



To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham and in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rye Elementary School in said Rye on Tuesday, the 13th of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Rye under RSA 40:13.

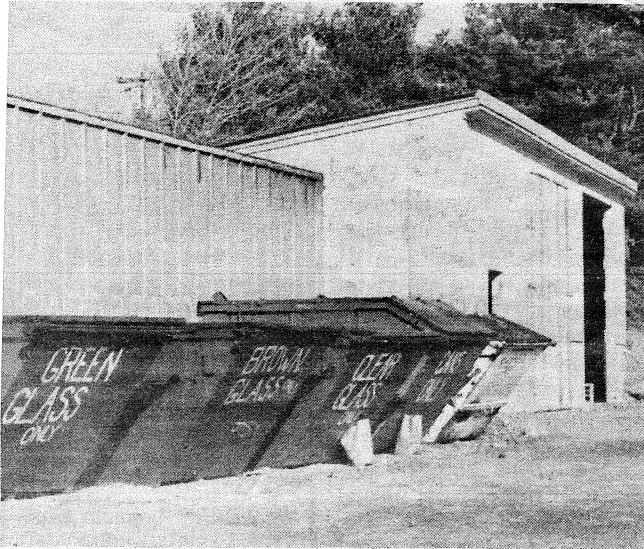
As required under Senate Bill 2, the Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Rye Junior High to review and amend the 2018 Town Warrant.

Dedication

The 2017 Annual Report is dedicated to Rye Recyclers

The opening of the Breakfast Hill Landfill in the mid-1970s required establishment of a transfer station at the Highway Department, now termed Department of Public Works, as individuals were no longer allowed to “go to the dump”. By 1979, our Rye Recycling Program had been conceived and was well underway with the assistance of a major volunteer effort. The program had two goals: to curtail the volume of trash to be buried in the new landfill through removal of recyclables, saving both landfill space and transfer costs, and to develop a source of revenue to further offset transfer cost through the sale of recyclable materials.

8 The Rye Free Press, January 25, 1980



Rye's Recycling Committee and Highway Department personnel have constructed this building at the Rye brush dump which will house a baler for newspapers and other recyclables. Such efforts will reduce the amount of material Rye must bury in its landfill and will bring some revenue to the town. (S. Pillsbury-Flood photo)

Under the direction of then Highway Agent Bill Jenness, a Recycling Committee was formed composed of Mel Low, Steve White, Rick Considine, Peter Schiot, Robert Wyman, Francis Holway who served as Chairman of the Committee, Mary Caminati and Elizabeth Greene. Among other tasks, the men of the committee volunteered physical labor on weekends to supplement that of highway employees to construct a recycling building while the women worked on organization and publicity that included education regarding initiation of the recycling program.

Recycling was off to a solid and enthusiastic start. Despite difficulties along the way such as the shifting markets for recycled materials and the need for constant education to insure a clean product to avoid rejection of recycled material, the program has continued to be a success. Documentation of that success may be found in the 2017 Annual Report of Director of Public Works Dennis McCarthy as follows:

“The Transfer/Recycling Station processed 1,116 tons of household rubbish, 36.0 tons of kitchen waste, 219 tons of wood, 413 tons of demo/debris, 206 tons of mixed paper, 48 tons of cardboard, 60 tons of newsprint, 113 tons of scrap metal, 194 tons of glass, 12 tons of aluminum cans, 25 tons of plastic containers, 9 tons of miscellaneous electronics, 275 gallons of waste oil, and 165 tires. Excluding the wood, tires, demo/debris, electronics, waste oil and metal, the town residents diverted approximately 600 tons of material through the transfer station from disposal in the landfill. This diversion represents a cost avoidance of approximately \$37,800 in tipping fees and a recycling rate of approximately 35%. In addition, the facility realized approximately \$88,818 in revenues from transfer station receipts and sale of recyclables, an increase of approximately thirty percent (30%) over last year.”

Congratulations to our recyclers. Keep up the great work!

THANK YOU, JOE MILLS

Joe Mills was described as “a newcomer to the Board of Selectmen” in the 1992 Annual Report of the Town of Rye. He became a member of the Board as a write-in candidate, top vote getter out of five write-in candidates. Then he went on to be elected to the BOS for eight consecutive terms.

During Joe’s twenty-five years of service as a member of the Board between 1992 and 2017, he was never known to be either diplomatic or subtle; but few if any would question his dedication to the Town of Rye. He enjoyed talking town affairs wherever a resident encountered him: fire station, transfer station, on the street or even at home.

In managing the affairs of the Town, selectmen routinely encounter problems diverse in nature in addition to those that are anticipated. Joe was always quick to include a site walk to aid understanding of a situation. His background as a mail carrier was always “at the ready”, including house number to pinpoint a location. Ahead of his time, Joe was better than GPS.

As a selectman, Joe did have areas of special interest. First and foremost was his focus on keeping the tax rate low and then, when the tax rate was set, voting to return as much as possible to reduce taxes as was allowed by the State from the remainder in the Fund Balance Account. That said, he also understood that a timely purchase or investment could save money in the long run.

If Joe considered something unjust, he was not above making a scene. Many Rye taxpayers will recall the State education funding formula that created “Donor Towns”. Between 1999 and 2007, Rye was forced to raise an additional \$15,781,033 for redistribution to other communities. Early in this period, Joe was outraged at what he perceived as an unfair levy on our town and he and a selectman from Newington handcuffed themselves to the flagpole in front of Town Hall vowing to stay there until the tax was lifted and refusing to send our assessed portion to Concord.

Needless to say, the State had the power in this confrontation and the standoff lasted only until Joe’s next cigar and cup of coffee but it didn’t end before photos were taken, headlines were written and rationale for calling this tax unfair was made clear for all to see.

Safety, particularly in regard to fire and rescue, had Joe’s unflagging attention, especially the number of calls, time to destination and coverage back at the fire station. When the cell tower on Johnson Lane off of Grove Road was approved, it was Joe Mills who suggested that the income from the cell tower be dedicated to ambulance purchase. Thus it was that our newest ambulance, purchased in 2017 at a cost of \$264,109 made no impact on the tax rate.

As a selectman, Joe could be described as consistent, direct, tenacious, and outspoken with a memory as long as our coastline. Aware of our numerous local government issues, he also took great pleasure in our Little League teams, seeking ways to acknowledge their efforts.

Thank you, Joe, for twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Town of Rye.



In Memoriam

Phyllis Bean Lundgren
April 16, 1932 - May 7, 2017



Phyllis Bean Lundgren was the daughter of Arthur and Elsie (Drowns) Bean and the youngest of ten children.

Phyllis graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1951 and worked as a clerk for the city of Portsmouth Tax Collector for twenty-three years. She was later employed in the office of our Town Clerk/Tax Collector for nine years.

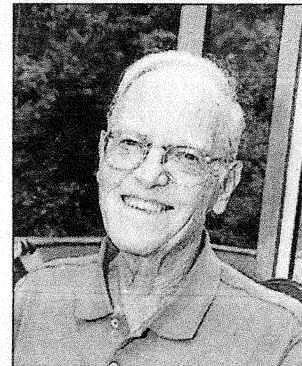
Phyllis is survived by her husband of sixty-two years, Knute, of Rye, son Jeff of Newington, son Mark and his wife Heidi of Rochester and her grandchildren.

Edward (Ted) G. Merritt
Died June 4, 2017 at age 86

Ted Merritt was raised in Havertown, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Ted's professional career was spent entirely with Pfizer, Inc. in New York City; but he and his wife, Paula, enjoyed twenty years of retirement in Rye. During that time, Ted served on the Rye Mosquito Commission from 2009 to 2013.

In addition to his wife, Ted is survived by their children Susan, Cyndi, Bruce and Julie and five grandchildren.



Christina Remick Metivier
Died July 3, 2017 at age 70

Christina was born seventy years ago, the daughter of M. S. "Tony" Remick and Emily Remick, widow of Robert "Harry" Metivier Jr., and mother of Matthew and Daniel Metivier.

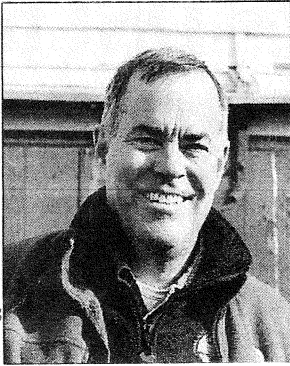
Chris was a life-long Rye resident. As an artist, she was a juried member of the New Hampshire Art Association and for many years she wrote a bi-weekly newspaper column.

As a participant in community activities, Chris served as an alternate on the Historic District Commission in 2012 and 2013 and as a member from 2014 until her death. She also served as an alternate on the Heritage Commission from 2015 until her death in July.

In Memoriam

Stephen White

February 24, 1946 - August 27, 2017



Stephen White was born in Boston. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and following graduation he took a job as an engineer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from which he retired in 2001.

Steve was a long-time resident of Rye, along with his wife, Mimi, and their family. Steve was known in our community as a dedicated steward of the land and, in addition to its protection, he enjoyed fishing and hiking.

Steve was a member of the original Rye Dump Committee, a hardy band of volunteers who in 1980 assisted the Road Agent in launching our recycling program which included construction of a building for a baler and other equipment. Steve was there with his hammer.

Steve was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Parsons Park Corporation, a group that met weekly for three years in order to devise a plan to work with Esther Parsons to separate her estate in such a manner that the Town could vote separately on the purchase of the forest, the field and the Parsons Homestead. As you know, the Town now owns the forest and the field. When purchase of the house was rejected by voters, it was sold to a family.

More recently, in 2007, Steve and Mimi White co-founded the Rye Energy Committee. This committee initiated its work with energy audits of our municipal buildings and recommendations to reduce our carbon footprint by raising public awareness of the problem. Energy Committee work has continued to expand over the years and progress has been documented within the Annual Report of the Town of Rye.

Steve's contributions to this community will continue to have a lasting effect.

Martin G. Zivic

Died September 3, 2017

Although we have no other information, it should be remembered that Martin Zivic served the Town as a member of the Rye Planning Board from 2008 to 2011.

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*****TOWN OFFICIALS***
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**MODERATOR
(2-year term)**

Robert G. Eaton	2018
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**SELECTMEN
(3-year term)**

Craig N. Musselman	2018
Priscilla V. Jenness	2019
Phil Winslow	2020

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
(3-year term)**

Donna M. DeCotis	2020
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**TREASURER
(3-year term)**

Jane E. Ireland	2018
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**CEMETERY TRUSTEES
(3-year term)**

Kenneth Moynahan	2018
Frank Drake	2019
Roger O. Philbrick	2020

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
(6-year term)**

Sally S. King	2018
Madeline Chichester	2020
Jane Holway	2022

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES
(3-year term)**

Karen W. Oliver	2018
Philip Boynton	2018
Victor D. Azzi	2019
Karen Allen	2020
Brian Klinger	2020

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
(3-year term)**

Kerry S. Pope	2018
R. Christopher Nee	2019
Jeffrey M. Balboni	2020

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(unlimited term)

Ned Paul	Mae Bradshaw
William Epperson	Jeanne Moynahan
Robert R. Crapo	(Vacant) 1

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

Douglas Abrams	2018
Raymond Jarvis	2018
Peggy Balboni	2019
Mae Bradshaw	2019
Peter Crawford	2020
Jaci Grote	2020
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2018

PLANNING BOARD

(3-year term)

Melvin R. Low	2018
Thomas McCormick	2018
G.W. (Bill) Epperson	2019
Patricia Losik	2019
Jerry Gittlein	2020
JM Lord	2020
Stephen Carter (Alternate)	2020
Katy Sherman (Alternate)	2020
Nicole Paul (Alternate)	2020
Priscilla V. Jenness (Selectmen's Representative)	2019

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(3-year term)

Frank B. Dibble	2018
Patricia M. Weathersby	2018
Patrick Driscoll	2019
Charles Hoyt (Alternate)	2019
Robert J. Lincoln (Alternate)	2019
Shawn Crapo	2020
Tim Durkin	2020
Gregg Mikolaities (Alternate)	2020

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Mae Bradshaw	2018
Leo Axtin	2018
Daryl Kent	2019
Karen Stewart	2019
James Tegeder	2020
Charles Hoyt	2020
John Loftus (Alternate)	2018
Thomas King (Alternate)	2019
Kaitlyn Coffey (Alternate)	2020
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2018

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

Richard Davis	2018
Beverly Giblin	2019
Alex Herlihy	2019
David Choate	2020
James Tegeder (Alternate)	2020

HERITAGE COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Richard F. Davis	2018
Beverly Giblin	2018
Peter White	2019
Alex Herlihy	2019
Mae Bradshaw	2020
James Tegeder	2020
Craig Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2018
Frank Hwang (Alternate)	2019
Charles Hoyt (Alternate)	2020
Elizabeth Sanborn (Alternate)	2020
Gail Hughes (Alternate)	2021

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Denis Lipman	2018
Timothy Sanborn	2019
Tom Aspinwall	2020
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Jeffrey Gardner	2018
Jacinthe Grote	2018
Suzanne McFarland	2019
Sally S. King	2019
Susan Shepcaro	2019
Francis (Mike) Garvan, II	2020
Heather Reed	2020
Lawton Struble (Alternate)	2019
James Raynes (Alternate)	2020

RECREATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Gregg Mikolaities (Chairman)	2018
Brett Mulvey	2018
Corey Belden	2019
Todd Cronin	2019
Steven King	2020
Joseph Persechino	2020

BEACH COMMITTEE

(1-year term)

Larry Rocha	2018
Lori Carbajal	2018
Keper Connell	2018
Steve Hillman	2018
Brad Fulkerson	2018

ENERGY COMMITTEE

(unlimited term)

Danna Truslow	Tom Pfau
Howard Kalet	Michael Joyce

(Vacant) 3

Recycling Education Committee

(Energy Subcommittee/unlimited term)

Deidre Smyrnos	Lorrie Platt
Joan Provencher	John Provencher

(Student member Jozef Platt)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

(2-year term)

Mindi F. Messmer (Rye) 2018
Kate Murray (New Castle) 2018

REPRESENTATIVE TO ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Phil Winslow

RYE WATER DISTRICT

(3-year term)

Ralph Hickson	2018
Thomas Clifford	2019
Arthur Ditto	2020

RYE BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT

(3-year term)

Linda Sheppard	2018
John Clifford	2019
Frank Drake	2020

JENNESS BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT

(3-year term)

Robert R. Crapo	2018
Bill Christo	2019
Michael Netishen	2020

SEWER COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Peter G. Kasnet	2018
David Adams	2019
David Kohlhase	2020

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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Peter Rowell, Building Inspector
Milon "Chuck" Marsden, Jr., Assistant Building Inspector

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

John Coscia

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Kevin P. Walsh
Alan S. Gould, Deputy

FINANCE DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Cynthia Gillespie

FIRE CHIEF

Mark Cotreau

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Mark Cotreau

HARBOR MASTER

Leo Axtin

HEALTH OFFICER

Gail A. Snow, M.D.
Peter Rowell, Deputy

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Andrew Richmond

PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Kimberly M. Reed

POLICE CHIEF

Kevin Walsh

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dennis McCarthy

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Lee Arthur

TOWN HALL STAFF

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Janice Ireland, Executive Secretary

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Scott Marsh, Municipal Resources, Inc.
Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Clerk

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Kelley Gallant, Program Supervisor
Victoria Loring, Admin. & Programs Assistant

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Lee Arthur, Administrative Assistant to Sewer Commission
(vacant), Clerk of the Works

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Amy Thibodeau, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

BUILDING/PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE

Rosalie Powell-Andrews, Administrative Assistant

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Constance Abell, Deputy Treasurer

2017 CHANGES IN STAFFING



RYE FIRE CHIEF MARK COTREAU SWORN IN BY TOWN CLERK DONNA DECOTIS

Discussions initiated with the Portsmouth Fire Department in 2016 regarding the possibility of shared equipment became wide ranging and ultimately led us to conclude that Rye's future would be best served by changing the position of Rye Fire Chief from part to full time.

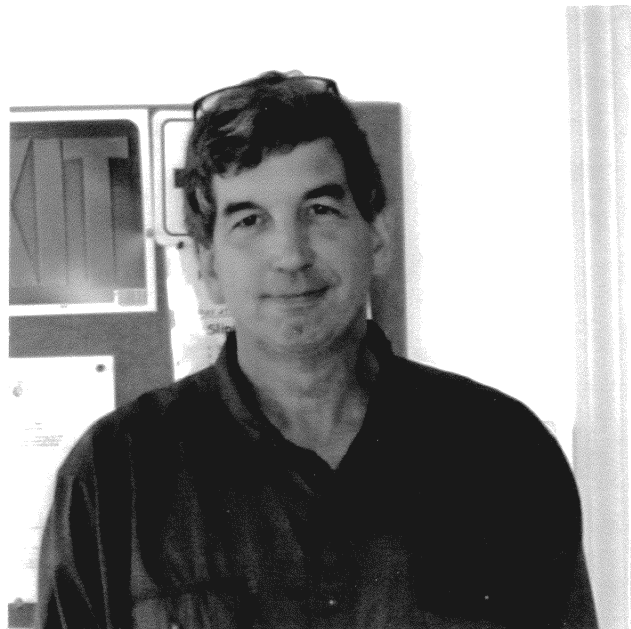
Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), a firm specializing in public sector recruitment, was employed to conduct a broad search, screen applicants and propose finalists to the Board of Selectmen.

The six month selection process culminated on September 11th when Mark Cotreau was sworn in as Rye Fire Chief by Town Clerk Donna DeCotis. Chief Cotreau is the retiring Chief of the Concord, MA Fire Department where he was employed for the past 34 years. His background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from Salem State College and Certification as Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy.

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR MILON "CHUCK" MARSDEN, Jr.

Assistant Building Inspector is a new position made necessary by increased building activity in Rye which includes teardown/rebuilds, oversight of developments within which homeowners share ongoing responsibilities and enforcement of FEMA regulations. Septic related oversight also increasingly requires more time.

In September, we hired Milon "Chuck" Marsden, Jr. as our first Assistant Building Inspector. Chuck had been serving the Town of Hampton, NH as Assistant Building Inspector and Health Officer since 2004.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The unprecedented postponement of March voting due to a daylong nor'easter was just the first significant event of 2017. During the year, much was accomplished and progress continues on many fronts.

TOWN HALL

Town Hall Problems Remain Unresolved: Could the TD Bank Building be the Answer?

The exterior of our Town Hall is in deplorable condition. Everyone knows that; but a coat of paint alone (at an estimated cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000) will not make the problems within the building disappear.

A review of the past decade will recall a succession of studies, surveys, committees and proposals that consumed numerous staff hours and countless hours generously given by volunteer committee members dedicated to bringing our Town Hall into the 21st century. To date, no proposal requiring bonding has been able to garner the requisite 60% voter approval to provide a location where the business of the Town of Rye can be conducted in a setting that has sufficient space and meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements in a safe working environment.

The Board of Selectmen has continued to search for possible solutions to this dilemma. Following the 2017 Deliberative Session it was suggested that, depending on student numbers and School Board plans, some space might be available at the Rye Junior High. A School Use Feasibility Committee was formed by the Rye School Board to study projected enrollment and school use. It was determined that the sharing of school and municipal uses at that site would not be appropriate.

In March voters approved Article 34, submitted as a petitioned article by John Loftus, to provide a "better design" for a town hall and at no cost to taxpayers. If approved, Article 10 of the 2018 Warrant will authorize building a new structure on the current Town Hall site which will necessitate razing the historic Town Hall building. The article further authorizes bonding for the project in the amount of \$3,048,077.

Meanwhile, TD Bank announced closure of its Rye branch as of December first. Although the closure was unanticipated, possibilities related to the solution of Town Hall space needs sprang to mind immediately and we deemed investigation of potential purchase and use of the bank building worth exploring. This 3.71 acre property abuts both Parsons Field and the Town Forest. The deed restricts commercial use to banks only; but government uses are allowed.

After further investigation and discussion a purchase and sale agreement, vetted by the Town attorney, was signed by Chairman Musselman for the Board of Selectmen. The appropriation request as it will appear on the 2018 ballot for purchase of the property and building is \$624,800. This figure represents the purchase price (\$540,000), purchase costs, first year operating budget and potential restoration expenses. It was decided to bring this proposal to the voters as a one-time expense as opposed to purchase through bonding. If approved, this purchase will result in \$.29 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation on the tax rate for one year only and save \$75,388 in bond interest.

The bank building contains sufficient space for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Assessing Departments. In addition, drive-up capability for the Town Clerk's office is already in place, a service currently enjoyed by residents of the towns of Hampton and Somersworth.

Incorporation of the bank building area for town business use would free adequate space within our Town Hall for our Building and Planning/Zoning Departments to be easily accessible on the first floor. Currently, the Planning/Zoning Administrator occupies the front hallway blocking an exit and the Building Department is partially on the second floor in the rear corridor space abandoned by the Recreation Department three years ago. ADA issues would also be abated.

Despite the 2017 approval of a cost free design for a new facility that will result in destruction of the historic Town Hall if funded in March of 2018, citizens working to preserve Rye history have continued their efforts via fund raising and a search for grant opportunities. At the BOS meeting of December 11th, Nadine Peterson of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance made a presentation on the Certified Local Government Program (CLG).

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The CLG program assists local governments to become eligible for matching grants to fund community preservation activities. The Board voted to authorize the Historic District Commission and the Heritage Commission to prepare the CLG application for the selectmen's review and execution.

REVALUATION AND 2017 TAX RATE

A complete Town wide update of property valuations is required by the Department of Revenue Administration every 5 years. A presentation by Contract Assessors Scott Marsh and Paul McKenney reported that in 2017 the Rye revaluation was based on market value by analyzing 300 qualified sales between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2017. The overall valuation of the Town increased by \$254,425,500 or 13%. On November 16th the 2017 tax rate for the Town of Rye was set at \$10.11 per \$1000 of valuation. This year we were able to apply \$955,000 against the tax rate leaving 5% (\$1,263,042) in the Fund Balance Account in keeping with State guidelines.

DECISIONS 2017

Rye Harbor Bridge Posting:

In May, Hoyle, Tanner and Associates updated its 2016 Preliminary Inspection & Load Rating Report of the Rye Harbor Bridge. The Usage Vehicle Load Rating results categorized the bridge, which is seriously in need of repair, as a "5" or "fair", midway between 9/new and 0/close.

The Board of Selectmen voted to repost the bridge downward to 15 tons in keeping with the Hoyle, Tanner Report. The Board also voted to approve Option 1 of the Hoyle, Tanner Repair/Replacement Option Summary which states that "Option 1: Superstructure Repair will provide 15 years of service life at a cost of \$75,000".

New Castle /Rye Bridge Sidewalk:

Also in May, we were informed, through NHDOT spokesperson Victoria Chase, that State replacement plans for the New Castle/Rye Bridge included Rye maintenance requirements for the bridge sidewalk as the State does not maintain sidewalks. Following lengthy debate, the Board agreed to inform the State that Rye has no sidewalk equipment and we suggested that the entire bridge width be kept level, marking off a 10' travel lane thus allowing a wider shoulder to accommodate a bicycle lane on each side. To date we have had no further communication from the State.

Wage and Classification Study:

At a cost of \$5,490, Thornton and Associates of Scarborough Maine was contracted to conduct a wage and classification study to review and update both the internal and external equity of our 19 non-union job positions. The last study of this kind was done in 2001. We were pleased to find that no changes in our pay scale are warranted at this time.

Codification:

At the suggestion of our town attorney, we initiated a search through a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a company to collect and research all of the town's lawful ordinances, rules, regulations and policies passed by the Selectmen and to codify them for reference at a single site.

General Code, an experienced vendor of this service, was awarded the contract which will take an estimated year and a half to complete. General Code will host the code on the website and make modifications if/when changes occur at an annual subscription rate of \$695, the first year being waived.

Second Ambulance:

Our new ambulance arrived in April. The \$264,109 purchase price was not reflected in our 2017 tax rate as income from the cell tower on Johnson Lane off of Grove Road is dedicated to ambulance purchase, thanks in large measure to the insistence of former selectman Joe Mills at the time of cell tower approval.

On January 23, 2017 the Board voted "to retain the existing ambulance as a second ambulance and utilize the medical equipment currently in the fire apparatus to equip it". In December, review of the use and financial data over the past year by Fire Chief Mark Cotreau supported retention of this vehicle as a second ambulance.

Prepayment of Taxes:

At our last BOS meeting of 2017, in reaction to passage of the new tax bill by Congress said to remove or substantially reduce the deduction of property taxes on federal tax forms in 2018, the Board

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voted to authorize prepayment of property taxes in accordance of RSA 80:52-A in the Town of Rye. With only three days remaining in 2017, an effort was made to spread the word and the office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector moved quickly to prepare the appropriate response. Taxpayers making this prepayment were advised to review it with their tax preparer as we could not guarantee that the IRS will allow this deduction.

While some New Hampshire towns had this opportunity available to property owners either by vote of Town Meeting or of the Board of Selectmen, to our knowledge no one in Rye had ever requested prepayment of their taxes.

MATTERS ON GOING

The Parsonage:

The Parsonage Apartments in Rye Center has been operated as affordable rental housing for income qualified senior households by the Housing Partnership (THP) on behalf of the Town of Rye since 1999. The current lease is due to expire in 2019.

Discussion by the Board and recommendations submitted by the Parsonage Committee have led us to conclude that proposals to purchase, demolish, enlarge or add to the existing buildings should be rejected and that the Town prefers to continue to operate the property as affordable housing, maintain ownership of the property and maintain the existing configuration.

In September, THP proposed preparation of a detailed analysis of the rehabilitation work required for long-term occupancy to be followed by a revised financial plan which, if approved by the Town, may lead to a lease extension. We expect to hear from THP in the near future.

The New Hampshire Greenway:

The New Hampshire Greenway, sometimes referred to as Rails to Trails, runs through Rye. Approximately 1200' of the former railway corridor near the Rye/Greenland border is part of a planned urban trail system being developed to extend from Florida to Maine.

Each New Hampshire corridor community is expected to sign a Trail Management Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for maintenance of its portion of the trail. We have not signed this agreement to date as a mapped drainage crossing cannot be located and many questions remain unanswered with regard to trail construction, drainage installation, materials to be used and disposition of the old railroad ties all of which remain on site.

