



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 14th Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### Selectmen's Message:

### DO YOUR HOMEWORK TO SAVE TIME WHEN VOTING ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### What is on the 2017 Ballot?

The February 4<sup>th</sup> Deliberative Session was a record 7 hours and 50 minutes long as those present considered the Town portion of the 2017 ballot which consists of 37 Warrant Articles. Attendance was as high as 169 for much of the time as articles, brought by both town officials and citizen petitions, were discussed and, in 10 cases, amended.

The greatest interest appeared to be centered on the five Town Hall related articles which were taken out of order and discussed in sequence at the outset of the meeting. Two proposed dog leash articles kept a hardy group of 50 plus individuals present to the very end.

The 2017 budget was finalized at \$9,413,952, up \$309,158, from 2016 (\$9,104,794). This figure, less offsetting revenue, leaves \$6,091,877 to be raised by taxes (Town portion only). The 2016 Tax Rate for the Town of Rye is \$10.68 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:

Article	Amount of Warrant Article	Funds from Reserves	Tax Impact Per \$1000
Article #6 Town Hall Bond: NEW	3,386,752	0	0 (in 2017) 0.221 (2018)
Article #7 Town Hall Bond: RENOVATION	3,200,000	0	0 (in 2017) 0.209 (2018)
Article #9 Dump Truck w/Plow	170,000	170,000	0.000
Article #10 Shoals View Dr. Reconstruction/Paving	125,000	0	0.067
Article #11 Collective Bargaining Agreement: Town	17,153	0	0.009
Article #15 Collective Bargaining Agreement: Fire	30,170	0	0.016
Article #15 Collective Bargaining Agreement: Police	22,939	0	0.012
Article #17 Fire Truck Capital Reserve	100,000	0	0.054
Article #18 Community Ctr. Planning, Design, Eng.	80,000	40,000	0.021
Article #19 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	75,000	0	0.040
Article #20 Town Employee Acc. Leave Exp.Trust	50,000	0	0.027
Article #21 Municipal Bldgs. Maint. Exp. Trust Fund	25,000	0	0.013
Article #22 Salt Shed Design/Bidding Services	25,000	25,000	0.000
Article #23 Library Bldg. Maint. Exp. Trust	5,000	0	0.003
Article #29 Town Hall: REFURBISH	500,000	0	0.268

While many Warrant Articles are self-explanatory, a few may require further explanation for clarification.

**Article #6**, for a new Town Hall with appearance similar to the existing Town Hall, and **Article #7**, for renovation of our current Town Hall, each require a bond. The impact figures above are based on bond interest of 2% for 10-year bonds. Each also requires a 3/5 vote of approval to pass. If one or the other passes, it will not impact the tax rate until 2018. In the event both Article #6 and Article #7 pass, Article #24, if passed, would result in the larger vote being the deciding factor.

Other citizen petitioned warrant articles seek approval of funding \$500,000 to spend on a partial upgrade of the existing town hall building without expansion (Article #30) and to approve of a private citizen hiring registered architects to prepare a concept design of a new town hall building at the existing site (Article #34).

**Article #10:** Article #10 asks voter approval for \$125,000 to reconstruct and pave Shoals View Drive. Many years ago, Shoals View Drive was tarred; but it is difficult to find any trace of that today. This gravel road, especially in drought conditions, produces clouds of dust with each passing vehicle and traffic has increased especially due to use by those seeking a short cut from Parsons Road to Ocean Boulevard. This Warrant Article is the result of resident requests, a BOS site walk and DPW research and input.

**Article #17** is a request for the appropriation of \$100,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Currently this fund has \$254,508. A new fire truck is in excess of \$500,000. Thus, we try to put money aside.

**Article #19** requests that \$75,000 be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. If Article #9 requesting \$170,000 for a new dump truck is approved, it will drain this fund, but have no impact on the tax rate. Article #19, if approved, will start to restore the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for future purchases.

**Article #25:** This is a housekeeping article asking to rescind the Fire Department Ordinance adopted in 1972. The Fire Department is no longer served by a Board of Firewards

#### TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2016 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 7th at the following locations: Town Hall, Rye Public Safety Building, Rye Public Library, Recycling Center, TD Bank 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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and much of the language is either outdated or prescribed by state law.

**Article #31 (By Petition):** In its original form, Article #31 asked voters to rescind the authority of the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both without voter approval, something that this Board has never done. Although rare, even the conveyances of small pieces of property to abutters to resolve problems have been brought to voters for approval. Conveyance of portions of a discontinued cul-de-sac in Winslow Way to abutters in 2007 (Article #20) is one example.

The rationale presented by the petitioner speaking for Article #31 erroneously cited a legal settlement via the mediation process as the purchase of land. Often, when threat of litigation is present, it is to the financial benefit of the Town to settle out of Court and mediation is a means to that end. It is not unusual in such circumstances for the parties involved to be forbidden to reveal the terms of settlement as part of the agreement. Not so in this case and Town Attorney Michael Donovan provided a summary of the case for those assembled at the Deliberative Session.

Update of the Transfer Facility/Brush Dump has been discussed for several years. As part of the preparation, in 2015 as the result of a retracement study report of the Department of Public Works 7 acre site on Grove Road, it was discovered that 1.02 acres of the site had a "cloud" on the Title.

Research indicated that in 1904, a 1.02 acre lot in the south east corner of the then brush dump had been acquired from Sidney L. and Florence A. Jenness (a mother and daughter) with a reverter clause stipulating that as soon as the gravel was exhausted ownership of the lot would revert to the grantors, their heirs, or assigns. By the time the gravel was depleted 78 years later in 1982, no one at DPW or in the Town Offices was aware of the history of this lot or the reverter clause.

Title search revealed that following the death of Florence Jenness, the remainder of her estate was left to the Home for Aged Women in Portsmouth where she had been residing. In 1997, amid scandal, the Home for Aged Women was terminated as a charitable corporation and its assets were transferred by court order to the Mark H. Wentworth Senior Living in Portsmouth (now Wentworth Senior Living) as they had taken in the 9 women left destitute by the closure of the Home for Aged Women.

In June of 2016, through our Town Attorney, the Town filed a Quiet Title action in Rockingham County Superior Court against Wentworth Senior Living. The basis for the Quiet Title action was adverse possession as it was well known that this site had been used for storage and as a brush dump for more than 20 years.

Wentworth Senior Living (WSL) was unaware of its interest in this situation until served with the Town's Petition to Quiet Title. The WSL Board of Directors did know that the Wentworth Home cared for the 9 aged women placed there in 1997 and they were aware of the price of real estate in Rye, suggesting first that the parcel was worth \$200,000 to \$250,000. Mediation quickly became the most reasonable way to proceed for both parties.

The Mediation was held on December 16, 2016 at a neutral location with a mediator agreed to by both the Town of Rye and WSL and agreement was reached. An appraisal obtained by town counsel at the request of the selectmen valued the 1.02 acre parcel at \$160,000. With the risks inherent in any litigation, the selectmen believe that settling at \$75,000 was prudent.

The settlement did not entail the purchase of land, but rather the agreement by WSL not to continue court proceedings to claim an ownership right.

**Article #27:** This article presents changes to our Beach Ordinance for your consideration. Testimony was given during several BOS meetings in 2016 by people who described being frightened or knocked down by dogs running on the beach. The original Article proposed by the Board of Selectmen included a leash requirement at all beaches except Foss Beach. The voters at the Deliberative Session amended the article to remove the leash provisions.

### Where are the Parking Meters?

"Nancy Stiles gave her permission." was a comment heard recently referring to installation of parking meters along Ocean Boulevard. State Senator Nancy Stiles indicated that Rye would be permitted to install metered parking on a State road; but, she added, formal approval must be obtained.

Senator Stiles had conferred with the N.H. Attorney General who stated that approval must be obtained from the Commissioner of Transportation. Due to a resignation, that position was vacant in 2015 and remained vacant for a period of time. Late in the year, Victoria Sheehan was hired as the new Commissioner of

Transportation. Commissioner Sheehan responded to an invitation to come to Rye in 2016 and observe the area proposed for metering first hand. We have not received a formal reply.

While we are still on hold regarding permission from the State to meter a State road, the other fundamental issue, that of the Town incurring the capital cost of installing parking meters and retaining the meter revenue, also has yet to be proposed and voted upon at Town Meeting.

This and other signs of spring will soon be on the Selectmen's Agenda.

We look forward to seeing you at the polls on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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



## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

The annual Town Election is to be held at the Elementary School on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to get to the election, absentee ballots will be available in this office 3 weeks prior to the election. For your convenience, you may request an absentee ballot by going on the town website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)) and print an absentee ballot application. The absentee ballot application can either be dropped off at this office, faxed or emailed. A sample ballot and the minutes from the Deliberative Session are posted on the town website as well.

