	18
19	20 President's Day Town Offices Closed	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	28 7:00 pm TRC				

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



Tricia Quinn

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend and colleague Tricia Quinn who lost her battle with cancer on November 17, 2016.

Tricia dedicated her work life as a librarian at the Rye Public Library for over thirty years. Her work and life revolved around care and service to her family, town, church and community. Tricia will be deeply missed by all that knew her. Our deepest condolences to her friends and family.

2017 PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Registered voters in Rye may submit Petitioned Warrant Articles for the 2017 Warrant to the Board of Selectmen until the deadline of Tuesday, January 10, 2017. For more information, please call the Selectmen's Office at 603-964-5523. Instructions are also posted on the Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us under "Selectmen's Office".

Rye Energy Committee Seeks New Members

The Rye Energy Committee is actively searching for new members. We meet once a month at the Rye Public Library, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (and usually end before 8:00). Requirements are simply that you have a desire for Rye to choose the most energy efficient heating and lighting sources, which impacts our tax bills as well as the environment. We welcome all residents to attend our meetings to ask questions and/or offer suggestions. This committee also offers programs to the residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.*

*For example, Lowe's has very reasonable prices on LED bulbs. These bulbs are even more economical than CFL's and can last over 29 years. Choices include soft white (none of that harsh blue-white light!) and dimmable bulbs.

Rye Historical Society Holiday Open House December 15th

Come to the Holiday Open House at the Town Museum on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 3:00-7:00 PM. See amazing new donations to the museum and enjoy socializing, holiday refreshments and music. Also check out the Rye Historical Society (RHS) website at (www.ryenhistoricalociety.org) for holiday shopping in our gift shop. Click on the tab "About Us" and you will find many books including the new RHS publication "Rye's Battle of the Century: Saving the Seacoast from Olympic Oil" and other items. To receive our latest newsletter free, send a request to: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org. Membership cost for RHS is only \$10.

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