Document Scanning:

In the interest of replacing our increasingly burdensome Building Department paper file system with a digital document management system, a Request for Proposal to scan historical building and property documents from letter to oversize plans and store them in a PDF-A format brought few responses. Town Administrator Mike Magnant reported that not only are there very few vendors of this service in our area but the estimates received were in the \$55,000 range; and they were just estimates.

It was decided to take a step back and request that staff develop a schedule to remove duplicate and superseded plans currently on file and propose a policy for the filing and storage of building documents going forward.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Lang Road Intersection with Route 1:

On July 6th, the NH Department of Transportation made a presentation to the Portsmouth Parking and Safety Committee on restructuring the intersection of Lang Road and US Route 1 to enable Lang Road to go behind the Service Credit Union building to intersect with Ocean Road at a cost of \$600,000 to be split between the State of New Hampshire and the City of Portsmouth. The proposal was unanimously accepted contingent upon agreement with the Service Credit Union and finding sufficient funding by the City of Portsmouth.

Shoals View Drive:

Shoals View Drive is a gravel road connecting Parsons Road and Route 1-A. Increasing through traffic continually deposits dust on Shoals View Drive residents in dry weather. Voters approved Warrant Article 10 of the 2017 March ballot in the amount of \$125,000 to reconstruct and pave Shoals View Drive; but the engineering work determined that due to extensive ledge beneath most of the road the

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approved funding was insufficient. As a result, a 2018 Warrant Article will request \$200,000 to complete this undertaking.

Dow Lane:

In August, residents and neighbors of Dow Lane presented a petition to the Board in support of closing the intersection of Dow Lane and Route 1 to make Dow Lane a dead end road accessed only from Washington Road. The petitioners cited disrespect for their neighborhood, speed and other safety factors as rationale for their request.

This is not a simple request. Dow Lane intersects with a State road which precludes a unilateral decision on our part regardless of the nature of the request. In this case, without a Dow Lane/Route 1 intersection, diverted traffic would be added to and impact the volume of northbound traffic approaching the Washington Road/Route 1 intersection just over the rise. On the Town side of a closure of the Dow Lane/Route 1 intersection are all the issues related to access and turning of fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, including ambulances and snow plows, where ever a dead end road is involved.

Police Chief Kevin Walsh has invested considerable time to meet with Dow Lane area residents, study the issues and propose traffic calming measures for both ends of Dow Lane. Ultimately, with cooperation of the State, a right angle turn onto Dow Lane from Route 1 is our goal.

MAJOR STAFFING CHANGES

Full Time Fire Chief:

Discussions initiated with the Portsmouth Fire Department in 2016 regarding the possibility of shared equipment became wide ranging and ultimately led us to conclude that Rye's future would be best served by changing the position of Rye Fire Chief from part to full time.

Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), a firm specializing in public sector recruitment, was employed to conduct a broad search, screen applicants and propose finalists to the Board of Selectmen.

The six month selection process culminated on September 11th when Mark Cotreau was sworn in as Rye Fire Chief by Town Clerk Donna DeCotis. Chief Cotreau is the retiring Chief of the Concord, MA Fire Department where he was employed for the past 34 years. His background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from Salem State College and Certification as Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy.

We thank interim Fire Chief Tom Lambert for his dedication to the Town during the past four years.

Assistant Building Inspector:

Assistant Building Inspector is a new position made necessary by increased building activity in Rye which includes teardown/rebuilds, oversight of developments within which homeowners share ongoing responsibilities and enforcement of FEMA regulations. Septic related oversight also increasingly requires time.

In September, we hired Milon "Chuck" Marsden, Jr. as our first Assistant Building Inspector. Chuck had been serving the Town of Hampton, NH as Assistant Building Inspector and Health Officer since 2004.

In closing:

Rye would not be the same without Town staff and employees in every department striving to provide superior service. It is always appreciated when efforts to achieve excellence are recognized. In closing we congratulate Rye Fire and Rescue named 2017 Emergency Medicine EMS Agency of the Year by Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Rye Board of Selectmen,

Craig N. Musselman, Chairman
Priscilla V. Jenness, Vice Chairman
Phil Winslow, Selectman

WATER QUALITY IN RYE

For the past several years, Rye has grappled with water quality issues on a number of fronts.

Parsons Creek

The outlet of Parsons Creek at the south end of Wallis Sands Beach periodically indicates bacterial contamination in excess of state standards on the outgoing tide at low tide. This is an area where children are often seen wading and playing in and adjacent to the warm flowing water. Despite best efforts and a great deal of Federal grant funding, five years of water quality sampling and analysis has failed to pinpoint specific sources of this bacteria for remediation. In fact, with the tools currently available to us, differentiating between human and animal sources of the contamination has been challenging. Long term efforts are underway to improve septic system performance, through a basin-wide pump-out ordinance with inspection requirements, and ordinance requirements still in development to require system inspection and meeting of proper standards when properties transfer ownership. Combined with increased efforts to manage dog waste properly, these steps should provide improvement, but only in the long term. In the meantime, there is a public health hazard on the out-going low tide, particularly following certain rainstorms or astronomical high tides that flood back yards. Permanent signage is needed warning families at the Parson's Creek outlet at the south end of the beach not to play in the water flowing out to the ocean at low tide.

Grove Road Landfill/ Rye Water District's Garland Well

"Perfluorinated" is a new word in most peoples' vocabularies in the last several years. These are ubiquitous compounds used for decades to make consumer and other products "slippery". They are discharged to the environment from atmospheric deposition in some locations, and from landfills, septic systems, wastewater treatment facilities and from certain firefighting foams.

In Rye, the most significant concern has involved the old Grove Road landfill, which operated as the town's solid waste landfill for about 40 years prior to 1976. At that time, the landfill stopped operating and was acquired by the Rye Water District, which installed its Garland Well downgradient of the landfill. When the landfill stopped operating, the 30 foot deep fire pond, used to extinguish landfill fires, was backfilled with solid waste rather than soil. That solid waste has been slowly degrading within the groundwater for the past 40 years. New water quality monitoring requirements were instituted in the last two years to analyze groundwater samples for perfluorinated compounds, now detectable at very low concentrations, in parts per trillion. The current NH drinking water standard is 70 parts per trillion of either or both of two perfluorinated compounds, PFOA and PFOS. The groundwater quality on-site at the Grove Road landfill immediately adjacent to the old fire pond has exceeded that standard. The Garland Road well draws groundwater from beneath the Grove Road landfill as well as from a much larger recharge area. The Rye Water District's sampling and analysis of the Garland Well has indicated low levels of perfluorinated compounds well within the current drinking water standard. Some members of the public believe that a lower drinking water standard would be appropriate and protective of public health. The Rye Water District is continuing frequent monitoring of the water source to assure that the water supply remains within applicable health related standards.

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Breakfast Hill Landfill

The Breakfast Hill landfill, located west of Route 1, which was operated as a solid waste landfill after the Grove Road landfill was closed, also indicates perfluorinated compounds in excess of applicable standards on site. However, the Town adopted a zoning overlay some years ago precluding the use of groundwater immediately downgradient of the site, and there is no known use of impacted downgradient water for drinking water purposes.

Surface Water Quality

The Town also investigated perfluorinated compounds in surface waters in Rye in five drainage basins. Four drainage basins were determined not to indicate such compounds in any appreciable concentrations. Berry's Brook did contain measurable and consistent concentrations of perfluorinated compounds below applicable drinking water standards, which don't apply to surface waters, and there are no surface water quality standards for these compounds. The Berry's Brook results are likely a result of surface water quality impacts from the northern perimeter of the Coakley landfill in Greenland reported by others. The concentrations in Berry's Brook at Lang Road and Sagamore Road did not pose public health hazards. The data from the five watersheds in Rye indicated that there does not appear to be an atmospheric source of these contaminants in the seacoast.

Craig N. Musselman, P.E.

Rye Board of Selectmen



View of the Breakfast Hill Landfill at the corner of Breakfast Hill Road and Route 1.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

All town departments were busy during 2017. The various contingencies the Town may face is a broad spectrum of events, which require awareness, education and strategic planning. The necessary work in preparing for these endeavors is extremely time consuming. Our volunteer boards and committees, management and staff have been successfully developing and updating plans for Capital Improvement Projects, All Hazard Mitigation, Seabrook Station Contingency and Evacuation Plans, Town Master Plan which includes an updated coastal hazards and climate adaption section, Recreation Master Plan, Sewer Operations and Maintenance Plan, and a Roadway Paving Plan. Come 2018, work will begin on Stormwater Management, IT Disaster Recovery and the Land Use Regulations as well as updating our Emergency Plan.

The Police and Fire Departments both had a very busy summer season. The Fire Department's management of the Town's lifeguard program was very successful. The department recruited and retained a full complement of lifeguards this year.

The Town welcomed a new full time Fire Chief in September, the first since 2007. Chief Mark Cotreau comes to Rye from Concord, MA, where he was the Fire Chief. He brings a wealth of experience to the town in the disciplines of firefighting, fire prevention and emergency management. It has been a pleasure to work with him these past few months.

Management and staff wish to thank former interim Fire Chief Tom Lambert for his guidance and leadership over the last three years.

Additional services to the Town included, the Fire Department responding to over 900 calls for service while the Police Department responded to 9,034 calls and made over 300 arrests. One successful crime prevention statistic that Police Chief Walsh mentioned during a Selectmen's meeting is worth noting, that is in 2017 the town had 0 burglaries! Also, it is important for our citizens to know that Portsmouth Regional Hospital recognized Rye Fire and Rescue's high level of service and dedication by naming them the 2017 Emergency Medicine EMS Agency of the year.

In November 2017, the Rye Police, Fire and School departments participated in an emergency evacuation drill of the elementary school with the assistance of NH Homeland Security. The event was a great success.

2017 marked the second year of the Parson's Creek Watershed Pump Out and Inspection Ordinance. As reported in the past, the Watershed has been identified as impaired by NH DES. The Building Inspection Department has inspected over 370 septic systems over the last two years and have identified a number of systems that were in failure. Monitoring the health of the watershed through ongoing bacteria testing will continue.

The Public Works Department, continues to do an incredible job keeping town roads snow and ice free during the winter season. Replacement of the first box culvert on Red Mill Lane was completed, with plans for replacement of the second one in 2018, conditioned on funding approval.

The Recreation Department continues to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages including after a school program, skiing, summer camps, day trips and a very popular luncheon program for the Over 55 Club.

Town staff continues to provide support to 18 town boards, commissions, committees and sub-committees.

I'd like to once again thank the employees, boards, commissions, committees and volunteers for all they do for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Magnant
Town Administrator



Tax Rate Breakdown Rye

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$6,102,367	\$2,134,061,700	\$2.85
County	\$2,147,565	\$2,134,061,700	\$1.01
Local Education	\$8,613,820	\$2,134,061,700	\$4.04
State Education	\$4,695,014	\$2,126,551,400	\$2.21
Total	\$21,558,766		\$10.11

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Jenness Beach	\$121,275	\$466,442,400	\$0.26
Rye Beach Village	\$65,677	\$262,709,500	\$0.25
Rye Water District	\$606,387	\$1,347,526,200	\$0.45
Total	\$793,339		\$0.96

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$21,558,766
War Service Credits	(\$154,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$793,339
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$22,198,105

11/17/2017

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$10,059,214	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$3,277,438)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$955,000)
War Service Credits	\$154,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$121,591	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$6,102,367	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,147,565	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$2,147,565	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$13,308,834	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$4,695,014)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$8,613,820	
State Education Tax	\$4,695,014	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$4,695,014	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$2,134,061,700	\$1,884,140,400
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$2,126,551,400	\$1,877,997,800

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year	
Jenness Beach	\$466,442,400	
Rye Beach Village	\$262,709,500	
Rye Water District	\$1,347,526,200	

Rye

Tax Commitment Verification

2017 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$22,198,105
1/2% Amount	\$110,991
Acceptable High	\$22,309,096
Acceptable Low	\$22,087,114

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount

Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)

Net amount after TIF adjustment

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2017 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:

[Signature]

Date:

11-17-2017

Submit this signed verification form with a copy of the completed and signed warrant total page and an actual tax bill to your DRA municipal auditor.

Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Rye	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2017 Tax Rate	\$10.11	\$5.06
Associated Villages		
Jenness Beach	\$0.26	\$0.13
Rye Beach Village	\$0.25	\$0.13
Rye Water District	\$0.45	\$0.23

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$258,343
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$25,257,270
Final Overlay	\$121,591

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2017 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Rye	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (5.00%)	\$1,263,042
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$4,293,736
10% Retained	\$2,525,727
8% Retained	\$2,020,582
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$1,262,864

2017 RSA 198:4-b II School Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Rye

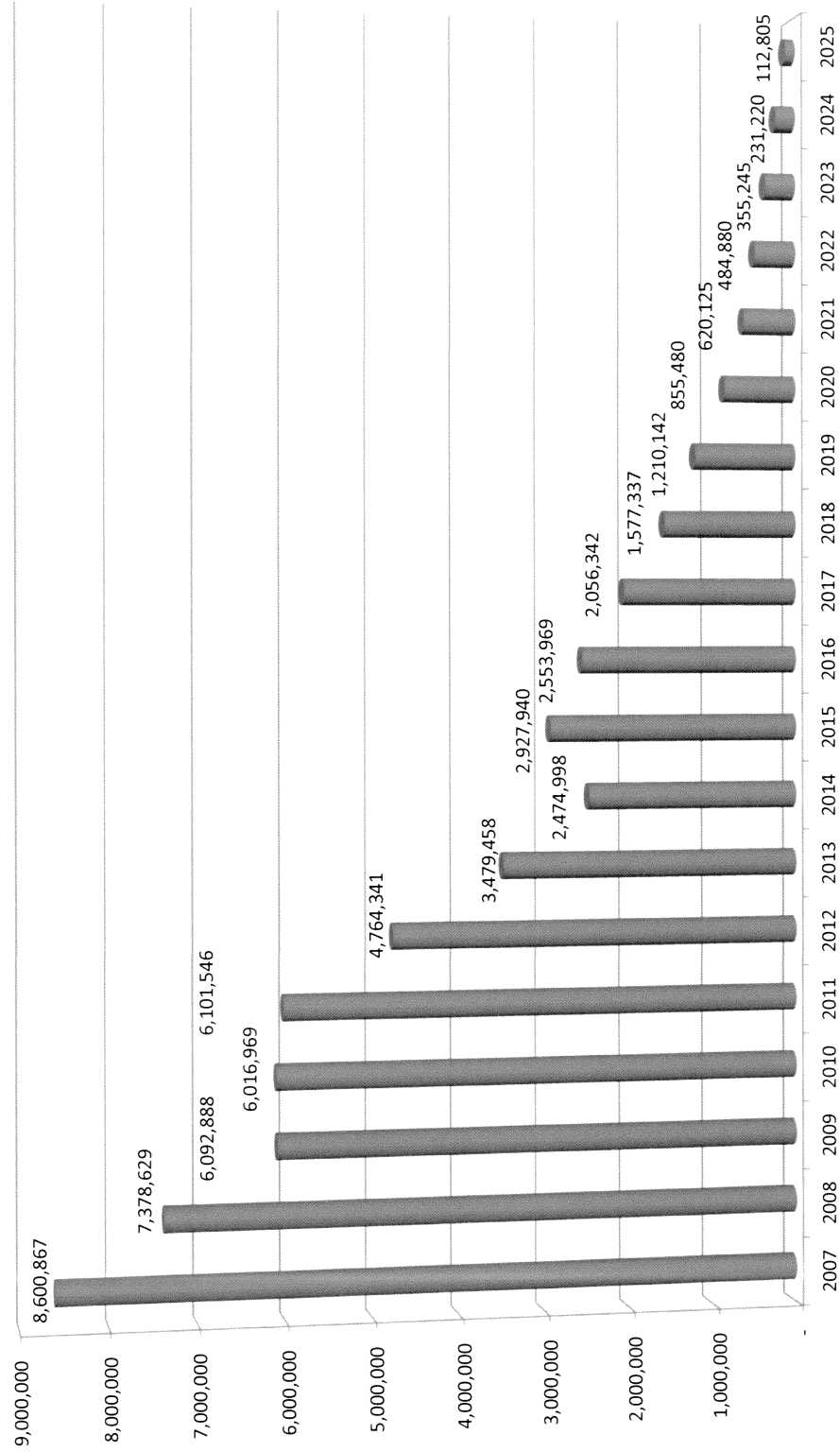
If a school district has adopted RSA 198:4-b II by a vote of the legislative body, the school district may retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. This retained fund balance is not cumulative. The maximum allowed fund balance retention has been calculated as:

	Net Assessment	2.5% of Net Assessment
Local School	\$13,308,834	\$332,721

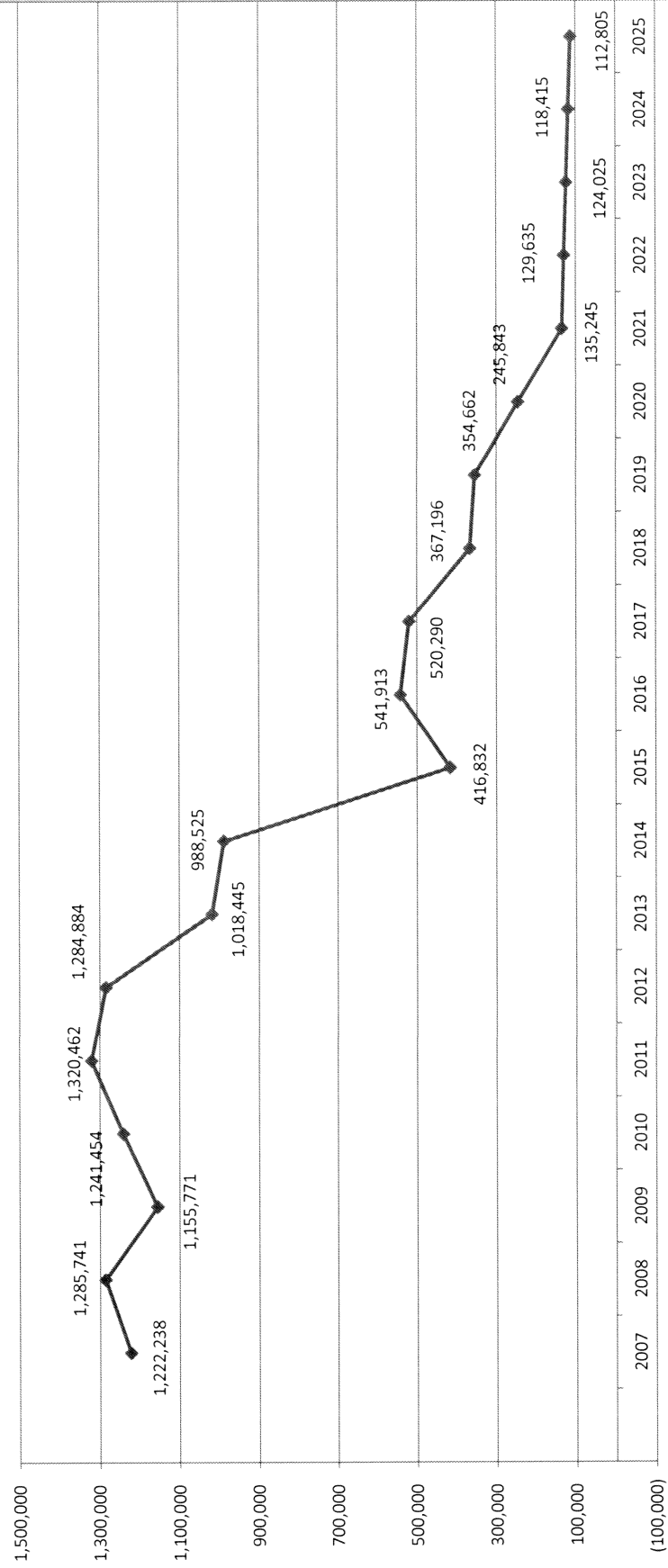
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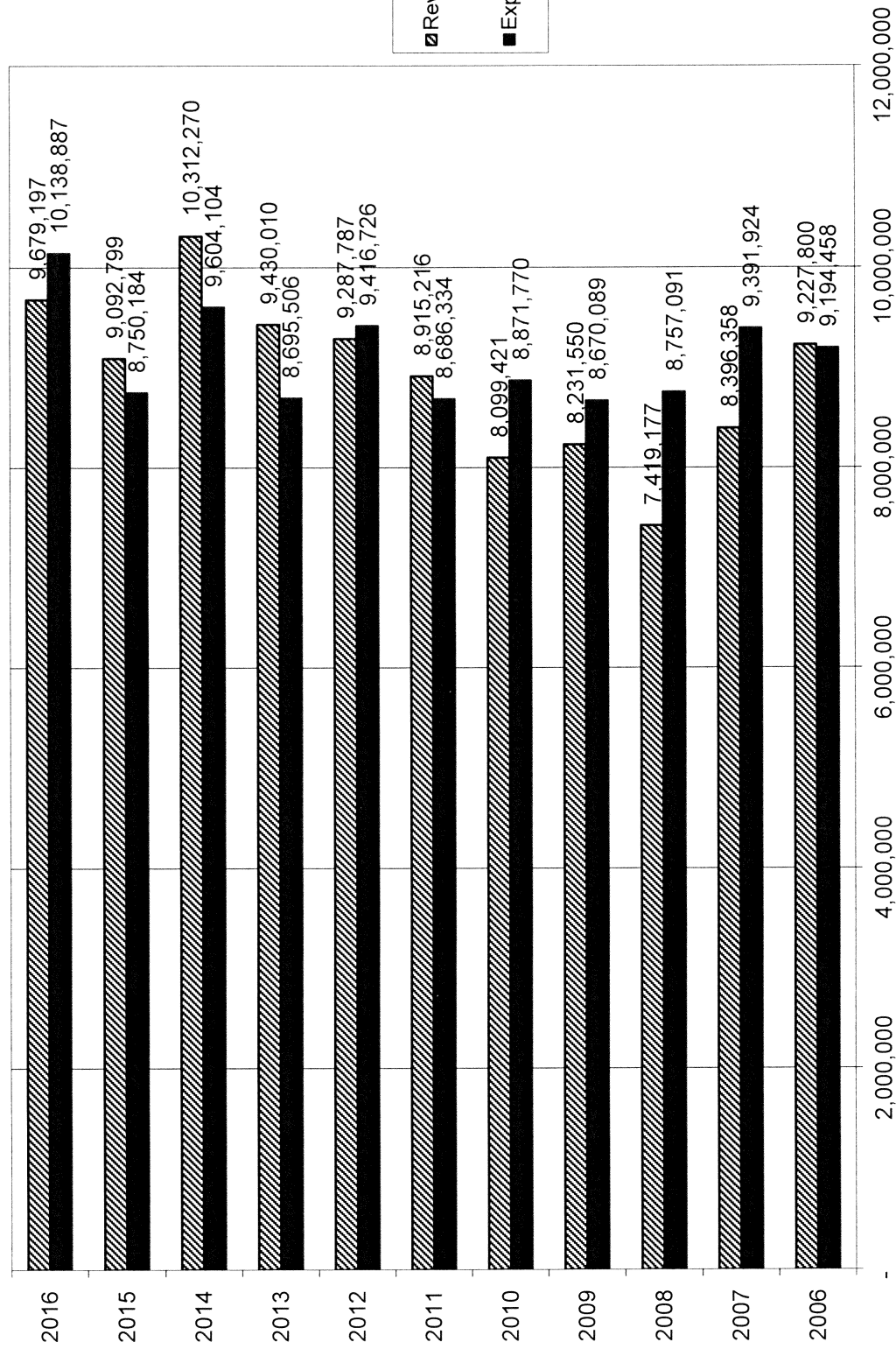
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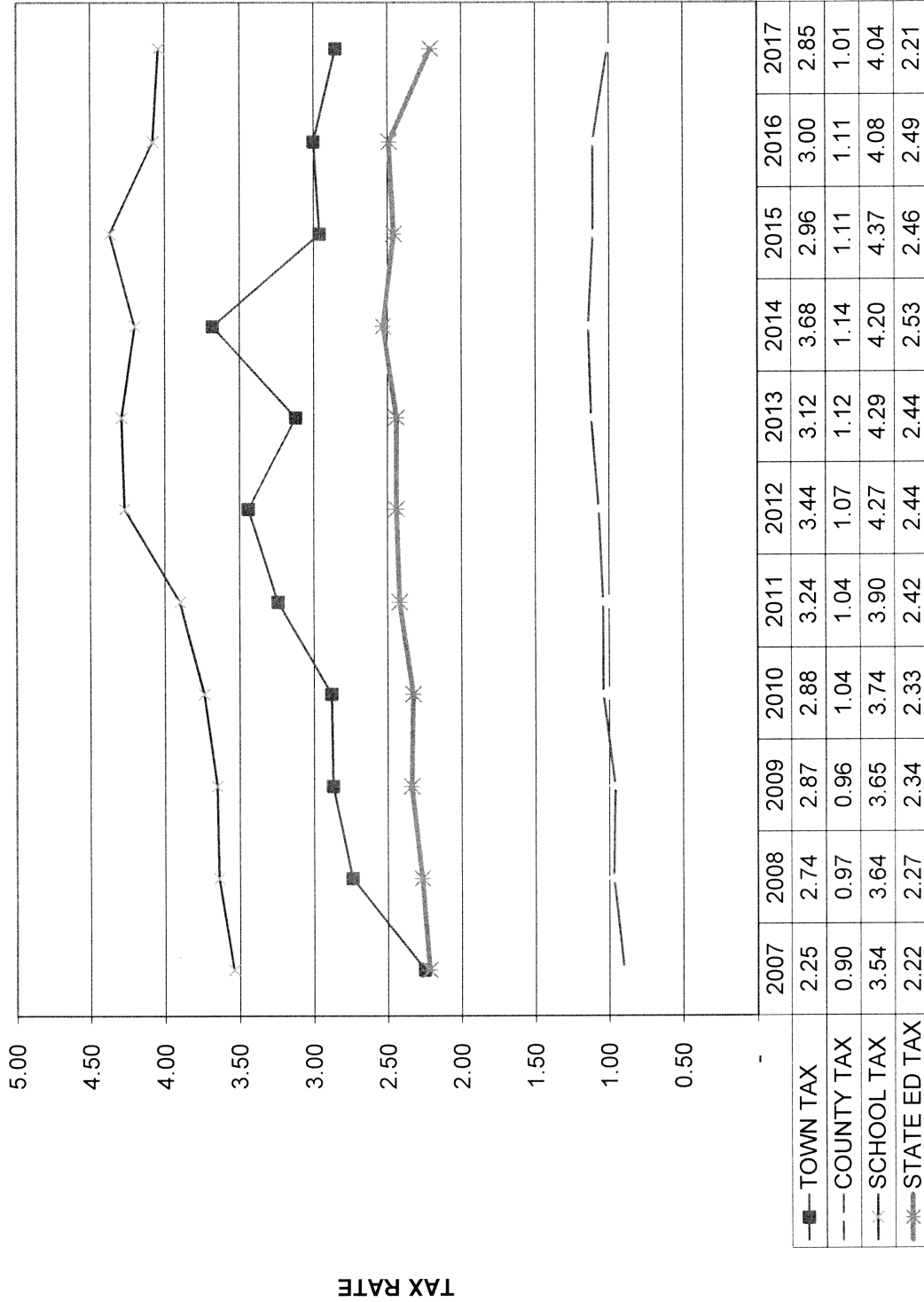
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2007 - 2025**



