



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

FROM BUDGET PREP TO CELL TOWER SITEING

Budget Preparation: As this newsletter goes to press, we are finalizing the Selectmen's proposed budget for 2019, which represents the Town portion of your annual property tax bill. We are striving to constrain spending, increase revenues and maintain services.

Perhaps you are aware that the Town portion of your tax bill is approximately one quarter of your total tax bill (28% in 2018). It is composed largely of services (police, fire and public works) and their delivery (equipment, supplies and administration).

Two factors over which we have no control will negatively impact the Town portion of our taxes in 2019. Contractually, our employees annually receive a cost of living adjustment known as COLA. In 2018 the COLA was 2%. In 2019, the COLA will be 3.4%. The second factor is the rising cost of health insurance. We were notified in October that the Town portion of health care costs will be up 13.6% in 2019.

With regard to increasing revenues, at this writing the Board is planning a work session for the purpose of reviewing a comprehensive list of Town fees and fines, most of which have not

been changed or updated within recent memory.

Rye Harbor Dredging: The need to dredge Rye Harbor again is well documented. Data indicates that twenty-year intervals between dredge events are appropriate to maintain the necessary channel and anchorage depths. It has now been 28 years since the harbor was dredged and conditions warrant action.

At our invitation, on September 10th Chris Scott representing Senator Shaheen, Kerry Holmes representing Senator Hassan, Director of the Portsmouth Port Authority Geno Marconi, Rye Harbor Master Leo Axtin and former NH Governor and US Senator Judd Gregg joined us for discussion on the need and process for dredging Rye Harbor.

Don Blouin presented the following information: Rye Harbor is a five-million-dollar business generated annually via tour boats, commercial boats, the lobster and fishing industry, and associated sales. Preliminary studies by the Army Corps of Engineers indicate that 50,000 cubic yards of material need to be dredged in order to restore the channel and anchorage areas. The material to be dredged has been tested and approved for dumping at the Cape Arundel site, which is scheduled for potential closure after 2021 or the Isles of Shoals North site. He also presented a petition with 500+ signatures requesting the dredging of Rye Harbor.

Peter Reynolds stated that Granite State Cruises hosts 16,000 passengers each year. He spoke of concern that his company will need to cancel trips due to low tide at exit times, moorings too shallow to leave boats overnight and the inflexibility of docking facility times at the Isles of Shoals to accommodate schedule changes due to low water in Rye Harbor.

Long-time Rye Harbor fisherman Mike Anderson provided further insight into the difficulty of coordinating tides, following fishing regulations impinged upon by low water down time, marketing problems such as missing the

fish truck due to low water and the cost of repairs resulting from hitting bottom. (A new propeller can cost \$12,000.)

Geno Marconi, Director of the Portsmouth Port Authority, explained that under State statute, the Port Authority is the sponsoring agency within the State for dredging projects and it has certain responsibilities which include obtaining DES wetlands permits, removal and replacing the moorings, and dredging. However, this is also a federal navigational project which comes under the responsibility of the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Federal appropriations are allocated by district and New Hampshire is in the New England District. The N.E. District of the Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for 170 navigational projects, 10 of which are in New Hampshire. It is the Army Corps of Engineers that designs the project and goes out to bid. Projects range from large to small and the budget is very limited.

According to Director Marconi, the dredged harbor material mentioned earlier by Don Blouin was tested in 2014. The Army Corps sampled again this spring and completed a reassessment of the amount of fill that the dredging project would be required to remove based on the inflow from the 2017 spring storms.

Director Marconi added that when Senator Sheehan was Governor, she established the Dredge Management Task Force to "get all the players in the same room" to work on priorities of the water ways. The Task Force consists of representatives from regulatory authorities including NH DES, the Army Corps of Engineers, NH Fish and Wild Life Service, National Fisheries, DPA and the Corps of Engineers Navigation and Construction Division. The quarterly meetings of the Task Force are open.

When our invited guests were asked what we can do to help secure funding, Chris Scott, representing Senator Shaheen, stated that the Town is already on the right path with the work produced to demonstrate the economic impact of the harbor and he suggested that people from Rye attend the Task Force meetings.

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Holiday Parade

"HOLIDAYS THROUGH THE
GENERATIONS OF RYE FAMILIES"

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road to
the Rye Junior High School
For additional information
call the Fire Dept. at 964-6411.



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Since this meeting, letters have been sent to our representatives urging their assistance and Selectman Winslow attended the September 12th meeting of the Dredge Management Task Force. He plans to continue to represent the Town at their meetings going forward.

Temporary Dog Leash Ordinance/Town Forest Only: On September 24th, the Selectmen held a public hearing to consider approval and adoption of the Town of Rye Town Forest Leash Ordinance. With hunting season imminent and with safety in mind, this temporary Selectmen's ordinance requires dogs (other than service dogs and dogs employed by law enforcement) to be leashed in two specific sections of the Town Forest trail system that abut private property.

Ritchie White, Chairman of the Dogs at Large Committee, stated that the Committee had substantial information from at least two land owners attesting to ongoing problems with dogs on their land. He described the Leash Ordinance as a temporary measure until a permanent ordinance is approved by Town Meeting. Following the hearing, the Board approved adoption of the Temporary Leash Ordinance. Appropriate signage to inform trail users was displayed and subsequently installed.

At our meeting of October 22nd, the Conservation Commission reported that it has been necessary to replace the signage several times due to removal of the signs by person or persons unknown.

Dogs at Large Committee/Final Report: Chairman Ritchie White presented the final report of the Dogs at Large Committee at the BOS meeting of September 24th. This committee was composed of seven members with diverse views regarding dogs and it held ten public meetings over the summer. The Committee gathered input from many sources and researched rules and regulations from towns in Maine, Massachusetts, Colorado and Pennsylvania. The Committee's final report is replete with recommendations.

The Board decided to forward the committee report to Town Counsel and seek advice regarding development of an ordinance that will implement Committee recommendations that the Town may wish to approve.

The Board of Selectmen thanks

Chairman White and his committee members (Vice-Chairman Mike Garvan, Susan Shepcaro, Kevin Kobylinski and Shawn Joyce plus Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Phil Winslow, Selectmen's Representative), for investing themselves in seeking resolution of this long standing and difficult issue. Cooperation and compromise are apparent in the successful fulfillment of the charge to this committee.

Testing at the Grove Road Dump Site: In the September Newsletter, we included a review of the Town's actions with regard to testing for polyfluorinated compounds (PFAS) at the Breakfast Hill and Grove Road Landfills. We also provided the list of recommendations for the Town from Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers, Inc., based on the history, site characteristics and testing data of these two landfills.

Because the Breakfast Hill Landfill is not impacting drinking water supplies, Craig recommended renewal of the DES groundwater permit with sampling to be done on the monitoring wells with the higher numbers. The DES permit has been renewed for a three-year period, with one sample per year scheduled, including PFAS analysis.

At the Grove Road Landfill, the site characteristics are very different. This was never a true landfill. It was a dump initiated in 1927 in a depleted gravel pit that had been excavated nearly to ground water level. In addition, and adjacent to the dump area, a fire pond had been dug to provide water to extinguish dump fires. To this day the fire pond contains trash that is still deteriorating more than forty years after the dump stopped operating and deemed more dangerous to try and extract than to leave undisturbed.

The Grove Road Landfill ceased to be used in 1974 and has been monitored by the Town as a waste site over the years through a DES ground water management permit. The Rye Water District acquired the Grove Road Landfill site at that time. The Garland Well was developed and brought on line by the Water District at about the same time that the dump stopped operating.

In 2017, when the Grove Road Landfill became an issue for PFAS, the Town voluntarily did four rounds of

PFAS testing in addition to our regular waste site monitoring there. CMA Engineers informed the Town that these PFAS tests, from four different sampling dates, produced consistent results. There is a source of PFAS contamination from the landfill, particularly in the area where the waste is saturated. However, the down gradient monitoring well, MW-102, which is properly located to detect down gradient concentrations in the flow direction of the Water District's Garland Well, consistently shows limited concentrations on the order of 7 parts per trillion, well below the currently established drinking water standard of 70 parts per trillion.

Consequently, CMA Engineers recommended that the Town suggest that the Rye Water District consider initiating additional testing beyond that required for monitoring the site from a waste management perspective. The Board agreed with the recommendation; and a letter proposing the change was sent to the Rye Water District Commissioners.

Art Ditto, RWD Chairman, responded on behalf of the Commission. His letter stated that the Rye Water District started sampling the Garland well in March of 2016, sampling monthly since July of 2017, and the Commissioners do not feel that it would be appropriate for RWD to take over sampling of the Grove Road landfill monitoring wells. Art offered to meet with the Board to explain the District's decision.

We invited the Rye Water District Commissioners and Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers, for a discussion of this issue at our meeting of October 22nd. (See Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 22nd on the Town website.)