Boat renewals and new boat registrations can be obtained in this office. Beach Parking Permits have arrived and are available for purchase. To be eligible for a Beach Parking Permit and a Recycling/Dump Sticker you must be a resident of Rye or a property owner. A valid

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registration is needed to purchase a Beach Parking Permit. The fee, \$20.00 per vehicle, remains the same as last year. Sorry for the inconvenience, Beach Parking Permits can no longer be done online.

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 discount price	\$2.00
Late fee if done after May 30th	\$1.00/month

Dog owners may face a Civil Forfeiture of \$25.00 per dog if the license is not completed by May 30th. Dog licenses may be done in person, by mail or by using our online service on the Town website.

Once again, we are offering the ability to register your vehicles, license your dogs, and pay your tax and sewer bills online. Follow the brightly colored icons on the front page of the town's website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). If you need assistance in using the online service, feel free to contact this office. We will be glad to assist you. If you are coming into the office, please remember to bring a photo ID when registering vehicles.

Reminder, if you are mailing in renewal of vehicle registrations, dog license, Beach Parking Permits, or want a paid receipt of your tax and sewer bill, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Donna M. DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Planning Board Reviews Zoning Amendments

In the very near future the citizens of Rye will be heading to the polls to vote on a variety of issues. Not the least in importance are the new and revised amendments to the Rye Zoning Ordinances. The Planning Board has spent the past

few months reviewing, adding or modifying them. They are as below for your inspection.

### Amendment 1.

Amend Section 506 "Accessory Apartments" to comply with recent state legislation. The amendment changes the term "accessory apartment" to "accessory dwelling unit". It also: (1) allows accessory dwelling units in the General Residence and Business Districts [accessory apartments are currently allowed only in the Single Residence District]; (2) requires a conditional use permit from the planning board for an accessory unit [instead of the currently required special exception from the board of adjustment]; (3) restricts one bedroom accessory dwelling units to not more than 2 occupants; (4) requires an interior door between the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit; (5) limits rentals to terms greater than 3 months; (6) clarifies that only one accessory dwelling unit is allowed per lot; (7) clarifies that accessory dwelling units are not allowed in detached accessory buildings.

### Explanation

To Amend the current to change from special exception with the Zoning Board to a Conditional Use Permit with the Planning Board and to allow in all residential districts to comply with RSA 674:71.

### Amendment 2.

Amend the provision which states that variances and special exceptions expire 2 years from the date of approval unless substantial construction has begun to define "substantial construction" as: 1) For a building, completion of a weather tight structure; 2) For a septic system, completion to the point of being ready for state inspection for operational approval; 3) For a road or driveway, completion of the base course and ditches to final grade and installation of all drainage facilities. Also to provide that a variance to dimensional or other requirements for a lot shall expire two (2) years from the date of approval unless a subdivision plan depicting the lot has been recorded.

### Explanation

In the past year the building inspector and the zoning board of adjustment have struggled with what constitutes "substantial construction" in determining whether a variance has expired. The amendment provides clarification.

### Amendment 3.

Amend the 35 feet height limitation applicable in all zoning districts and the special 28 feet height limitation applicable within the Coastal Area Overlay District to apply to structures as well as buildings.

### Explanation

The present height limitation applies only to buildings (and not to structures). Because of a recent proposal to erect a 90 feet high structure in a residential district, the planning board believes the height limitation should apply to structures as well as to buildings.

### Amendment 4.

Amend Section 401 "Retirement Community Developments (RCD's)" to promote affordability. Changes include: (1) requiring at least 50% of the units in an RCD to be affordable; (2) reducing the maximum allowed floor space from 1800 to 1500 sq. ft.; (3) increasing the town wide limitation on RCD's to allow 20 more RCD dwelling units?

### Explanation

The amendment is intended to assure that RCD's developed in Rye provide for dwelling units which are affordable to senior citizens.

### Amendment 5.

Amend Section 301 "Wetlands Conservation District" with several changes, including: (1) incorporating requirements for Best Management Practices for agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and wetlands conservation and requirements for low impact development; (2) expanding the purposes of the district; (3) allowing replacement of septic systems within the wetlands buffer; (4) strengthening the requirements for special exceptions; (5) requiring a permit from the building inspector for cutting of trees for non-forestry purposes within the district?

### Explanation

The amendment is intended to update our existing Wetlands Conservation District ordinance. Best Management Practices have been incorporated for agriculture, forestry and storm water and nonpoint source pollution and definitions are expanded to include.

### Amendment 6.

The frontage requirement on Amend the definition of "FRONTAGE" to delete the sentence which states that a corner lot must satisfy one of its side streets?

### Explanation

The amendment eliminates a conflict in the ordinance between the definition of "Frontage" and Section 202.6 which requires a corner lot to meet the frontage requirements on both streets.

### Amendment 7.

Amend Section 507 "Storm Water Management" to add a sentence to the purpose and clarify the drainage and grading plan section.

### Explanation

The amendment states the purpose of the

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provisions and elaborates on the components of the plan and when the Building Inspector can require it.

**ARTICLE 04.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

### Amendment 1.

Re: Appeals to Building Code of Appeals/ZBA

Amend Section 6.1 (Appeals) of the Building Code by adding the following two new paragraphs.

The Building Code of Appeals/ZBA may grant variances to provisions of the Building Code if an equally good or better form of construction is proposed or if the board determines that enforcement of the building code would do manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of the building code and the public interest.

However, per RSA 674:34 the board has no authority to waive or vary the requirements of the State Building Code (See Section 7.1-7.3) or of the State Fire Code. The board also has no authority to waive or vary the State Energy Code (see Section 7.6) or the Section 7.8-A requirements for Outdoor-Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters (OWHH's).

### Explanation

*The Zoning Board of Adjustment also serves as the Building Code Board of Appeals. Recent changes in statutory language do not clearly describe the powers of the Building Code Board of Appeals. The amendment clarifies the powers and the limitations on those powers. Those limitations preclude the board from granting variances or waivers to state codes.*

**ARTICLE 05.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance and the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

### Amendment 1.

Re: Fences

Delete Section 7.13 Fences from the Rye Building Code and place the same regulations in the Rye Zoning Ordinance as a new Section 510 Fences.

### Explanation

*During 2016 a property owner applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a waiver to the fence height restriction of the building code. An abutter's attorney challenged the ZBA's authority to grant*

*waivers to the building code. Moving the fence regulations to the zoning ordinance will assure a property owner's right to apply for variances to the fence regulations.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Epperson, Chairman  
Rye Planning Board

## Historic District's Message

The Rye Historic District was established by a 1966 vote of the town residents who valued the Historical significance of the Rye Town center. A separate section was then added to our Rye Zoning Ordinance that outlined the responsibilities of owners of buildings in the Historic District. In addition, a Historic District Commission (HDC) was organized to insure that the Zoning ordinances were adhered to.

The Historic District was initially defined as that area from the west end of Grange Park (triangle median diagonally across from the Rye Junior High playing fields) to the intersection of Central and Washington Road (the War Memorial). The District includes the area within 500 feet on either side of the centerline of Washington Road and yes does include the Rye Town Hall.

"The purposes of the Historic District are to preserve for generations to come the unique collections of historical, architecturally and culturally significant buildings and structures which characterize the Town of Rye".

Note that the HDC only has responsibility for the exterior appearance of a structure within the District.

Given the above information we have been asked by a number of residents why the HDC has not exercised their authority under the Rye Zoning Regulation Section 303 (Historic District) to maintain the exterior of the current Town Hall as it is currently designed and built. The answer is that NH state law exempts municipalities from their own zoning regulations as long as the building in question is performing a governmental function. To further clarify this point, the HDC does not have formal authority with the Town Hall building, as this building is obviously performing a governmental function.

That said, the Historic District Commission offers consultative exterior design support for whatever decision the voters make on behalf of the four Town

Hall warrant articles at our March 14<sup>th</sup> Town Election.

Phil Winslow, Chairman  
Rye Historic District Commission

## Police Chief Offers Tips to Stay Safe

If anyone calls and asks you to send money, *do not do so until you verify it.* The police department has been receiving reports of people receiving e-mails and/or phone calls saying a family member has been arrested and needs bail money. If a family member is really in need, you will know about it before the phone call or e-mail. If someone asks you to get a "green dot credit card", **DON'T** and *never wire money. Make sure you verify anything like this before sending any money.*

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

Here are a few tips on how to avoid car break-ins:

- ◆ Do not leave valuables in plain view: (GPS devices, lap tops, PDA's, cell phones, MP3's, wallets, purses)
- ◆ Do not leave windows or sunroof open.
- ◆ Do not leave doors unlocked even in driveway. Get into good habits.
- ◆ Do not leave keys in the vehicle, even in driveway. Get into good habits.
- ◆ Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view.
- ◆ Do not leave out items with personal information.
- ◆ Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view.
- ◆ Slow Down and use common sense before you leave your car.

Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.

Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.

Leave lights on when you go out.

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# Police Department Tips

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If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.

Keep your garage door closed and locked. Leave a car in driveway.

Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.

Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.

Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.

Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install dead-bolt locks on all your outside doors.

Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.

Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Message from the Fire Chief

It's Spring – Change your CLOCK – Change your BATTERY in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector!

As we change seasons it is a good idea to review and update our personal safety plans!!

Disasters can happen anywhere at any time. Emergency or disaster can come in many forms such as; hurricane, tornado, flood, ice storm, fire, power outage or transportation accident. Prepare your Family Emergency Plan and get an Emergency Contact Card for every member of your family. Families may be in different locations at the time of a disaster, such as school, work or trips. Plan today how to reconnect with your family in the event of a disaster.

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. It is important that the whole family be a part of developing the plan so that everyone

understands where to go and how to reconnect. Make sure that the plan includes the needs of children, older family members, or even neighbors.

Prepare an emergency kit. Your emergency kit contains basic items you and your family may need if an emergency happens. As a minimum, you should plan to have at least a 3-day supply of food, water and medicine in your emergency kit. It is important to review the content of your kit on a regular basis as some items may expire (like bottled water or food). Proactively take action checking your kit and exchanging these items for fresh supplies.

For more information on preparing and planning for disaster go to:

- [www.ReadyNH.gov](http://www.ReadyNH.gov)
- [www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem)

Don't forget to also check and practice your Home Fire Escape Plan!

- Draw a map of your house
- Plan two ways out of each room
- Test your detectors
- Have a meeting place outside in front of your home
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street
- Practice your home escape plan!!

For more information on Home Escape Plans go to:

- [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
- [https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub\\_ed/index.htm](https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub_ed/index.htm)

Tom Lambert  
Fire Chief

## Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

Rye's Mosquito Control Program begins in January when the successful contractor begins to compile the support data necessary to complete the annual permit application required by the State of New Hampshire. Dragon Mosquito Control is the successful bidder for the 2017 mosquito control program.

During February and March Dragon will focus on the preparations for mosquito season. The no spray list will be updated; responses to resident requests for inspection of their property for potential breeding sites will begin; greenhead traps stored for the winter at Goss Farm will be inventoried, repaired and made ready for placement on the salt marshes.

In April survey sites (172) will begin to be sampled to determine if mosquito larvae are active. Sites that are active will be treated with the appropriate larvicide. Soon after the treatment a post treatment mortality survey is done to determine the efficacy of the treatment. Larviciding is one of the safest and most effective ways to control mosquitoes.

Mosquito surveillance starts in June and continues until October. This is done by placing light traps in five locations in Rye. The contents of the traps are gathered within 24 hours of placement, frozen and sent to the State Laboratory in Concord for testing. This provides an early detection system for mosquito borne illnesses like EEE and WNV.

Greenhead traps are placed in strategic locations in the salt marshes to intercept the annual flight of greenheads towards residential areas. These biting flies are a nuisance every summer beginning the first week of July and lasting over a month. The traps work by attracting the flies to the box and once they enter they cannot find their way out. No chemicals, no moving parts and last for many years.

There are more than 600 catch basins and storm drains in Rye. Depending on the temperature and the amount of rainfall these underground structures can become breeding sites for mosquitoes. Dragon Mosquito Control will be monitoring the catch basins and treating the ones that show signs of mosquito activity.

Please be mindful of the health threats posed by exposure to mosquitoes and ticks. Cover exposed skin, use repellants, stay out of mosquito and tick habitat and do self inspections after outdoor activities.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman  
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

**Town of Rye  
MEMORIAL DAY  
CEREMONY  
Central Cemetery  
(beside Town Hall)  
Monday, May 29, 2017  
9:00 a.m.**



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Town of Rye  
March 14, 2017**

**FOR SELECTMAN**

for three years                      Vote for one  
PHIL WINSLOW  
PAUL E. GOLDMAN  
RICHARD MOYNAHAN

**FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

For three years                      Vote for one  
WENDY BOOKHOLZ  
DONNA DECOTIS

**FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

for three years                      Vote for one  
ROGER O. PHILBRICK

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

for three years                      Vote for two  
KAREN ALLEN  
BRIAN S. KLINGER

**FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

for three years                      Vote for one  
JEFFREY BALBONI

**FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE**

for three years                      Vote for two  
JACI GROTE  
PETER CRAWFORD

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**

for three years                      Vote for two  
JEROME A. GITTLEIN  
J. MERRILL LORD

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**

for two years                      Vote for one  
PATRICIA LOSIK

**FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

for three years                      Vote for one  
SHAWN CRAPO

**FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER**

for three years                      Vote for one  
DAVID KOHLHASE

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
QUESTIONS**

**ARTICLE 03.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

**Amendment 1.**

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**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 14th! 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.**

planning board for an accessory unit [instead of the currently required special exception from the board of adjustment]; (3) restricts one bedroom accessory dwelling units to not more than 2 occupants; (4) requires an interior door between the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit; (5) limits rentals to terms greater than 3 months; (6) clarifies that only one accessory dwelling unit is allowed per lot; (7) clarifies that accessory dwelling units are not allowed in detached accessory buildings.

Explanation

*To Amend the current to change from special exception with the Zoning Board to a Conditional Use Permit with the Planning Board and to allow in all residential districts to comply with RSA 674:71.*

YES     NO

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

**Amendment 2:**

Amend the provision which states that variances and special exceptions expire 2 years from the date of approval unless substantial construction has begun to define "substantial construction" as: 1) For a building, completion of a weather tight structure; 2) For a septic system, completion to the point of being ready for state inspection for operational approval; 3) For a road or driveway, completion of the base course and ditches to final grade and installation of all drainage facilities. Also to provide that a variance to dimensional or other requirements for a lot shall expire two (2) years from the date of approval unless a subdivision plan depicting the lot has been recorded.

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YES     NO

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

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YES     NO

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

**Amendment 4:**

Amend Section 401 "Retirement Community Developments (RCD's)" to promote affordability. Changes include: (1) requiring at least 50% of the units in an RCD to be affordable; (2) reducing the maximum allowed floor space from 1800 to 1500 sq. ft.; (3) increasing the town wide limitation on RCD's to allow 20 more RCD dwelling units?

Explanation

The amendment is intended to assure that RCD's developed in Rye provide for dwelling units which are affordable to senior citizens.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 5.**

Amend Section 301 "Wetlands Conservation District" with several changes, including: (1) incorporating requirements for Best Management Practices for agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and wetlands conservation and requirements for low impact development; (2) expanding the purposes of the district; (3) allowing replacement of septic systems within the wetlands buffer; (4) strengthening the requirements for special exceptions; (5) requiring a permit from the building inspector for cutting of trees for non-forestry purposes within the district?

Explanation

The amendment is intended to update our existing Wetlands Conservation District ordinance. Best Management Practices have been incorporated for agriculture, forestry and storm water and nonpoint source pollution and definitions are expanded to include.

YES  NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6, as follows:

**Amendment 6.**

The frontage requirement on Amend the definition of "FRONTAGE" to delete the sentence which states that a corner lot must satisfy one of its side streets?

Explanation

The amendment eliminates a conflict in the ordinance between the definition of "Frontage" and Section 202.6 which requires a corner lot to meet the frontage requirements on both streets.

YES  NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7, as follows:

**Amendment 7.**

Amend Section 507 "Storm Water Management" to add a sentence to the purpose and clarify the drainage and grading plan section.

Explanation

The amendment states the purpose of the provisions and elaborates on the components of the plan and when the Building Inspector can require it.

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 04.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

**Amendment 1.**

Re: Appeals to Building Code of Appeals/ZBA Amend Section 6.1 (Appeals) of the Building Code by adding the following two new paragraphs. The Building Code of Appeals/ZBA may grant variances to provisions of the Building Code if an equally good or better form of construction is proposed or if the board determines that enforcement of the building code would do manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of the building code and the public interest. However, per RSA 674:34 the board has no authority to waive or vary the requirements of the State Building Code (See Section 7.1-7.3) or of the State Fire Code. The board also has no authority to waive or vary the State Energy Code (see Section 7.6) or the Section 7.8-A requirements for Outdoor-Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters (OWHH's).

Explanation

The Zoning Board of Adjustment also serves as the Building Code Board of Appeals. Recent changes in statutory language do not clearly describe the powers of the Building Code Board of Appeals. The amendment clarifies the powers and the limitations on those powers. Those limitations preclude the board from granting variances or waivers to state codes.

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 05.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance and the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

**Amendment 1.**

Re: Fences

Delete Section 7.13 Fences from the Rye Building Code and place the same

regulations in the Rye Zoning Ordinance as a new Section 510 Fences.

Explanation

During 2016 a property owner applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a waiver to the fence height restriction of the building code. An abutter's attorney challenged the ZBA's authority to grant waivers to the building code. Moving the fence regulations to the zoning ordinance will assure a property owner's right to apply for variances to the fence regulations.