TOWN OF RYE, NH REVENUES & EXPENDITURES 2006-2016

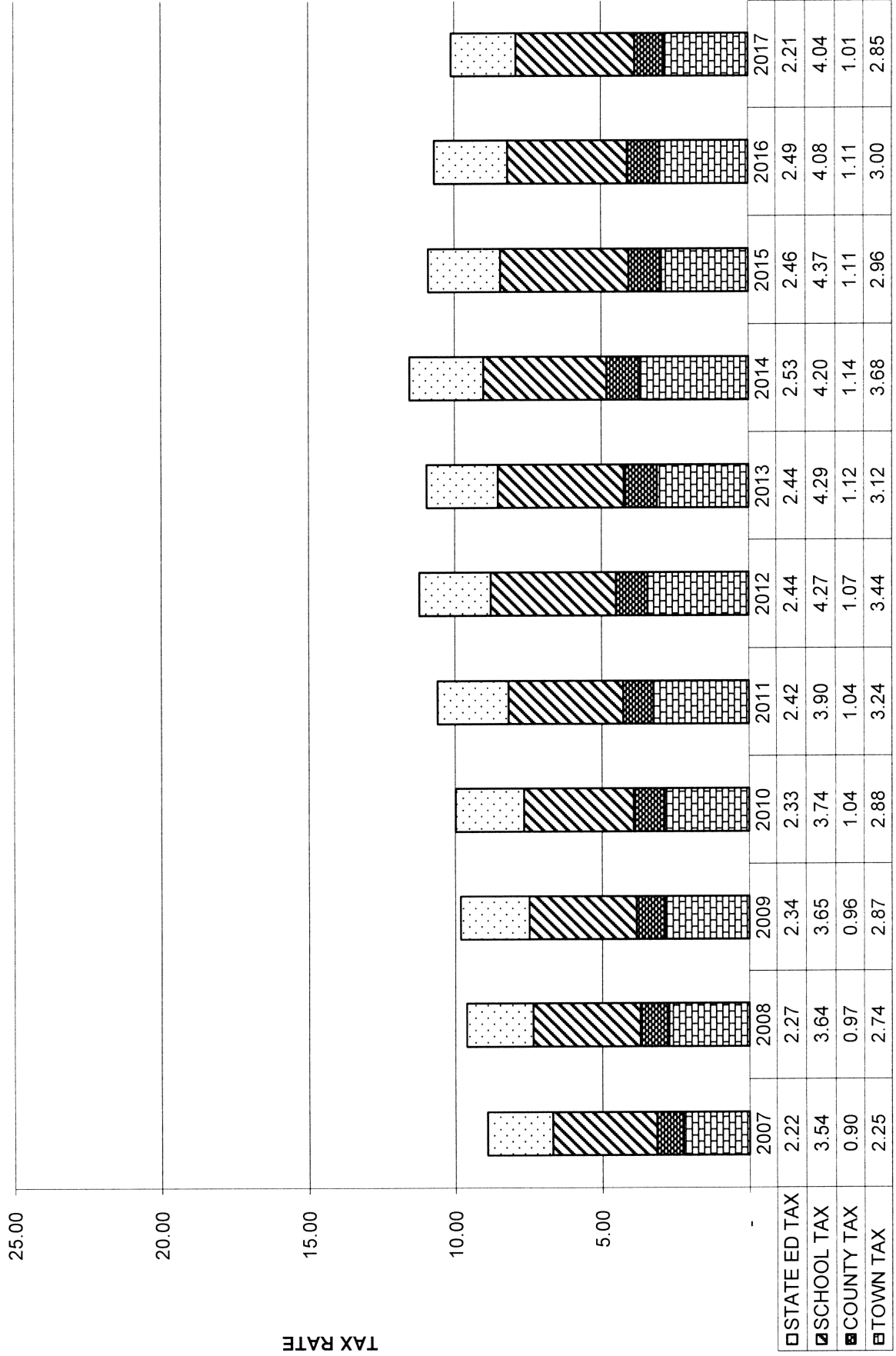


TOWN OF RYE, NH 2007-2017 TAX RATE ANALYSIS



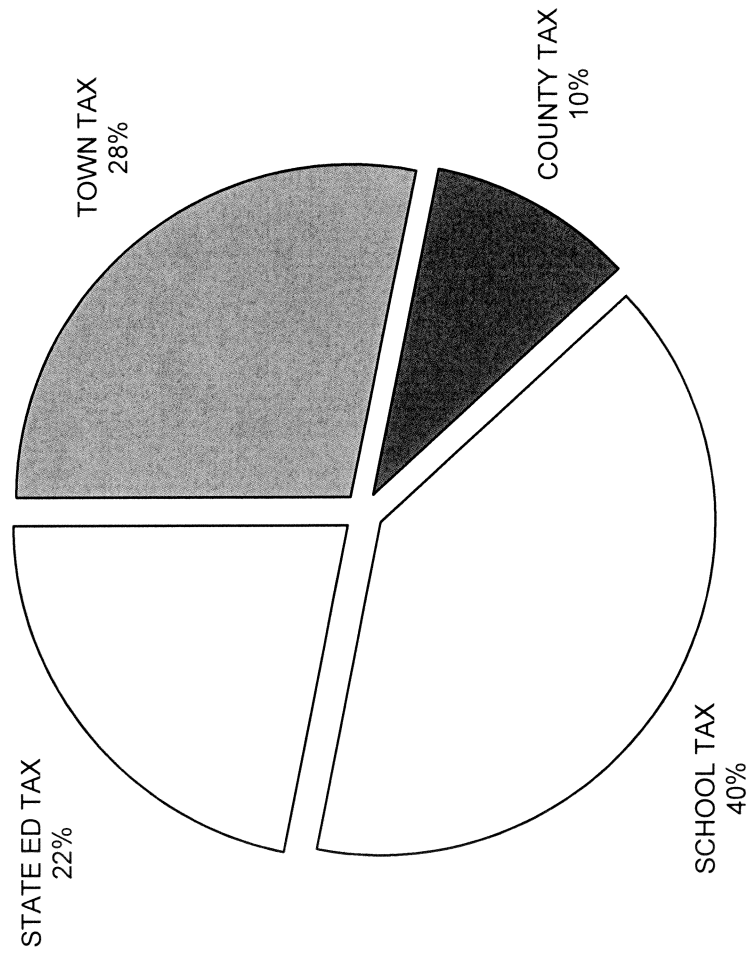
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TOWN OF RYE, NH
TAX RATE COMPONENTS
2007-2017

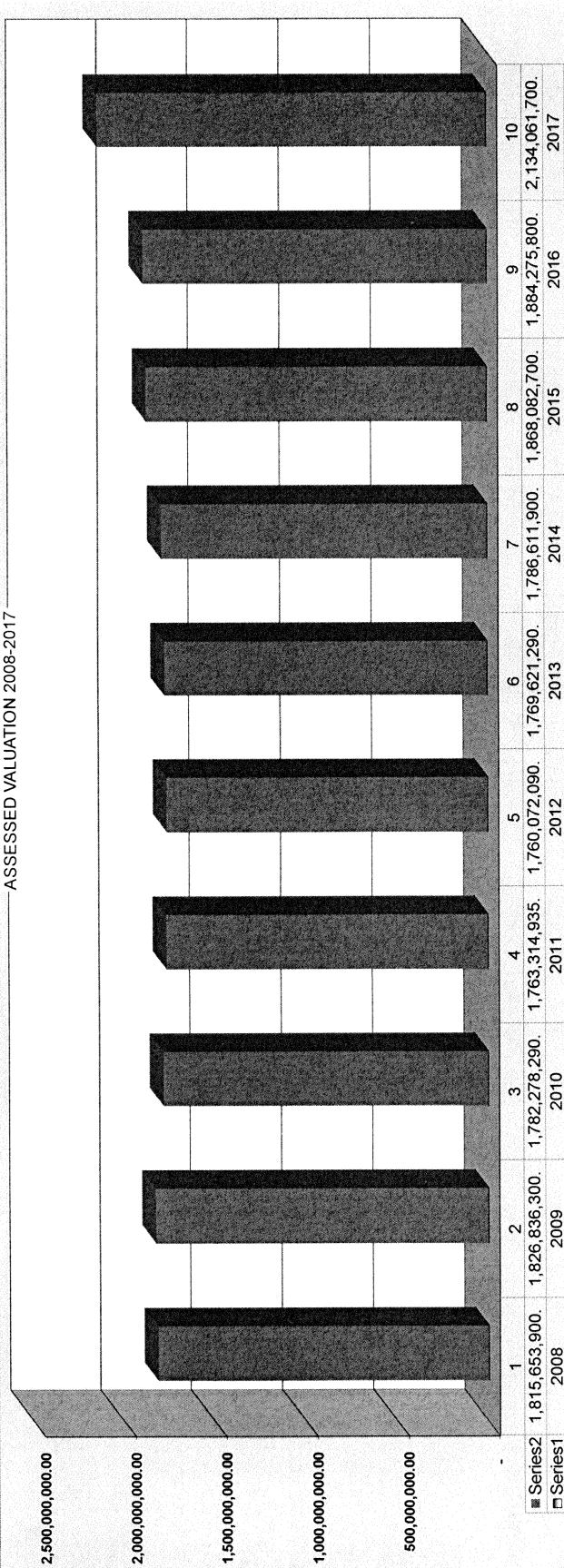


**TOWN OF RYE, NH
2017 TAX RATE**

\$10.11 PER \$1000 OF ASSESSMENT



TOWN OF RYE, NH
ASSESSED VALUATION 2008-2017



TOWN OF RYE, NH
TOP TEN TAXPAYERS
2017

NAME	ASSESSMENT	TAXES LEVIED	TAX RATE	MAP/LOT
BLUNTS ISLAND TRUST	5,126,200	54,132.67	10.56	026-009
CONDON CLARE K	5,238,400	54,322.21	10.37	053-047
EVOLVE AT RYE LLC	5,289,000	55,851.84	10.56	010-003
ANNETTE DEMAURO	5,361,500	55,545.14	10.35	002-071
ZYGALA MARY J	5,545,800	57,454.49	10.36	002-012-002
MARC GRONDAHL	6,442,600	68,033.86	10.56	019-161
ABENAQUI COUNTRY CLUB INC	6,893,300	71,414.59	10.36	005-001
ISLE OF LANGDONIA REALTY TR	7,017,900	72,705.44	10.36	001-037
NEW CASTLE AVE REALTY TR	7,558,000	78,376.46	10.37	084-093
WBTSCC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	9,381,100	99,064.42	10.56	024-061-026
TOTAL	63,853,800	666,901.12		

Town of Rye, NH
2017 Legal Expenditures

Michael Donovan			
General Legal	10,522.72	General Legal Counsel	
	8,422.40	Brown Unmerger/Variance	
	1,689.12	Quiet Title -DPW Site	
	3,630.82	204 Locke Road Enforcement	
	5,297.89	Jesurum	
	6,888.71	Harbor Road LLC	
	3,121.95	Barba Variance	
	482.65	Conservation/Goss Farm	
Code Enforcement	4,215.51	General Legal Counsel	
	1,523.38	Enforcement Issues	
Planning Board	18,533.52	Planning Services	
Zoning Board	21,842.53	General Legal Counsel	
Wadleigh, Starr & Peters			
	11,369.22	Personnel	
Sewer Issues	1,992.62	General Counsel	
Kyle Griffin			
Police	16,832.40	Prosecution	
Jackson Lewis			
	1,503.37	Personnel	
	5,940.00	Union Negotiations	
Keane & MacDonald			
Police	3,320.00	Prosecution	
2017 Total Legal Expenses:	127,128.81		
2017 Total Settlements Received:			
2017 Total Settlements Paid:			

TOWN OF RYE CONSERVATION
PROPERTIES

ADDRESS	MAPILOT	AC	VALUE	PAID		ACQUISITION DATE	PREVIOUS OWNER
0 CEDAR RUN	004-014-002	27.58	354,300.00	350,000.00		03/31/16	MEADOWS AT SOUTH & WEST LLC
557 WEST RD	004-016	5	34,100.00			09/10/99	ELDGRIDGE
515 SOUTH RD & 519	004-020 & 22	2.47	32,500.00			04/21/99	PRIME PROPERTIES
501 SOUTH RD	004-021	1.54	31,900.00	300.00		03/03/92	HANCOCK
505 SOUTH RD	004-023	1.46	31,900.00			10/13/81	HANCOCK (TOWN)
509 SOUTH RD	004-024	2	32,200.00			05/19/89	LITTLEFIELD
485 SOUTH RD	004-026	8.06	38,000.00	28,600.00		11/22/06	RAND LUMBER
0 CENTRAL RD	007-084-PR3	0.5	600.00			07/02/05	REMICK
0 CENTRAL RD	007-084-PR4	2.7	16,900.00			07/02/05	RENICK
18 GROVE RD	007-086	12.11	38,500.00		TAX DEED	02/28/83	CONSERVATION
100 GROVE RD	007-093	12.2	70,000.00		CELL TOWER	07/18/02	CELL TOWER
96 GROVE RD	007-096-000-PR3	32.96	41,200.00		CELL TOWER	04/21/99	CELL TOWER
416 CENTRAL RD	008-023	7.01	100.00			04/28/00	RAND LUMBER
63 SPRING RD	008-030-001	11.3	17,500.00			07/02/05	
251 HARBOR RD	008-051	8.89	494,100.00	1,300,000.00	GOSS FARM	11/10/10	MUNSEY/GOSS
170 HARBOR RD	008-055	0.62	11,900.00			12/23/02	PATRICK
99 LOCK ROAD	008-066	2.57	36,300.00		CELL TOWER	07/18/02	CELL TOWER
2029 OCEAN BLVD	008-068	0.68	60,400.00		NO BK/PAGE	12/16/75	NO INFO
145 LAFAYETTE RD	010-012	10.5	417,700.00			02/02/81	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
15 AIRFIELD DR	010-015-002	10.5	208,900.00	173,500.00		03/26/08	RICKERT
6 WHITEHORSE DR	011-002	93.91	252,000.00	200,000.00		03/13/03	WHITEHORESE
37 WHITEHORSE DR	011-003	0.12	315,000.00			03/13/03	WHITEHORESE
400 MOUNTAIN VIEW TERR	011-032	8.12	47,400.00			11/19/03	MOODY
200 LOCKE RD	012-002	12.02	385,300.00	250,000.00		06/10/04	BROWN
75 RECREATION RD	012-080	12.15	3,300.00	184,250.00		11/22/06	RAND LUMBER
1575 OCEAN BLVD	012-089	5	49,200.00		GIFTED	12/04/96	GOODWIN
1565 OCEAN BLVD	012-090	1.96	46,500.00			07/17/97	NO INFO
1807 OCEAN BLVD	013-002	0.92	-		NO BK/PAGE		NO INFO
1555 OCEAN BLVD	013-034-00A	11.9	100.00			08/20/75	HARYVEY 1/6 OWNER
129 LAFAYETTE RD	014-002	9.25	35,400.00			12/15/83	TAYLOR-GRAY
24 LAFAYETTE RD	014-013	16.4	39,600.00		NO BK/PAGE		NO INFO
28 LAFAYETTE RD	014-014	12.53	37,300.00		NO BK/PAGE	08/28/83	NO INFO
32 LAFAYETTE RD	014-015	9.5	35,500.00			06/03/05	ELIOT,MEISSNER,COVENTHER
36 LAFAYETTE RD	015-001	14.25	38,400.00		NO BK/PAGE	05/28/80	NO INFO
30 LAFAYETTE RD	015-002	5.96	33,400.00		NO BK/PAGE	06/05/05	NO INFO
0 WASHINGTON RD	015-005	4.25	33,600.00		5281/2732	01/06/12	DONATED BY HEIRS HERLIHY
643 WASHINGTON RD	015-008	2	1,300.00	14,400.00		08/31/06	THOMAS HAGUE
54 LANG RDOAD	015-015	12.75	28,100.00			09/26/84	CHEN
309 WASHINGTON RD	016-129-001	23.6	147,500.00	385,000.00		05/03/05	MARDEN
214 WASHINGTON RD	016-170	20	55,400.00			10/16/96	VARRELL WOODS
548 WASHINGTON RD	016-204-001	5.48	900.00	255,000.00		09/21/09	JOSEPH
40 WALLIS RD	017-051	24.65	168,800.00	1,500,000.00		11/15/04	SCULLY
544 BRACKETT RD	017-056	5	25,500.00			03/02/93	PALMER
546 BRACKETT RD	017-058	2.55	23,500.00			03/02/93	FLANIGAN
650 BRACKETT RD	017-060	42.53	30,100.00		NO BK/PAGE	04/12/73	REMICK/TUCKER
674 WASHINGTON RD	017-062	10.4	37,500.00		PAID 40,000 FOR 17-62 & 17.4-25	04/24/08	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST
33 LIBERTY COM	018-028	20.6	43,900.00			08/29/88	HOLLETT-SARGENT
6 VICTORY LANE	018-032-006	20.03	43,500.00		GIFTED	09/30/96	TREFETHEN
329 BRACKETT RD	019-037	3.33	24,900.00		GIFTED	05/30/01	REARDON-PICKERING

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265 PARSONS RD	019-099	5	19,800.00				06/04/14	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
259 PARSONS RD	019-100	10.84	47,500.00				08/20/75	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
0 PARSONS RD	019-106	0.66	32,500.00			GIFTED		JARVIS
32 MARSH RD	019-120	6.98	38,200.00				02/28/83	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
34 MARSH RD	019-121	3.15	36,400.00			NO BK/PAGE		NO INFO
42 MORGAN CT	021-002	3.25	34,400.00		100,000.00	PAID 200,000 OF WHICH 100,000 COURT SETTLEMENT	05/24/07	SPINOSA
179 PIONEER ROAD	022-074-000-PR1&4	72.19	536,800.00				02/27/92	FIRST ESSEX SAV BK -BISCHOFF WILLIAM
176 BRACKETT RD	022-101	6.98	25,500.00			NO BK/PAGE	06/04/74	TOWN
701 OCEAN BLVD	023-008	0.87	22,400.00				07/16/86	SWEETSER
681 OCEAN BLVD	023-010	16.33	36,600.00				07/17/97	BEMIS
0 OCEAN BLVD	023-011	3.1	17,900.00			GIFTED		JARVIS
667 OCEAN BLVD	023-013	2.63	17,600.00			NO BK/PAGE	06/04/73	NO INFO
663 OCEAN BLVD	023-014	75.5	64,900.00			NO BK/PAGE	07/05/78	NO INFO
665 OCEAN BLVD	023-015	0	-			PARCEL ASSESSED WITH 023-014	11/15/76	NO INFO
2 SAGAMORE RD	024-071	7.83	38,600.00				12/01/78	BROWN
455 OCEAN BLVD	025-006	0.23	28,600.00				06/15/05	BROWN
445 OCEAN BLVD	025-007	1.41	33,300.00			NO BOOK/PAGE INFO	05/27/05	NO INFO
315 PIONEER RD	025-009	4.3	24,300.00				12/02/77	BROWN
14 HUNTERVALE AVE	081-094	0.34	225,100.00			NO BK/PAGE	11/22/74	NO INFO
2072 OCEAN BLVD	084-159	0.09	14,700.00			GIFTED	12/27/02	GIFTED
12 WALLIS RD	173-006-001	0.23	35,200.00				10/24/02	STANLEY
20 WALLIS RD	173-007	2.87	21,700.00		5,000.00		06/19/96	GARANT
VILLIAMS ST	174-025	1.42	24,300.00			PAID 40,000 FOR 17-62 & 17.4-25	04/24/08	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST
ICEANVIEW AV	194-031	2.81	43,400.00			PURCHASED BOTH 194-031 + 194-050 FOR 50,000	10/25/05	POKORNEY
PLEDORE AVE	194-050	0.63	383,300.00		50,000.00	PURCHASED BOTH 194-031 + 194-050 FOR 50,000	10/25/05	POKORNEY
1179 OCEAN BLVD	194-057	0.31	20,100.00				03/20/75	HARTFORD
1173 OCEAN BLVD	194-058	0.24	19,800.00				03/20/75	HARTFORD
0 GUZZI DR	202-094	0.19	27,700.00			GIFTED	08/24/05	NARBONNE-CLARK

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	OWNER	M/L	AC	VALUE	ACQUISITION DATE	PAID
245 WEST ROAD	SLEEPER	003-011	23.90	4,200.00	02/01/06	140,000.00
230 WEST ROAD	SLEEPER	004-010	1.54	100.00	02/01/06	10,000.00
1090 WASHINGTON ROAD	SHAINES	006-028	12.00	1,900.00	09/30/98	
33 GROVE ROAD	PHILBRICK	007-078	6.45	2,500.00	08/17/07	847,000.00
305 CENTRAL ROAD	PHILBRICK	008-009	15.69	1,800.00	12/28/08	SAME
0 CENTRAL ROAD	PHILBRICK	008-016	4.69	100.00	12/28/08	SAME
166 LOCKE ROAD	WHITE	008-044	8.93	700.00	07/20/04	338,000.00
160 HARBOR ROAD	SAUNDERS TRUST	092-020	0.41	-	07/02/05	100FT BUFFER
665 WASHINGTON ROAD	LIUM	011-062	47.60	7,900.00	12/20/12	725,000.00
647 WASHINGTON ROAD	HOLWAY	011-064	20.19	1,300.00	08/31/04	385,000.00
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	LOW	011-083	2.77	300.00	07/27/05	GIFTED
640 LONG JOHN ROAD	YOUNG	016-144-001	23.80	300.00	12/05/08	137,000.00
540 WASHINGTON ROAD	JOSEPH	016-203	3.00	1,000.00	10/01/09	GIFTED
240 WASHINGTON ROAD	CONNELL	016-176	18.70	500.00	06/15/12	50,000.00
175 WASHINGTON ROAD	BRIDAMOUR	017-020	71.90	10,800.00	06/21/10	
377 BRACKETT ROAD	CATINO	019-036	36.17	900.00	07/05/05	GOODWIN PROPERTY
0 FAIRHILL AVE	HOGAN	202-145	0.68	100.00	04/19/10	PART OF COURT SETTLEMENT
229 SAGAMORE ROAD	STROTT	022-009	30.63	1,300.00	05/16/97	
	TOTAL		347.75	774,800.00		

**TOWN OCCUPIED PROPERTIES
2017**

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	LOT	Assess	AC	ACQUISITION DATE
SEWER PUMPING STATION	19 CHURCH ROAD	002-063-00A	41,400.00	0	1/1/1991
ABENAQUI PUMPING STATION	759 CENTRAL ROAD	005-001-001	1,700.00	0	1964
OUTER MARKER	105 LOCKE ROAD	008-064	333,800.00	1.29	7/25/1980
JENNESS BCH PUMP STATION	118 OLD BEACH ROAD	084-175-001	15,400.00	0	1990
DPW	309 GROVE ROAD	011-134	647,900.00	7.21	7/10/1981
POLICE STATION/TOLLEY BARN	37 CENTRAL ROAD	012-038	354,900.00	0.28	1925
PUBLIC LIBRARY	581 WASHINGTON ROAD	012-042	2,212,200.00	0.25	6/22/2005
PARSONAGE	575 WASHINGTON ROAD	012-043	1,275,200.00	1.9	6/30/1995
TOWN HALL	10 CENTRAL ROAD	012-054	598,400.00	1.37	1939
CEMETERY & BUILDING	20 CENTRAL ROAD	012-055	73,300.00	16.5	1988
RECREATION BUILDING	55 RECREATION ROAD	012-079	1,507,000.00	171.02	3/1/1964
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING	555 WASHINGTON ROAD	016-007	2,840,100.00	2.17	4/30/2003
	Total Land with Buildings		9,901,300.00	201.99	