The view of the Town, in keeping with the recommendation of our Town Engineer, is that while we continue to monitor the Grove Road landfill site as required by our DES ground water management permit and we undertook four rounds of PFAS testing of our own volition, the parameters for testing drinking water source quality may be different and/or more extensive. Additionally, in order to maximize use of the data, it would be beneficial for all drinking water source testing to be done at the same time and by the same

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samplers and labs.

NHDES has indicated that the Grove Road groundwater permit monitoring program should include one sample per year monitored for various parameters including PFAS, when that permit is renewed in January. The Town has asked the Rye Water District to gather any additional PFAS data that they deem advisable to properly monitor the quality of the water supply.

EPA Update on Berry's Brook: The EPA updated the Coakley Landfill website on September 11th with a new document summarizing the results of fish sampling conducted in Berry's Brook.

Under EPA and NH DES oversight, the Coakley Landfill Group (CLG) collected eel, shiner, pickerel and brown trout from five locations in Berry's Brook ranging from about 1 mile (Lafayette Road crossing) to about 5 miles (Berry's Brook estuary) from the Coakley landfill and analyzed them for polyfluorinated compounds (PFAS). Of the 6 PFAS analyzed, only 3 were detected. PFOS was detected in all samples from the 5 locations. The highest concentrations of PFOS were found in eel and shiners from Lafayette Road; however, these levels are still well below what would be considered an unacceptable risk to both children and adults who might regularly consume the fish. EPA is conducting a data validation review to ensure accuracy of the data. EPA and NH DES continue to work with CLG to further evaluate potential sources of PFAS from the landfill to Berry's Brook surface water.

Parsonage Status: At the BOS meeting of August 27th, Marty Chapman, Executive Director of the Housing Partnership, met with us to discuss and review the Parsonage Lease Agreement, a twenty-year agreement made in 1999 for provision of affordable housing at the Parsonage.

As we near the end of the twenty-year lease with the Housing Partnership, Mr. Chapman has proposed a one-year extension in order to relocate the existing tenants. The draft of the proposed lease extension has been forwarded to our Town Attorney.

Historic Structures Report on Town Hall: In 2017, the Heritage Commission applied for a grant from the state's Land and Community Heritage

Investment Program (LCHIP) to repair and paint the Town Hall exterior and produce a historic structure report on the building. The repair and painting funds were declined; but LCHIP granted funding for a historic structure report.

The final historic structure report, prepared by the Groundroot Preservation Group, was received on October 10th, following review and editing by LCHIP. The Board believes that this extensive report will serve as an invaluable resource in the months and years ahead.

The Groundroot report provides a historical background and chronology of Town Hall plus an architectural narrative description of the structure. A physical description details character defining features of the building and a building conditions assessment reports the specific conditions of each interior and exterior portion of the structure. The recommendations are presented as preservation objectives in order of near and long-term priority, each with an estimated cost.

Among its conclusions, the report states that the Town Hall building retains significant historical integrity from its 1839 origin as a Methodist Church and that structurally the building can accommodate its current levels of occupancy and use without additional support.

Town Hall Painting; The June Newsletter reported that JG Painting was low bidder to paint the Town Hall at a cost of \$40,350 and the painting was scheduled for this fall. Meanwhile, we received the draft Historic Structure Report by the Groundroot Preservation Group of Cape Neddick, Maine which advised replacement of low-quality clapboards prior to paint application and an RFP was issued.

No bids were received on the Town Hall clapboard replacement project but, thanks to the recommendation of a contractor by Groundroot who was able to accommodate our timeline, we have been able to move forward on replacement of damaged clapboards and trim prior to painting.

On a bright, sunny, crisp November 7th, painting of the Town Hall was initiated. If the weather cooperates, by the time that you receive this newsletter, a primer coat plus two coats of paint will have been completed.

Cell Tower: In order to pursue all available options, the Board of Selectmen voted at its November 12 meeting after initial discussion at its October 22 meeting, to petition a zoning amendment on the 2019 Town Warrant to include two additional parcels of property within the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District: Town-owned 0 Port Way at Tax Map 23/Lot 1 and Condon-family owned parcel at Tax Map 23/Lot 2. These parcels were previously identified as technically feasible alternatives to the current Verizon-proposed site at 120 Brackett Road but dismissed by Verizon based upon alleged access issues. Inclusion of these parcels in the Overlay District will open these sites up to possible location of a cell tower, further removed from residential areas, and will strengthen our position against Verizon in the event the Town is taken to federal court regarding the Brackett Road site. The Board of Selectmen's vote is only the first step in the process; since this involves amendment of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board has scheduled public hearings on these amendments for December 11. The proposed Zoning Amendments then goes on the Town Warrant for consideration by the voters in March 2019.

In conjunction with this vote by the Board of Selectmen, the Board is working to identify and resolve any access issues to Town-owned 0 Port Way and has agreed to try and negotiate a lease with Verizon to locate a tower at 0 Port Way. A tower at this location is further away from residential areas than the Brackett Road site, and a lease to Verizon or any other cell or tower company would provide income to the Town. The Board of Selectmen is aware that this may have some visual impact on residents in the area. If this site moves forward, the Board is committed to doing what it can to reduce those visual impacts as much as possible. Again, this is just the first step. Any lease negotiated by the Board would have to be approved by the voters on the 2019 Town Warrant.

In addition to the above, the Board of Selectmen will be meeting with one or more consultants to explore the option of commissioning a town-wide study to determine our cellular needs and how they can best be met,

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including all available options, while also preserving to the greatest extent possible the best interests of the Town and its residents. Stay tuned to future Board of Selectmen meetings for additional information on this particular issue.

It is important to understand that under federal law, the Town cannot prohibit a tower in town when a significant coverage gap has been identified by a carrier. Further, many residents, as well as our public safety department, have expressed a desire and a need to have better cellular coverage in this and other parts of Rye. For these reasons, the Board has decided to explore all options for cellular coverage in Rye, including potentially placing a tower on town-owned land.

Plan NH Charrette: On July 9th, Steven Borne and Paula Tsetsilas requested a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen to accompany the Plan NH charrette application that they were working on. A letter of support from the governing body is a Plan NH application requirement. At that time, the Board was in agreement that we support the charrette process; but we could not provide a letter of support until we review and agree with the completed application document. Suggested edits to the application were incorporated during our meeting on November 12th and a letter of support for the charrette from the Board has been provided.

Closure of the Swap Shop? During the October 10th BOS meeting, Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy reported to the Board that, despite signage, the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station has become a dumping area for items that are not acceptable there: paints, electronics and miscellaneous things that are broken or useless. Increasingly, time of a public works employee has been required to clear out and clean up this area and Director McCarthy advised the Board that if this does not change it may be necessary to close the Swap Shop. Adherence to the guidelines for leaving items, and perhaps volunteer(s) to organize the area on a weekly basis, will be required to continue this adjunct to our recycling program. If you are interested in volunteering at the Swap Shop to ensure it can stay open, please contact Dennis

McCarthy at 964-5300.

Save this date for the Deliberative Session: Mark your 2019 calendars now to save the date for the first half of our Town Meeting known as the Deliberative Session. At this time, the 2019 budget and warrant articles will be finalized for placement on the March ballot. For the coming year, the Deliberative Session date is **Saturday, February 2nd**. If it helps to remember, February 2nd is also Groundhog Day. The snow date is set for February 9th.

Rye Annual Holiday Parade: The Town of Rye Annual Holiday Parade will be held on Sunday, December 2nd starting at 1 p.m. from Webster at Rye, then following a parade route that delivers Santa to the Rye Junior High School. This parade is coordinated by the Rye Fire Department and the Rye Lions Club with Fire Fighter Chuck Gallant serving as Chairman. Thanks to all the participants and volunteers that make this event possible.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season,

Board of Selectmen

Priscilla Jenness, Chairman
Phil Winslow, Vice-Chairman
Keri Roman, Selectman

Tips from the Police Chief

Winter Parking: Winter is here. Residents and visitors are asked to please park in their driveways during the night and during snow removal to assist Rye Highway Department with snow removal. The on street parking ban is from November 1st to April 15th.

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

Holidays: Please lock your vehicles. This is the time of year when people keep gifts in their cars and thieves target vehicles with valuables in plain sight. Gift cards are also targeted by thieves. Please put the cards out of

sight, even when you are at home. Keep your receipts for gift cards. If a card is lost or stolen, the receipt can help track the card. Do not give out your social security number, including when using the computer to make purchases. Never give out personal information.

Vacation: If you are traveling, even for just a few days, please make sure your home is locked. If you have a security system, use it. Let your neighbors know you are going to be away. Always make sure the driveway and walk ways are maintained. Whenever possible, ask someone to check the house and please let the Rye Police know you are away.