YES  NO

**ARTICLES**

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**ARTICLE 6**

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three million three hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,386,752), gross budget, for the purpose of constructing a new Town Hall office building similar in exterior design and on the same site of the existing Town Hall Building, along with equipment and furnishings, and authorize the borrowing of up to three million three hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,386,752) through the issuance of not more than three million three hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,386,752) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations towards this purpose. (3/5) ballot vote required.)

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

**This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-3)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 7 (By Petition)**

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to authorize the Rye Selectmen

- to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200,000 gross budget for the purpose of renovating the Rye Town Hall 1839 building with due consideration of the historical features
- to construct pursuant to Option 1-

A YES vote would raise \$3,386,752 for the construction of a new Town Hall office building on the same site of the existing Town Hall Building

A NO vote disallows the construction of a new Town Hall office building.

- Historic Renovation submitted by Hutter Corporation on December 8, 2016
- to authorize the borrowing of up to \$3,200,000 through the issuance of not more than \$3,200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended)
- to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye,
- to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations toward this purpose, and
- to direct the Selectmen to authorize the pursuit of available grants to help defray the cost of renovation.

Rye Town Hall is listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places and was designated as one of the Seven to Save Endangered Historic Properties for 2015 by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.

(3/5 Ballot vote required.) This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

**This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 8**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling nine million four hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty-two dollars (\$9,413,952)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million eight hundred forty thousand three hundred thirty-six dollars (\$8,840,336) 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 (2-0)**

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

YES  NO

A YES vote would raise \$9,413,952 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$8,840,336.

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) to purchase a new truck with plows and material spreader to replace a 2004 six wheel dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the reconstruction and paving of Shoals View Drive, a town maintained road, between Parsons Road and Ocean Boulevard, a distance of approximately 500 linear feet. Sum to include engineering services for design, bidding and inspection. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 11**

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

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior Year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
2017 (9 mos. at 2.5%)	\$17,153	
2018 (12 mos.)	\$18,618	\$24,481
2019 (12 mos.)	\$18,230	\$28,068

The range in years 2018 and 2019 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,153 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)**

YES  NO

A YES vote would raise \$170,000 for the purchase of new truck with plows and spreader for the Public Works Dept.

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

A YES vote would raise \$125,000 for the reconstruction and paving of Shoals View Drive

A NO vote disallows the funds for reconstruction and paving of Shoals View Drive.

A YES vote would raise \$17,153 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Town Employees Association.

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

**ARTICLE 12**

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 11 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 11 cost items only?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters IAFF Local #4411, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimate Range of Increase over prior Year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
2017 (9 mos. at 2.5%)	\$30,170	
2018 (12 mos.)	\$35,653	\$44,605
2019 (12 mos.)	\$27,660	\$39,458

The range in years 2018 and 2019 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,170 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 14**

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 13 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 13 cost items only?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 15**

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

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior Year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
2017 (9 mos. at 2.5%)	\$22,939	
2018 (12 mos.)	\$22,335	\$28,207
2019 (12 mos.)	\$20,876	\$29,108

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 11 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 11 cost items.

A YES vote would raise \$30,170 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye.

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

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 13 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 13 cost items.

The range in years 2018 and 2019 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,939 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 16**

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 15 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 15 cost items only?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 17**

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 (2-0)**

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to conduct preliminary planning, design and engineering for a community center, of which forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) will come from withdrawal of funds from the *Recreation Revolving Fund*. The balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 19**

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 Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is

A YES vote would raise \$22,939 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Police Association.

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

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 15 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 15 cost items.

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 raise \$80,000 for preliminary planning, design and engineering for a community center.

A NO vote would not raise \$80,000 for preliminary planning, design and engineering for a community center.

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

A NO vote would not raise \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. 10

in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 20**

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

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 21**

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 (2-0)**

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to contract for engineering design plus bidding services to replace the existing salt shed and authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Salt/Sand Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 23**

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

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 raise \$25,000 to contract for engineering design and bidding services to replace the existing salt shed

A NO vote would not raise \$25,000 to contract for engineering design and bidding services to replace the existing salt shed .

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.

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 (2-0)**

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the voters will authorize the Board of Selectmen to move forward with the Town Hall option that receives the most votes in the event Warrant Articles 6 and 7 both receive 3/5 majority votes or greater.

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Rye Fire Department Ordinance adopted by Article 13 of the 1972 Annual Town Meeting and amended by Article 37 of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, and, further, to affirm pursuant to RSA 154:1 that the Rye Fire Department is organized with a Fire Chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen and firefighters appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Fire Chief.

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 26**

Are you in favor of the amendment to the Parking Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

Amend the Parking Ordinance by (1) prohibiting parking on the east side of Recreation Road starting at Rye Recreation gate, east approximately 487 feet to Eversource (PSNH) utility pole number 74/7; and (2) by prohibiting parking pavement on west side of Recreation Road, starting at Rye Recreation gate, east approximately 344 feet to Eversource (PSNH) utility pole number 74/5; and (3) requiring all vehicles to be parked in designated parking spaces, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the town will vote to amend Section 11 of Ordinance #1, the Beach Ordinance as follows. (Note: New text is in ***bold italics***).

11. Dogs are not permitted on Town Beaches before 7:00 p.m. or after 9:00 a.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiome State Park, where dogs and people are allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12 midnight.

A YES vote would authorize the Selectmen to move forward with the option that receives the most votes if both Articles 6 and 7 pass with 3/5 majority votes.

A NO vote would not authorize the Selectmen to move forward with the option that receives the most votes.

A YES vote would rescind the Rye Fire Department Ordinance.

A NO vote would not rescind the Rye Fire Department Ordinance.

A YES vote would amend the Parking Ordinance to prohibit parking on the east side of Recreation Road and requiring vehicles to be parked in designated parking spaces.

A NO vote would not amend the Parking Ordinance to prohibit parking on the east side of Recreation Road.

During this part of the year:

1. **Any dog shall be otherwise under the control of its owner or other custodian. Dogs not properly under control of its owner or custodian shall be considered to be a nuisance as defined by the Town of Rye #7 – Dog Ordinance which follows the State RSA 466:31, II, and said dog shall be immediately secured by a leash or removed from the beach.**

2. The owner or custodian of any dog that defecates on Town of Rye beaches shall immediately remove such defecation from public property and dispose of it on their own property or otherwise properly dispose of same **and shall not temporarily place on public or private property without the owner/town's permission.**

3. **These provisions shall not apply to any dog owned or employed by or acting on the behalf of law enforcement. The animal control officer or any police officer shall have the authority to enforce the observance of this chapter relating to animal control. The Board of Selectmen may empower the duties of the animal control officer to serve notice of forfeiture (citation) relating to animal control, and it may also empower the animal control officer to investigate all reports of violations involving animals in this town ordinance and RSA 466:1.**

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 28**

Are you in favor of the amendment to the Litter Control Law as proposed by the Selectmen as follows:

Change the title to "Litter Control Law and Animal and Waste Removal Ordinance"; and include the placement or deposit of pet waste and/or pet waste bags in the prohibition of littering; and require that each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog must immediately remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog and that pet waste and/or pet waste bags shall not be temporarily placed on public or private property without the owner's consent?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town road, Star Fish Circle in the Sea Mist Landing Subdivision as shown on a plan entitled "Joyce W. Richardson & Gale Worden & the Worden Trust Subdivision Plans Assessor's parcels Tax Map 19, Lots 141 & 141-1, Rye NH 03870", recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-38825. This acceptance is conditioned upon the final approval of the Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. The Planning

11 Board has approved the subdivision creating

A YES vote would amend Section 11 of Ordinance #1, the Beach Ordinance requiring that any dog not under control shall be immediately secured by a leash.

A NO vote would not amend Section 11 of Ordinance #1, the Beach Ordinance and will not require that any dog not under control shall be immediately secured by a leash.

A YES vote would amend the Litter Control Law by changing the title to "Litter Control Law and Animal and Waste Removal Ordinance"; and require the removal and disposal of any pet waste left.

A NO vote would not amend the Litter Control Law by changing the title to "Litter Control Law and Animal and Waste Removal Ordinance"; and would not require the removal and disposal of any pet waste left.

A YES vote would accept Star Fish Circle as a town road.

A NO vote would not accept Star Fish Circle as a town road.

Starfish Circle as identified on the above-referenced plan. (Majority vote required.)

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 30 (By Petition)**

Should Article 6 and Article 7 fail to pass, shall the town vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to repair and refurbish the exterior of the historic Rye Town Hall, to provide handicapped access and facilities, to replace and restore windows as appropriate, to provide adequate space for town hall employees without expanding the existing footprint, and improve the energy efficiency, while taking into consideration the impact of twenty-first century technology on space needs. In the event that the Board of Selectmen should determine that it is impossible within the funds appropriated hereby, to accomplish all the purposes of this warrant article, they shall nevertheless proceed, prioritizing the spending in such fashion as shall be most economical and consistent with the goals established by this warrant article.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

**This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 31 (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which gives the Board of Selectmen authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, without voter approval, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c.