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ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	ACREAGE	VALUE	ACQUISITION DATE	PREVIOUS OWNER
2689 OCEAN BLVD	002-001	0.37	509,900.00	07/30/85	NO INFO
553 WEST ROAD	004-015	1.39	31,800.00	07/05/94	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
505 JSOUTH ROAD	004-023	1.46	31,900.00		TAX COLLECTORS DEED
2380 OCEAN BLVD	005-057	1.65	540,600.00	02/03/72	NO INFO
121 PERKINS ROAD	052-012	20	41,100.00	06/12/91	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
2025 OCEAN BLVD	008-067	1.54	64,700.00	12/26/86	METIVIER
2129 OCEAN BLVD	084-045	0.04	23,900.00	06/04/90	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
154 HARBOR ROAD	092-019	0.466	11,600.00	06/07/02	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
10 OLDE PARISH ROAD	012-044	0.2	193,800.00	09/27/95	SANDERS
574 WASHINGTON ROAD	012-053	0.84	309,100.00	02/10/86	NO INFO
112 CENTRAL ROAD	012-061	2.01	32,200.00	05/05/88	PHILBRICK
311 LOCKE ROAD	012-069-002	4.71	24,700.00	05/28/05	HILL
1695 OCEAN BLVD	013-008	0.24	397,200.00	07/27/00	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
1589 OCEAN BLVD	013-035	4	3,600.00	06/07/93	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
514 WALLIS ROAD	016-082-001	2	9,700.00	03/18/54	RAND
0 LONG JOHN ROAD	016-133	0.76	229,000.00	05/08/13	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
690 WALLIS ROAD	016/205	0.11	12,500.00	04/15/05	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
48 WALLIS ROAD	017-083	9.78	37,100.00	06/19/96	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
50 WALLIS ROAD	017-084	2.26	32,400.00	04/26/04	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
11 WALLIS ROAD	173-027	0.14	33,200.00	06/18/99	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
76 LIBERTY COMMON	018-116	1.29	304,100.00	08/12/91	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
330 SAGAMORE ROAD	019-069	2.37	32,000.00	04/30/30	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
263 BRACKETT ROAD	019-094	0.09	16,800.00	07/10/86	NO INFO
270 PARSONS ROAD	019-099-00A	0.64	32,400.00	06/04/74	NO INFO
255 PARSONS ROAD	019-101	0.33	30,300.00	08/12/91	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
245 PARSONS ROAD	019-102	0.55	31,800.00	06/07/02	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
258 PARSONS ROAD	019-132	14.38	52,300.00	08/12/91	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
1167 OCEAN BLVD	194-059	0.31	20,100.00	04/22/05	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
5 NEPTUNE DRIVE	202-060	0.15	27,000.00	06/26/90	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
11 NEPTUNE DRIVE	202-061	0.14	26,800.00	06/26/90	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
155 BRACKETT ROAD	022-061	1.78	23,500.00	05/13/04	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
25 BERRYS BROOK LANE	022-069	10	37,200.00	04/30/03	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
154 BRACKETT ROAD	022-098	5.09	24,600.00	06/12/91	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
158 BRACKETT ROAD	022-099	19.91	31,300.00	04/26/04	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
0 PORT WAY	023-001	13.92	39,700.00	05/26/11	TAX COLLECTORS DEED
324 PIONEER ROAD	025-010	0.29	20,100.00	03/03/86	GIFTED TO TOWN BY WILLIAM LEAVEY
TOTAL			3,320,000.00		

ALL TOWN PROPERTIES
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Map/Lot	Acres	Bldg Value	Land Value	Total Value		Acquisition Date	
002-001	0.37	-	509,900.00	509,900.00	Park	7/30/1985	
002-063-00A	0	33,000.00	8,400.00	41,400.00	Pumping Station	1/1/1991	
004-015	1.39		31,800.00	31,800.00	tax collectors deed	7/5/1994	
004-023	1.46		31,900.00	31,900.00	tax collectors deed		
005-001-001	0	1,700.00		1,700.00	abenaqui sewer pumping station	1964	
005-057	1.65		540,600.00	540,600.00	ocean front land (Beach)	2/3/1972	
052-012	0.21		41,100.00	41,100.00	tax collectors deed	6/21/1991	
008-064	1.29	5,300.00	328,500.00	333,800.00	Beacon for Pease Airport	7/25/1980	
008-067	1.54		64,700.00	64,700.00		12/26/1986	
084-045	0.04		23,900.00	23,900.00	tax collectors deed	6/4/1990	
084-175-001	0	15,400.00		15,400.00	Jenness pumping station	1990	
092-019	0.47		11,600.00	11,600.00	tax collectors deed	6/7/2002	
011-134	7.21	253,900.00	394,000.00	647,900.00	Public Works Dept	7/10/1981	1,295,800.00
012-038	0.28	76,900.00	278,000.00	354,900.00	Old Police station	1925	709,800.00
012-042	0.25	1,936,000.00	276,200.00	2,212,200.00	Town Library	6/22/2005	4,424,400.00
012-043	1.9	947,500.00	327,700.00	1,275,200.00	Town Apartments	6/30/1995	1,275,200.00
012-044	0.2		193,800.00	193,800.00	Town Museum land	9/27/1995	
012-053	0.84		309,100.00	309,100.00		8/5/2005	
012-054	1.37	277,400.00	321,000.00	598,400.00	Town Hall	1939	1,196,800.00
012-055	16.5	22,300.00	51,000.00	73,300.00	Town Cemetry	1988	73,300.00
012-061	2.01		32,200.00	32,200.00	abutting lot to cemetry	5/5/1988	
012-069-002	0.11		24,700.00	24,700.00	Land deeded to cemetry	1975	
012-079	171.02	128,000.00	1,379,000.00	1,507,000.00	Recreation area	3/1/1964	
013-008	0.24		397,200.00	397,200.00	tax collectors deed	7/27/2000	
013-035	4		3,600.00	3,600.00	tax collectors deed	6/7/1993	
015-015	12.75		28,100.00	28,100.00		9/26/1984	
016-007	2.17	2,509,100.00	331,000.00	2,840,100.00	Public Safety Bldg	4/30/2003	
016-133	0.76		229,000.00	229,000.00	tax collectors deed	5/8/2013	
016-082-001	0.05		9,700.00	9,700.00		3/18/1954	
016-205	0.11		12,500.00	12,500.00	land	1932	
017-083	9.78		37,100.00	37,100.00	tax collectors deed	6/19/1996	
017-084	2.26		32,400.00	32,400.00	tax collectors deed	4/26/2004	
173-027	0.15		33,200.00	33,200.00	tax collectors deed	6/18/1999	
018-116	1.29		304,100.00	304,100.00	tax collectors deed	8/12/1991	
019-069	2.37		32,000.00	32,000.00	tax collectors deed	4/30/2003	
019-094	0.09		16,800.00	16,800.00	Old School House Lot	7/10/1986	
019-099-00A	0.64		32,400.00	32,400.00	Traffice Island at intersection	6/4/1974	
019-101	0.33		30,300.00	30,300.00	tax collectors deed	8/12/1991	
019-102	0.55		31,800.00	31,800.00	tax collectors deed	6/7/2002	
019-132	14.38		52,300.00	52,300.00	tax collectors deed	8/12/1991	
194-059	0.31		20,100.00	20,100.00	tax collectors deed	4/22/2005	
202-060	0.15		27,000.00	27,000.00	tax collectors deed	6/26/1990	
202-061	0.14		26,800.00	26,800.00	tax collectors deed	6/26/1990	
022-061	1.78		23,500.00	23,500.00	tax collectors deed	5/13/2004	
022-069	10		37,200.00	37,200.00	tax collectors deed	4/30/2003	
022-098	5.09		24,600.00	24,600.00	tax collectors deed	6/12/1991	
022-099	19.91		31,300.00	31,300.00	tax collectors deed	4/26/2004	
023-001	13.92		39,700.00	39,700.00	tax collectors deed	5/25/2011	
025-010	0.29		20,100.00	20,100.00	Gifted to Town	06/02/1851	
Totals		6,206,500.00	7,042,900.00	13,249,400.00			



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Summary Inventory of Valuation

Reports Required: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

Note: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

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SCOTT MARSH (MRI)

Name

CRAIG MUSSELMAN
PRISCILLA JENNESS
PHIL WINSLOW

Position

CHAIRMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN
SELECTMAN

Signature

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Name

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	1,465.00	\$151,250	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	92.00	\$9,000	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
1F	Residential Land	3,807.00	\$1,156,130,150	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	540.00	\$40,737,000	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	5,904.00	\$1,197,027,400	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,890.00	\$67,664,200	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential		\$888,020,165	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$2,732,200	
2C	Commercial/Industrial		\$43,185,035	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings		\$933,937,400	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$44,669,900	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$7,510,300	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5			
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$2,138,475,100	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a			
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V			
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a			
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV			
10	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$2,138,475,100	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total Granted	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	2	\$30,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		43	\$4,242,600
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b			
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		13	\$140,800
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66			
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV			
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$4,413,400
21	Net Valuation			\$2,134,061,700
22	Less Utilities			\$7,510,300
23	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$2,126,551,400

Utility Value Appraiser

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The municipality **DOES** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Valuation
HUDSON LIGHT & POWER DEPT GENERATION	\$100
MASS MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC GENERATION	\$6,100
NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK LLC	\$75,300
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$5,386,600
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING CO GENERATION	\$100
	\$5,468,200

Other Utility Company Name	Valuation
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Water Company Name	Valuation
AQUARION WATER COMPANY	\$2,042,100
	\$2,042,100



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Veteran's Tax Credits

	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	276	\$138,000
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$2,000	7	\$14,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$0		
		284	\$154,000

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption
for the Current Tax Year

Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and
Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age	Number	Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	1	65-74	5	\$75,000	\$375,000	\$327,600
75-79	1	75-79	5	\$90,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
80+	0	80+	33	\$105,000	\$3,465,000	\$3,465,000
			43		\$4,290,000	\$4,242,600

Income Limits		Asset Limits	
Single	\$49,000	Single	\$199,000
Married	\$59,900	Married	\$199,000

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? RSA 79-E
Adopted? No

Number of Structures:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? RSA 79-H
Adopted? No

Number of Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? RSA 79-G
Adopted? No

Number of Properties:



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Current Use RSA 79-A

	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	287.00	\$109,400
Forest Land	496.00	\$27,900
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	68.00	\$3,600
Unproductive Land	3.00	\$100
Wet Land	611.00	\$10,250
	1,465.00	\$151,250

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	94.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	73
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	100

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year

Conservation Allocation

Percentage: 0.00% **Dollar Amount:**

Monies to Conservation Fund

Monies to General Fund

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	10.00	\$3,300
Forest Land	45.00	\$5,100
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		
Unproductive Land		
Wet Land	37.00	\$600
	92.00	\$9,000

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	9
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	10



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Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
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Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F					
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation	

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D					
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation	

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
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This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
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This municipality has no TIF districts.

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357		
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186		

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
RANNIE WEBSTER FOUNDATION	\$18,573
	\$18,573



Rye Water District
Summary Inventory of Valuation

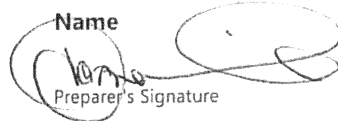
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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	1,298.00	\$138,300
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	92.00	\$9,000
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C		
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
1F	Residential Land	2,998.00	\$705,730,400
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	303.00	\$28,170,300
1H	Total of Taxable Land	4,691.00	\$734,048,000
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,317.00	\$34,646,900
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
2A	Residential		\$583,508,765
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$2,732,200
2C	Commercial/Industrial		\$30,472,835
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings		\$616,713,800
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$32,052,700
Utilities & Timber			Valuation
3A	Utilities		\$0
3B	Other Utilities		
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$1,350,761,800
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a		
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV		
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a		
10B	Utility Water & Air Polution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a		
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$1,350,761,800
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total Granted
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	2
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		32
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b		
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b		
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70		
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		10
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV		
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$3,235,600
21	Net Valuation		\$1,347,526,200
22	Less Utilities		\$0
23	Net Valuation without Utilities		\$1,347,526,200



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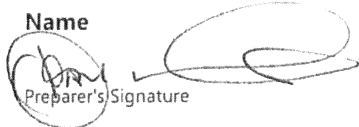
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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	4.00	\$100	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B			
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
1F	Residential Land	321.00	\$302,716,400	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	3.00	\$1,374,500	
1H Total of Taxable Land		328.00	\$304,091,000	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	49.00	\$2,233,900	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential		\$161,247,400	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$0	
2C	Commercial/Industrial		\$1,861,000	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
2F Total of Taxable Buildings			\$163,108,400	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$47,700	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$0	
3B	Other Utilities			
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5			
5 Valuation before Exemption			\$467,199,400	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a			
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V			
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a			
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV			
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
10B	Utility Water & Air Polution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
11 Modified Assessed Value of All Properties			\$467,199,400	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total Granted	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37			
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		7	\$735,000
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b			
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		2	\$22,000
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66			
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV			
20 Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions				\$757,000
21 Net Valuation				\$466,442,400
22 Less Utilities				\$0
23 Net Valuation without Utilities				\$466,442,400



Rye Beach Village
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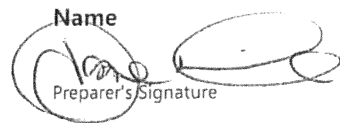
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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	91.00	\$10,900	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B			
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
1F	Residential Land	308.00	\$124,496,800	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	112.00	\$4,341,000	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	511.00	\$128,848,700	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	7.00	\$5,284,200	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential		\$127,169,000	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$0	
2C	Commercial/Industrial		\$6,691,800	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		\$0	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings		\$133,860,800	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$7,422,400	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$0	
3B	Other Utilities			
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5			
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$262,709,500	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a			
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V			
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a			
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV			
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
10B	Utility Water & Air Polution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$262,709,500	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total Granted	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$0		
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b			\$0
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b			
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62			
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66			
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV			
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$0
21	Net Valuation			\$262,709,500
22	Less Utilities			\$0
23	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$262,709,500

TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES
2017

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Abell, Constance E.	Deputy Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00		
* Adams, Lee J.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	62,357.88	57,684.31	4,673.57	
Allen, Jacob M.	Library Page - Part Time	1,016.51	1,016.51		
Anania, Peter A.	Call Personnel	749.81	749.81		
Anderson, Susan O.	Election Worker	116.00	116.00		
* Arthur, Lee C.	Recreation Director	77,665.20	77,665.20		
Arthur, Lee C.	Sewer Commission Secretary	23,299.65	23,299.65		
Barrett, Magnolia R.	Yoga Instructor	528.00	528.00		
* Barron, Daniel T.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	23,875.32	21,472.92	2,402.40	
* Blais, William J.	Police Sergeant	97,478.72	77,867.13	19,567.59	44.00
* Blaisdell, Joshua L.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	51,392.70	43,303.04	8,089.66	
* Blaisdell, Scott R.	Police Lieutenant	98,586.92	79,034.72	15,259.20	4,293.00
Blanding, David M.	Police Special	8,534.48	8,534.48		
* Bohling, Christopher J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	75,211.04	55,333.64	19,701.40	176.00
Bohne, Meagan R.	After School Counselor	6,519.03	6,519.03		
* Bookholz, Wendy J.	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	22,141.62	21,456.72	684.90	
* Breton-Eaton, Lisa L.	Technology Librarian	47,096.66	47,096.66		
Brouillard, Amanda R.	Lifeguard	4,546.75	4,546.75		
Brown, Emily C.	Parking Enforcement	2,137.56	2,137.56		
Brown, Lillian G.	After School Counselor	795.00	795.00		
* Bucklin, Alan E.	Snow Plow Operator - Part Time	4,757.50	4,757.50		
Carr, Valeriee	Transcriptionist	210.00	210.00		
Carroll, Peter J.	Town Custodian	21,684.00	21,684.00		
Cassassa, Catherine E.	Lifeguard	5,411.00	5,411.00		
Chase, James M.	Library Custodian	19,436.40	19,436.40		
Chichester, Madeline L.	Supervisor of Checklist/Election Worker	561.63	561.63		
Comeau, Brigit S.	Lifeguard	2,767.52	2,767.52		
* Coscia, John V.	Cemetery Superintendent	61,218.40	61,218.40		
* Cotreau, Mark R.	Fire Chief	24,000.00	24,000.00		
* Cots, John M.	Firefighter/EMT-B	73,534.65	61,034.34	12,280.31	220.00
Cummings, Brittany S.	Call Personnel	145.03	145.03		
Dame, Amanda K.	Parking Enforcement	4,977.49	4,977.49		
* DeCotis, Donna M.	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	64,158.40	64,158.40		
Derochemont, Leigh K.	Election Worker	603.75	603.75		
* Dibartolomeo, Jeffrey M.	Fire Lieutenant	103,256.88	76,449.42	26,169.46	638.00
Dodier, Alexander M.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	474.15	474.15		
Doherty, Juliette	Library Assistant-Part Time	12,002.56	12,002.56		
Domingus, Isabelle H.	Lifeguard	278.76	278.76		
* Doucette, Jessica N.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary	42,994.01	42,978.41	15.60	
Drake, Frank A.	Election Worker	101.50	101.50		
* Drewniak, Joanne T.	Assessing Assistant	59,043.84	58,896.00	147.84	
Eaton, David G.	Parking Enforcement	3,630.82	3,630.82		
Evans, Cheryl M.	Librarian	8,810.80	8,810.80		
* Fuglestad, Daniel M.	Patrolman	64,978.89	52,806.78	9,010.11	3,162.00
Fulop, Cassandra L.	Lifeguard	3,318.25	3,318.25		
* Gallant, Charles A.	Fire Lieutenant	88,454.44	73,098.24	15,180.20	176.00
* Gallant, Kelley	Recreation Programs Supervisor	50,366.83	50,312.03	54.80	
Garrity, Timothy P.	Police Special	3,434.16	2,154.16		1,280.00
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Library Custodian - Part Time	840.00	840.00		
Gatcomb, James A.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	4,887.24	4,887.24		
Gemmett, Kendra B.	Election Worker	116.00	116.00		
* Gillespie, Cynthia L.	Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator	85,023.23	85,023.23		
Gorski, Alexandria E.	Call Personnel	768.88	768.88		
Haky, Anne C.	Basketball Referee	884.00	884.00		
Hartman, Theodore S.	Call Personnel	388.82	388.82		
Healy, Shawna M.	Library Assistant-Part Time	13,475.99	13,475.99		
* Hill, Roy Lee	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer Retired 06/2017	46,066.88	46,066.88		
* Hirtle, Scott M.	Firefighter/Paramedic	80,464.46	67,570.88	12,893.58	
Hoag, Jacob R.	Parking Enforcement	7,927.31	7,927.31		
Hodson, Lee W.	Election Worker	50.75	50.75		
Holway, Jane	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Hordon, Ronald A.	Fire Lieutenant	101,362.43	77,216.05	24,146.38	
* Houde, Lisa S.	Librarian - Children Services	51,502.40	51,502.40		
Hudson, Edward P.	Patrolman	66,512.78	53,909.71	5,607.07	6,996.00
Hutchins, Margaret A.	Library Assistant-Part Time	15,083.79	15,083.79		
Ireland, Jane E.	Bookkeeper of the Trust Funds	3,772.00	3,772.00		
Ireland, Jane E.	Treasurer	18,409.89	18,409.89		
* Ireland, Janice E.	Executive Assistant	59,537.61	58,752.64	784.97	
Jacobus, Jamie S.	Parking Enforcement	750.42	750.42		
* Jenness, Christopher	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	66,809.01	62,061.70	4,747.31	
Jenness, Priscilla	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Joslyn, John A.	Grounds Keeper	2,555.00	2,555.00		

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TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES
2017

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Kendall, Gregory C.	Animal Control Officer	2,054.51	2,054.51		
King, Sally S.	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Klanchesser, John J.	Firefighter/EMT-B	84,804.38	62,769.04	21,683.34	352.00
Ladrie, Alan	Call Personnel	1,711.17	1,711.17		
Laing, Steven J.	Call Personnel	3,400.18	3,400.18		
Lambert, Thomas S.	Fire Chief (Interim)	45,663.57	45,663.57		
Leaf, Alex D.	Parking Enforcement	5,366.64	5,366.64		
Ledger, Dyana F.	Transcriptionist	19,400.00	19,400.00		
Lefebvre, Vivian J.	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	1,860.00	1,860.00		
Leger, Thomas J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	10,558.74	10,558.74		
Londoff, Kathryn A.	Gyrokinesis Instructor	369.60	369.60		
* Loring, Victoria R.	Administration and Program Assistant	47,900.80	47,900.80		
* Lynch, Mark A.	Patrolman	74,300.48	52,902.56	8,064.92	13,333.00
MacDonald, Cameron C.	Parking Enforcement	1,978.38	1,978.38		
* MacGlashing, Jacob R.	Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic	88,810.82	74,126.30	14,684.52	
Magnant, Michael J.	Town Administrator	80,564.50	80,564.50		
Marden, Ryan R.	Call Personnel	91.57	91.57		
* Marsden, Milton C.	Assistant Building Inspector	15,150.00	15,150.00		
Mason, Alexis K.	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	2,415.00	2,415.00		
Mastro, Brianna C.	Library Page - Part Time	1,906.44	1,906.44		
* McCarthy, Dennis G.	Public Worker Director	86,051.20	86,051.20		
* McKenney, Brendan J.	Patrolman	62,918.69	51,836.04	7,319.65	3,763.00
Meyer, Joanne M.	Election Worker	116.00	116.00		
Mikolaities, Alyssa A.	After School Counselor	1,338.26	1,338.26		
Miller, Geoffrey S.	Patrolman	68,750.12	59,099.89	4,890.23	4,760.00
Millett, Frederick B.	Public Works - Seasonal Help	1,920.00	1,920.00		
Mills, Joseph G.	Selectman	1,037.50	1,037.50		
Motekaitis, Zachary J.	After School Counselor	4,226.80	4,226.80		
Moulton, Mark E.	Tennis Instructor	10,320.00	10,320.00		
Muller, Sara J.	Lifeguard	4,127.50	4,127.50		
Murray, Roberta L.	Election Worker	10.88	10.88		
Muse, Cynthia S.	Election Worker	116.00	116.00		
Musselman, Craig N.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Nadeau, Gail C.	Election Worker	116.00	116.00		
* Nolette, Brenda J.	Youth Services - Librarian Assistant	38,069.20	38,069.20		
* O'Brien, Duncan J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	65,983.44	54,884.01	11,099.43	
Oeser, Stephen A.	Cemetery Season Help	8,415.00	8,415.00		
Oliver, Sarah E.	After School Counselor	4,723.63	4,723.63		
Olsan, Adam W.	Lifeguard	3,464.50	3,464.50		
Olson, Colleen G.	Lifeguard	5,166.00	5,166.00		
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	116.00	116.00		
Paiva, Katharine E.	Library Assistant-Part Time	8,547.00	8,547.00		
* Paradis Jr., Paul H.	Highway Working Foreman	82,305.53	69,863.56	12,441.97	
Pearl, Christopher T.	Call Personnel	2,237.38	2,237.38		
Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Police Special	20,601.92	5,014.92		15,587.00
Pimentel, Christopher	Basketball Monitor	1,425.00	1,425.00		
Powell Andrews, Rosalie	Building Department Assistant	35,230.19	35,230.19		
* Preneveau, Carissa S.	Patrolman	39,605.10	39,459.34	145.76	
Putnam-Bailey, Gwen L.	Library Assistant-Part Time	16,341.93	16,341.93		
* Reed, Kimberly M.	Planning & Zoning Administrator	64,280.90	64,280.90		
Reynolds, Laron	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant - Part time	4,879.56	4,879.56		
* Richmond, Andrew G.	Library Director	78,150.40	78,150.40		
* Rowell, Peter E.	Building Inspector	68,748.00	68,748.00		
Ruel, Morris J.	Call Personnel	2,840.54	2,840.54		
Ryan, Jean E.	Yoga Instructor	1,650.00	1,650.00		
Santarelli, Judith C.	After School Counselor	3,064.12	3,064.12		
Scheidegger, Jonathan W.	After School Counselor	891.10	891.10		
Shamel, Ryan S.	Lifeguard	4,320.03	4,320.03		
Slaven, Ryan J.	After School Counselor	7,300.82	7,300.82		
Snow MD, Gail A.	Health Officer	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Swenson, Eric M.	After School Counselor	6,827.08	6,827.08		
Swist, Thomas M.	Call Personnel	102.11	102.11		
Tecca, Patricia A.	After School Counselor	536.65	536.65		
Thibodeau, Amy E.	Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector	41,048.39	40,517.30	531.09	
Thomas, Carolyn A.	After School Counselor	6,489.20	6,489.20		
Trainor, John M.	Police Special	10,922.14	9,726.14		1,196.00
Underwood, Elizabeth A.	Basketball Referee	312.50	312.50		
Wade, Annie L.	Lifeguard	7,255.89	7,255.89		
Wade, Gretchen M.	Lifeguard	2,102.75	2,102.75		
Wade, Sarah B.	Lifeguard	5,350.53	5,350.53		
Wagner, Hunter A.	After School Counselor	781.75	781.75		
Walker, Daniel C.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	2,668.80	2,668.80		
* Walsh, Kevin P.	Police Chief	99,630.81	94,888.81		4,742.00
* Webster, Mark D.	Police Corporal	98,329.69	71,269.51	20,366.18	6,694.00
White, Michael S.	After School Counselor	496.88	496.88		
Wile-Marble, Jared P	Highway Driver/Operator/Mechanic	53,343.70	45,969.57	7,374.13	
Willett, Kyle R.	Police Special	2,571.09	547.09		2,024.00
* Williams, Richard V.	Senior Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	54,595.90	50,730.00	3,865.90	
Winslow, Philip D.	Selectman	3,112.50	3,112.50		
* Woods, Pamela E.	Librarian - Adult Services	50,130.01	50,130.01		
* Wunderly, Kevin S.	Firefighter/Paramedic	74,047.31	55,755.12	18,292.19	
Yeaton, Bryan T.	Call Personnel	2,110.13	2,110.13		
* Yeaton, Elizabeth M.	Tax Collector/Town Clerk - Retired	2,313.23	2,313.23		
York, Jeffrey E	Call Personnel	58.50	58.50		
161 Employees		3,793,999.96	3,412,388.30	312,175.66	69,436.00

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**TOWN OF RYE
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE COSTS - 2018**

BENEFIT	PLAN TYPE	COVERAGE	ANNUAL COSTS	EMPLOYEE SHARE	TOWN'S COSTS
Blue Choice Plan 3T10					
Health Insurance	Provided through Anthem Blue Cross of NH	Single Coverage per emp	\$ 11,246	\$ 2,249	\$ 8,997
		2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 22,492	\$ 4,498	\$ 17,993
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 30,364	\$ 6,073	\$ 24,291
Town pays 80%					
Health Insurance	Access Blue New England Provided through Anthem Blue Cross of NH	AB 10 Single Coverage per emp	\$ 10,313	\$ 2,063	\$ 8,251
		2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 20,627	\$ 4,125	\$ 16,501
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 27,846	\$ 5,569	\$ 22,277
Town pays 80%					
Health Insurance	Access Blue New England Provided through Anthem Blue Cross of NH	ABSOS 20/40 Single Coverage per emp	\$ 7,977	\$ 1,196	\$ 6,780
		2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 15,953	\$ 2,393	\$ 13,560
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 21,537	\$ 3,230	\$ 18,306
Town pays 85%					
Dental Insurance	Provided through Delta Dental Option 1A	Single Coverage/emp	\$ 503	\$ -	\$ 503
		2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 973	\$ 470	\$ 503
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,257	\$ 503
Town pays 100% of a single coverage only.					
Life Insurance	Benefit is equal to one time annual pay and are reduce to 50% at age 70 Rate \$0.19 per month for each \$1000 of benefit Maximum benefit - \$75,000				\$ 10,404 2017 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
Short-Term Disability	Benefit is 66.67% of base weekly wage Maximum benefit - \$800 per week Rate \$0.35 per month for each \$10 of weekly benefit				\$ 14,981 2017 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
LongTerm Disability	Benefit is 60% of base pay to a maximum of \$5000/mth Benefit commenses after 6 months of disability Rate is \$.60 per month for each \$100 of monthly benefit				\$ 20,150 2017 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
NH State Retirement Plan					
	01/01/2018-12/31/2018	Police Officers	Town's Contribution 29.43%		
		Fire Fighters	Town's Contribution 31.89%		
		Employees	Town's Contribution 11.38%		
		Police Officers	Employee's Contribution 11.55%		
		Fire Fighters	Employee's Contribution 11.80%		
		Employees	Employee's Contribution 7.00%		

The NH Retirement System sets the employer's percentage effective July 1st.
Retirement Contributions are Based on Gross Wages

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the Town of Rye voters continue to wrestle with the issue of what to do about our aging Town Hall, I can report that our financial status puts the town in an excellent position from which to obtain a long term Bond, with minimal effect on our tax rate. Additionally, interest rates, while rising, are still relatively low. At the same time, the costs of building are escalating. Therefore, as I see it, financially we have a narrowing window of opportunity and we would be wise to take advantage sooner than later.