Deer Crossing: During this time of year, deer are on the move. We have several herds in town and they cross the roads frequently. Please use caution when traveling around town.

Invisible Fence: We are receiving a lot of calls for loose dogs. Please make sure your dog has his/her collar and tags on at all times. If you have an electric fence, the battery in the collar needs to be replaced regularly. If the dog is wearing the collar and the battery isn't working, the fence is useless. If your dog has his/her tags on, the officer will be able to return your dog to you. Snow on the ground will prevent an electric fence from working. Please check the fenced in area to make sure snow piles are not preventing the fence from working.

Scams: Rye residents have been reporting the IRS has called stating they owe money. The person then instructs the person to go purchase a Green DOT card or Target gift cards, put money on the card and mail the card to them. This is just one of many scams circulating. Call your local police to confirm any requests or suspicious calls.

Snowy Owl: The snowy owls are starting to arrive in town. If you are observing an owl, please do so at a safe distance and do not trespass on private property while observing. If you pull your vehicle over to observe, be sure you are legally parked. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed. If you witness someone disturbing the owls or trespassing, please call the police department to report it.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Rye Fire & Rescue: Long Range Capital Plan

The first portion of this article will be a discussion of Rye Fire Rescue's long range capital plan development and its importance to our daily emergency operations. This will be followed by a discussion of the proposed 2019 replacement of our 1988 Pumper-Ladder 1. Capital expenditures, such as ambulances and fire trucks, are significant purchases worthy of careful assessment and planning. Last year, Rye Fire Rescue asked the Budget Committee to table the pumper-ladder purchase for 1 year. This was done to provide us with the opportunity to thoroughly evaluate the suitability and condition of our entire fleet. We needed to answer key questions, such as:

- Do we have the correct type and number of fire apparatus for the Town of Rye?
- Do we have adequate 'surge capacity', an essential element of any community's Fire/EMS coverage?
- How does Rye fit into the regional Fire/EMS mutual aid system?
- Does each truck serve the mission, vision and values of Rye Fire Rescue?
- Is each needed truck a good value for Rye?
- Is our funding mechanism adequate and sustainable?

To properly answer these questions and more, we formed a 5 person apparatus committee charged with advising the fire chief through data-based research, comparisons and solutions. I would like to give special thanks to our apparatus committee as well as former Finance Director Cyndi Gillespie and current Finance Director Becky Bergeron for their advice and support. The result of this project is a solid, long-term, sustainable 6-year capital plan proposal that address's Rye's fire/EMS needs into the future while being economically mindful and a good value for the Town of Rye. We are very proud of that!

Currently, Rye Fire & Rescue maintains an inventory of (3) structural pumpers consisting of (2) typical full-

size pumper trucks and (1) pumper-ladder. The pumper-ladder is a full-size engine that pumps water but also has an aerial ladder on top of the truck. In short, it allows us to use the truck as either a pumper or a ladder truck. Although only one apparatus is staffed with on-duty full time personnel, all the trucks play an important role in ensuring that Rye Fire Rescue is prepared to respond to the needs of the community. When one engine is out for repairs, or maintenance, there is a reliable engine to take its place.

Most importantly though, is the ability to maintain our **surge capacity**, which demandsolutions.com defines as the ability to meet sudden, unexpected increases in demand by expanding production with existing personnel and equipment. When we respond to an emergency call, off-duty personnel are immediately called in to cover the station in case there is another call or for more help at the scene – helping us to maintain our surge capacity.

Applied to the fire/EMS service surge capacity is the ability to effectively manage a sudden influx of patients, a complex fire/rescue incident or multiple emergencies occurring at or near the same time. This is usually done through a combination of **mutual aid** (if available) and **recalled** off-duty personnel staffing the other local fire trucks. Fire departments of all types and sizes maintain surge capacity as an important part of their operations.

A good example of **surge capacity** occurred just recently when we responded to Central Road for a common call, in this case a chimney fire:

- Rye Engine 3 responded to the scene with 2 on-duty firefighters (normal operations). All off-duty and call firefighters were **recalled** to the station.
- Portsmouth ladder responded to the scene because the aerial ladder on our pumper-ladder was not in service due to needed repairs. (This is called **mutual aid**). Mutual aid does not replace a community's assets but is sent if your assets are overwhelmed, in this case Rye's pumper-ladder was not in service.
- Rye Engine 1 responded with **recalled** off-duty staffing to help. (This is our **surge capacity**)

Another good example occurred when we responded to multiple emergency medical calls within a few minutes of each other:

- 7:33 AM Rye Ambulance 2 responded to a call for medical assistance (normal operations). Off-duty and call personnel were **recalled** to the station.
- 7:36 AM PORTSMOUTH Ambulance responded to Rye for a second call for medical assistance. (This is **mutual aid**)
- 7:59 AM Rye Ambulance 1 responded with **recalled** off-duty staffing for a third request for medical assistance. (This is our **surge capacity**)

As you can see, surge capacity is critical to our operations and we need apparatus ready for these events to adequately support the community!

Our Capital proposal contains several significant findings. In regards to our fire apparatus we found it is important that Rye Fire Rescue continue to maintain 3 structural pumpers. This is the same amount we have currently except we recommend replacing 1 full size pumper engine with the 'mini-pumper' model as evidenced below:



All of these pumpers, although quite different have the same ability to pump water at a fire. The mini-pumper on the left is used to respond to the wide range of smaller more routine emergencies. This creates cost efficiencies because the larger, more expensive trucks on the right are responding only to the calls that demand that type of apparatus. This saves on maintenance costs and will enable

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Rye to get extended service life out of its most expensive fire apparatus. Manchester-By-The-Sea, a close Rye comparable community uses this model. This mini-pumper purchase price is approximately half that of its larger full-size pumpers.

For 2019, our Capital plan calls for the replacement of Pumper-Ladder 1, a 1988 Simon Duplex engine with a LTI Ladder. Mentioned back at the 2006 Deliberative session by then Chief Rich O'Brien, the 1988 pumper-ladder has long been recognized as needing replacement. The reasons for recommending replacement include:

- This truck should arrive first at structure fires to provide for a ladder capability adjacent to the building. This is not presently the case due to the condition of the 1988 pumper-ladder. This means we do not have the ability to rescue anyone above a second story window with the first arriving crew, not a good scenario.
- The truck is an antique at 30 years old. The two manufacturers are no longer in business meaning many repair parts are unavailable or need to be custom made.
- The vehicle lacks many modern safety features such as no ABS brakes and no factory installed seat belts.
- The Aerial ladder on Pumper Ladder 1 is currently out of service due to the failure of a main lifting piston. Costs to repair the piston could be 2 to 4 times the vehicles total market value of \$5,000.
- The vehicle has an unresolved braking issue.
- As experienced fire apparatus technician, Chris Champagne explained in his assessment of our fleet: "In conclusion, I would consider Ladder 1 a 3/10 for condition and a 1/10 for serviceability. I would not spend any additional money on this apparatus and would strongly advise to replace it as soon as possible. Given the large body of information published about the dangers of older apparatus like Ladder 1 there is little ability to operate this truck in good conscience."

The estimated cost of a pumper-ladder is \$998,000. This cost is made up two parts: the pumper function (\$698,000) and the aerial ladder function (\$300,000). A truck with these capabilities allows Rye Fire Rescue to respond, reliably, to all varieties of emergencies that we see within our community. Funding for this replacement is proposed as \$498,000 from capital reserves with the remaining funded by a 5-year lease purchase. Purchased as part of this mini-pumper model, this truck should last 25 years.

Finally, Rye Fire Rescue has scheduled 3 public forums to be held at the Rye Library. Each presentation will contain an overview of Rye Fire Rescue and how we operate. We will go over our 6-year Capital plan and, of course, focus on 2019 Capital proposals. The next forum is scheduled for January 31, 2019, 6:30pm at Rye Public Library. The public is very much encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there! As your Fire Chief, I am also available to any interested resident who would like to learn more about this proposed capital plan. I can be reached by email at mcotreau@town.rye.nh.us or in the office at 964-6411 (ext. 4).

Mark Cotreau
Fire Chief

Public Works: Stormwater Discharge Permit Update

In January of 2017, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), reissued stormwater discharge permits to all New Hampshire communities which were designated as MS4 communities, of which Rye has been so designated. MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm System. The new permit went into effect on July 1st of this year.

The permit requires MS4 communities to reduce pollutant discharges in storm water to the greatest extent possible by employing six minimum control measures. The six minimum control control measures are:

- **Public Education**
- **Public Involvement**
- **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)**

- **Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Controls**
- **Post-Construction Stormwater Management**
- **Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention**

Many of the required tasks, such as stenciling catch basins, developing a storm drainage plan, pumping out catch basins, street sweeping, reducing the use of sand & salt for winter maintenance, and many others have already been implemented, many others will be implemented over the five-year duration of the new permit.