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 32 (By Petition)**

We are in favor of Article 27 with regard to control of dogs on beaches.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 33 (By Petition)**

Shall the Selectmen authorize the creation a Younger Family Housing Committee ("Committee") that will explore whether the declining school population – which is expected to decline by 54% from 2011 to 2026 – can be reversed to maintain the vitality of our school district? This Committee should look to support Rye's dedication to school excellence that complements our heritage as a quaint, coastal community. This Committee should consist of no fewer than 4 and no more than 12 members consisting of a mix of one realtor, one member of the Conservation Committee or other land preserving organization, one RES parent, one RJH parent, Selectman, and one member of each

A YES vote would raise \$500,000 to repair and refurbish the Town Hall if Articles 6 and 7 fail to pass.

A NO vote would not raise \$500,000 to repair and refurbish the Town Hall.

A YES vote would reaffirm the authority of the Selectmen to acquire or sell land without voter approval.

A NO vote would not reaffirm the authority of the Selectmen to acquire or sell land without voter approval.

A YES vote agrees with Article 27 to amend the Beach Ordinance.

A NO vote does not agree with Article 27.

A YES vote authorizes the creation of a Younger Family Housing Committee to explore the reasons for the declining school population and recommend suggestions and next steps to try and increase the school population.

A NO vote does not authorize to create a Younger Family Housing Committee

of the following committees: School Board, Planning Committee and Budget Committee, each appointed by its Committee chair; and 4 citizens at large members. The Committee should self-elect a chairperson. The Committee should commence its first meeting by April 14, 2017 and should submit a report identifying suggestions to increase school population and next steps for implementation to The Town Selectman and Long Range Planning Sub-committee by October 16, 2017. Upon submitting the report this Committee shall cease. Those interested should submit a brief resume to the Selectman no later than March 22, 2017 for Selectman's selection by March 31, 2017.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 34 (By Petition)**

Option three for the Town Hall. This will be for a design and further study for a New Town Hall based upon a New England design. There is no cost to the Town or the taxpayer; conceptual design work will be donated by John Loftus, who has retained the architectural firm of Robert A. Schaeffer & David M. White, both licensed in the State of New Hampshire and who will be assisting in the conceptual design. The belief is, that a better design can be brought forward than proposed by Hutter and that the cost will be less. Design will be based around a full basement, 3 stories, a smaller footprint than Hutter's design, an envelope similar to the existing Town Hall, energy efficiency, and low cost maintenance. Care will be taken to reflect the historical significance, and location, of the existing site. One vendor has already volunteered to sell to the town at cost, and we may expect others to donate time or pricing advantages. This proposal also allows competitive bidding, and further vetting, as opposed to the 3.3 million dollar proposal.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

**ARTICLE 35 (By Petition)**

To see if the Conservation Commission will consider the establishment of a Trail Access Feasibility Committee ("Committee") to explore the feasibility and funding requirements of expanding one of the existing public trails through The Rye Town Forest (behind Parson's Field) for the purpose of increasing access to the Rye Recreation Area from the center of Town in general, and from the students of Rye Junior High School in particular. The Committee would develop recommendations for the best route, surface materials and maintenance plan; and would provide a report to the Town no later than September 1, 2017. The Committee shall consist of a Conservation Committee member, a representative from Public Safety, a representative from the Recreation Department, a Planning Board member, a School Board member, and up to four citizen representatives who are Board Members of Leagues

A YES vote would allow a private citizen to design a new Town Hall concept using architects licensed in NH at no cost to the taxpayers.

A NO vote would not allow a private citizen to design a new Town Hall concept using architects licensed in NH at no cost to the taxpayers.

A YES vote asks the Conservation Commission to consider the establishment of a Trail Access Feasibility Committee.

A NO vote does not authorize the Conservation Commission to consider the establishment of a Trail Access Feasibility Committee.

that use the Rye Recreation Fields, as well as additional members identified as needed by, and appointed by, the Committee. The Committee shall self-elect a citizen chairperson.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 36**

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 2017.

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

YES  NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**

## Message from Public Works

### Handling and Disposal of Used Oil

The Transfer Station is approved by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services to accept used oil from residents, under very strict guidelines. In order to accept the waste oil it must meet a number of criteria. Only motor oil, transmission fluid, Differential Oil, Brake Fluid, Power Steering Fluid, and Transaxle Grease is acceptable. All accepted oils must not be contaminated by any un-acceptable fluids such as gasoline, antifreeze, brake cleaner, parts washer fluids, solvents, etc. Only used oil from non-commercial uses may be accepted, such as from homeowner's personal vehicles and resident hobbyists.

Used oil should be stored and delivered in sturdy, clean, clear or translucent containers with a closable lid or cap. Plastic milk jugs with screw lids are ideal. Do not use containers which have previously contained household cleaners or chemicals, such as bleach. Label the container as "Used Oil" with your name and/or address also. Never mix with any other wastes.

Filled containers should be carefully transported to the transfer station and presented to one of the attendants.

The majority of the used oil received is burned in the highway garage's waste oil burner to heat the garage, and offset the cost of heating the garage.

### Fence and Stone Wall Construction, Replacement or Reconstruction Along Town Roads.

Each year the town runs into problems with property owners constructing stone walls and fences within the town's road right of ways. The Town of Rye does not allow for the construction of fences or stonewalls within the road right of way, nor is it always apparent where the right of way limits are. It is not unusual for existing fences and stone walls to currently be within the right of way. As such, the Town requires all property owners, replacing, rebuilding or constructing a fence or wall along their property frontage to obtain a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer, plus obtain approval for the fence or wall location from the Public Works Director.

The Public Works Director, or Highway Foreman will endeavor to determine the location of the right of way limits, and mark or stake the limits out. Should it not be possible to determine the limits, nor reach a mutual agreement as to the

location of the limits, it may be necessary for the homeowner to obtain the services of a licensed land surveyor.

### Plowing or Snow Blowing Snow into or Across Town or State Roads

Residents are reminded that plowing or snow blowing snow from their property onto or across the Town's property or right of ways is not allowable, is a violation of state and local laws, and can result in a fine. Please instruct your snow maintenance contractors of this fact should you notice it.

Dennis McCarthy  
Public Works Director

## Town of Rye Sewer Commission Downspouts and Sump Pump Disconnection Notice



The Town of Rye Sewer Use Ordinance strictly forbids the entry of surface water into the sanitary sewer system. While some of the clearwater may enter the sewer system through the system itself, the Sewer Commission believes the large majority of clearwater enters the system from downspouts and sump pumps which are illegally attached to the sewer system.

Each sewer customer helps pay for the cost of treating clearwater that is passed through our sewer system to the treatment plant in Hampton. Since clearwater does not need to be treated, the Town of Rye Sewer Customers end up paying for treatment that is unnecessary.

The first step we must take to reduce the problem is to make certain that all downspouts and sump pumps are disconnected from the sanitary sewer system. ***If you have downspouts or a sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system, those connections are illegal, and you must disconnect such illegal connections as soon as possible.*** Failure to disconnect a downspout or a sump pump could result in legal action to remove the illegal connection at the customer's expense and to impose fines for diverting clearwater into the Town of Rye Sewer System.

*Please note per Sewer Use Ordinance § 402 Drains: No person(s) shall maintain or make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.*

For more information contact the Town of Rye Sewer Department at (603) 964-6815.

Lee Arthur  
Sewer Administrator

## Rye Historical Society News

2017 has started off well, after a banner year of 2016. We have been working hard to plan programming that is engaging and educating, so that you can know more about the history of your wonderful hometown of Rye. From a book talk from the author of the Rye prohibition era novel, "The Last Run", Stephen Clarkson, to three history trolley tours to a lecture from the group Paranormal Reactions about hauntings on Star Island, there's a lot to look forward to in 2017.

The Rye Historical Society has started a new program to highlight historically important homes and roads in Rye and Rye



# SPRING PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516  
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## SPRING PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017, 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 6, 2017, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs. (Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 13, 2017)



## TOWN OF RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

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

**Monday, May 29, 2017, 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 17th 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 21, 2017, 5:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 2017, 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)



## 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, images and documents. Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes, they examine the folksong as a means to enact living history. *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  
*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



## WHITE MOUNTAIN TRAVELS

Join Michael Perry for a scenic, armchair journey up to the Mount Washington Valley in NH.

Along the way explore three

great notches and the scenic towns that are the gateway to the Presidential Range. View beautiful pictures of historic inns, tumbling waterfalls and breathtaking vistas. All geared to bring back fond weekend getaway and vacation memories.

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017

Lunch: Baked haddock, broccoli, rice pilaf, garden salad, roll, and cake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 6, 2017  
*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



## A VISIT WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Steve Wood, begins this program by recounting his early life and ends with a reading of the "Gettysburg Address." Along the

way he comments on the debates with Stephen Douglas which helped Lincoln gain National attention and set the stage for his presidential run, and the Civil War.