A substantial amount of the Town's funds are held by TD Bank. In November we received notice the Rye branch would be closing their doors December 1st. We have been going to that branch office to do the Town's business on a regular basis for many years. The specter of now having to travel outside of Rye with our daily deposits concerned us, particularly with regard to risk, although the added inconvenience was certainly a factor. We arranged a meeting with the TD Bank Representative for Government Banking to express our concerns. We asked if the bank could arrange for a courier and learned that would not be possible if any of our deposits included cash, which of course would often be the case. The Representative understood our concerns and suggested a solution. As a result, we implemented a new system of depositing the Town's funds: TD Bank now provides the town with an armored truck delivery system (Loomis), at no cost to the Town.

The Town of Rye started 2017 with a balance of \$8,080,805.00 in our General Fund, which is the town's general operating daily account. During the year over \$27,000,000 was received and just over \$25,000,000 was expended through this account, leaving a balance at year- end of \$10,126,968.73. The following pages list the annual activity for this account as well as the other General Government Accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Treasurer

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS

TOWN OF RYE GENERAL FUND AND PAYROLL ACCOUNT

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance		
General Fund	8,080,805.00	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
Total Starting Balance		8,081,805.00
Receipts	27,301,651.81	
Disbursements	25,255,488.08	
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance		
General Fund Account	10,126,968.73	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
Total Ending Balance		10,127,968.73

CONSERVATION COMMISSION GENERAL FUND

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance		141,632.79
Receipts	Donations	1,670.00
Interest		357.57
Disbursements		-
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance		143,660.36

CONSERVATION COMMISSION VERNAL POOL

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance		45,394.46
Receipts		-
Interest		103.47
Disbursements		-
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance		45,497.93

SEWERAGE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance		878,481.93
Receipts		354,008.23
Disbursements		(236,415.18)
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance		996,074.98

CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance		-
Receipts	Town of Rye General Fund	30,000.00
Interest		9.66
Disbursements		-
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance		30,009.66

TOWN OF RYE, ESCROW ACCOUNT

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance	35,059.12
Receipts	43,839.80
Interest	50.18
Disbursements	(59,716.33)
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance	19,232.77

TOWN OF RYE, UMBRELLA ACCOUNT

* includes Forest fund, Adams Escrow, Recreation and Surety funds

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance	67,043.04
Receipts	-
Interest	157.48
Disbursements	(9,868.06)
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance	57,332.46

TOWN OF RYE YOUTH RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance	90,104.27
Receipts	9,350.00
Interest	290.14
Disbursements	(16,361.00)
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance	83,383.41

TOWN OF RYE, ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance	10,786.29
Receipts	-
Interest	24.58
Disbursements	-
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance	10,810.87

HERITAGE COMMISSION ACCOUNT

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance	15,634.00
Received from Donations	960.00
Interest	27.01
Disbursements	(12,905.00)
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance	3,716.01

HERITAGE COMMISSION FUND RAISING ACCOUNT

January 1, 2017 Starting Balance	-
Received from Heritage Account	9,076.68
Received from Donations	6,051.00
Interest	4.45
Disbursements	(5,926.47)
December 31, 2017 Ending Balance	9,205.66

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS REPORT

The economic Goldilocks backdrop continued for much of 2017. Economic growth trended higher through-out the year driven by strong consumer sentiment, robust business investment, and a favorable international environment. Strong growth in the second half of the year expanded above long-term growth trends causing the Federal Reserve to increase its growth estimates for 2018 from 2.1% to 2.5%.

Labor conditions strengthened though-out the year with a +170,000 three-month average pace in the last quarter. The unemployment rate hovered near a 17-year low of 4.1%. Many market participants anticipate continued labor market strength in 2018 causing wage growth to accelerate as business-cost increases and prolonged labor-market tightness filters through the economy.

Despite the tight labor market and solid economic growth data, inflation remained elusive. There are a number of factors contributing to expectations of higher inflation going forward, including labor market tightness and reduced slack both domestically and internationally. Domestically, minimum wage hikes in 18 states went into effect on January 1, 2018. Higher energy prices could also cause inflation to creep higher. As a result, the Fed expects core inflation growth of around 2% through the end of 2018 and early 2019.

In response to above-trend economic growth, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) in December hiked its target interest rate by 25 basis points to 1.25–1.50%. It was the fifth rate increase of the current cycle and the third hike of 2017. The overall consensus was that the FOMC would continue to take a measured approach to rate increases in 2018.

The shape of the yield curve was also discussed at the December FOMC meeting, with general agreement that the shape of the curve was “not unusual by historical standards.” Nevertheless, participants felt that it would be important to continue to monitor the slope of the yield curve going forward, suggesting that further flattening could lead to elevated downside risks. Short-end treasury yields rose in December as markets adjusted to the December rate hike and fiscal tax package, pushing the slope (2-year to 10-year) of the yield curve to cycle lows. The longer-end of the curve seems to be relatively anchored for the time being, given low inflation, modest growth estimates, and support from foreign investors.

2017 was one of the best years historically for global equity performance. The absolute returns were remarkable in every major region last year. The S&P 500 rose 22%, the MSCI All-Country World Index gained 25% and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index soared 38%. Bonds did well, too, even though stronger-than-expected global economic growth is typically a headwind for fixed income securities. Seven-to-10-year US Treasuries returned a little more than 2%, and US investment grade fixed income was up 6.4%.

While global equity and credit markets performed exceptionally well in 2017 in absolute terms, the risk-adjusted returns were even better considering the extraordinary breadth and low volatility. The highest

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2000; 284: 2689-2695.

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REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE
CEMETERY COMMON FUND

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# of Shares or Other Units	***HOW INVESTED*** (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) <small>not to be explained securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain</small>	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***			Grand Total Principal & Income
		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
1	2026 A T & T	36,806.67					36,806.67				0.00	36,806.67
2	800 Alliance Bernstein	22,807.87		-1,704.00			21,103.87				0.00	21,103.87
3	740 Amerigas Partners	23,708.82		-2,804.60			20,904.22				0.00	20,904.22
4	800 Bank of America	38,248.00					38,248.00					38,248.00
5	165 Boeing Company	24,849.53					24,849.53					24,849.53
6	720 Chevron Corp	16,015.89					16,015.89					16,015.89
7	115 Coca Cola	5,005.28					5,005.28					5,005.28
8	450 Conoco Phillips	25,680.03					25,680.03					25,680.03
9	0 Dow Chemical	43,325.37			43,325.37		0.00					0.00
10	0 Dupont E I Nemours	24,109.74			24,109.74		0.00					0.00
11	1656 Dow Dupont Inc		67,435.11				67,435.11					67,435.11
12	2000 Enterprise Products	0.00		-3,335.00		3,335.00	0.00					0.00
13	325 Exxon Corp	12,600.92					12,600.92					12,600.92
14	1000 Exxon Mobil	7,071.00					7,071.00					7,071.00
15	1000 General Electric	32,525.17					32,525.17					32,525.17
16	1000 Ingles Markets	23,679.90					11,839.95					11,839.95
17	1024 J P Morgan Chase	51,736.20				34,451.09	51,736.20					51,736.20
18	488 Johnson & Johnson	51,372.54				16,941.63	33,425.54					33,425.54
19	350 Kimberly Clark	23,519.59					23,519.59					23,519.59
20	1329 Kinder Morgan	0.00					0.00					0.00
21	100 Lockheed Martin	26,448.15					26,448.15					26,448.15
22	1077 Merck & Co	25,990.91					25,990.91					25,990.91
23	550 Nisource	12,513.30					12,513.30					12,513.30
24	2300 Old Republic Intl Corp	33,702.04					33,702.04					33,702.04
25	50 Pepico Inc	4,961.45					4,961.45					4,961.45
26	1863 Pfizer Inc	25,163.43					25,163.43					25,163.43
27	170 Raytheon Co	25,107.74					25,107.74					25,107.74
28	330 Proctor & Gamble	19,880.09					19,880.09					19,880.09
29	585 Scana Corp	19,060.92					19,060.92					19,060.92
30	280 Southern Co	12,507.15					12,507.15					12,507.15
31	190 State Street Corp	15,000.83					15,000.83					15,000.83
32	353 3M Company	30,091.29					30,091.29					30,091.29
33	350 United Technologies	25,207.65					25,207.65					25,207.65
34	1548 Verizon Communications	31,074.50					31,074.50					31,074.50
35	349 WEC Energy Group	0.00					0.00					0.00
36	1439 Wells Fargo	75,162.90	16,629.69				91,792.59					91,792.59
37	1000 Equity Residential	28,819.95					28,819.95					28,819.95
38	650 Starwood Ppty Tr Inc	12,610.28					12,610.28					12,610.28
39	11454.183 FID Conservative Income Bond		115,000.00				115,000.00					115,000.00
40	4392 Franklin US Govt Securities	33,990.72					33,990.72					33,990.72
41	Cash	33,960.57	113,179.67		131,629.69		15,510.55	30.48	189.69		220.17	15,730.72
42	Fidelity Money Market		21,000.00		32,000.00		7,905.72	10,835.93	78,576.97	89,018.14	394.76	8,300.48
43	TD Bank	11,062.12										
44												
45	TOTALS	965,378.51	333,244.47	-	312,244.47	54,727.72	1,041,106.23	10,866.41	78,766.66	89,018.14	614.93	1,041,721.16

DALTON FUND

# of Shares or Other Units	***HOW INVESTED*** (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any desired securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25 & explain	***PRINCIPAL***			***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***			Grand Total Principal & Income
		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
1	526 AT & T	8,255.20					8,255.20				8,255.20
2	575 Alliance Bernstein	16,380.62		-1,224.75			15,155.87				15,155.87
3	780 Amerigas	25,707.94		-2,956.20			22,751.74				22,751.74
4	600 Bank of America	27,838.00					27,838.00				27,838.00
5	60 Boeing Company	9,041.79					9,041.79				9,041.79
6	800 Bristol Myers Squibb	11,175.00					11,175.00				11,175.00
7	250 Chevron Corp	19,483.00					19,483.00				19,483.00
8	115 Coca Cola	5,006.43					5,006.43				5,006.43
9	390 Conoco Phillips	24,924.59					24,924.59				24,924.59
10	0 Dow Chemical	33,173.93			33,173.93		0.00				0.00
11	0 DuPont E Nemours	29,594.80			29,594.80		0.00				0.00
12	1533 DowDuPont Inc	0.00	62,768.73				62,768.73				62,768.73
13	2000 Enterprise Products	0.00		-3,335.00		3,335.00	0.00				0.00
14	500 Exxon Mobil	1,317.50					1,317.50				1,317.50
15	920 General Electric	30,642.20					30,642.20				30,642.20
16	500 Ingles Markets	14,984.00			23,116.54	15,624.54	7,492.00				7,492.00
17	780 J P Morgan Chase	37,914.70					37,914.70				37,914.70
18	362 Johnson & Johnson	32,764.50			25,028.55	13,828.39	21,564.34				21,564.34
19	300 Kimberly Clark	20,151.78					20,151.78				20,151.78
20	890 Kinder Morgan	0.00					0.00				0.00
21	35 Lockheed Martin	9,256.19					9,256.19				9,256.19
22	540 Merck & Company	20,068.11					20,068.11				20,068.11
23	580 Old Republic Intl	9,888.25					9,888.25				9,888.25
24	165 PNC Financial Services	9,874.55					9,874.55				9,874.55
25	50 Pepsico Inc	4,961.05					4,961.05				4,961.05
26	1400 Pfizer Inc	21,440.20					21,440.20				21,440.20
27	470 Proctor & Gamble	29,774.93					29,774.93				29,774.93
28	60 Raytheon	8,868.75					8,868.75				8,868.75
29	379 Scana Corp	10,140.14					10,140.14				10,140.14
30	225 Southern Company	10,047.00					10,047.00				10,047.00
31	380 State Street Corp	29,951.08					29,951.08				29,951.08
32	235 3M Company	20,246.76					20,246.76				20,246.76
33	500 Unifil	10,561.71					10,561.71				10,561.71
34	1441 Verizon Communications	27,510.71					27,510.71				27,510.71
35	1020 WEC Energy Group	0.00					0.00				0.00
36	679 Wells Fargo	39,926.70					39,926.70				39,926.70
37	700 Equity Residential	21,603.00					21,603.00				21,603.00
38	7470.12 FID Conservative Income Bond		75,000.00				75,000.00				75,000.00
39	Cash	3,758.29		7,515.95	9,000.00		2,274.24	15,045.82	32,234.63	19,313.70	21,587.94
40	Cash	26,698.84	57,164.97		75,000.00		8,863.81	398.81	140.70	539.51	9,403.32
41											
42											
43											
44											
45	TOTALS	662,932.24	194,933.70	-	194,913.82	32,787.93	695,740.05	15,444.63	32,375.33	27,961.75	19,853.21
											715,593.26

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BROWNELL FUND										Grand Total Principals & Income			
# of Shares or Other Units	***HOW INVESTED*** <small>(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any denoted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain</small>	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***				***INCOME***			
		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year		
91 A T & T		10064.29	1739.89				11,804.18				11,804.18		
7 Boeing Company		1061.85					1061.85				1061.85		
32 Chevron Corp		2998.03					2998.03				2998.03		
35 Conoco Phillips		2006.45					2006.45				2006.45		
0 Dow Chemical		3670.78			3670.78		0.00				0.00		
0 DuPont E I Nemours		2021.25			2021.25		0.00				0.00		
139 DowDuPont merger			5692.03				5692.03				5692.03		
100 Enterprise		1221.43		-166.75			1054.68				1054.68		
398.406 FID Conservative Income Bond			4000.00				4000.00				4000.00		
46 Idearc		0.00					0.00				0.00		
67 JP Morgan Chase		3005.49					3005.49				3005.49		
20 Johnson & Johnson		3005.55			3725.90	1972.54	1252.19				1252.19		
30 Kimberly Clark		2020.93					2020.93				2020.93		
66 Kinder Morgan		0.00					0.00				0.00		
55 Merck & Company		2022.60					2022.60				2022.60		
77 Old Republic Intl Corp		1016.64					1016.64				1016.64		
50 Scana Corp		2029.92					2029.92				2029.92		
34 3M Company		3006.07					3006.07				3006.07		
100 Verizon Communications		0.00					0.00				0.00		
40 WEC Energy Group		2462.44					2462.44				2462.44		
43 Wells Fargo		2492.71					2492.71				2492.71		
Cash			5425.90		5739.89	22.79	553.20	-1.37	34.82	5.84	580.81		
Cash				166.75	1700.00		133.58	3518.99	1790.67	5000.00	443.24		
Cash		0					0.00	0.00	5.84		5.84		

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	HOW INVESTED (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any denoted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***				***INCOME***			Grand Total Principal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year	
1	80 AT & T	2,935.63					2,935.63					2,935.63	
2	135 Ameren	4,441.13					4,441.13					4,441.13	
3	240 Apollo	4,363.71					4,363.71					4,363.71	
4	7 Boeing Company	1,060.96					1,060.96					1,060.96	
5	130 Bristol Myers Squibb	4,386.48					4,386.48					4,386.48	
6	190 General Electric	4,259.20					4,259.20					4,259.20	
7	28 JP Morgan Chase	1,936.17					1,936.17					1,936.17	
8	15 Johnson & Johnson	4,491.65			6,655.29	3,200.29	1,036.65					1,036.65	
9	50 Kimberly Clark	4,267.45					4,267.45					4,267.45	
10	50 Occidental Petroleum	4,363.95					4,363.95					4,363.95	
11	150 Old Republic Intl Corp		2,966.70				2,966.70					2,966.70	
12	62 Proctor & Gamble	4,313.80					4,313.80					4,313.80	
13	60 Verizon Communications	3,023.91					3,023.91					3,023.91	
14	32 WEC Energy Group	0.00					0.00						
15	55 Wells Fargo		3,050.65				3,050.65					3,050.65	
16	Cash	9.81					9.81					9.81	
17	Cash	802.85			6,017.35		1,440.79	438.76	3.59	2,219.54	442.35	1,883.14	
18	Fidelity Money Market												
19													
20													
21													
22													
23													
24													
25													
26													
27													
28													
29													
30													
31	TOTALS	44,656.70	12,672.64	-	12,672.64	3,200.29	47,856.99	438.76	2,223.13		442.35	48,299.34	

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LIBRARY COMMON FUND

For Year Ending December 31, 2017

# of Shares or Other Units	***HOW INVESTED*** (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any desired securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-A & explain	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***			Grand Total Principal & Income
		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
1	800 A T & T	3,769.50					3,769.50					3,769.50
2	425 Alliance Bernstein	12,105.58		-905.25			11,200.33					11,200.33
3	154 Ameren	3,838.09					3,838.09					3,838.09
4	585 Amerigas	19,865.92		-2,217.15			17,648.77					17,648.77
5	400 Bank of America	18,261.00					18,261.00					18,261.00
6	25 Boeing Company	3,769.95					3,769.95					3,769.95
7	600 Bristol Myers Squibb	8,847.70					8,847.70					8,847.70
8	1 California Residential	0.00					0.00					0.00
9	130 Chevron Corp	2,858.93					2,858.93					2,858.93
10	350 Conoco Phillips	19,871.85					19,871.85					19,871.85
11	0 Dow Chemical	19,944.60			19,944.60		0.00					0.00
12	0 DuPont E I Nemours	15,981.35			15,981.35		0.00					0.00
13	1282 Dow DuPont Inc	0.00	35,925.95				35,925.95					35,925.95
14	1470 Enterprise Products	10,129.11		-2,451.23			7,677.88					7,677.88
15	130 Exelon Corp	5,047.74					5,047.74					5,047.74
16	300 Exxon Mobil	990.90					990.90					990.90
17	700 General Electric	23,381.60					23,381.60					23,381.60
18	500 Ingles Markets Inc	15,008.00			16,907.18	9,399.18	7,500.00					7,500.00
19	400 J P Morgan Chase	20,896.00					20,896.00					20,896.00
20	223 Johnson & Johnson	21,022.00			23,562.47	12,931.82	10,391.35					10,391.35
21	968 Kinder Morgan	0.00					0.00					0.00
22	15 Lockheed Martin	3,973.58					3,973.58					3,973.58
23	265 Merck & Company	10,008.81					10,008.81					10,008.81
24	220 Nisource Inc	5,001.29					5,001.29					5,001.29
25	185 Occidental Petroleum	15,573.85					15,573.85					15,573.85
26	825 Old Republic Inc	11,012.21					11,012.21					11,012.21
27	325 Pfizer Inc	0.00					0.00					0.00
28	165 Proctor & Gamble	9,947.24					9,947.24					9,947.24
29	27 Raytheon	3,994.42					3,994.42					3,994.42
30	900 Southern Company	8,711.15					8,711.15					8,711.15
31	120 3M Company	10,105.28					10,105.28					10,105.28
32	427 Verizon Communications	9,756.25					9,756.25					9,756.25
33	494 Wells Fargo	34,181.78	6,924.95				41,106.73					41,106.73
34	740 Apollo	13,171.57					13,171.57					13,171.57
35	600 Equity Residential	12,783.70					12,783.70					12,783.70
36	800 Starwood Ppty	18,013.64					18,013.64					18,013.64
37	5278 884 FID Conservative Income Bond		53,000.00				53,000.00					53,000.00
38	Cash	7,200.45		5,573.63	11,000.00		1,774.08	0.00	22,570.83	22,572.83	0.00	1,774.08
39	Fidelity Money Market	15,196.37	51,105.60		59,324.95		6,377.02	290.55	96.89		387.44	6,764.46
40												
41												
42												
43												
44												
45	TOTALS	414,221.41	146,956.50	-	147,320.55	22,331.00	436,188.36	290.55	22,667.72	22,572.83	387.44	436,575.80

TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMON TRUSTS

DATE CREATED	TRUST NAME	FUND	GROUP	RECORDED	BEG. PRIN.	ADD. PRIN.	GAIN	END. PRIN.	BEG. INC.	INC.	EXP.	END. INC.
09-28-1998	THEODOSIA WYATT TRUST	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$420.24	\$0.00	\$22.29	\$442.53	\$-.43	\$23.00	\$22.90	\$-.53
09-15-2012	TRUSTEES, RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$39,160.97	\$0.00	\$2,069.45	\$41,230.42	\$-110.86	\$2,135.65	\$2,126.52	\$-101.73
08-21-1909	JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$1,424.20	\$0.00	\$75.55	\$1,499.75	\$1.56	\$77.97	\$77.64	\$1.89
02-03-1912	WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$3,461.76	\$0.00	\$183.65	\$3,645.41	\$3.73	\$189.52	\$188.71	\$4.54
07-07-1917	RAND, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$1,263.35	\$0.00	\$67.02	\$1,330.37	\$1.35	\$69.16	\$68.87	\$1.64
11-11-1918	LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$3,461.76	\$0.00	\$183.65	\$3,645.41	\$3.73	\$189.52	\$188.71	\$4.54
08-21-1921	DRAKE, JAMES MCEWEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$31,264.55	\$0.00	\$1,658.64	\$32,923.19	\$33.69	\$1,711.70	\$1,704.38	\$41.01
10-27-1922	MARDEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$631.32	\$0.00	\$33.49	\$664.81	\$-.65	\$34.56	\$34.41	\$-.80
07-06-1925	PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$3,098.42	\$0.00	\$164.37	\$3,262.79	\$3.36	\$169.63	\$168.91	\$4.08
11-27-1927	GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$3,098.42	\$0.00	\$164.37	\$3,262.79	\$3.36	\$169.63	\$168.91	\$4.08
01-31-1933	GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$3,098.42	\$0.00	\$164.37	\$3,262.79	\$3.36	\$169.63	\$168.91	\$4.08
01-22-1941	VARRELL, FORREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$6,132.25	\$0.00	\$325.32	\$6,457.57	\$6.60	\$335.73	\$334.29	\$8.04
12-17-1941	PHILBRICK, LIZZIE B.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$1,461.84	\$0.00	\$77.55	\$1,539.39	\$1.57	\$80.03	\$79.69	\$1.91
01-02-1949	HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$18,463.84	\$0.00	\$979.53	\$19,443.37	\$19.87	\$1,010.87	\$1,006.55	\$24.19
10-07-1949	MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$21,046.69	\$0.00	\$1,116.56	\$22,163.25	\$22.68	\$1,152.28	\$1,147.36	\$27.60
12-28-1949	CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$3,093.59	\$0.00	\$164.12	\$3,257.71	\$3.34	\$169.37	\$168.64	\$4.07
04-30-1958	WALKER, RALPH	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$6,131.95	\$0.00	\$325.31	\$6,457.26	\$6.65	\$335.72	\$334.28	\$8.09
09-20-1960	HOOK, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$6,131.95	\$0.00	\$325.31	\$6,457.26	\$6.65	\$335.72	\$334.28	\$8.09
05-23-1961	PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$4,618.36	\$0.00	\$245.01	\$4,863.37	\$4.99	\$252.85	\$251.77	\$6.07
05-23-1961	LOUGEE, GILMAN M & MAYBELLE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$47,365.57	\$0.00	\$2,512.82	\$49,878.39	\$51.01	\$2,593.21	\$2,582.13	\$62.09
05-11-1971	PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$27,984.32	\$0.00	\$1,484.51	\$29,468.83	\$28.18	\$1,532.00	\$1,525.45	\$34.73
05-05-1972	DUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$82,364.91	\$0.00	\$4,369.72	\$86,734.63	\$88.61	\$4,509.54	\$4,490.26	\$107.89
02-07-1980	SYLVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$4,088.44	\$0.00	\$216.89	\$4,305.33	\$4.38	\$223.83	\$222.88	\$5.33
12-01-1980	PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$81,837.25	\$0.00	\$4,341.61	\$86,178.86	\$88.10	\$4,480.50	\$4,461.35	\$107.25
01-10-1990	ROPER, HOWARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$5,862.57	\$0.00	\$310.98	\$6,173.55	\$5.73	\$320.93	\$319.56	\$7.10
12-31-1992	CORINNE P. MACDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2017	\$7,254.47	\$0.00	\$384.86	\$7,639.33	\$7.83	\$397.17	\$395.47	\$9.53
					\$414,221.41	\$0.00	\$21,966.95	\$436,188.36	\$290.55	\$22,669.72	\$22,572.83	\$387.44

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

2017

Since its creation in 1892, Central Cemetery has been managed and operated by an elected board of three Cemetery Trustees. The Trustees serve staggered three year terms with one position up for election each year. The current Trustees are Roger Philbrick (2020), Ken Moynahan (2018) and Frank Drake (2019).