Henceforth, town residents will be kept informed of the progress of this important and potentially expensive permit in the quarterly newsletter. This month the first minimum control measure, **Public Education**, will be highlighted.

The first year of the permit (July 2018-July 2019) the town will focus its efforts on developing goals, preparing messages and defining target audiences and responsible parties relative to the public's storm water education. Delivery of educational messages will commence in 2019. A minimum of eight (8) messages must be delivered over the permit term which ends June 30, 2023.

The eight minimum messages must be delivered to four targeted audiences identified as Residents, Businesses, Developers and Industrial Facilities, each receiving a minimum of two messages over the permit duration. It is anticipated the Town of Rye will be delivering fifteen messages over the permit duration.

The messages will target reduction methods for a number of specifically identified contaminant impairments, such as bacteria, nitrogen, chloride, to name but a few. The means to reduce the identified impairments will be addressed in each message and will be specific for each impairment and target audience.

The messages will address proper use, handling, maintenance, or material disposal associated with a number of everyday activities such as vehicle washing, yard maintenance, pet cleanup, lawn fertilizing, construction erosion, etc.

Next quarter, the second minimum standard, **Public Involvement** will be highlighted.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

Planning Board News

The Planning Board continues to receive applications for minor and major subdivisions. The most visible at this time is the Goss Property by Tuck Realty for a 5 lot subdivision. One lot is proposed to enter off Locke Road and four off Harbor Rd. This application has been before the Board for most of the year as the property is in one of the most sensitive environmental areas of town, bordered by both fresh and salt water marshes and an array of other ecological issues. Initially the board did not feel the Locke Road lot met the frontage requirements. However, the ZBA agreed with the applicant and the frontage issues were resolved in the applicants favor. Since that ruling, the Board is making changes to the frontage and access requirements which will be before the voters on the March, 2018 ballot. It now appears that the Board will vote on the application and the 3 requested waivers on December 11, 2018. The board has worked hard on this application in trying to balance the rights of the developer and landowner with the public interest.

A cell tower application by Verizon at 120 Brackett Rd is also taking time to work through the process. There have been 2 public hearings with the ZBA and Planning Board. Additionally, we conducted a work session with both boards and 2 site walks. The Board has continued this application to the December 11, 2018 meeting. There is no doubt, that cell service especially in this part of town, needs to be improved. The overarching question is where the tower is to be located. The Town voted and approved a cell tower zone some years ago. 120 Brackett Road is not included within the zone. In this case there is a federally mandated time requirement to rule up or down on this application. Because the Town, with help from our town attorney and Select Board, has identified a town owned parcel at 0 Port Way as a parcel that satisfies Verizon's requirements, Verizon has agreed to extend the "shot clock" until March 31, 2019. This date has been agreed to because putting the town parcel in the Wireless Overlay District and a lease to Verizon must be voted on and approved at the March 12,

2019 town elections. In light of this recent development the cell tower application will be continued until February 12, 2019.

The Rules and Regs committee has been very busy working on proposed zoning amendments. There will be a public hearing on December 4, 2018 on some of the proposed zoning amendments. Additionally, the 2 petitioned warrant articles by the Select Board in regard to the above-mentioned cell tower application will be discussed.

The Long Range Planning Committee has been working with Julie LaBranche of the Rockingham Planning Commission on a complete rewrite of the Land Development Regulations. The LDR was written in 1988 and has had minor changes throughout the years. It has served us well but Planning Administrator Kim Reed has recognized that this planning tool is in need of a serious and complete revision. Under her leadership, the committee consisting of Steve Carter (Chair), Kim, Julie, Katy Sherman and myself, are committed to a long hard look at planning for the future of Rye. There will be public forums in the Spring on the LDR to open the discussions to the public and share the work and direction.

As previously notified, the Work Force Housing application for 40 units off Airfield Dr. was approved. The applicant is working through the conditions of approval in the hope that they can begin construction in the spring of 2019.

Bill Epperson, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

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

New Hampshire's First Historic District Commission

Did you know that in addition to being the first European settlement in New Hampshire, Rye was also first at creating a local Historic District? The original Rye Historic District was instituted in 1966 - long before Portsmouth and our state Capitol created one.

The Rye Historic District Commission is dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the historic properties within the District, insuring that new construction and alterations are in harmony with the existing structures within this district. These practices enhance historic esthetics as well as enhance property values.

The historic structures included in The Historic District demonstrate authentic architectural design features that are reflective of an original commitment to artistry and quality.

Our current Historic District is comprised of:

- Rye Center – which extends from the War Memorial at the Intersection of Washington and Central Road and 500' down Central and all along Washington to the Grange Park at the Intersection of Washington and Wallis Road
- The Cable House (1874) at 20 Old Beach Road – the terminal for the First Trans-Atlantic Cable in the United States
- Brackett Massacre site (1691) at 605 Brackett Road
- Isles of Shoals: Lunging, Star, and White Islands

The buildings in our Historic District and beyond present tangible evidence of our town's history, bringing to life what no photo or even written materials can do. Many of our streets present rambling farmsteads, grand Victorians and stately mansions with a legacy, quirkiness and even famous past owners. These historic structures enrich and contribute to a sense of place, presenting a variety of architectural styles, construction materials and craftsmanship rarely seen in modern construction.

The residents of Rye have long had a great appreciation of our forefathers and the vision they had in creating

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our beautiful coastal town. We may not have such a large and diverse history as Boston or Portland but we have our own story to tell. The Rye Historical Society and town museum website has a web page "Rye, NH: 400 Years of History" with many interesting facts, including this interesting tidbit:

"Native Americans lived along the coast and inland. Washington Road is one of their trails and later the Jenness Family with their axes and work horses, widened the path into a road all the way from Breakfast Hill to the sea. Washington's visit to Portsmouth in 1789 changed the name...Another path ran from Frosts point along what is now Pioneer road and up Sagamore Road through what would become the Center and on to North Hampton. In 1727 the path that led from the Center southeast to the beach was finished as a wagon road that became Central Road."

We at the Historic District Commission invite you to attend our meetings; all are open to the public. An extensive historic image collection is available for viewing both online and in the Rye Museum.

Charlie Hoyt, Vice Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission

Rye Historical Society News

It has been a busy fall at the Rye Historical Society (RHS), with the final Rye History Trolley Tour and two well attended programs to round out our season. As of the end of October, the Town Museum is not open for regular Saturday hours, but can be accessed by appointment at almost any time.

We will have an Open House on Sunday, December 2 from 12-3pm during the parade, and a Holiday Open House from 3-6pm on Tuesday, December 18th. Please join us for refreshments, music, and history. To start your holiday shopping, we are offering up to 50% off books from our newly renovated Gift Shop. Remember, MEMBERS get 10% off in the Gift Shop all the time!

Behind the scenes, the Odiorne 1623 Committee is working hard to prepare programming to lead up to the 400th commemoration. 2019 will have several exciting programs in the lineup that will help bring our rich history to life.

Another exciting change is a new exhibit that will encompass half of the main floor of the Museum. The theme is "Fishing, Farming and Fun", and will explore the three main economic drivers that have shaped Rye through interpretation of our trove of artifacts and photos. Look for a preview in February and an opening in May 2019.

On that note, the RHS Exhibit Committee is looking for donations or loans of items or photos that can help make this a special installation. If you have something we can use, please contact Anne Arnold at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org.

The RHS recently received a donation of 10 cases of water from PepsiCo, to be used at future events and programs. The RHS is thrilled to have a community business partner to assist with hospitality and would welcome others in the area if they would like to participate.

Among the many election mailers, hopefully you received our 2018-2019 Membership Drive request, which was beautifully prepared and sponsored by Tate and Foss. We so appreciate the support of a key local business in sharing the news about the RHS as well as helping us increase our membership. So far we have received a great response and are on our way to exceed the goal to have even more members than last year.

In case you missed it, you can still become a member by sending in a check to PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870, or going directly to our website – ryenhistoricalociety.org – and sign up online.

Membership levels:

- Lifetime \$500
- Sponsor \$100
- Business \$50
- Sustaining \$25
- Family \$15
- Individual \$10

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Richter Arnold, Vice President
Rye Historical Society
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Rye Senior SERVE Update

Rye Senior SERVE continues to identify and respond to the needs of Rye's senior residents in the areas of transportation and communications.

Personal transportation to medical, dental and other important appointments is provided by volunteers. Please call Claudia Hackett at 603.964.5633 for information on rides to and from those appointments.

The Tuesday shopping trips on the SERVE van have seen an increase in riders who have a variety of errands to get done. Call the Selectmen's Office at 603.964.5523 by noon on Monday to reserve a seat on the Tuesday van trip.

Rides are available for the Wednesday movie at the Library and for Senior Trivia on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call Dianne at 603.828.6669 to arrange rides for these fun and social events.