*This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017

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

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 4, 2017  
*Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



## 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.

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017; Reservation Deadline: March 29, 2017; Departure Time and Location: TBD

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

Fee: \$95 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch.) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**STAYIN ALIVE, BEE GEES TRIBUTE** The vocal match of Tony Mattina, Todd Sharman and George Manz offers to their audiences the songs and sights of a full Bee Gees play list, singing blockbusters such as "Night Fever", "Jive Talkin", "How Deep is Your Love", and "Stayin' Alive". Join us at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA to experience an outstanding show.

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017; Reservation Deadline: May 2, 2017; Departure Time and Location: TBD

Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Fee: \$90 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch.) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*



**TALL SHIPS 2017** Boston is an official port of the Rendezvous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta, welcoming crews and cadets from across the world on forty vessels. Capture magnificent views of the fleet as we sail through Boston Harbor on the Provincetown II and enjoy lunch at the Venezia Waterfront Restaurant, Boston, MA.

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017; Reservation Deadline: May 30, 2017; Departure Time and Location: TBD

Meal Choice: Chicken parmesan with pasta or baked haddock, salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea.

Fee: \$95 (Includes transportation, tour and lunch.) *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 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2017, 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.*



**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.

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

Dates: 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, 5 make-up classes to date and location TBD) 2017, 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye  
Fee: \$33 (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. *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

Dates: 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: \$35 (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, April 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Session 2, Tuesdays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Fee: \$82.50 per session (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 Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. **An introductory class will be offered on Monday, April 17, 2017, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at no charge. Please call Rye Recreation at 964-6281 to RSVP.**  
Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 2017, 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Fee: \$66 per session (6 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, March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 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, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 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 3, Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 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.  
Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)

## 2017-2018 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017, 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 8, 2017. All registrations received on Monday, May 8, 2017 will be accepted. Registrations received after May 8, 2017 will be accepted based on availability. The Recreation Office will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017. The purpose of this format is to eliminate individuals standing in line. Please contact Rye Recreation for the After School Program Registration Form. (Rye and New Castle Residents Only)

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



**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 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$139 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

### WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$139 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.



**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, April 8, 2017, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$95



**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** is Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Rye Elementary School and Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. 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.



**SKATEBOARD CLINICS** are provided by Rye Airfield and taught by RAMP CAMP instructors. These 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. Grades 3-8, Saturdays, March 25, May 20, June 10, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m.)  
Fee: \$25 per day



**FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to 4 yrs - grade 5, Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 9 to October 14, 2017. 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 28, 2017 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

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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## SUMMER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017, 8:00 A.M.**



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## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

**Parsons Field**

7:00 p.m., Live Band

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



**2017-2018 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.



**VOICES OF LEGENDS SHOW** Eric Kearns' act includes vocal impersonations from artists who were popular from the 1920's through the 1970's. Hear the hit songs as they were recorded by singers like: Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and more. Enjoy a show that will take you down memory lane with lunch at the Venezia Waterfront Restaurant, Boston, MA. Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017; Reservation Deadline: June 29, 2017; Departure Time and Location: TBD; Meal: Chicken parmesan with pasta or baked haddock, salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea. Fee: \$90 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch) *Active, Alive and Over 55 Club Membership required.*

## SUMMERTIME HORIZONS

**DAY CAMP** is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 26-August 18, 2017 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 26-30, Harry Potter

Calling all wizards! Spend the week honoring Harry Potter. Meet the magical sorting hat, who'll tell you what house you're in and battle some Boggarts. Get ready for Hogwarts crafts and games of Quidditch.



### Week 2, July 3-July 7, L'Espresso my Lego®

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. (No camp July 4th)



### Week 3, July 10-14, Under the Sea

There is a whole big world on the ocean floor. Dive into ocean discovery! Explore sea creatures, build sand castles, make a Sootopus, play ocean-themed games, and more!



### Week 4, July 17-21, Star Wars Episode II

Are you prepared to embark on the greatest adventure ever seen in a galaxy long ago and far away? Build your own tie fighter, upgrade your light saber, and save Princess Leia while listening to the Cantina Band. May the Force be with you!



### Week 5, July 24-28, All Around New Hampshire

Discover how beautiful the State of New Hampshire is, as we explore fun facts about natural habitats, landmarks and State symbols. Cook native foods and create historical arts and crafts all week long.



### Week 6, July 31- August 4, Animation Fascination

Calling all Minions, Trolls and Dragons. This week we will create crafts and play games based on our favorite animated movies. Join us for popcorn and fun under the sun.



### Week 7, August 7-11, STEM-tastic

Explore the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through fun and creative hands-on projects and activities.



### Week 8, August 14-18, Superhero Adventures

It's A Bird... It's A Plane... It's Supercamper. Become your favorite comic book character (hero or villain) and create your own. Be ready to test your super powers, build your own utility belt, cape and mask.



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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 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$95



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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 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017, 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. Designed to build mindfulness, self-esteem, and connect 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 10-14, 2017, Entering Grades 3-5, Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Entering Grades K-2, Co-ed, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Week 2, July 17-21, 2017, Entering Grades 6-8, Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$100/wk, includes yoga mat



## 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 10-14; Week 2, July 31-August 4; Week 3, August 14-18, 2017. Entering Grades 3-8, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$279/wk



**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 10-14, 2017

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

Week 2, July 31-August 4, 2017

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 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2017, 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.



June 26-30, 2017, 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 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2017, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2017, 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 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2017, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2017, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

**BASKETBALL CAMP** instruction for grades 1-4 is provided by Anne Haky, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and Physical Education Teacher for Windham High. Instruction for grades 5-6 is provided by Brett Mulvey former Junior Varsity Boys Coach at Portsmouth High School. 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 10-14, 2017

Entering Grades 1-2 Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 3-4 Co-ed, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Week 2, July 17-21, 2017

Entering Grades 5-6 Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 5-6 Boys, 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 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 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.

Fee: \$62.50 per session (5 lessons)

**LEGO® CAMPS** instruction is provided by Kevin Husson. This program is for youth entering grades 1-6 and held in the cafeteria 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** Using LEGO® Education WeDo, participants will learn about gears, circuits, and computer programming as they construct different robots. Incredible machines will be designed and built using the new LEGO® Mindstorm EV3! Drag-and-drop software will be used to bring projects to life!

July 24-28, 2017, Entering Grades 1-6, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Session 2, LEGO® Engineering** Using the latest Power Functions Technology, participants will learn about gears, circuits, wheels, axles, pulleys and much more. Over 50 different projects are available to design and build including motorized cars, remote control tanks, and amusement park rides.

July 24-28, 2017, 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 7-11, 2017, 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 24-28, 2017

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.*

June 26-30, 2017

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

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

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



Held September 9 to October 14, 2017. 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 28, 2017 deadline.

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

## Rye Public Library Spring Events 2017

Thaw out this Spring with your favorite entertainment, live programming and information at RPL!

### *RPL Wednesday Matinee Series*

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

3/1 <i>Sophie &amp; the Rising Sun</i> R 116 min	4/12 <i>Elle</i> R 131 min
3/8 <i>Arrival</i> PG-13 116 min	4/19 <i>Lion</i> PG-13 129 min
3/15 <i>Moonlight</i> R 111 min	4/26 <i>20<sup>th</sup> Century Women</i> R 119min
3/22 <i>Manchester by the Sea</i> R 137 min	5/3 <i>Ali and Nino</i> NR 100 min
3/29 <i>Allied</i> R 124 min	5/10 <i>Loving</i> PG-13 123 min
4/5 <i>Collateral Beauty</i> PG-13 96 min	

This schedule is subject to change due to film availability, please check with us to confirm

### **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!

3/21 *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

5/16 *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson

4/18 *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

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

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

**Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:**

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

**Military Book Discussions:**

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

**Knitting with Mary:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Spring 2017 Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library:**

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

*The Economic Future of New Hampshire* with Charles Arlinghaus Thurs. Mar. 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 & Friday mornings or Thursday evenings**

Call to Schedule a **1-hour session** and bring in your specific computer or device-related questions including security, how to borrow downloadable content for your device through RPL, or help with your Windows, Mac, Android, or iOS device. This service is free to anyone.

**Tech Talk Computer Classes**

These classes are on Wednesdays from **9:30 AM - 11 AM**  
and sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

Call 964-8401 to register for classes.