The Central Cemetery is a perpetual care cemetery. Perpetual care operates by setting aside a portion of the plot sale in an investment fund that generates interest income to perpetually pay for the maintenance of the plot and cemetery. Central Cemetery operates at no expense to the Rye taxpayer. (The Town has, at times, provided specific "bridge loans" that Central Cemetery has repaid).

In 2017 the several cemetery funds and accounts earned a total income of \$133,187.74. The cemetery's 2017 expenses totaled \$126,550.73, leaving a net surplus of \$6,637.01. Additionally, we did not need to access \$5,022.17 of disposable income from two of our smaller funds and we have a balance of \$78,802.55 in our reserve account. Through the sale of cemetery grave lots we added \$21,000.00 to the principal of the Cemetery Common Fund.

The repair and painting of the antique granite post and pipe rail fence along the south and south east perimeter drives has been completed. A nice detail improved. We will be replacing the dump body on our 2001 one-ton dump truck, which is otherwise in good condition. We continue to evaluate our old infrastructure, particularly our roadways and plan on commencing roadway improvements in 2018.

The Cemetery continues to have a traffic flow problem. Too many cars are going through the cemetery for non-cemetery purposes, even when burials are taking place. Too many cars are driving too fast. Last year the Trustees posted 15mph speed limit signs throughout the cemetery, please obey the speed limit. There are other access points to the Town Forest. Please remember this is a cemetery, not a park. Respect its purpose.

The Trustees thank Superintendent John Coscia (603-817-0066) for his operational vigilance, for maintaining a well cared for cemetery and thoughtfully addressing the inquiries and needs of our customers.

The Cemetery Trustees would be remiss not to express our gratitude to the Trustees of Trust Funds for their exemplary management of our funds to generate favorable interest income and principal growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Drake
Roger O. Philbrick
Kenneth Moynahan
CEMETERY TRUSTEES

2017 SALE OF LOTS
CENTRAL CEMETERY

	<u>SALE OF LOTS</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>
Edward H. Tate II & Mary Thacher Tate Division 1, Lot A26 8 graves	Resale	\$ 1500.00
Steven J. & Lois J. Tynan Perry Field, Lot PF C-1	\$ 3000.00	3000.00
Veronica A. Morrill Cedar Lawn, A27 1 & 2	750.00	750.00
Marc J. & Angela L Thibeu Perry Field, Lot PF D-5	1500.00	1500.00
Larry J. & Candace F. Rocha Perry Field, Lot PF C-6	1500.00	1500.00
Melvin R. & Jean M. Low Cedar Lawn, A47 3 & 4	750.00	750.00
Suzi F. MacDonald Perry Field, Lot PF C-7 N.	1500.00	1500.00
Stanley & Miranda F. Bock Perry Field, Lot PF C-7 S	1500.00	1500.00
John & Elaine Lampron Cedar Lawn, B43 #3	375.00	375.00
Bernard Family Trust Cedar Lawn, A92 #1	375.00	375.00
Barbara Hansen Cedar Lawn F2, # 1 & 2	750.00	750.00
Muriel Papoutsy Perry Field, Lot PF C-10, 8 graves	3,000.00	3,000.00
Jeff & Sawako T. Gardner Cedar Lawn E94, #1 & 2	750.00	750.00

2017 SALE OF LOTS, continued

	<u>SALE OF LOTS</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>
Wendy Cabral Perry Field, Lot PF D-6, 4 graves	\$ 1,500.00	1,500.00
Gary & Linda Ringhoffer Cedar Lawn, C11, #3 & 4	750.00	750.00
Steven & Trudy Genestreti Perry Field, Lot PF A-7, S.	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 19,500.00	\$21,000.00

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Telephone (603) 964-8562; Fax (603) 964-4132
ddecotis@town.rye.nh.us

2017 was a year of changes for this office. I was elected as Town Clerk/Tax Collector and assistant Amy Thibodeau, was promoted to Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Amy has been a great asset to this town and residents.

In 2017 this office registered 8,488 vehicles, 320 boats, and titled 592 vehicles We also licensed 694 dogs, 2770 beach stickers 49 marriage licenses, 225 certified copies

In addition, we collected close to 21.4 million in property taxes, tax liens, sewer bills, land use change taxes, yield taxes and interest. We do accept partial payments for property taxes instead of two bulk payments. I encourage you to pay this way if it makes it easier on your budge. It also helps to keep the interest down. My door is always open, if you have any questions regarding payments.

All dogs are required to be licensed between January 1st and April 30th. A current Rabies Certificate is needed for each do. Reminder notices have been mailed out. If you no longer have your dog, please notify our office so we can update our files. To avoid receiving a \$25.00 Civil Forfeiture Notice, dogs must be licensed by April 30th.

License fees are as follows:

Puppies under 7 months	\$6.60
Spayed or neutered dogs	\$6.50
Unaltered dogs	\$9.00
Senior Citizens (65+ years old)	\$2.00 (May license 1 dog for \$2.00)

For your convenience, we can register vehicles, license your dogs, receive property taxes and sewer payments on-line (www.town.rye.nh.us). Look for the colored icons. We accept checks or credit cards for payment on-line.

Beach Parking Stickers are issued only in our office at Town Hall. You must present your current vehicle registration for each Beach Sticker obtained. Beach Stickers have increased, cost is \$25.00. Stickers go on sale January 1st Over the counter payments may be made by cash, check or credit card. Fees of 2.79% apply with credit cards.

Have a Healthy Year and Be Kind to All
Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

SUMMARY

Motor Vehicle Registrations

MV Permits	\$1,506,388.38
Boats	\$8,824.80
Titles	\$2,456.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$23,990.80
E-Regs Fees	\$894.50
<u>Total Motor Vehicle Fees</u>	<u>\$1,542,554.48</u>

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses Issued	\$5,304.50
<u>Total Dog License Fees</u>	<u>\$5,304.50</u>

Miscellaneous

Marriage Licenses	\$2,450.00
Certified Copies	\$3,195.00
Civil Forfeitures	\$700.00
UCC Filings	\$840.00
Beach Parking Permits	\$55,440.00
Sale of Voter Checklist	\$418.00
VSX	\$10.00
Photocopy Sale	\$1,002.50
<u>Total Miscellaneous Fees</u>	<u>\$64,055.50</u>

REMITTED TO TREASURER **\$1,611,914.48**



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning Jan 1, 2017 and ending Dec 31, 2017

This form is due March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)

Instructions

Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: RYE

County: ROCKINGHAM

Report Year: 2017

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name

Donna

Last Name

DeCotis

Street No.

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Street Name

Central

Phone Number

(603) 964-8562

Email (optional)

ddecotis@town.rye.nh.us



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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014
Property Taxes	3110		\$711,851.55	\$1,314.18	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$129,546.11	(\$1,314.18)	
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2016	
Property Taxes	3110	\$22,201,062.17		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,596.42		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189	\$275,917.90		
Other Charges - Efees		\$137.00	\$20.00	

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	3110	\$13,722.77	\$35,847.08		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Utilities		\$484.50	\$19,739.93		
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$8,198.92	\$27,152.82		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190	\$580.00	\$797.50		
Total Debits		\$22,501,699.68	\$924,954.99	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	\$21,234,672.67	\$635,039.86		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$1,596.42			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$8,214.81	\$27,153.73		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$79,377.15		
Utilities	\$186,632.90	\$124,151.86		
Cost Not Liened	\$580.00			
Other Charges - Efees	\$137.00	\$20.00		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	\$2,091.94	\$34,656.62	\$11,827.84	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Utilities	\$2,574.00	\$24,555.77		
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	\$980,112.27	\$112,658.77	\$13,142.02	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$19,604.94)	(\$112,658.77)	(\$13,142.02)	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	(\$15.89)			
Total Credits		\$22,396,991.18	\$924,954.99	\$11,827.84
				\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$960,491.44
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$101,271.97



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)				
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Redemptions	\$21,510.78	\$47,890.03	\$39,120.94	\$3,602.52
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$432.85	\$13,064.79	\$12,623.70	\$1,986.24
Other Charges	\$184.35	\$263.00	\$229.00	\$195.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$65,947.37	\$31,391.50	\$3,933.10	
Total Credits	\$88,075.35	\$92,609.32	\$55,906.74	\$5,783.76

For DRA Use Only

Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$960,491.44
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$101,271.97



RYE (397)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Donna

Preparer's Last Name

DeCotis

Date

1/17/2018

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Donna DeCotis Town Clerk / Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title



Tax Rate Breakdown Rye

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$6,102,367	\$2,134,061,700	\$2.85
County	\$2,147,565	\$2,134,061,700	\$1.01
Local Education	\$8,613,820	\$2,134,061,700	\$4.04
State Education	\$4,695,014	\$2,126,551,400	\$2.21
Total	\$21,558,766		\$10.11

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Jenness Beach	\$121,275	\$466,442,400	\$0.26
Rye Beach Village	\$65,677	\$262,709,500	\$0.25
Rye Water District	\$606,387	\$1,347,526,200	\$0.45
Total	\$793,339		\$0.96

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$21,558,766
War Service Credits	(\$154,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$793,339
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$22,198,105

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

11/17/2017

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$10,059,214	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$3,277,438)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$955,000)
War Service Credits	\$154,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$121,591	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$6,102,367	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,147,565	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$2,147,565	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$13,308,834	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$4,695,014)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$8,613,820	
State Education Tax	\$4,695,014	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$4,695,014	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$2,134,061,700	\$1,884,140,400
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$2,126,551,400	\$1,877,997,800

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year	
Jenness Beach	\$466,442,400	
Rye Beach Village	\$262,709,500	
Rye Water District	\$1,347,526,200	

The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2017 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature: <i>Donna DeCotis</i>	Date: <i>11-17-2017</i>
<small>Submit this signed verification form with a copy of the completed and signed warrant total page and an actual tax bill to your DRA municipal auditor.</small>	

Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Rye	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2017 Tax Rate	\$10.11	\$5.06
Associated Villages		
Jenness Beach	\$0.26	\$0.13
Rye Beach Village	\$0.25	\$0.13
Rye Water District	\$0.45	\$0.23

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$258,343
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$25,257,270
Final Overlay	\$121,591

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices* (4.1), pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2017 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Rye	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (5.00%)	\$1,263,042
17% Retained (<i>Maximum Recommended</i>)	\$4,293,736
10% Retained	\$2,525,727
8% Retained	\$2,020,582
5% Retained (<i>Minimum Recommended</i>)	\$1,262,864

2017 RSA 198:4-b II School Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Rye

If a school district has adopted RSA 198:4-b II by a vote of the legislative body, the school district may retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. This retained fund balance is not cumulative. The maximum allowed fund balance retention has been calculated as:

	Net Assessment	2.5% of Net Assessment
Local School	\$13,308,834	\$332,721

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
February 10	Portsmouth NH	Sean Maxwell	Sean and Danielle Maxwell
April 14	Dover NH	Patrick Quinn	Patrick Quinn and Caitlin Delaney
April 24	Portsmouth NH	Ryan Huskey	Ryan and Jessica Huskey
May 8	Rye NH	Otto Matthew Knapp	Kevin Knapp and Stephanie Mosscrop

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON A'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PERSON B'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>
April 22	Palmyre L Bavo, Rye NH	Ryan M Lent, Rye NH
June 29	Susan H Parker, Rye NH	John M Safford, Rye NH
July 1	John W Durgin, Rye NH	Emilie A Wright, Rye NH
August 26	Emily E Brown, Rye NH	Gallagher J Hogan, Portsmouth NH
September 2	Clifford P Gallant III, Brookline MA	Jennifer S Sexton, Rye NH
September 16	Michael R Buchholz, Rye NH	Katelyn A Ransom, Rye NH
September 23	Karen L Kenney, Rye NH	William S Richard, Rye NH
September 29	Andrew J Littlehale, Topsfield, MA	Jennifer L O'Hare, Rye NH
October 22	Carrie D Ryan, Rye NH	Scott K Bridge, Rye NH
December 15	Raysha A Rojas Quezada, Rye NH	Sean B Walsh, Rye NH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
January 1	Portsmouth	Dianne Dunfey	Richard Dunfey & Audrey Albert
January 25	Rye	Gerald Byrne	Gerald Byrne & Marjorie McCann
January 5	Portsmouth	Helen McKeon	Joseph Crowley & Helen Lundgren
January 6	Rye	Douglas Sparks Sr	Ralph Sparks & Phyllis Lefort
January 9	Rochester	Robert Crandall	Elmer Crandall & Anne Miko
January 19	Rye	William Symonds	Ralph Symonds & Barbara Walker
January 19	Dover	Christopher Neddy	Donald Neddy & Claire McNamee
February 2	Rye	Lorraine Barton	Alben Legere & Eliza Leblanc
February 11	Rye	Nancy Eaton	Frank Davenport & Betty McWilliam
February 19	Portsmouth	Kevin Connell	Lawrence Connell & Miriam Cunningham
February 27	Rye	Carol Moore	Oscar Gove & Grace Schufelt
March 8	Rye	Salvatore Zona	John Zona & Providence Scandurra
March 10	Rye	Jane Morse	Unknown & Eva Dyer
March 16	Rye	Patricia Locke	Arthur Fowler & Dorothy Frost
March 17	Rye	William McDade	William McDade & Katherine Hayes
March 20	Portsmouth	Arthur Lehrman	Morris Lehrman & Janet Barral
March 29	Rye	Barbara Kenney	Leo Hughes & Josephine Mahanna
March 29	Rochester	Donna Loughlin	William Chapman & Doris Ainsworth
April 17	Rye	Israel Mirsky	Solomon Mirsky & Malka Schwartz
April 27	Exeter	Fredericka Kalampaliki	Costas Spirou & Arhrodite Plentzas
May 10	Brentwood	Richard Femia	Joseph Femia & Lois Day
May 13	Rye	Damaris Hatch	Lewis Tarr & Mildred Bowman
May 17	Rye	Phyllis Lundgren	Arthur Bean & Elsie Drowns
May 21	Rye	Juanita Martinuk	Charles Schladenhauffen & Valenta (Unknown)
May 27	Rye	Barbara Victor	Gilbert Spaulding & Adelle Richardson
June 5	Portsmouth	Shirley Pappas	Harold Clough & Minnie Briggs-Saunders
June 7	Rye	Thomas Dunne	James Dunne & Helen Burke
June 11	Rye	Martha McKenna	Lennart Fougstedt & Mary Sullivan
June 13	Rye	Linda Josephs	Allen Soecker & Helen Geiger

June 26	Rochester	Edward McCarthy	Daniel McCarthy & Mary Babin
June 28	Dover	Richard Burns	Robert Burns & Lillian Sasseville
July 2	Portsmouth	Louis Altman	Barry Altman & Helen Jacobs
July 3	Portsmouth	Christine Remick	Melvin Remick & Emily Dame
July 7	Portsmouth	Mary Scognamiglio	Salvatore Truglia & Raffaela Bilotta
July 17	Rye	William Morton	William Morton & Jane Brown
July 18	Portsmouth	Lorraine Blackburn	Leo Parent & Aurore Paquette
July 21	Rye	Ruth Arzt	Bernard Presel & Elsie Winshuer
July 25	Dover	Janet Dedeus	Linus Saulnier & Violet Guyette
August 1	Portsmouth	William Hansen	Earl Hansen & Teresa Qualey
August 25	Rochester	Carl Seyfarth	Hans Seyfarth & Anna Hager
August 27	Rye	Stephen White	Abraham White & Millicent Welch
September 3	Exeter	Martin Zivic	Stanley Zivic & Margaret Smith
September 3	Portsmouth	Vicki Abrams	Alan Abrams & Sylvia Basch
September 5	Rye	John Appel Jr	John Appel & Josephine Gaquinn
September 6	Hampton	Gladys Finch	Herbert Moore & Mary Messer
September 9	Rye	Ann Weston	Frank Kelley & Eva Benatti
September 15	Portsmouth	June Walsh	Dougald Boyd & Lima Cameron
September 15	Rye	Peggy Roper	Martin Romesburg & Irene Swope
September 20	Rye	Anita Angelo	Santo Samperi & Maria Augusta
September 23	Exeter	Maurice Lavigne	Louis-Philippe Lavigne & Marguerite Marion
September 24	Rye	Arnet Taylor Sr	Richard Taylor & Gretchen Eichorn
October 22	Rye	Peter Gragg	Charles Gragg & Unknown
November 5	Rye	David Morse	Richard Morse & Edna Riggs
November 11	Rye	Panagiota Sarhanis	Yianni Karavoulis & Eleni Mataxas
November 19	Portsmouth	Helen Smith	Peter Piotrowski & Ceslava Goliembiewski
November 22	Rye	Patricia Johnson	Archie Daigle & Dorothy French
November 23	Rye	Thomas Markham Jr	Thomas Markham & Elizabeth Tully
November 29	Portsmouth	Janet Goodreau	Henry Goodwin & Doris Patterson
December 19	Rye	Grace Philbrick	Walter Vickery & Lucy Jenness
December 29	Rye	Mary March	Roy Hamlin & Wava Richardson

SANITARY RESULTS OF THE VOTE 2017



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2017

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Donna M. Decotis
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN

for Three Years Vote for not more than One

PHIL WINSLOW 774 ☒

PAUL E. GOLDMAN 507 ☐

RICHARD MOYNAHAN 207 ☐

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two

KAREN ALLEN 1236 ☒

BRIAN S. KLINGER 1049 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two

JEROME A. GITTLEIN 1106 ☒

J. MERRILL LORD 1013 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR

for Three Years Vote for not more than One

WENDY BOOKHOLZ 716 ☐

DONNA DECOTIS 822 ☒

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for Three Years Vote for not more than One

JEFFREY BALBONI 1279 ☒

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two

JACI GROTE 1116 ☒

PETER CRAWFORD 1023 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

for Two Years Vote for not more than One

PATRICIA LOSIK 1213 ☒

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two

SHAWN CRAPO 1098 ☒

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for Three Years Vote for not more than One

ROGER O. PHILBRICK 1393 ☒

(Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSIONER

for Three Years Vote for not more than One

DAVID KOHLHASE 1232 ☒

(Write-in)

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

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

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

Amendment 1.

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

Explanation

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

1083

YES ☒

NO ☐

360

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

RESULTS OF THE VOTE 2017

SAMPLE

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

Amendment 2.

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

Explanation

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

1279

YES ☒

NO ☐

231

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

Amendment 3.

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

Explanation

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

1208

YES ☒

NO ☐

325

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

Amendment 4.

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

Explanation

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

940

YES ☒

NO ☐

589

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

Amendment 5.

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

Explanation

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

1086

YES ☒

NO ☐

419

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

Amendment 6.

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

Explanation

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

1147

YES ☒

NO ☐

340

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

Amendment 7.

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

Explanation

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

1109

YES ☒

NO ☐

380

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SAMPLE LOT

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Donna M. DeCotis
TOWN CLERK

BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

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

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

Amendment 1.

Re: Appeals to Building Code of Appeals/ZBA

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

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

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

Explanation

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

1254
YES ☒
NO ☐
257

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

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

Amendment 1.

Re: Fences

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

Explanation

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

1233
YES ☒
NO ☐
282

ARTICLES

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 06, as follows:

ARTICLE 06. Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three million three hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,386,752), gross budget, for the purpose of constructing a new Town Hall office building similar in exterior design and on the same site of the existing Town Hall Building, along with equipment and furnishings, and authorize the borrowing of up to three million three hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,386,752) through the issuance of not more than three million three hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,386,752) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations towards this purpose. (3/5) ballot vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-3)

337
YES ☒
NO ☐
1227

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

RESULTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 07, as follows:

ARTICLE 07. (By Petition) Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to authorize the Rye Selectmen

- to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200,000 gross budget for the purpose of renovating the Rye Town Hall 1839 building with due consideration of the historical features
- to construct pursuant to Option 1-Historic Renovation submitted by Hutter Corporation on December 8, 2016
- to authorize the borrowing of up to \$3,200,000 through the issuance of not more than \$3,200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended)
- to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye.
- to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations toward this purpose, and
- to direct the Selectmen to authorize the pursuit of available grants to help defray the cost of renovation.

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

340

YES ☐

NO ☒

1233

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

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 08, as follows:

ARTICLE 08. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling nine million four hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty-two dollars (\$9,413,952)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million eight hundred forty thousand three hundred thirty-six dollars (\$8,840,336) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

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

964

YES ☒

NO ☐

581

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 09, as follows:

ARTICLE 09. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) to purchase a new truck with plows and material spreader to replace a 2004 six wheel dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

1178

YES ☒

NO ☐

380

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 10, as follows:

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the reconstruction and paving of Shoals View Drive, a town maintained road, between Parsons Road and Ocean Boulevard, a distance of approximately 500 linear feet. Sum to include engineering services for design, bidding and inspection. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

916

YES ☒

NO ☐

628

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

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Don DeCotis
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 11, as follows:

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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

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

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

1063
YES ☒
NO ☐
496

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 12, as follows:

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 11 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 11 cost items only?

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

1071
YES ☒
NO ☐
454

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 13, as follows:

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters IAFF Local #4411, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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

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

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

1068
YES ☒
NO ☐
496

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 14, as follows:

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 13 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 13 cost items only?

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

1075
YES ☒
NO ☐
465

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 15, as follows:

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Police Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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

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

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

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

1046
YES ☒

NO ☐

492

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 16, as follows:

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 15 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 15 cost items only?

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

1060
YES ☒

NO ☐

469

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 17, as follows:

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

1053
YES ☒

NO ☐

480

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 18, as follows:

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to conduct preliminary planning, design and engineering for a community center, of which forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) will come from withdrawal of funds from the *Recreation Revolving Fund*. The balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

725
YES ☐

NO ☒

820

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 19, as follows:

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

1045
YES ☒

NO ☐

496

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 20, as follows:

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Expendable Trust Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:91-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

937
YES ☒

NO ☐

590

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 21, as follows:

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

1124
YES ☒

NO ☐

415

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Sandra M. DeCoteau
TOWN CLERK

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 22, as follows:

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to contract for engineering design plus bidding services to replace the existing salt shed and authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Salt/Sand Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

1017

YES ☒

NO ☐

541

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 23, as follows:

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1333

YES ☒

NO ☐

239

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 24, as follows:

ARTICLE 24. To see if the voters will authorize the Board of Selectmen to move forward with the Town Hall option that receives the most votes in the event Warrant Articles 6 and 7 both receive 3/5 majority votes or greater.

730

YES ☐

NO ☒

812

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 25, as follows:

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Rye Fire Department Ordinance adopted by Article 13 of the 1972 Annual Town Meeting and amended by Article 37 of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, and, further, to affirm pursuant to RSA 154:1 that the Rye Fire Department is organized with a Fire Chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen and firefighters appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Fire Chief.

1152

YES ☒

NO ☐

359

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 26, as follows:

ARTICLE 26. Are you in favor of the amendment to the Parking Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

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

991

YES ☒

NO ☐

541

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 27, as follows:

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 11 of Ordinance #1, the Beach Ordinance as follows. (Note: New text is in ***bold italics***).

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

During this part of the year:

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

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

3. These provisions shall not apply to any dog owned or employed by or acting on the behalf of law enforcement.

The animal control officer or any police officer shall have the authority to enforce the observance of this chapter relating to animal control. The Board of Selectmen may empower the duties of the animal control officer to serve notice of forfeiture (citation) relating to animal control, and it may also empower the animal control officer to investigate all reports of violations involving animals in this town ordinance and RSA 466:1.

817
YES ☒
NO ☐
681

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 28, as follows:

ARTICLE 28. Are you in favor of the amendment to the Litter Control Law as proposed by the Selectmen as follows:

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

1356
YES ☒
NO ☐
206

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 29, as follows:

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town road, Star Fish Circle in the Sea Mist Landing Subdivision as shown on a plan entitled "Joyce W. Richardson & Gale Worden & the Worden Trust Subdivision Plans Assessor's parcels Tax Map 19, Lots 141 & 141-1, Rye NH 03870", recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-38825. This acceptance is conditioned upon the final approval of the Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. The Planning Board has approved the subdivision creating Starfish Circle as identified on the above-referenced plan. (Majority vote required.)

989
YES ☒
NO ☐
524

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 30, as follows:

ARTICLE 30. (By Petition) Should Article 6 and Article 7 fail to pass, shall the town vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to repair and refurbish the exterior of the historic Rye Town Hall, to provide handicapped access and facilities, to replace and restore windows as appropriate, to provide adequate space for town hall employees without expanding the existing footprint, and improve the energy efficiency, while taking into consideration the impact of twenty-first century technology on space needs. In the event that the Board of Selectmen should determine that it is impossible within the funds appropriated hereby, to accomplish all the purposes of this warrant article, they shall nevertheless proceed, prioritizing the spending in such fashion as shall be most economical and consistent with the goals established by this warrant article.

702
YES ☐
NO ☒
874

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

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 31, as follows:

ARTICLE 31. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which gives the Board of Selectmen authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, without voter approval, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c.

548
YES ☐
NO ☒
987

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 32, as follows:

ARTICLE 32. (By Petition) We are in favor of Article 27 with regard to control of dogs on beaches.

672
YES ☐
NO ☒
811

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

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Norra McColin
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 33, as follows:

ARTICLE 33. (By Petition) Shall the Selectmen authorize the creation a Younger Family Housing Committee ("Committee") that will explore whether the declining school population – which is expected to decline by 54% from 2011 to 2026 – can be reversed to maintain the vitality of our school district? This Committee should look to support Rye's dedication to school excellence that complements our heritage as a quaint, coastal community. This Committee should consist of no fewer than 4 and no more than 12 members consisting of a mix of one realtor, one member of the Conservation Committee or other land preserving organization, one RES parent, one RJH parent, Selectman, and one member of each of the following committees: School Board, Planning Committee and Budget Committee, each appointed by its Committee chair, and 4 citizens at large members. The Committee should self-elect a chairperson. The Committee should commence its first meeting by April 14, 2017 and should submit a report identifying suggestions to increase school population and next steps for implementation to The Town Selectman and Long Range Planning Sub-committee by October 16, 2017. Upon submitting the report this Committee shall cease.