A daily wellness Call from a SERVE volunteer is available. Call Connie Olson at 603.964.5170 for information about this service.

The SERVE volunteers who provide the programs and services described above are all Rye residents.

As more senior residents participate, more volunteers are needed to assist our Rye friends and neighbors. If you have the time (you decide how much time) and are interested in this rewarding community service, please call Jim Delaney at 603.436.6041.

After eleven years of effectively and efficiently managing Rye Senior SERVE, Connie Olson has decided to step down as its President. Thanks for a job well done.

Jim Delaney
Rye Senior SERVE

Rye ♻ Recycling – Let's Do It the Rye-ght Way!

See Something Say Something!

Rye's in danger of losing the "Swap Shop" at the Transfer Station.

(See Recycling Committee's Message, page 9)

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The Swap Shop is threatened with closure because some people are using it to dispose of broken or unusable items and others are leaving banned items there instead of paying the required fee to dispose of them properly.

The Swap Shop was started for the purpose of giving unwanted but still usable items in good working condition a second life by providing an area where people could come in and pick up and/or drop off such items rather than sending them directly to the packer and landfill.

Despite the signs, more and more time is required by public works employees to remove banned items: paints, food stuffs, electronics, broken materials, old magazines, moldy books, air conditioners, medical supplies and broken luggage, etc. Unless residents adhere to the guidelines, Dennis McCarthy will be forced to shut the doors of the Swap Shop.

Help us use the Swap Shop as it was intended. If you see someone leaving items there that are banned, please alert the Transfer Station attendants so that they can speak to those violating the rules.

In addition, we are seeking residents who are willing to help out at the Swap Shop by volunteering even an hour or two of their time. We are looking for people who would be willing to assist in keeping the area organized and free of the banned items. If you believe in the Swap Shop concept and can spare a little time to help, please contact my wife, Joan, or me by email or by phone and we will arrange a schedule. We have talked to a few people already that are interested in volunteering. Any help will be very much appreciated.

Here's our information: Phone: 436-8299
Email: jprovencher@comcast.net

We still need your help!

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

Remember, please recycle. The earth will thank you.



John Provencher, Chairman
Rye Recycling
Education Committee

Rye Water District News

Outside Water Hose Receptacles: If you haven't already done so please remember to drain and winterize outside faucets and winterized lawn irrigation systems.

Water Main Flushing: The semi-annual maintenance activity of flushing and chlorinating the water system has been completed. This is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. Thank you for your patience during this activity.

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

Monitoring: Although this was reported in the September Newsletter it is an important subject and warrants repeating. The Rye Water District continues to test and monitor its source water (three wells and storage tanks at Washington Rd) for PFAS compounds and 1-4 dioxane. Initial sampling was started in 2016 and in July 2017 the RWD has been sampling and monitoring PFAS compounds on a monthly basis. Sampling results are posted on the Town of Rye's website.

RWD Website Coming Soon: Hopefully this will have been rolled out by the time of this newsletter, if not it should be on line very soon. We will provide notification when it is up and running. This site will provide general information and special notices such as; annual meeting date, meeting agendas and minutes, water main flushing dates, emergency notices, posting of PFAS sampling results, and posting of annual Consumer Confidence Report. Also the website will allow for on line account review and bill paying.

No Hunting Signs: The District's well site properties are posted with "No Trespassing" and "No Hunting" signs. Enjoy the hunting season, but

please do it responsibly.

Scheduled Meetings: The water commissioner's monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and work sessions on the third (and fifth) Wednesday's. These meetings are open to the public and resident's attendance is encouraged.

Commissioner's email: If you have any issues or concerns with the water system operations feel free to contact the commissioners via email at: commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net.

Rye Water District Commissioners
Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford

Rye Heritage Commission News

In our last report, we mentioned the Historic Structures Report and renovation of the Town Hall. This report has now been completed and as many of you have no doubt noticed, painting is in progress. The Selectmen are working on ADA compliancy plans and the Heritage Commission is working on window restoration. We would like to share the news and details of the Historic Structure Report and will be having a public information session on Thursday evening, December 6, 2018. It will be held at the Rye Junior High at 6:30 PM. All citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend the presentation by GroundRoot Preservation. There will be time for questions and answers and discussion following the presentation.

PUBLIC MEETING AND INFORMATION SESSION

HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT ON RYE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018
6:30 PM

RYE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Presentation by Ground Root Preservation and Rye Heritage Commission.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bev Giblin, Chairman
Rye Heritage Commission



WINTER PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road Rye, NH 03870

Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516

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

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WINTER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Monday, December 10, 2018, 8:00 a.m., Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH, Rye and New Castle Residents Only

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs.

ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB meets September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming, including day and overnight trips and fitness classes. 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 and individuals younger than 55 years old are welcome to join. For a registration form and/or more information, contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281 or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us

OVER 55 FITNESS CLASSES



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. *Membership required.* Dates: December 10, 12, 17, 19, 2018, January 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, February 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 24, 29, May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29, June 3, 5, 10, 12, 2019, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: Membership plus \$67.50 (Prorated to start date)



STRENGTH & BALANCE is instructed by Kim Rivest. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups using weights 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

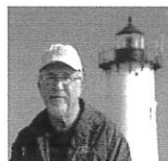
and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Membership required.* Dates: December 11, 18, 2018, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2019, Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: Membership plus \$37.50 (Prorated to start date)



CHAIR YOGA is instructed by Jeanie Ryan. This gentle form of yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind.

Have fun with others while learning postures that help you build strength and flexibility. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Membership required.* Dates: December 13, 20, 2018, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019, Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: \$33 (Prorated to start date)

OVER 55 LUNCH PROGRAMS



LIGHTHOUSES OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SEACOAST AND SOUTHERN MAINE

Jeremy D'Entremont, author and lighthouse historian, will present an overview of the

history of five local lighthouses: Boon Island Light, Cape Neddick "Nubble" Light, White Island Light in the Isles of Shoals, Whaleback Light, and Portsmouth Harbor Light. Each of these locations has rich human history, with tales of hardship, heroism, and humor. *Membership required.*

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019

Lunch: "Breakfast for Lunch" Quiche Lorraine, crepe-style blueberry pancakes, hash browns, and fresh fruit.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 3, 2019



GULF OF MAINE WHALES AND OCEAN THREATS

The Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation is dedicated to protecting marine life in the Gulf of Maine through research, education and inspiring action. Jen Kennedy, co-founder, will deliver

a compelling presentation on whale research and discuss how the environment and humans can threaten the health of our ocean. *Membership required.*

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2019

Lunch: Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise sauce, rice pilaf, spinach salad, roll, strawberry sundae.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, February 7, 2019



"WE'RE ALL IRISH" Presented by singer and story teller Richard Kruppa, better known as "Ramblin' Richard", this interesting and entertaining program brings together stories and songs from Ireland. He sings popularized and authentic Irish songs and reveals their interesting and sometimes surprising backgrounds. Richard accompanies himself on guitar, banjo, and ukulele, and is a member of the New England Foundation for the Arts. *Membership required.*

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019

Lunch: Shepherd's pie, garden salad, biscuit, and bread pudding.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 7, 2019



CELTIC ANGELS You'll be enthralled from the moment the lights dim as the Celtic Angels sing the sweet and stirring songs of Ireland. They are accompanied by the rigorously precise dances of the Celtic Knight Dancers and the

Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin. This is a dynamic and high energy show. Held at Venus De Milo, Swansea, MA. Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Meal Choice: Corn beef and cabbage or baked haddock, vegetable, minestrone soup, breads, dessert, coffee/tea. Reservation Deadline: February 19, 2019. Departure Time and Location: TBD. Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch). *Membership required.*



ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION is instructed by nationally-certified classical yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Build core strength, flexibility and balance while gaining relaxation tools and healthy living tips. Breathe. Center your mind and cultivate serenity.

Learn the ancient practice of combining yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Held at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye.

Session 1, Thursday, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2019, 8:45-10:15 a.m. Session 2, Thursday, February 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019, 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Fee: \$99 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, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2019, K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Session 2, Wednesdays, February 20, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2019, 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: \$78 per session (6 lessons)



SKI or SNOWBOARD LESSONS will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester. Ski lessons and snowboarding lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation will leave from both RES and RJH on Fridays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2019. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$285 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$75 and helmets for \$25. Helmets are required. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was Tuesday, November 20, 2018. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program.



DELIBERATIVE SESSION CHILD CARE is for children 4 years old and up. Participants will take part in games, arts and crafts, and a movie. Held in the Rye Junior High cafeteria during the Rye Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 2, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Parents must sign their child in and remain in the building at all times. Fee: No charge!



RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE is co-ed and open to grades K-5. Held December 8, 2018 to February 16, 2019. Grade K meets once a week to practice and play as a group and grades 1-5 meets twice a week. Held at Rye Elementary School.