<b>Mar. 22</b>	Windows Files & Folders Management: The Basics of Copying, Moving, Sorting, and Renaming
<b>Apr. 5</b>	Intermediate Facebook: Security & Groups
<b>May 17</b>	Photo Management Basics for Windows: How to easily organize, rename, and find them at a later date

**Rye Public Library Youth Department  
Spring Programming March - May 2017  
More Details: [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) / 964-8401**

**Youth Programs:**

**Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers**

Thursdays 10:00am

**Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)**

Fridays 10:00 – 10:30am

**Dumbledore's Army (A Harry Potter Club)**

1st Tuesdays Mar 7 – May, 6:00 - 7:30pm

**YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+)**

2nd Tuesdays Mar 14 May 9, 6:30 - 7:30pm

**Teen Writer's Workshop**

3rd Tuesdays; Mar 21 – May 16, 5:30 – 6:30

**Teen Advisory Board**

March 28 & May 23, 6:30 – 7:30

**Teen After Hours Movie (rated PG-13)**

April 7, 5:00pm

**Chess Club - All Ages**

Third Wednesdays Mar 15 - May 17, 3:15 - 4:15pm

**Friday Flicks** *Check Website for Featured Films*

1st & 3rd Fridays Mar 17 – May 19, 3:10pm

**Book Bites Book Club (Grades 2-5)**

3rd Thursdays Mar 16 – May 18, 3:15 - 4:00pm

**Turn the Page Café; Create a Snack and Eat it!**

March 8 & April 12, 3:00 - 4:00pm

**Beading Club – Make a Bracelet (Grades 4+)**

March 22 & April 13, 3:00 – 5:00

**Exploring Herbs for Kids!**

March 29 3:30 – 4:30

**Celebrate Shakespeare! Program for Kids**

May 1, 3:00 – 4:00pm

*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*

# Historical Society News

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Beach. Called "The House/Road of the Month", a different home or road will be featured in our e-newsletter and in Rye Magazine. If your home or road has historic significance, please let us know and we will consider it for highlighting this year.

For our first house in the series, we are pleased to tell you about 121 Garland Road, the "Garland House". This historic Rye homestead was built in 1845 by Moses Garland and his brother Rufus.

We chose the Garland House because it is the subject of the most recent donation to and exhibit at the RHS. Please visit the museum to see the Garland House heirloom donations exhibit. Included in the donation are china, silver spoons engraved with family names, baby shoes, a sampler from 1807, binoculars, old Rye postcards and much more.

In late 2016, the Toohey family generously donated \$5,000 to the RHS for researching and promoting the history of the Rye Beach precinct. Jennifer King is the research associate for the Rye Beach project. She received her Master's in museum studies/history from UNH in 2016.

The research will pave the way for highlighting and displaying these and other important aspects of the history of Rye Beach at the RHS and within the community. Among the topics that will be comprehensively researched are the hotels and boarding houses of Rye Beach (the Toohey home was one of the hotels).

All the research and programming at RHS, as well as upkeep for the Museum building, takes funding, and as a **nonprofit, nongovernmental organization**, we rely on donations and membership to make all this happen.

**Our goal for 2017 is to add 100 new members to the RHS and we hope you will consider supporting us in this mission.** With this number of members, we can sustain the work of the society and the museum, add to our range of programming, expand our research and database and keep our museum open and vital.

**Become a RHS member today! Membership Benefits Include:**

- Invitations to members only appreciation events
- Discounts on special events, exhibition previews, and community programs
- Participation and voting privileges at annual board meeting
- 10% discount on items from the

## Museum's gift shop

- A standing invitation to a personal tour of the museum's collection

### Membership Levels:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Business	\$25.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$200.00

**ALL levels of donations are gladly accepted!** Payment can be made via Pay Pal on our website or by check made out to "Rye Historical Society" and mailed to PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870 or placed in our new mailbox at the museum. Please include your name, mailing address and e-mail. Website: [www.ryehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ryehistoricalsociety.org).

Alex Herlihy, Chairman  
Rye Historical Society

## Message From Rye Senior SERVE

The sad death of Tricia Quinn, a founding member of Rye Senior SERVE, the Secretary of our Board, coordinator of the Daily Call Program, the heart and soul of our organization and our dear friend is a loss that can never be healed. SERVE goes on, however, as Tricia would wish, serving the community as she did and helping our senior neighbors enjoy more active lives.

The Board of Directors of Rye Senior SERVE welcomes Gwen Putnam-Bailey as the newest member of the Board. Gwen is well-known in the community due to her work at the Rye Public Library where she developed and coordinates the Wednesday Film Series in memory of her mother, Grace Putnam. For several years Gwen drove interested senior residents in the SERVE van to the Library each week for social time, refreshments and, of course, books. Gwen also frequently delivers books to the homes of residents who no longer drive or are temporarily housebound. Gwen's connection to senior residents of Rye is considerable. She is a high energy person full of fresh ideas for enhancing SERVE's outreach to the community. The Board is very grateful to Gwen for her willingness to join us and continue the special relationship between SERVE and the Library.

Since we recognized all SERVE volunteers by name in the December 2016 Town Newsletter, three new volunteers

have joined us. We welcome Cindy Bishop-Alex, Sarah Quinn and Dianne Valentine who bring new enthusiasm for SERVE and its programs.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Call Connie Olson at 964-5170 for more information.

Connie Olson  
Rye Senior SERVE

## Rye Water District News

**Annual District Meeting:** The Rye Water District's Annual meeting will be held at the Rye Junior High School on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00am. All Rye Water District residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Items to be discussed and voted upon include:

- Election of a Commissioner (3 year term).
- To see if the District will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of creating a fund for Storage Tank Maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Rye Water District Commissioners as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)
- 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 \$1,218,887 One Million, Two

# Water District News

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Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Seven 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;

- Shall the official ballot system for the election of Rye Water District officers and for voting on the question of whether to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) be adopted by the Rye Water District?

This Petition Warrant Article would change the way District officers are elected from the current method at the Annual Meeting to requiring the developing 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 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:** We sincerely thank everyone who helped kept fire hydrants cleared near their property during the past winter months. This aids in the event of a fire when time is essential to save lives and property.

**Water Rate Increase:** In the December Newsletter, we advised that the Rye Water District was in the process of conducting a water usage rate and fee study to evaluate our current rate structure. This water usage rate and fee study has been completed and the Rye Water District Commissioners have determined a rate adjustment is warranted. The annual bill along with overage fees (or excessive water usage fees) will both be increased. The annual bill for the majority of the Rye water sourced customers will go from \$90.00 to \$130.00. For those customers whose water is sourced from the City of Portsmouth their annual bill will go from \$90.00 to \$250.00. (This increase is basically due to the bulk rate increase the City of Portsmouth levied on the Rye Water District). As noted in the December Newsletter the Rye Water District receives its revenue from two sources, water usage rates and fees and District precinct taxes. With this increase in water usage and fees it is estimated that

the District precinct tax rate will decrease. Detailed information on the water usage and fee increase will be mailed to Rye Water District customers in March.

Rye Water District Commissioners  
Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford

energy costs for our residents while making a positive impact on our quality of life. We are eager to see this local energy efficiency program get off the ground.

Rye Energy Committee  
Danna Truslow  
Susan Anderson  
Howard Kalet  
Tom Pfau

## Rye Energy Committee Update

The Rye Energy Committee has recently been involved with other local community energy committees and the Seacoast Regional Energy Hub in planning a "Button Up/Solar Up" initiative. This campaign seeks to reduce residential energy use and shift energy supply through the generation of clean energy sources throughout the Seacoast. This will be a community outreach and educational campaign with three simple goals: (1) measuring energy usage, (2) reducing consumption and (3) renewing production.

The Committee believes that energy efficiency is a resource that should be available to all homeowners. More than half of the energy used today for heating and powering homes is wasted. This fact represents an enormous opportunity for achieving savings and maximizing gains in the energy productivity of our economy, while lowering energy costs to our residents, businesses and municipalities.

With support from the Seacoast Regional Energy Hub and the Energy Committee, this campaign will host energy efficiency and solar workshops, identify qualified vendors and tap the power of neighbor-to-neighbor marketing. Over the course of the coming months, and in partnership with local energy efficiency and solar vendors, Button/Up Solar Up Seacoast NH will be rolling out a program to:

- ◆ Raise awareness of energy use among Seacoast residents
- ◆ Improve the efficiency of participating homes
- ◆ Reduce the dependence of the seacoast on fossil fuel
- ◆ Lower the cost of solar energy installations through resident education, building and zoning official collaborations, and property tax and real estate policies

We anticipate this program will greatly enhance the efforts to reduce

## Some Great Learning in Rye Schools!

The Rye School District leadership and educators are taking impressive steps to help students succeed in the rapidly shifting future that awaits them. Educators and students are pursuing key topics in greater depth by engaging in meaningful projects; students are working creatively and collaboratively on complicated activities and teachers are helping to personalize the learning for each student to ensure they are leading all students to success. Two excellent examples of this new work in Rye Schools include the "maker space" at Rye Junior High School and the "co-teaching" model in second grade at Rye Elementary School.