Those interested should submit a brief resume to the Selectman no later than March 22, 2017 for Selectman's selection by March 31, 2017.

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

659
YES ☐
NO ☒
905

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 34, as follows:

ARTICLE 34. (By Petition) Option three for the Town Hall. This will be for a design and further study for a New Town Hall based upon a New England design. There is no cost to the Town or the taxpayer; conceptual design work will be donated by John Loftus, who has retained the architectural firm of Robert A. Schaeffer & David M. White, both licensed in the State of New Hampshire and who will be assisting in the conceptual design. The belief is, that a better design can be brought forward than proposed by Hutter and that the cost will be less. Design will be based around a full basement, 3 stories, a smaller footprint than Hutter's design, an envelope similar to the existing Town Hall, energy efficiency, and low cost maintenance. Care will be taken to reflect the historical significance, and location, of the existing site. One vendor has already volunteered to sell to the town at cost, and we may expect others to donate time or pricing advantages. This proposal also allows competitive bidding, and further vetting, as opposed to the 3.3 million dollar proposal.

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

813
YES ☒
NO ☐
700

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 35, as follows:

ARTICLE 35. (By Petition) To see if the Conservation Commission will consider the establishment of a Trail Access Feasibility Committee ("Committee") to explore the feasibility and funding requirements of expanding one of the existing public trails through The Rye Town Forest (behind Parson's Field) for the purpose of increasing access to the Rye Recreation Area from the center of Town in general, and from the students of Rye Junior High School in particular. The Committee would develop recommendations for the best route, surface materials and maintenance plan; and would provide a report to the Town no later than September 1, 2017.

The Committee shall consist of a Conservation Committee member, a representative from Public Safety, a representative from the Recreation Department, a Planning Board member, a School Board member, and up to four citizen representatives who are Board Members of Leagues that use the Rye Recreation Fields, as well as additional members identified as needed by, and appointed by, the Committee. The Committee shall self-elect a citizen chairperson.

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

792
YES ☒
NO ☐
778

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 36, as follows:

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2017.

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

1405
YES ☒
NO ☐
159

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 37, as follows:

ARTICLE 37. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

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

1093
YES ☒
NO ☐
337

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2017

Donna M. DeCotis
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

three (3) year terms Vote for not more than two (2)

PAULA TSETSIAS 705 ☒

GARY C. BOWSER 468 ☐

JEANNE MOYNAHAN 941 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 1.

Shall the Rye School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$14,087,950 (Fourteen Million Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$13,967,307 (Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Rye School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.) (NOTE: This warrant article [operating budget] does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.)

1054
YES ☒
NO ☐
435

The Rye School Board recommends the operating budget. (Vote 5-0)
The Rye Budget Committee recommends the operating budget. (Vote 7-0)

Article 2.

To see if the Rye School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000 (Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars)** to be placed in the School Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund, previously established, for necessary anticipated and unanticipated repairs and maintenance. (Majority vote required.) (NOTE: This appropriation is in addition to warrant article 1, the operating budget article.)

1129
YES ☒
NO ☐
365

The Rye School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote 5-0)
The Rye Budget Committee recommends this warrant article. (Vote 9-0)

Article 3.

To see if the School District will vote to establish a Committee ("Committee") to study the long-term enrollment projections and consider how to best use the current School District properties to best meet the educational needs of Rye students while striving for fiscally responsible proposals. Such options may include merging two buildings, permitting the use of part of the buildings for other Town functions, and conferring with SAU 50 administrators and other SAU 50 school boards to determine whether there may be other mutually beneficial program structures for the SAU 50 prekindergarten through 8th grade student population. The Committee shall be appointed by the School Board in consultation with the Selectman, to include members from relevant town committees, citizens with specific expertise, and other citizens of the Town of Rye. The Committee should self-elect a chairperson. The Committee should provide a report to the town prior to December 1, 2017, with recommendations for next steps. The Committee shall disband following the 2018 Town Election. (Submitted by resident petition.)

1177
YES ☒
NO ☐
312

The Rye School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote 5-0)

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Town Moderator oversees all elections in Rye and presides over the Deliberative Session. There was only one election in Rye in 2017, but it was not without controversy. The Town election was originally scheduled for March 14th, but a major nor'easter scuttled that plan. After consulting with, and obtaining the support of, all interested Town officials, I postponed the election to Saturday, March 18th. In making that decision, I relied on RSA 40:4, which states that, in the event of a weather emergency on "voting day," the moderator may postpone the voting day to another reasonable date. My paramount concern was the safety of Rye residents and election workers. Notice of the postponement was delivered in every conceivable fashion. While the Governor (who advised residents to stay off the roads) and some legislators discouraged postponement, and the Secretary of State declared to the media that "New Hampshire doesn't have snow days," I felt it would be reckless to endanger the lives of our townspeople when the election could be held a few days later. As you know, March 14th brought well over a foot of snow, high winds and extremely hazardous road conditions. Nonetheless, Town Clerk Donna DeCotis and her staff were at the Elementary School all day, checklist in hand, making absentee ballots available to those who needed them. The election went forward without incident on March 18th, a bright and sunny day. 1,638 of Rye's 5,356 registered voters cast ballots, for a turnout of 30.6%, about 4% higher than the average of the prior 10 years. The complete results of that election, as well as Rye voter turnout statistics for local and statewide elections, are posted on the Town website.

Once again, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to all the election workers who dedicated themselves to making democracy in Rye function at its best. They include the volunteers who counted blank ballots before the election to verify our ballot inventory, the Public Works employees who set up the polling site, the ballot clerks who checked in voters and handed out ballots, the Selectmen who were there all day performing numerous functions, the Supervisors of the Checklist who processed election-day registrations, the volunteers who counted write-in ballots and totaled the number of voters marked on the checklist, and the entire Rye PD, who kept us safe. Finally, I couldn't have gotten through the day without the help of Assistant Clerk (now Deputy Clerk), Amy Thibodeau, who helped me double-check vote tallies, and Frank Drake, who did yeoman's work processing absentee ballots. Thank you all!

The 2018 Rye Deliberative Session, the minutes of which are contained elsewhere in this Annual Report, was held on February 3rd at Rye Junior High School. Of the 36 articles on the warrant, 29 were subject to amendment. 11 articles were in fact amended, some more than once, while a number of amendments were rejected. The most contentious topics on the warrant related to the future of Town Hall, the purchase of the TD Bank building, the closure of the Route 1 end of Dow Lane, and a proposed leash law. The Deliberative Session lasted 8 hours and 10 minutes, the longest ever. 184 voters attended the meeting.

This year's Town Election is on March 13th. There are 3 contested races on the ballot – for Selectman, Library Trustee and School Board – plus the 36 warrant articles. One Budget Committee seat, and the position of School Moderator, will be filled by write-in votes. The polls will be open at the Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you can't get to the polls, get an absentee ballot application at the Town Clerk's office up to the day before the election. If you haven't registered, you can register at the polls on election day.

Finally, thank you to all the citizens of Rye for allowing me the privilege and the pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Eaton,
Town Moderator



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018

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Ronny M. Perot
TOWN CLERK

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TOWN MODERATOR

Vote for not
for Two Years more than One

ROBERT G. EATON ☐

☐

(Write-in)

SELECTMAN

Vote for not
for Three Years more than One

TIMOTHY SANBORN ☐

MICHAEL A. COUTU ☐

KERIANN ROMAN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TOWN TREASURER

Vote for not
for Three Years more than One

JANE E. IRELAND ☐

☐

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Vote for not
for Three Years more than One

KENNETH J. MOYNAHAN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not
for Three Years more than Two

JEFFREY ROSS ☐

GARRY LAYMAN ☐

KAREN OLIVER ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST

Vote for not
for Six Years more than One

SALLY S. KING ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not
for Three Years more than One

KERRY POPE ☐

☐

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not
for Three Years more than Two

DOUGLAS ABRAMS ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not
for One Year more than One

JEFFREY A. QUINN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not
for Three Years more than One

STEPHEN CARTER ☐

☐

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT

Vote for not
for Three Years more than Two

FRANK B. DIBBLE ☐

PATRICIA WEATHERSBY ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSIONER

Vote for not
for Three Years more than One

PETER G. KASNET ☐

☐

(Write-in)

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Article 03. To see if the town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the recommendations of the Rye Planning Board as follows:

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

Amendment 1:

Amend Section 400.1 to change the reference to Section 400.7 to Section 400.8, as follows: (Note: Deleted language ~~struck through~~. New language **emboldened and italicized**).

400.1 General: The use, rental or maintenance of mobile homes or house trailers shall be permitted within the Town of Rye only in approved developed park sites and mobile home subdivisions or under temporary permits as per ~~§ 400.7~~ **§ 400.8**.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Explanation

This is a housekeeping amendment to correct a typographical error. § 400.8 allows the Board of Adjustment, after public hearing, to grant a temporary permit not to exceed ninety (90) days for a single mobile home or house trailer to be placed upon a lot in any district and used by the owner or owner's immediate family.

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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

Amendment 2:

- I. Amend the Section 506.3 Performance Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units as follows: (Note: Deleted language ~~struck through~~. New language **emboldened and italicized**).
- G. An approval shall be obtained from NHDES relative to the adequacy of the on site waste disposal system. ***As required by RSA 674:72, V, prior to constructing an accessory dwelling unit, an application for approval for a sewage disposal system shall be submitted in accordance with RSA 485-A as applicable. The approved sewage disposal system shall be installed if the existing system has not received construction approval and approval to operate under current DES rules or predecessor rules, or the system fails or otherwise needs to be repaired or replaced.***
- O. ***[new] An accessory dwelling unit shall not be permitted in single family dwellings attached to each other, such as town houses.***
- P. ***[new] An accessory dwelling unit shall not be permitted with manufactured housing.***
- Q. ~~☐~~ All other zoning requirements shall be met.
- II. Add a new Section 506.5 as follows and re-index present Sections 506.5 and 506.6 accordingly. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**).

YES ☐

NO ☐

506.5 Condominium Conveyance. Notwithstanding the provision of the Condominium Act, condominium conveyance of an accessory dwelling unit separate from that of the principal dwelling unit is prohibited.

Explanation

During 2017 the Legislature passed two bills affecting accessory dwelling units. HB 238 strengthens the septic system requirements for an accessory dwelling unit. HB 265 allows municipalities to prohibit accessory dwelling units in attached single family dwellings and with manufactured housing (i.e. mobile homes). HB 265 also allows municipalities to prohibit the condominium conveyance of an accessory dwelling unit separately from the principal dwelling unit. The amendment incorporates these legislative changes into Rye's requirements for accessory dwelling units.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

Amendment 3:

Amend the Section 306 Aquifer and Wellhead Protection Overlay District to add the Wellhead Protection Area for Aquarion Well No. 5A to the district; to add several definitions and a revision to the definition of "impervious"; to strengthen the requirements for blasting; to strengthen the protection of public and private wells from runoff; and to make other changes of an editing nature.

YES ☐

NO ☐

BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Article 04. To see if the town will vote to amend the Rye Building Code in accordance with the recommendations of the Rye Planning Board as follows:

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

Amendment 1:

Amend Section 7.9.4.1 and Section 7.9.2.2.1 of the Building Code as follows. (Note: Deleted language struck through. New language **emboldened and italicized**).

§ 7.9.4 Prohibited Conditions. The following are considered unsuitable for the disposal of septic and effluent and may not be remediated by the addition of fill, blasting, excavation or other methods.

7.9.4.1 The Wetlands ***Buffer*** of Section ~~301.7~~ ***301.8, A*** of the Zoning Ordinance ~~and all land within 400 feet of these protected wetlands~~ ***except replacement of existing septic systems pursuant to § 301.8, B. (2) of the Zoning Ordinance.***

YES ☐

NO ☐

7.9.2.2.1 Contiguous wetland areas of 500 sq. ft. or more including ponded areas and hydric soils. However, effluent disposal systems are prohibited in the protected wetlands and setbacks of Section ~~301.7~~ ***301.8*** of the Zoning Ordinance.

Explanation

The amendment makes the building code consistent with the Wetlands Ordinance as amended by voters in 2017. It also corrects erroneous references to the zoning ordinance section describing the Wetlands Buffer.

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Roxanne M. DeCotis

TOWN CLERK

BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

Amendment 2:

Delete Section 7.12 which regulates swimming pools.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Explanation

The State Building Code applies in Rye. The Rye Building Code (RBC) may be more strict than the state code, but it may not be less strict. Both the State Building Code and Section 7.12 of the Rye Building Code regulate swimming pools. The State Building Code requirements are more comprehensive than RBC Section 7.12. To avoid confusion the Building Inspector and the Planning Board recommend removing Section 7.12 from the Rye Building Code and relying only on the State Building Code for regulating the installation of swimming pools. The State Building Code requires 4 ft. high barriers around swimming pools. One effect of the amendment will be to reduce the fence (a/k/a barrier) height requirement in Rye from 5 ft. to 4 ft.

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTION

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

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

Amendment 1.

Amend Item VIII: "Determination of 100-Year Flood Elevations in the Floodplain Ordinance" to add the following new requirement for "Freeboard":

3. Freeboard:

New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure, including manufactured homes, shall have the bottom of the horizontal structural member of the lowest floor (excluding the pilings or columns), elevated at least 2 feet above the base flood elevation (BFE). The base flood elevation data is the level of the 100-year/1% annual chance flood. Where base flood elevation data is not available, a floodplain study must be performed by a Professional Engineer (PE) establishing the base flood elevation and the floodplain and floodway boundaries prior to issuance of a development permit.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Explanation

Freeboard is the single most effective means for reducing flood risk to a structure in the floodplain. Freeboard is standard for placing the first floor of a structure above the elevation of the calculated 1% flood level in order to allow for nature's uncertainty and future changes in the watershed that will increase flood levels. Freeboard is relatively inexpensive to build into development, and typically pays for itself in reduced insurance premiums and prevented flood damage within the first 10 years of a structure's lifetime. Significant Community Rating System (CRS) credit is available for this activity, which leads to lower flood insurance premiums for all policy holders in the community.

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 06. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to replace the existing salt shed with a larger more efficient salt storage facility to allow all salt operations to be under cover, and authorize the withdrawal of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Salt/Shed Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose, and authorize the borrowing of up to six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$620,000) through the issuance of not more than six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$620,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take such actions or to pass any vote relative thereto as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. (3/5 ballot vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-1)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 07. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of replacing the remaining existing culvert under Red Mill Lane. Said sum to include engineering services for construction administration and inspecting of the project, and authorize the borrowing of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take such actions or to pass any vote relative thereto as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 ballot vote required)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-1)

ARTICLE 08. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the reconstruction and paving of Shoals View Drive, a town maintained road, between Parsons Road and Ocean Boulevard and authorize the borrowing of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take such actions or to pass any vote relative thereto as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 ballot vote required)

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 09. (By Petition) Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to authorize the Rye Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of three million forty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$3,048,077) gross budget for the purpose of building a new Town Hall Structure on its current site, along with equipment and furnishings, with some changes to foundation location, and to raze the old Town Hall building.

To construct, pursuant to the design for a new Town Hall, as developed by Rye resident John Loftus, and licensed New Hampshire Architect Robert A. Schaefer, AIA, LEED BD+C from the firm of R.A.SCHAEFER & D. M. WHITE ARCHITECTS.

To authorize The Rye Selectmen, to go forward with the completion of "construction documents", including required and necessary engineering, by licensed New Hampshire Architect Robert A. Schaefer, AIA, LEED BD+C from the firm of R.A.SCHAEFER & D. M. WHITE ARCHITECTS, and with further project design input by Rye resident John Loftus. The "construction documents" will take into account all applicable codes and ADA requirements. (Please note: Mr. Loftus has not been offered, has not asked for, and will NOT accept any remuneration for any of his design work.)

To authorize The Rye Selectmen, to seek competitive bidding for the physical construction of a new Town Hall, as per the prepared construction documents, and to choose the best bid.

To authorize the borrowing of up to three million forty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$3,048,077) through the issuance of not more than three million forty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$3,048,077) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended)

To authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State grants and any private donations towards this purpose.

YES ☐

NO ☐

(60% vote required) This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (5-4)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for development of a management program for existing stormwater infrastructure, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Clean Water Revolving Fund and to appropriate the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) for interest payments during 2018. This DES program includes principal forgiveness, thus there is no cost to the town other than a small amount of interest. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

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RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018

Sandra M. Secotia
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling nine million one hundred eighty-six thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars (\$9,186,273)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million seven hundred eighty-nine thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars (\$8,789,573) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of up to and no more than six hundred twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$624,800), gross budget, for the purchase of a 3.7-acre parcel of land and building located at 500 Washington Road, Rye, which was the former TD Bank, for the ownership and use of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire for the future. The purchase of this property will not be directed to any dedicated long-term use at the time of purchase.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to construct a multi-purpose recreation storage facility at the recreation area that includes heated storage, maintenance garage and a concession area. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 9 of the 1994 Town Meeting to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Fund for the purpose of purchasing fire and ambulance vehicles and vehicle equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (2/3 vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-1)

ARTICLE 16. If Article 15 is defeated, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article is contingent on article 15, if article 15 passes; this warrant article will be null and void. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the remedial repairs of the Harbor Road bridge deck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:91-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to purchase a new mower to replace the existing aging mower and authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to purchase a new skid steer to replace the current fourteen-year-old skid steer. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-1, to be known as Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Library Trustees as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to amend and expand the purpose of the Special Revenue Fund known as the New Ambulance Vehicle Fund which was established by Article 15 of the 2005 town warrant as follows:

1. Change from expenditures for the purpose of purchasing a new town ambulance when needed to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing ambulance and fire vehicles and vehicle equipment.
2. Change the name of said fund from New Ambulance Vehicle Fund to Ambulance and Fire Vehicle Fund.

YES ☐
NO ☐

At present expenditures from the fund are limited to "New Town Ambulance". Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required).

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

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Ronnie M. DeCotis
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 25. Shall the town adopt the All Veterans' Property Tax Credit, in the amount of \$500, which will be available to any resident who meets the following criteria — served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged, or was an officer honorably separated from service; or is the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident; and provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service and further provided that the resident is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict, or for veterans with a service-connected disability. Any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town road Cedar Run (located off South Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan The Meadows at South & West, LLC, County of Rockingham, Rye, NH dated June, 2014, as revised and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the property located at 37 Central Road, Map 012, Lot 038 otherwise known as "the old trolley barn/old police station". The Board of Selectmen shall obtain an independent appraisal of the property to be conducted upon passage of this Warrant Article to assist in evaluating competitive proposals to be requested.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 28. (By Petition) Will the Town vote to recommend the Selectmen modify the intersections at the ends of Dow Lane and will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to pay for all costs associated with the changes and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project?

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-2)

ARTICLE 29. (By Petition) To see whether the Town will vote to require that the Board of Selectmen engage an outside organization to conduct visioning sessions and make recommendations for the Rye Town Center, as recommended by the Parsonage Apartments Long-Range Planning Committee in 2016 and by the Master Plan. These sessions shall, in the context of the Historic Town Center, envision its future in accordance with the residents' needs and wants. Space availability and needs outside of the Town Center, such as Recreation and the Transfer Center, shall be considered as an element of the overall vision for Rye's future. The Town hereby votes to raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of conducting the visioning sessions.

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

ARTICLE 30: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to require that all environmental monitoring, sample analysis and professional interpretation of results in connection with Rye landfills, former landfills and the Coakley Landfill be conducted by a qualified professional engineer.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 31. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c, to restore to the voters the exclusive authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, by rescinding Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which has given the Board of Selectmen that authority subject to the requirements that any sale or acquisition be submitted to the Planning Board and the Conservation Committee for their review; that the Selectmen hold two public hearings; and that if 50 voters object by petition the Selectmen must put it on the ballot for a town wide vote. Nothing herein affects the authority of the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission to make acquisitions pursuant to RSAs 36-A:4, I and 674:44-b, II respectively.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 32. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote that any attorney paid from funds appropriated by Rye voters properly represents the Town of Rye.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 33. (By Petition) To see if the town will require compliance with the New Hampshire Right-to-Know law by all Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 34. (By Petition) Should all dogs on town property (inclusive of town woods and beaches) be under control of the dog owner or walker at all times? Dogs not under control must be leashed.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2018.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2018
MINUTES OF THE
DELIBERATIVE SESSION

2018 BUDGET

2016
AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND STATUS OF THE 2017 AUDIT

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 3, 2018

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

At 9:05 a.m. on the 3rd day of February 2018, at the Junior High School gymnasium, Moderator Eaton called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Moderator Eaton continued the tradition of reading the list of our friends and neighbors who passed away during 2017. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

Moderator Eaton then introduced Town Clerk/Tax Collector Donna DeCotis, Town Counsel Michael Donovan, Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen Priscilla Jenness, Selectman Phil Winslow, Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator Cyndi Gillespie, Town Administrator Michael Magnant, and Chair of the Board of Selectmen Craig Musselman.

Selectman Jenness then offered a tribute to Selectman Musselman, who was stepping down from the Board after 12 years of service. She thanked him for his dedication, and for the abundance of expertise that he had provided to the Board, and presented him with a book containing the following inscription: "On behalf of the Town of Rye this *History of Rye, New Hampshire, 1623 to 1903*, by L. B. Parsons, is presented to Craig N. Musselman on February 3, 2018 in acknowledgment of 12 years of dedicated service as Selectman of the Town of Rye, and for providing throughout this period exceptional guidance in the areas of his expertise, which include business management, professional writing, water and waste water, solid waste and civil engineering, in addition to insightful and timely direction of the prudential affairs of the Town." The attendees at the meeting then gave Selectman Musselman a long round of applause.

Moderator Eaton then introduced the candidates who are running for Town and School District offices. He invited those in attendance to a Candidates' Night on Thursday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m. [later changed to 7:00 p.m.], at the Rye Public Library. He advised that the Town and School election will be held on Tuesday, March 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Rye Elementary School. In addition, he encouraged attendance at the School District Deliberative Session on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Junior High School.

Moderator Eaton then read his rules for the meeting:

1. Meeting Purpose. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and debate the articles on the Town warrant. However, because Rye has adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session form of government, this meeting may not exclude articles from the ballot. Up or down voting on an article only occurs at the March election. Nonetheless, you may amend most articles to change how they appear on the ballot.

2. Moderator's Rules. By State law, the Moderator sets the rules and procedures of the meeting. I won't follow Roberts' Rules of Order or any other complicated rules of parliamentary procedure. Instead, we will follow my rules. I may not run a perfect meeting, but I will do my best to run a fair meeting. Ultimately though, this is your meeting. By majority vote, you can change my rules, or overrule any decision I make.

3. **Procedure.** I will read each article in the order that it appears on the warrant, unless somebody moves to take an article out of order. After reading an article, I will ask for a motion to move it to the floor for debate. Like all motions, it must be seconded. I will then recognize the article's sponsor. After that, everyone here is invited to speak. If you want to speak to an article, come line up behind the microphone. When it's your turn, introduce yourself by name and street address. I will recognize everybody who wants to speak to an article before I permit someone to speak twice. Please address all comments to me, not to other people here.

In the past, I have not set a time limit for speaking, but have asked you to use your common sense. I realize that what constitutes a reasonable amount of time may differ depending on the complexity of the subject matter, so I still am not setting a hard and fast time limit. However, I beseech you, try to say what you need to say in 5 minutes, or less. If I ask you to wrap it up, that means I'm giving you one minute to finish, after which I will ask you, politely, to sit down.

I also remind you that we are here in the spirit of fair debate. I realize that people may feel very passionate about some of the articles on the warrant today. However, I urge you not to let your passion get the better of you – I expect everybody to be civil and courteous, not to raise their voices, and to avoid bitterness, and I will not permit personal attacks against people or their motives. When there is no more discussion on an article, I will order it to be placed on the ballot, either as written or as amended.

4. **Amendments.** Any registered voter can move to amend an article. All amendments must be in writing, even if they are very simple – that way there won't be any confusion when the minutes are being prepared. I will read the amendment, and then open the floor for discussion. When you are ready to vote, I will restate the amendment. There are 5 limits to amendments. 1st, articles whose words are prescribed by law may not be amended. 2nd, to avoid confusion, I will not permit amendments to amendments before the original amendment is voted on. 3rd, an amendment may not add a new subject. 4th, you cannot increase the budget, including warrant articles, by more than 10%. Finally, amendments cannot eliminate an article's subject matter. This means that you cannot amend an article to delete all but a few words of the text. Election day voters must be able to determine what the article is about. However, you can amend an article to change its intent or purpose. Also, changing the dollar amount of an appropriation does not eliminate its subject matter.

5. **Voting.** If you haven't already done it, check in at the clerk's table, get a white voting card, and sign it. To vote, I will ask you to raise your card. I will only vote if my vote will break or create a tie. We will vote by secret ballot if, before voting on an article, 5 voters present sign a written request for a secret ballot.

6. **Recounts / Questioning a Vote.** A recount will be taken of non-secret ballot votes if 7 voters, either orally or in writing, make such a request. Such recounts will be conducted by secret ballot. The recount of a secret ballot will be taken on the request of 5 voters.

7. **Reconsideration.** Any voter can move to reconsider a vote. You do not need to have been in the majority to make such a motion. However, I will not permit multiple motions to reconsider.

8. **Restricting Reconsideration.** You may also move to restrict reconsideration of an article. Such a motion may be made after I order an article to be placed on the ballot. It is not debatable. If the motion carries, this meeting may not reconsider that article later.

9. **Calling the Question.** This is the same as moving to end debate. This motion is not debatable. It requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If the question is called, I will let the person who is speaking finish before I call for a vote. It will be up to you decide whether there is to be further discussion on the article.

10. Non-Voters Who Wish to Speak. Sometimes a person who is not a registered Rye voter may wish to speak. I will ask if there is any objection. If nobody objects, I will permit that person to speak. If there is an objection, I will call for a vote. The will of the majority will prevail. However, I will allow Town department heads who do not live in Rye to speak to issues relating to their departments.

11. Your Meeting. I remind you that this is your meeting. You may appeal any ruling I make, and I will entertain any motion that is made.