This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 26, 2018. Space is not limited; however, the late fee must be paid. You can register today. Fee including late charge: \$75 for 1st registrant, \$35 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).



OPEN COURT BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Saturdays, December 8, 15, 2018, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2019, following the Recreational Basketball League (time TBD). No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance. Adults are prohibited from providing instruction on the court unless they have passed a Rye Recreation Background Check.



HOLIDAY RECESS BASKETBALL is co-ed and open to grades K-12. Held at Rye Elementary School. Thursday, December 27; and Friday, December 28, 2018, 9:30-11:00 a.m. No charge; however, participants are required to register with Rye Recreation in advance. Adults are prohibited from providing instruction on the court unless they have passed a Rye Recreation Background Check.



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Thursdays, November 15, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Rye Elementary School and Sundays, November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. There is no charge; however, participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.

** Please note Rye Recreation basketball programs are offered pending Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High approval and availability.*



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. Participants should bring lunch, a snack and drink. Held Friday, March 22, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Location: TBD Fee: \$95 **Please note that there is no school on Friday, March 22, 2019 because it is a Teacher Work Day in Portsmouth and Rye.*



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. Space in the program is limited.

Rye Public Library Winter Events 2018-19

Join us as the days get short and cold! Please help us wish Kat Gatcomb well as she leaves RPL for a new position. Thanks Kat!

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

12/5 <i>The Catcher was a Spy</i> R 98 min	1/16 <i>Puzzle</i> R 103 min
12/12 <i>Bel Canto</i> 102 min	1/23 <i>The Children Act</i> R 106 min
12/19 <i>The King</i> R 107 min	1/30 <i>Collette</i> R 112 min
12/26 <i>Little Women</i> PG-13 112 min	2/6 <i>A Simple Favor</i> R 119 min
1/2 <i>Juliet, Naked</i> R 105 min	2/13 <i>The Old Man & The Gun</i> PG-13 93 min
1/9 <i>Crazy Rich Asians</i> PG-13 121 min	2/20 <i>Can You Ever Forgive Me?</i> R 107 min
	2/27 <i>Life Itself</i> R 117 min

This schedule is subject to change due to film availability, please check our website 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 6:30 pm!

12/18 <i>The Atomic Weight of Love</i> by Elizabeth A. Church	2/20 <i>The Cottingly Secret</i> by Hazel Gaynor
1/16 <i>The Alice Network</i> by Kate Quinn	3/18 <i>News of the World</i> by Paulette Giles
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. 12/6, 1/3, 2/7
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 am*
Senior Trivia and Social Hour: second and fourth Mondays from 1-2pm. Call 964-8401 for Senior SERVE van transport. 12/10&24; 1/8 & 22, 2/11 &25	

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome! Monthly meetings resume in September

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
	Woodman Museum, Dover

Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

TECH TALK COMPUTER CLASSES – Tech Talk classes focus on widely requested topics in a group learning/demonstration atmosphere. Please call to sign up.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

1/31 6:30 PM eResources 101- learn how to access thousands of e-books, videos or audiobooks on any of your devices through RPL resources.

2/21 6:30 PM Troubleshooting Your Slow Computer Workshop- learn about free tools that may speed up your computer.

Computer Tutor and Device Advice

Call to schedule a one-on-one training session and bring your specific computer or device related instruction questions (not troubleshooting) including how to use library resources. Sessions can be scheduled on Thursday evenings or Friday mornings. Call 964-8401 to schedule an appointment.

Rye Public Library Youth Department Winter Programming December 2018 - February 2019 More Details at ryepubliclibrary.org 964-8401

Youth Programs:

Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)

Fridays (not Dec 28th) 10:00–10:30am

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Fridays (not Dec 28th) 11:00am

Friday Flicks *Check Website for Featured Films*

1st and 3rd Fridays of the month 3:10pm

Dumbledore's Army: Up to grade 5

Dec 4, Feb 5 5:30 – 6:15pm

Dumbledore's Army: Grades 6+

Dec 4, Feb 5 6:30 – 7:30pm

Happy Planner Club

Dec 5 3:30 – 4:30pm

Bead Club for kids grades 3 – 5

Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14 3:15 – 4:30pm

Bead Club for kids grades 6+

Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7 3:15 – 4:30pm

YAttitudes Teen Book Club (Grades 6+)

Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 6:30 – 7:30pm

Turn the Page Café-Snacks after school!

Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 3:00 – 3:30pm

Fantastic Beasts Escape Room Grades 6+*

Jan 15 6:30 – 7:30pm

Teen Program (*check website for details*)*

Feb 19 6:30 – 7:30pm

Book Bites Book Club (Grades 4 & 5)

Jan 17, Feb 21 3:15 – 4:00pm

Teen Advisory Board

No meeting in Dec, Jan 22 6:30 – 7:30pm

***Asterisked programs require signing up!**

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

News From The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

With all the hard work and dedication from the Election Workers, Supervisors of the Checklist, Moderator and the Town Clerk's office, the 2018 Town Election, Primary and General Elections went smoothly. A special thanks to all involved. Our Town Election will be held on March 12, 2019. Absentee ballot applications are available in our office, can be emailed by request or can be found on the Town Clerk's page of the Town website (www.town.rye.nh.us). **Filing for 'Town Offices' will begin January 23rd and the last day will be February 1st at 5:00 PM. Forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office after January 1st.**

Second half tax bills have been mailed out and are due December 18th. If you have not received your tax bill, please call our office at 964-8562. It could have been lost in the mail or the mailing address we have on file is not correct. Fourth quarter sewer bills have also been mailed. For your convenience we have placed outside our office a secure mailbox to drop off tax and utility bills. As we say 'Drop and Go'. If you would like a stamped receipt mailed back, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Also, for your convenience, our side door will be open to pay tax and utility bills and get a stamped paid receipt. Please note that the tax bills are now perforated, the bottom section is to be put with your form of payment and the top you keep as a receipt. You may also pay tax and utility bills online.

All dogs should have been licensed by April 30th. A current rabies certificate will be needed. If your dog is not licensed or you no longer have your dog, please call our office. The Dog Officer will be knocking on doors with Civil Forfeitures which is an extra \$25.00 plus any late fees. Beach parking permits will be available after the beginning of the year. A registration will be required for each vehicle you want to put a beach parking permit on. The fee will again be \$25 per vehicle. In order to obtain a parking permit, you must be a Rye resident or property owner. Transfer Station Permits are available in our office. A registration

must be presented for each vehicle you would like a permit for. We are now accepting 2019 boat renewals. New boat registrations will have to be done after the first of the year.



We now have a Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Facebook page. We will keep you updated on all new and upcoming events. So make sure to like our page!

Toni, Amy and Donna are here to assist you in any way we can.

Happy Holidays to all and your family.

Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Rye Energy Committee Update

On Tuesday January 22, 2019, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., the Rye Energy Committee (REC) will host guest speaker Paul deGrandis for an evening of discussion on infrastructure and computing power. The topic will be ***Does the Grid Still Matter?*** - A look at how trends in computing demand impact our assumptions about power delivery.

Paul is an information systems and innovation leader. He helps organizations use their knowledge and assets to gain competitive advantages through novel, strategic innovations and creative culture. He has worked with startups and Fortune 500 companies to envision and execute new technical strategies, oriented around unlocking value with next-generation information systems. He has helped to produce some of the most successful companies, brands, and cutting-edge research. He has also worked on next-generation cable/broadcast systems, autonomous Internet infrastructure, distributed search and recommendation engines, massive online social game platforms, cognitive computing analysis systems, high-performance service architectures, intelligent e-commerce platforms, Cloud/Fog/Edge systems, and more.

REC will also have information on the latest energy saving programs and information on recent initiatives. Light refreshments will be served.

Follow REC on Facebook and our web page. Look for us at Rye Energy Committee. REC is also tracking the State of New Hampshire Volkswagen Diesel settlement to determine how Rye can benefit from the funds available for town automobile purchases, electric car infrastructure, and other air quality improvement measures that will be funded through this program. We are also working on an updated energy report that tracks municipal and school energy use. We will complete the report by January 2019.

Rye Energy Committee
Danna Truslow
Tom Pfau
Howard Kalet
Michael Joyce
Matt Marra
Carl Nicolino
David Helfrich



Conservation Commission Update

The Commission's objective to preserve open space continues with the goal of permanently protecting a 79+/- priority parcel of land that will protect water quality, preserve wildlife corridors and create opportunities for outdoor recreation. Rye Conservation Commission's purchase of the full property, which requires the passage of a warrant article, will put into public ownership a significant property with many benefits for the town. The Commission has been working with the landowner for several years, and is actively engaged in the funding request process in our ongoing commitment to leverage the open space bond dollars needed to protect land in Rye.