Students at Rye Jr. High School are using a new Maker Space at their school to create innovative projects. A classroom has been converted into a dedicated community space for project-based learning that all students and teachers can use. With funding from the Rye Education Foundation, the space includes video production equipment, a 3-D printer, Vex robotics kits, and soon a Universal Laser Cutter to design, engineer, and produce student-made projects. Eighth grade students have been feverishly using it to create iMovie backdrops for an upcoming theatrical production. This winter all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will use the space to advance their coding and robotics skills: 6<sup>th</sup> graders will use Scratch, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will build Vex robots and hold their first robotics competition at the school. Students also will have opportunities to investigate areas of personal interest and engage in open-ended exploration. Principal Marie Soucy says, "This is an incredible opportunity for middle school students to extend their learning in a dedicated project space and learn new design, engineering, and computer science skills. With the video production area students develop both creative and technical skills at the same time."

Prior to the start of the school year, Rye Elementary School second

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## School Board Update

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grade teachers Eileen Murphy, Michelle Gwinn, and Jennifer Sabine, all outstanding teachers for years at RES, identified some challenges associated with personalizing learning for their students within the confines of their individual classrooms. With the support and leadership of Principal Suzanne Lull, the teachers are piloting a co-teaching model this school year. Using a co-teaching approach allows the three teachers to fluidly group and re-group students according to each child's specific learning needs and interests. Not only has this had a positive impact on the students' learning, the teachers have said that working together has pushed each of them to improve their craft, particularly in the ways in which they engage with students to maximize their learning. This is an exciting new development at RES that helps break down traditional classroom silos and improve learning for all students. Several other grade level teams will be shifting to this approach in coming years and will leverage the experience and expertise of the current second grade teachers.

Rye School Board  
Scott Marion, Chairperson  
Kevin Brandon  
Kate Hillman  
Margaret Honda  
Jeanne Moynahan

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

Spring is around the corner and that means "Spring Cleaning." This year before just throwing everything away, think about where all those items, that you don't want anymore, will end up. Will they end up in the landfill or will they be recycled?

**Think before you throw it away!** To keep everyday items that are still in good condition such as furniture, clothing, house goods out of the landfills give them a second chance. You can put those items in the "Swap Shop" or in the donation bins at the Transfer Station or donate those items to local community organizations such as the Salvation Army Store, Goodwill, Operation Blessing, Savers, The Restore, Journey Home to mention a few.

**Other Recycling Ideas.** Here is a suggestion for recycling old vases. Most florists can reuse old vases that are not chipped or cracked or bring your old vase in for a fresh arraignment for your home.

**Tips for using old socks:** Use old socks as gloves for dusting around the house. Use old socks for washing and waxing your car. When packing for a trip slip old socks over shoes before putting in the suitcase. It will keep your clothes cleaner. If you are moving, place old socks over glassware before wrapping in paper. A little extra protection for your

glassware never hurts.

Brighten up that old patio furniture by spray painting a new color for the season. A little spray paint is a lot cheaper than buying new furniture. Especially on plastic furniture, it will make it look like new.

The wood pallets you used for the fire wood for the winter can be recycled into outdoor projects. Use them to make fences around the garden, or they can be made into coffee tables. If you have a green thumb use a pallet to hang on the wall, attach clay pots in the pallet, place herbs or other plants in the clay pots and you have an instant wall garden. And what do you do with the pots and containers that the plants came in? Lowes will recycle empty plant pots and containers.

If you have used medical equipment that you don't need anymore, call the Rye Lions Club. They recycle medical equipment and loan items out to people that are in need of medical equipment.

The last idea we have is check the "Swap Shop" for containers that can be used to organize around the house. Keep that clutter organized.

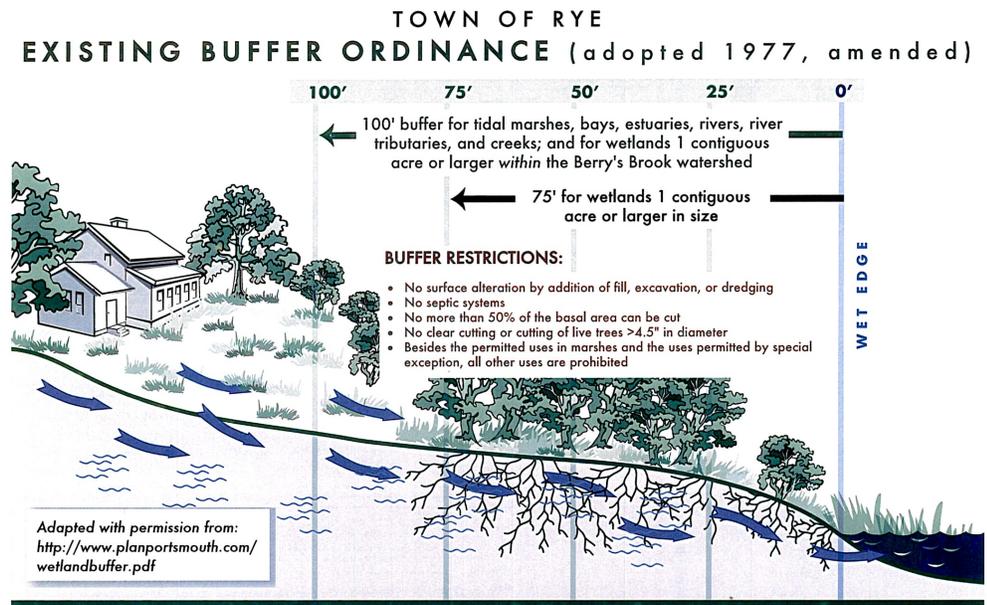
**We need your help!** The Rye Recycling Education Committee still has openings for more members. We meet at the Rye Public Library on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

John Provencher, Chairman  
Rye Recycling Education Committee

## Conservation and Wetland Buffers

The Town of Rye consists of 65% wetlands. This fact makes it our responsibility to understand the inherent value of wetlands and wetland buffers. The wetland buffer is a setback area between a water source and any upland development. The buffer maintains the natural vegetation cover along the waterway, which is an essential part of the aquatic ecosystem. The wetland buffer allows for the protection of property and the conservation of natural resources. The conservation of natural resources include those aesthetic values associated with wetlands and the crucial role they play in the recharging of our ground water supply. An economic agreement is made that the protection of these buffers is the least expensive way for towns to protect homes, and roads from flood damage, manage floodwater, and to protect water quality. There are two important buffer

zones depicted in this diagram. Each buffer zone has specific requirements for its protection. For any questions on interpretation of these buffer restrictions please contact the Building Inspector or request a meeting with the Conservation Commission.



# Town of Rye Board Meetings

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.

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

<b>March 2017</b>							<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. <b>Zoning</b> <b>Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Heritage Commission</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Recreation</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>							
<b>12</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. <b>Town Election</b> Rye Elementary School 8:00 a.m. <b>Sewer</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> <b>Work Session</b> 60 Sagamore Road	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Conservation</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>17</b>	<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> 10:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b> Jr. High							
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Technical Review</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> <b>Work Session</b> 60 Sagamore Road	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>								
<b>April 2017</b>							<b>1</b>						
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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Sewer Commission</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Recreation</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>							
<b>16</b> Easter	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> <b>Work Session</b> 60 Sagamore Road	<b>20</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Conservation</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>							
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Technical Review</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>							
<b>30</b>	<b>May 2017</b>												
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. <b>Zoning</b> <b>Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Heritage Commission</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>							
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Sewer Commission</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Recreation</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>							
<b>14</b> Mother's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rye Water District</b> <b>Work Session</b> 60 Sagamore Road	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Conservation</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>							
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Memorial Day Town Offices Closed	<b>30</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Technical Review</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>31</b>										

**My Voting Notes**

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (2)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 2 years (1)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 years (1)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years (1)

- Article 3. Yes No
- Amendment 1. Yes No
- Amendment 2. Yes No
- Amendment 3. Yes No
- Amendment 4. Yes No
- Amendment 5. Yes No
- Amendment 6. Yes No
- Amendment 7. Yes No
- Article 4. Yes No
- Amendment 1. Yes No
- Article 5. Yes No
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- Article 6. Yes No
- Article 7. Yes No
- Article 8. Yes No
- Article 9. Yes No
- Article 10. Yes No
- Article 11. Yes No
- Article 12. Yes No
- Article 13. Yes No
- Article 14. Yes No
- Article 15. Yes No
- Article 16. Yes No
- Article 17. Yes No
- Article 18. Yes No
- Article 19. Yes No
- Article 20. Yes No
- Article 21. Yes No
- Article 22. Yes No

- Article 23. Yes No
- Article 24. Yes No
- Article 25. Yes No
- Article 26. Yes No
- Article 27. Yes No
- Article 28. Yes No
- Article 29. Yes No
- Article 30. Yes No
- Article 31. Yes No
- Article 32. Yes No
- Article 33. Yes No
- Article 34. Yes No
- Article 35. Yes No
- Article 36. Yes No
- Article 37. Yes No

**SCHOOL ELECTION**

School Board Member, 3 years (2)

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- Article 1. Yes No
- Article 2. Yes No
- Article 3. Yes No

**ELECTION DAY, March 14th**  
**Vote at the Elementary**  
**School on Sagamore Road.**  
**Polls are open from**  
**8 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

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