The parcel, off West Road, is located in the Bailey Brook Watershed. Conservation of this property will result in the protection and restoration of extensive stream and wetland complexes that contribute to the health of a watershed located within an identified Wellhead Protection Area, and also within a Rye master plan "Core Focus Area." Protecting this parcel offers the possibility of expanding water sources provided for the town through well site exploration.

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Additional benefits include public recreation and protection of a currently intact wildlife corridor. The parcel directly abuts other conserved lands, including Independence Farm off of Washington Road and the 90-acre South East Land Trust Rand Forest off of South Road. Further wildlife benefits include protecting documented vernal pools and the habitat of a reptile newly considered to be a species of special concern in New Hampshire. Residents will be encouraged to enjoy this open space. Existing woods roads and planned Commission-maintained walking trails will offer space for recreation and exercise. Passive public access will be allowed spanning from West Road through to South Road.

It is the interest of the Commission to protect the entire parcel. To accomplish this will require resident support, as a portion of the property (17+/- acres) is located in North Hampton. While the Town of Rye has the ability to own land in another community (especially in a situation like this where it is directly adjacent and under one ownership), NH RSA 36-A:4I(a) requires passage of a warrant article to purchase and own lands outside of the Town of Rye's bounds. To purchase the property as a whole, the Commission will need resident support at the Town Meeting vote in March 2019 to pass a warrant article allowing the Town of Rye to purchase/own lands outside of the town bounds. Please support the Rye Conservation Commission in passing this important warrant article.

The Commission is dedicated to protecting this important parcel, and once it is conserved to offering educational opportunities and walks to showcase the exquisite variety of wildlife species and habitats found on this property.

Thank you for your continued support for the Commission as we work to protect valuable and important properties in town that hold multiple resource benefits for all Rye residents to enjoy and that will be held in perpetuity as open space.

Sally King, Chairman
Rye Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission: The Importance of Wetlands

One of the principal responsibilities of the Conservation Commission is the protection of Rye's wetlands. We are often asked why the wetlands are so important. Actually, wetlands are among the most valuable ecosystems on Earth, rivaling tropical rain forests in their biological productivity. In addition to providing an abundance of wildlife, wetlands help provide clean water. Known as "nature's kidneys", wetlands slow the flow of water across the landscape, allowing sediment, nutrients and other particles to settle to the bottom before they can pollute our waterways.

Wetlands also play a central role in recharging groundwater supplies. Wetlands capture precipitation and spring snowmelt, releasing it slowly into streams and rivers. Some of this water finds its way into aquifers, replenishing groundwater used for drinking and domestic use.

In coastal towns like Rye, wetlands serve as a natural buffer against hurricanes and dangerous storms. Dense mats of marsh grass slow storm surges, reducing damage to communities and infrastructure.

Wetlands weren't always so valued or understood and over time many have been filled in. Between 1780 and 1980, more than half of the wetlands in the U.S. were drained, filled or significantly altered. The State of New Hampshire has numerous regulations protecting wetlands as does the Town of Rye. In addition to wetland regulations, Rye and NH have regulations that protect the area immediately adjacent to wetlands. These wetland buffers, as they are known, are critical in creating a protective zone to prevent or minimize activities and land uses that would harm the wetlands. About 50% of Rye is wetlands and the Conservation Commission requests your help in keeping them undisturbed and healthy. We'll all be the better for it.

Mike Garvan, Clerk
Rye Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission: Town Forest Update

At their September 24, 2018 meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to enact a temporary ordinance calling for leashing dogs in two (2) areas of the Rye Town Forest. The leash zones require leashing in the areas that experienced significant trespassing on private property abutting the Town Forest last year. The ordinance is temporary and is in effect from September 2018 through April 1, 2019.

The Dogs at Large committee has submitted two (2) proposed warrant articles to the Board of Selectmen, one of which strives to be a permanent solution to abutter issues in the Town Forest. The two (2) proposed warrant articles are being prepared for the March 2019 Town ballot by town administrators and the town counsel.

While the town goes through this process, please follow leashing signs. The leash areas are in place to keep dogs and people safe. Abutters are legally live trapping coyotes on properties abutting trails which is a potential attraction and hazard for dogs.

Susan Shepcaro, Member
Rye Conservation Commission

New Grade Configuration in the Rye Schools

In July, the school board voted to relocate our fifth grade, currently housed in the Rye Elementary School building, to the Rye Junior High building creating a comprehensive middle school. This change will take effect at the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Discussions surrounding how our school buildings are used as our younger population is in a current state of decline – a trend nationally – have been occurring for many years. This latest decision was made based on previous school board's

School Board Update

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groundwork and a year and half of research – research and analysis done by the School Use Feasibility Committee in 2017 and additional investigative research done by current school board members including conversations with principals, the superintendent and leaders at the SUA 50 office, Rye Recreation, Town Planning Board members, additional state and national primary research and more.

It is important to note that in the 2017-2018 academic year, the Rye School District began operating the SAU 50 community pre-school in the Rye Elementary School building. Since moving to Rye Elementary, this program has experienced healthy growth. Additionally, the Rye Recreation after-school program has been operating out of classrooms at the Rye Elementary School each day. The Rye School District looks forward to continuing offering these incredible services to the families in our community.

From July to October, a Fifth Grade Transition Committee, comprised of our superintendent, principals, teacher representatives, parent representatives and two school board members, worked to create a comprehensive transition plan. The research, reports and additional documentation related to both the School Use Feasibility Committee and the Fifth Grade Transition Committee can be found online at the Rye Elementary School's web site <http://res.sau50.org/>. The various meetings and community town halls held on this topic were all live-streamed and can be viewed at www.townhallstreams.com/sau_50 and at https://townhallstreams.com/towns/rye_nh. We encourage all residents to review the incredible work that has gone into this decision.

We were recently asked by the New Hampshire School Board Association to share our process and findings, as they have many other school districts facing similar questions. In an email from executive director Barrett Christina about our process, he wrote, "The Rye School Board (and related committee) should be commended for doing such a complete, thorough, and professional job. This document is terrific. Please pass along NHSBA's praise."

While the current national statistics reflect a decline in the younger population and the price of real estate in our area continues in an upward direction, the decision to shift the 5th grade to the middle school puts the school district in a position to facilitate future growth and offer expanded programming to our student community. The reality is the real estate market in Rye may be a financial barrier to some younger families interested in moving here. However, the school district is committed to ensuring that our schools continue to push for academic excellence and offer programs that give prospective community members a reason to seriously consider making Rye their home.

As always, we encourage our community members to take advantage of the various opportunities throughout the school year to observe our vision for education in action. Please visit the school web sites for more information or contact our principals for a tour.

The Rye School Board meets every third Wednesday in the Rye Junior High cafeteria. All meeting dates, agendas and meeting minutes can be found in the School Board section of each of the school's web sites.

Rye School Board
Margaret Honda, Chairperson
Scott Marion, Vice Chairperson
Paula Tsetsilas, Secretary
Jeanne Moynahan
Deb Crapo

The Budget Season is Approaching

Every October, the Town of Rye begins the process to review the upcoming year's budget. The Rye Budget Committee is responsible for recommending the Town budget. The Town budget includes the Town of Rye and the schools; the committee reviews the Water District, the Rye Beach and Jenness Beach districts, the Library and Cemetery budgets. There are several meetings that are held between October and January that could be of interest to Rye residents and we wanted to outline these for you and encourage you to attend these meetings.

The process begins with Department heads reviewing their needs and setting their budget; reviewing them with the Town Administrator; and presenting their budgets to the Board of Selectmen who approve the budget for presentation to the Budget Committee. Once the Selectmen have approved the department budgets, the Budget Committee meets separately with each Department head to review their operating budget during an all-day work session.

The School Board establishes the school budget in a similar fashion meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator. The School budget is presented to the Budget Committee after it is approved by the School Board.

All the while, the CIP, Capital Improvement Process is reviewing department capital needs for the next five years. The CIP is independent from the Budget Committee but their input is important for the warrant articles that are presented to the Town on the ballot in March. All capital requests over \$15,000 must go through the CIP before it is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

The exact dates for these important meetings are on the Town Website under Town Calendar.

The public may attend the work sessions and will be invited to comment but this is not the main purpose for the meeting as these are work sessions to prepare the budget for public hearings.

If you have any questions for the Budget Committee please email Jaci Grote, Chair, at ojgrote@me.com.

Jaci Grote, Chairman
Rye Budget Committee

2019 PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Registered voters in Rye may submit Petitioned Warrant Articles for the 2019 Warrant to the Board of Selectmen until the deadline of Tuesday, January 8, 2019. For more information, please call the Selectmen's Office at 603-964-5523. Instructions are also posted on the Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us on the Selectmen's Office page.

Town of Rye 2019-20 Budget Process

(All meetings are open to the public)

September/October	Town Administrators create budget with staff input.
October 25, 2018 Town Budget Work Session 8:30 AM, Rye Town Hall	Town administrators present preliminary budget to Rye Board of Selectmen. During this all day session, Selectmen have the opportunity to review specific line items and may increase or decrease the proposed budget. Capital outlay projects and proposed warrant articles may be discussed at this time. The public is welcome to attend, but it is up to the discretion of the Board to allow for public input.
November 8, 2018 Town Budget Work Session 8:30 AM, Rye Town Hall	Town administrators present preliminary budget with Selectmen's input to Rye Budget Committee. During this all day session, Budget Committee members have the opportunity to review specific line items and may increase or decrease the proposed budget. Capital outlay projects and proposed warrant articles may be discussed at this time. The public is welcome to attend, but it is up to the discretion of the Board to allow for public input.
December 6, 2018 Town Budget Work Session 6:30 PM, Rye Town Hall	Rye Budget Committee reviews and makes a recommendation of budget and warrant articles. The Rye Budget Committee continues to review all outstanding line items and warrant articles. Members may change previous recommendations, increase or decrease the proposed budget, including specific line items. The public is welcome to attend, but it is up to the discretion of the board to allow for public input.
December 12, 2018 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High School	Town budget committee review of the Rye school budget and warrant articles. At this meeting, after a thorough review of the school district budget, the Rye Budget Committee decides the annotation that goes on the warrant at the deliberative session and on the ballot for voting in March – whether or not the budget committee recommends or does not recommend the school budget and/or warrant articles.
January 8, 2019	Filing deadline for warrant articles. The public can submit warrant articles. A petition with the language to be placed on the warrant and signed by at least 25 registered voters can be submitted.
January 9, 2019 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High School <i>January 15, 2019 (snow date)</i>	Public hearing (Rye Budget Committee) on school budget Rye residents' official session to give input on the school budget. The town budget committee has authority to change its recommendation to approve or not approve the budget at this time.
January 10, 2019 6:30 PM, Rye Town Hall <i>January 15, 2019 (snow date)</i>	Public hearing (Rye Budget Committee) on Rye town budget Rye residents' official session to give input on the town budget. The town budget committee has authority to change its recommendation to approve or not approve the budget at this time.
January 23- February 1, 2019	Filing period for Rye town offices. The following offices will be on the ballot: SELECTMAN: 1 position (3-year term); CEMETERY TRUSTEE: 1 position (3-year term) LIBRARY TRUSTEE: 1 position (3-year term); TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS: 1 position (3-year term) BUDGET COMMITTEE: 2 positions (3-year term); PLANNING BOARD: 1 position (1-year term) PLANNING BOARD: 2 positions (3-year term); SEWER COMMISSION: 1 position (3-year term) ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 1 position (3-year term); SCHOOL BOARD: 2 positions (3-year term)
February 2, 2019 9:00 AM, Rye Junior High <i>February 9, 2019 (snow date)</i> 9:00 AM, Rye Junior High	Town of Rye Deliberative Session Rye residents have the ability to vote an increase (no more than 10%) or a decrease to the town budget at this time. They also have the ability to amend warrant articles in any way as long as they don't change the subject matter of the article. At times, voters at the deliberative session have voted to increase the budget and have amended warrant articles to completely negate their intent. They have also attempted to decrease the school budget. The town budget committee may change its recommendation at this time.
February 5, 2019 4:00 PM, Rye Town Hall	Precincts Public Hearing Representatives of the Rye Water District, Jenness Beach District, and Rye Beach precincts present their respective budgets to the Rye Budget Committee.

Town of Rye 2019-20 Budget Process Continued

February 5, 2019 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High February 6, 2019 (snow date) 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High	School District Deliberative Session Rye residents have the ability to vote an increase (no more than 10%) or a decrease to the school budget at this time. They also have the ability to amend warrant articles in any way as long as they don't change the subject matter of the article. At times, voters at the deliberative session have voted to increase the budget and have amended warrant articles to completely negate their intent. They have also attempted to decrease the school budget. The town budget committee may change its recommendation at this time.
March 12, 2019 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Rye Elementary School	Town election Rye residents vote to approve or disapprove the school budget, school warrant articles, and to elect school district officials

Sewer Department Update

Financially Speaking: The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer and 3.5 miles of force main. The Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). As part of the current Inter-municipal Agreement that is good until November 16, 2024, Rye is responsible for contributing to The Town of Hampton WWTP upgrades (Rye's share 4%). Significant upgrades are needed at their Waste Water Treatment Plant and as a result the Town of Hampton has acquired a 20 year bond for \$11.191 Million of which Rye's share is \$447,640 with \$33,232.80 payable in the first year (2019). Please see the table below indicating the current list of capital projects budgeted for in 2019.

Year	Total \$	Rye's Share	2019 Payment	Upgrade Description	Final Payment Year
2000	\$1.4 Million	\$56,000	\$2,137.79	Nitrification, dilution study and outfall study	2020
2005	\$4.75 Million	\$190,000	\$9,562.02	Additional clarifier, dewatering equipment, sludge thickening facility	2025
2009	\$1.38 Million	\$55,200	\$3,022.68	Process/control building, replace generator, upgrade headwork's	2029
2011	\$1.385 Million	\$55,400	\$3,248.00	Sludge monitoring and handling, NPDES Engineering	2033
2019	\$11.191 Million	\$447,640	\$33,232.80	Plant Upgrades	2038

The proposed sewer budget for 2019 is \$288,591 which includes \$44,750 that is recovered by the owner of Adams Mobile Home Park. This increase of \$30,336 over last year's budget is accounted for by a \$3,121.80 budget decrease and \$33,457.80 budget increase, 99.3% of the 2019 Sewer Department Budget increase is attributed to the 2019 bond for WWTP upgrades in Hampton.

The current sewer rate is .055 cents per cubic feet of H2O consumption. It is projected that the rate will increase by 1 cent in 2019; the last sewer rate increase was on April 1, 2013. It is important to note that Rye does not bear the full cost of a waste water treatment facility as the flow is treated at Hampton's WWTP and that the current rate is amongst the lowest in the state. The 2017-2018 the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wastewater Rates Survey indicates that the median rate statewide for 100 cf of H2O consumption is \$14.19 and the average \$16.60, Rye's rate falls well beneath these benchmarks. For more information visit www.efc.sog.unc.edu

Local Residential Sewer Rates (Lowest to highest)

#	Utility	0 cf	100 cf
1.	Rye	\$0.00	\$5.50
2.	Dover	\$0.00	\$8.65
3.	Newmarket	\$0.00	\$11.00
4.	Portsmouth	\$0.00	\$13.24
5.	New Castle	\$0.00	\$17.49
6.	Newington	\$0.00	\$18.03

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

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



Lee Arthur,
Sewer Administrator

Town of Rye Board Meetings

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Selectmen's meetings are held in the Rye Town Hall Courtroom (first floor), 10 Central Road. Other board meetings are also held at Rye Town Hall, 10 Central Road, unless otherwise noted. Because meeting schedules are subject to change, check the bulletin board at Town Hall or the Town Website www.town.rye.nh.us for up-to-date information.

December 2018

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

January 2019

		1 New Year's Day <i>Town offices Closed</i>	2 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	4	5
6	7 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	8 8:00 am Sewer Commission 7:00 pm Planning Board	9 6:30 pm Public Hearing School Budget Jr. High School	10 6:30 pm Public Hearing Town Budget 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	11	12
13	14 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	15	16 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	17	18	19
20	21 MLK Civil Rights Day <i>Town Offices Closed</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	29	30 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	31		

February 2019

					1	2 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Jr. High School
3	4 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	5 6:30 pm Energy Committee 4:00 pm Precincts – Work Session & Public Hearing Town Hall	6 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	7 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	8	9 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Snow Date
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17	18 President's Day <i>Town Offices Closed</i>	19	20 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	21	22	23
24	25 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	26	27	28		

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

Rye Town taxes for 2018 remain unchanged from 2017 at \$10.11 per \$1000

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



This is the time that the Rye Firefighters start to plan for the families of the Rye Community and the surrounding Seacoast Area that will be unable to share in the joys of the season. This is the 13th year that the Rye Firefighters have been able to participate in the Seacoast Area Firefighter Toy Bank and we greatly appreciate all of the support that our local community has offered to fellow residents. The many donations of toys and financial contributions have helped to make the season a wonderful time for various families who would be unable to celebrate on their own. However, it is not only during the holiday season that we are able to help in our community. Throughout the year, the Rye Firefighters toy bank also works to assist families in being able to recover when they have been through such tragedies as a home fire or natural disaster. This is

why we once again must ask for your help in preparing for this season. We will be accepting any donations that could be offered from November 1st until December 21st. If you know of a family in need please contact us.

Here is how you can assist:

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

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

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