Moderator Eaton then started with the Warrant. He noted that **Articles 1 and 2** simply invite voters to the election on March 13th – there is nothing to discuss or debate. **Article 3** relates to three amendments to the Rye Zoning Ordinance, **Article 4** relates to two amendments to the Rye Building Code, and **Article 5** relates to one amendment to the Rye Floodplain Ordinance. All of these amendments are recommended by the Planning Board. He said that, traditionally, such amendments have not been discussed at the Deliberative Session because, by law, they cannot be amended – they must appear on the ballot as written. He said that the meeting has a right to discuss those articles if it wanted to, although in the past it declined that opportunity. He invited anyone to make a motion to discuss anything in Articles 3, 4 or 5. There being no motion or other discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered that Articles 3, 4 and 5 appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 6.

ARTICLE 06. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to replace the existing salt shed with a larger more efficient salt storage facility to allow all salt operations to be under cover, and authorize the withdrawal of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Salt/Shed Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose, and authorize the borrowing of up to six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$620,000) through the issuance of not more than six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$620,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take such actions or to pass any vote relative thereto as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. (3/5) ballot vote required.)

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

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

It was **moved** by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman to place Article 6 on the floor for discussion.

Selectman Jenness stated that the reason for Article 6 is to protect our water supply. The salt shed reserve currently has \$89,085.03 in it. \$80,000 would be taken from that so the bond amount would be \$620,000. This would add 4 cents per \$1,000 to the tax rate, and that would appear in 2019.

Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director, spoke on this article. He confirmed that the purpose of this article is to move all our storage and salt operations undercover. It would help eliminate

spillage and potential contamination of our groundwater in the future. Most towns are trying to cut down on salt or are not using it. Salt is still the cheapest way to de-ice roads. It makes sense to move all the salt under cover where it will not be exposed to the weather. As long as it stays dry, contamination can be potentially eliminated.

Mr. Crawford said he was the one who voted against this on the Budget Committee. He is not in favor of this project. He feels we have a lot of debt to vote on this year. Taxation was up about 7% in 2017 that was matched by the evaluation which caused the tax rate to go down. He said that this project was estimated at \$230,000 in the CIP plan, and it is now three times that. Mr. Crawford said similar salt sheds elsewhere are done for \$40,000 for 5,000 square feet. So far, salt run-off has not affected our wells. We should look at the cost and impact, he said. This also may not be the best site for a salt shed. We should look at other options.

Steve Borne is concerned about the location of the transfer station. He would like to see a location that doesn't sit on our main drinking well, and that is a place where people can socially interact, like a community center. Also, he noted that our buildings are falling apart.

Mr. McCarthy said many of those concerns are true. There are better locations. Having the Transfer Station on an ocean lot would make sense, but that property is very expensive. He agreed that the transfer center should be a community center. He hoped to replace old buildings but, he said, we have to crawl, and then walk, before we can run. Right now, we need to get the salt under cover.

Mr. Marion called the question. Moderator Eaton stated it required a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by the people to end debate. **Mr. Drake seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The **motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 6 to appear on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton read Article 7.

ARTICLE 07. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of replacing the remaining existing culvert under Red Mill Lane. Said sum to include engineering services for construction administration and inspecting of the project, and authorize the borrowing of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take such actions or to pass any vote relative thereto as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 ballot vote required)

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

This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-1)

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Winslow to place Article 7 on the floor for discussion.

Selectman Musselman stated that several years ago the Town passed a warrant article to replace two culverts on Red Mill Lane. The intent was to design and construct two culvert replacements. During the design process, the Department of Environmental Services, under current environmental practice, decided that the culvert should be a bridge. That is consistent with what DES is doing in locations throughout the state. After designing the first replacement, because it is a bridge and not a culvert, it cost more. The Selectmen are now seeking a supplemental appropriation to build the second one. This is a high priority and it is ready to go.

Dennis McCarthy said that the first culvert replacement in Town to be completed was on Wallis Road. One of the replacements on Red Mill Lane has been finished. The second one will be completed if the Town appropriates the funds. After the second replacement is done, he will be looking at smaller culvert replacements which will be less expensive.

Steve Borne was concerned that this is a high priority. He said we are now being asked to spend a half million dollars on the Red Mill Lane culvert replacements. He wanted to know why we are spending \$250,000 more when we have fire trucks that can't get over Harbor Road bridge to 27 houses on Harbor Road. He asked why a culvert is more important than Harbor Road Bridge.

Mr. McCarthy explained that the order of priority is based on the other culverts in town. These are the second two after Wallis Road. The program goes out 30 to 50 years. Every other year we permit one and construct the other. All culverts need to be repaired and maintained. There are a lot of capital improvements on the warrant this year because we have gotten tied up with the Town Hall building. He said this article is being presented to the residents to move along with the program. If it gets funded, it will move forward; if not, it will go on the ballot next year.

Selectman Jenness said that because this is a bond it will have no tax effect until 2019, when it will add one cent per \$1,000 of valuation.

Mr. Crawford stated that a bond costs more in the long run because you have to pay interest. He is against this article because he feels cost estimates increase dramatically after they are first made. He doesn't feel this is a high priority project.

Mr. Marion called for a **point of order**, asking if the purpose of the meeting was limited to offering amendments. He thought the Deliberative Session was not a campaigning event. He asked if this was the proper forum for people to present their opinions on warrant articles.

Moderator Eaton explained that the purpose of deliberative sessions is to explain, discuss and debate warrant articles, and that it is perfectly appropriate if someone wants to explain why they are for or against an article.

Jaci Grote **called the question.** Frank Drake **seconded the motion.** Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 7 to appear on the ballot as written.

Shawn Crapo **moved to Restrict Reconsideration** on Articles 6 and 7. Debra Crapo **seconded the motion.** Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 8.

ARTICLE 08. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two Article 8 was moved to the floor by Selectman Musselman and Seconded by Selectman Jenness hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the reconstruction and paving of Shoals View Drive, a town maintained road, between Parsons Road and Ocean Boulevard and authorize the borrowing of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take such actions or to pass any vote relative thereto as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project.. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 ballot vote required)

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

Article 8 was **moved** to the floor for discussion by Selectman Musselman. The motion was **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

Selectman Musselman stated that the purpose of this article is to pave Shoals View Drive. Shoals View Drive is used for an access to Ocean Boulevard. It is a gravel road that is heavily travelled. There was an appropriation last year to design and build this project. The bids came in very high because of the depth of the ledge under the road. The bids were far more than the appropriation last year. The Selectmen used a small portion of the funds for an engineer to design specifications. In the spring they intend to get bids for a design/build project. This article seeks an appropriation for the estimated cost. Selectman Musselman stated that the Public Works Director felt this was appropriate.

Mr. McCarthy added that the road needs more than just paving. The road has no engineered sub-base. An entirely new road needs to be designed and constructed.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton ordered **Article 8 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Frank Drake **moved to discuss Article 12 immediately after Article 9.** The motion was **seconded** by Michael Coutu. Mr. Drake stated that both articles pertain to the future Town Hall. Steve Borne wanted to add Articles 27 and 29, regarding the Old Police Station and the visioning

sessions to the motion. Moderator Eaton said we should take the issues one at a time. **Shawn Crapo moved the question.** The motion was **seconded**. The motion **passed**. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to hear Article 12 immediately after Article 9. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton recognized Mr. Borne. Mr. Borne **moved** that Articles 27 and 29 be heard immediately after Article 12 because they all have to do with town properties. Also, he recommended that the meeting not restrict reconsideration on all four articles until all are heard. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Crawford. There being no further discussion on the motion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The **motion passed**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 9.

ARTICLE 09. (By Petition) To see if the Town of Rye will vote to authorize the Rye Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of three million forty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$3,048,077) gross budget for the purpose of building a new Town Hall Structure on its current site, along with equipment and furnishings, with some changes to foundation location, and to raze the old Town Hall building.

To construct, pursuant to the design for a new Town Hall, as developed by Rye resident John Loftus, and licensed New Hampshire Architect Robert A. Schaefer, AIA, LEED BD+C from the firm of R.A.SCHAEFER & D. M. WHITE ARCHITECTS.

To authorize The Rye Selectmen, to go forward with the completion of “construction documents”, including required and necessary engineering, by licensed New Hampshire Architect Robert A. Schaefer, AIA, LEED BD+C from the firm of R.A.SCHAEFER & D. M. WHITE ARCHITECTS, and with further project design input by Rye resident John Loftus. The “construction documents” will take into account all applicable codes and ADA requirements. (Please note: Mr. Loftus has not been offered, has not asked for, and will NOT accept any remuneration for any of his design work.)

To authorize The Rye Selectmen, to seek competitive bidding for the physical construction of a new Town Hall, as per the prepared construction documents, and to choose the best bid.

To authorize the borrowing of up to three million forty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$3,048,077) through the issuance of not more than three million forty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$3,048,077) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended)

To authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye.

(60% vote required) This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-5)

Frank Drake **moved** Article 9 to the floor for discussion. Anne Hodsdon **seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton recognized John Loftus.

Mr. Drake asked if could offer some housekeeping amendments now. Mr. Loftus approved. Moderator Eaton stated that Selectman Musselman had an amendment to this article similar to one he expected Mr. Drake to make. Selectman Musselman **moved to amend** Article 9 by adding the following language at the beginning of the article: "Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee." Mr. Drake **seconded** the motion. Selectman Musselman spoke to the motion. If this article passed, he said, the town budget would take a hit of approximately \$1.9 million. An unintended consequence of that would be fewer police officers, firefighters, etc. This is a clause that needs to be added to other similar petitioned warrant articles.

Hearing no further discussion on the motion to amend, Moderator Eaton reread the motion and called for a vote. The motion **passed**.

Mr. Drake moved to amend Article 9 by adding the following language to the end of the last paragraph in the article before the 60% vote requirement notation: "**, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations toward this purpose.**" The motion was **seconded** by Jeff Quinn. Mr. Drake explained that this is a housekeeping amendment to add a standard phrase used at the end of all money articles.

Hearing no further discussion on the motion to amend, Moderator Eaton restated the proposed amendment and called for a vote. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton recognized Mr. Loftus.

Mr. Loftus said this article is for the design and construction of a new town hall. He said there will be nine informational sessions at the Library. Those sessions will answer any questions that voters may have. Mr. Loftus said his design complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, provides for a full basement for storage, and is energy efficient. The project is supported by five prominent builders in Rye. The \$3,048,077 bond will be spread over 10 years and the tax rate would be 18 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, decreasing to 14 cents per year. For example, for \$500,000 in assessed value, the additional tax impact would be approximately \$91 in the first year.

Ms. Crapo thanked Mr. Loftus for everything he has done. She spoke about problems with the existing Town Hall, including lack of ADA compliance, mold and lead paint.

Mr. Winslow said that we have been discussing the Town Hall issue for at least the last 5 years. He suggested that both Articles 9 and 12 be left to the voters for them to decide. He applauded the work of John Loftus, Frank Drake and Ann Malpass, but said that the voters ought to be able to decide Articles 9 and 12 as written.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 9 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 12.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$624,800), gross budget, for the purchase of a 3.71 acre parcel of land and building located at 500 Washington Road, the former TD Bank, in order to relocate the Town Clerk/Tax Collector office and other Town Hall functions as may be applicable as determined by the Board of Selectmen, with due consideration of the historic, residential character of the neighborhood. Note: This appropriation includes related purchase costs, first year operating budget and potential renovation expenditures. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-4)

Article 12 was moved to the floor for discussion by Selectman Winslow. The motion was seconded by Selectman Jenness.

Selectman Winslow said that the TD Bank purchase offers a possible solution to our Town Hall needs. The Selectmen have agreed on a Purchase & Sale Agreement at a very good price. The price is open until March 13, 2018. The bank building would solve the need for additional space for Town Hall that is ADA compliant and has 29 parking spaces for the use not only of Town Hall, but also for the junior high school. The building is in good condition with a new roof, has 2 safes for storage, 2 drive-up lanes, abuts Parsons Field and the Town Forest, and has 3.7 acres of land. The total cost would be \$624,800. The total tax impact would be 28 cents per thousand dollars in valuation, which correlates to a one-time tax charge of \$140 for a home valued at \$500,000, and \$210 for a home valued at \$750,000.

Debra Crapo **moved to amend** Article 12 to eliminate any language regarding how the building is to be used and reword to the article to say:

“To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of up to and no more than six hundred twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$624,800) gross budget, for the purchase of a 3.7-acre parcel of land and building located at 500 Washington Road, Rye, which was the former TD Bank, for the ownership and use of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire for the future. The purchase of this property will not be directed for any dedicated use at the time of purchase and will be decided by the citizens of Rye at a later date. Any money not required for the purchase will be returned to the general fund and utilities may be scheduled for the operating and maintenance of this valuable acquisition in the center of Rye.”

Ms. Crapo said that her amendment eliminates the wording that would restrict the building to just one use. **The motion was seconded** by Peggy Balboni.

Selectman Musselman stated that if this amendment passes and the article is voted up, the building would then sit empty until at least April 2019. The building could not be used for town purposes until the citizens of Rye voted on it at a later town meeting. A special town meeting could not decide that. The renovations that are needed are minimal. The Town can always

decide to change the use of the building at a later date. This amendment would tie up the use of the building for a year with no benefit to the people of Rye.

Mr. Crawford noted that the property is assessed for \$581,000. He asked whether the property had been appraised. He also noted a 1964 deed restriction limiting the property's commercial use to that of a bank and asked whether there were any other use restrictions in the purchase and sales agreement with TD Bank.

Attorney Donovan responded that Mr. Crawford misstated the deed restriction, which runs with the land. The restriction prohibits commercial use of the property other than commercial banking purposes. It is Mr. Donovan's opinion that a municipal use is not a commercial use. If the Town later wanted to sell the property for a commercial use, that use could only be as a bank.

Jeff Quinn spoke against limiting the Selectman in how they administrate the Town. Michael Thiel said he thought it made sense to buy this valuable property in the center of town, but didn't understand how the amendment would limit the Town's use of the building. Mr. Musselman reiterated his position that the language of the amendment would prohibit the Town from using the building until the voters decided what it could be used for. Attorney Donovan agreed.

Ms. Crapo agreed to eliminate the words "and will be decided by the citizens of Rye at a later date" to the end of the second sentence in her motion to amend. Ms. Balboni, having seconded the motion, assented to the changed language.

Mr. Musselman opined that the amended motion would still bar use of the building. Attorney Donovan agreed.

Mr. Drake stated that the motion was well intended because if the unamended article passed it would lock the Town into saving the old Town Hall. He then engaged in a discussion with Selectman Winslow about the Historical Study being done on the existing Town Hall. Ultimately he said that, while he favors the amendment, he hopes the Town will vote down Article 12 in any form.

Ms. Balboni said that, in seconding the motion, she did not intend to prevent the temporary use of the building. She also felt that the bank building had many other potential uses.

Ms. Bradshaw called the question. The motion was seconded. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The motion failed.

Ms. Crapo moved to change her amendment to add the word "long-term" between the words "dedicated" and "use" in the second sentence of her motion. Ms. Balboni, having seconded the motion, assented to the changed language.

Selectmen Musselman thought the motion was still problematical because it required money not required for the purchase to be returned to the general fund, but suggested that he would find the motion acceptable if it deleted everything after the first sentence that ended in the words "for the future." Ms. Crapo declined to accept that language as a "friendly" amendment.

Selectman Musselman then suggested that everything in the proposed amendment after the first sentence be stricken and the following language added: "The purchase of this property will not be directed to any dedicated long-term use at the time of purchase." In response to

a question from Ms. Crapo, Selectman Musselman said that his suggested language would allow the Town to pay for utilities in the short term.

At the request of David Jones, Moderator Eaton read the entire text of the motion to amend, including Selectman Musselman's latest proposed change. **Ms. Crapo accepted Selectman Musselman's suggested change to her motion as a "friendly" amendment. Ms. Balboni, having seconded the motion, assented to the changed language.**

Ray Jarvis asked what "long-term" meant. Selectman Musselman said he didn't think "long-term" needed to be defined with a specific number. It will be up to "the Town of Rye" to decide that in some future Town Meeting.

Jean Low asked whether anything in the P & S Agreement with TD Bank prevented the Town from selling the property to another bank. Mr. Donovan didn't think there was. Mr. Magnant said he was not sure that was right. Ms. Low read from a copy of the P & S that had just been handed to her that stated that the Town couldn't sell the property to another bank for five years. Attorney Donovan said that that answered the question.

Kathy McAlpine said she favored the purchase of TD Bank because we will need a place to house Town employees if we tear down the old town hall. Ms. McAlpine suggested going back to the original article and adding language after "Town Clerk/Tax Collector office" as follows: "or other office or other functions as may be applicable". Moderator Eaton asked Ms. Crapo if she would entertain Ms. McAlpine's suggested language as a "friendly" amendment. Ms. Crapo said no.

Jane Holway said the property should remain as a bank or a residence in respect to the wishes of Esther Parsons, the former owner of the property.

Bill Truslow favored the warrant article as originally crafted and urged voting against the amendment.

Ms. Crapo **moved the question.** Ms. Tsetsilas **seconded the motion.** Mr. Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed.** Moderator Eaton reread the motion to amend, and then called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Loftus spoke against the article, saying that the Town would lose a lot of money in property taxes if it buys the property. Alex Herlihy said he strongly supports the article and disagreed with earlier statements that Town Hall is falling apart. Mr. Drake said he does not think there are a lot of grant funds out there to help restore the old Town Hall. Julie Tucker spoke against purchasing another building because we cannot decide what to do with the Town Hall we already have.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 12 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Mr. Drake **moved to restrict reconsideration** of Articles 8, 9 and 12. Selectman Musselman **seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 27.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the property located at 37 Central Road, Map 012, Lot 038 otherwise known as “the old trolley barn/old police station”. The Board of Selectmen shall obtain an independent appraisal of the property to be conducted upon passage of this Warrant Article to assist in evaluating competitive proposals to be requested.

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

Selectman Winslow **moved** to bring Article 27 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Jenness **seconded the motion.**

Selectman Winslow said that the original building was built by the Boston & Maine Railroad. It was later used as the Town Police Station. The building has a severe mold problem and is not heated. Its assessed value is \$354,900. The building has limited options and now houses the Senior Serve van.

Mr. Crawford moved to amend Article 27 to ensure that the Town sells the building for enough money. If there is an offer that is not high enough, it should go back to town meeting to let the residents decide.

Moderator Eaton read Mr. Crawford’s motion to amend, which would add the following language to the end of the article: “Further town meeting authorization shall be required prior to the transaction unless the consideration, after deducting any town-borne closing costs, exceeds 90% of the appraisal amount and such consideration is more than \$200,000.” Mr. Cummins seconded the motion to amend.

Mr. Musselman spoke against the amendment. He said the property is unique, with limited depth to groundwater. The building needs to be taken down. This amendment would tie the Town’s hands when a proposal came in that might require a delay until Town Meeting. Mr. Winslow stated they are going to get two real estate opinions and get the best possible price for the residents of the Town.

Shawn Crapo was against the amendment because it does not account for possible other costs regarding the property that might be undertaken by the buyer.

Doug Nelson was not in favor of the amendment because it might prohibit a non-profit from acquiring the property.

Mr. Cummins, who had seconded the motion, offered a “**friendly**” **amendment to change 90% to 75%.** Mr. Crawford said he would accept that change.

Ms. Carbajal suggested selling the property at a set-price reserve auction, which might help interested abutters purchase the land.

There being no further discussion on the motion to amend, **Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The motion to amend failed.**

Mr. McCarthy noted that the lot is small. Ms. Olson, chair of the non-profit that operates Rye Senior Serve, noted that the Senior Serve van is stored in the garage. Therefore, she felt that the building is providing an important service for our community and should be kept. Jaci Grote agreed.

Chris Brown said he didn't think there should be a limit to what we sell the property for.

Laura Brown **called the question.** Ms. McAlpine **seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The **motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 27 to be placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton read Article 29.

ARTICLE 29. (By Petition) To see whether the Town will vote to require that the Board of Selectmen engage an outside organization to conduct visioning sessions and make recommendations for the Rye Town Center, as recommended by the Parsonage Apartments Long-Range Planning Committee in 2016 and by the Master Plan. These sessions shall, in the context of the Historic Town Center, envision its future in accordance with the residents' needs and wants. It shall include, at a minimum, visions for the Town Center, together with its walkways and streets, including the existing Town Hall building, the Parsonage Apartments, the Library, the Public Safety Building, the Junior High School, the Trolley Barn (Old Police Station) and, if Article 12 passes, the former TD Bank building. Space availability and needs outside of the Town Center, such as Recreation and the Transfer Center, shall be considered as an element of the overall vision for Rye's future. No significant funds, other than for acquisition of the land and building, shall be expended on the former TD Bank building until after the sessions have been completed, and any report has been delivered and duly considered. The Town hereby votes to raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of conducting the visioning sessions.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-4)

Mr. Borne **moved Article 29 to the floor for discussion.** Mr. Crawford **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Borne said it would be a good idea to bring in a third party to help the community decide what it wants, not what the Board of Selectman want. Implementation of this article would help us find out what residents think is important, and have a third party facilitate so we can move forward if others fail.

Selectman Jenness **moved to amend** the article by striking the next to last sentence: "No significant funds, other than for acquisition of the land and building, shall be expended on the former TD Bank building until after the sessions have been completed, and any report has been

delivered and duly considered.” Selectman Jenness said that if the P & S Agreement is approved the purchase must take place by April 1, 2018, which would conflict with the article. Mr. Winslow **seconded** the motion. Mr. Borne said he was okay with the amendment.

Mr. Epperson agreed with Mr. Borne, but said he also has great respect for the Board of Selectman on their thought process and how they come to conclusions. He favored the amendment.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton reread the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

In response to a question by Mr. Loftus, Mr. Borne explained why the cost of the proposed visioning sessions was so modest.

Mr. Herlihy said he strongly supports the article.

Mr. Drake **moved to amend** Article 29 to strike the entire third sentence therein as follows: “It shall include, at a minimum, visions for the Town Center, together with its walkways and streets, including the existing Town Hall building, the Parsonage Apartments, the Library, the Public Safety Building, the Junior High School, the Trolley Barn (Old Police Station) and, if Article 10 passes, the former TD Bank building.” Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Marion felt that the sentence to be stricken limits the study.

Mr. Crawford urged the Meeting to reject Mr. Drake’s motion and only strike the word “existing”. He did not feel that the language is too limiting. Mr. Musselman suggested that the Meeting support the proposed amendment. Ms. Grote supported Mr. Drake’s motion.

Mr. Marion **called the question**. Ms. Bradshaw **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.** Moderator Eaton re-read the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 29 to be placed on the ballot as twice amended.**

Mr. Drake **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 27 and 29. Mr. Musselman **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for development of a management program for existing storm water infrastructure, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Clean Water Revolving Fund and to appropriate the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) for interest payments during 2018. This DES program includes principal forgiveness, thus there is no cost to the town other than a small amount of interest. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

Selectman Musselman **moved** to bring Article 10 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Jenness **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Musselman explained that this article would permit the Town to get \$30,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to help complete its inventory of storm-water assets. The only actual cost to the Town would be \$300 in interest.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton **ordered Article 10 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 11.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling nine million one hundred eighty-six thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars (\$9,186,273)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million seven hundred eighty-nine thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars (\$8,789,573) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

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

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

Selectman Jenness moved Article 11 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow seconded the motion.

Selectman Jenness said that the Selectmen met with each department head and discussed their needs. Overall, those requests were reduced by \$29,999. Capital outlay is down by 36% from last year, and the default budget is \$396,700 less than the operating budget.

Mr. Crawford suggested that the budget might not be as lean as it looks. \$110,000 that was in the budget last year for the Red Mill culverts is now a \$250,000 warrant article. Debt service is down by \$150,000. Medical insurance costs are also way down. Finally, he said that a lot of spending has been moved to warrant articles.

Mike Thiel asked if his calculation that the operating budget had increased by 4½ percent was correct. Ms. Gillespie responded that the operating budget is actually 36% less than last year,

and that the warrant articles are asking residents to decide what else they want to spend. It became apparent that Mr. Thiel was calculating the difference between the operating budget and the default budget. Selectman Musselman and Ms. Gillespie explained what the default budget is and how it is calculated.

Jane Ireland **moved the question.** Jane Holway **seconded the motion.** The **motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 11 to be placed on the ballot as written.

Selectman Musselman moved to **restrict reconsideration of Articles 10 and 11.** Ms. Bradshaw **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 13.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to construct a multi-purpose recreation storage facility at the recreation area that includes heated storage, maintenance garage and a concession area. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 13 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness stated that the Recreation Facility Needs Assessment Committee was formed as a Selectman's committee to define the space needs of the Recreation Department. The tax impact of this article would be 7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The Facility Needs Committee found that there were 1,780 participants in the year the study was made, and that the Recreation Department's materials and equipment were stored in 12 different locations around town.

Greg Mikolaities, Chair of the Recreation Commission, said that last year an article seeking funding for an architectural study was defeated. As a result, the Commission regrouped to come up with a new plan. Recreation equipment is stored in 19 different locations, much of it unheated. As a result, they lose uniforms and equipment, and staff time is wasted trying to round up equipment. He described a proposed two-story building.

Mike Thiel expressed concern about the cost of the project since he built a 900 square foot carriage barn, albeit unheated, for less than \$40,000.

Mr. Mikolaities responded by providing cost figures for the project: \$80 per square feet, with a design cost of \$20,000, and a 10 per cent contingency. \$115,000 would be allotted for construction, with \$22,000 in soft costs, and a 10 per cent contingency.

Ms. Grote **called the question.** Ms. Bradshaw **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 13 to be placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton read Article 14.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 14 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Jenness seconded the motion.

Selectman Winslow said this appropriation is being sought to maintain our highway equipment. The current balance in this account is \$77,593.

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 14 to be placed on the ballot as written.**

Mr. Drake **moved that Articles 15, 16 and 24 be discussed consecutively.** Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion. Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 15.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 9 of the 1994 Town Meeting to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Fund for the purpose of purchasing fire and ambulance vehicles and vehicle equipment and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (2/3 vote required).

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-1)

Selectman Winslow **moved Article 15** to the floor for discussion. Selectman Jenness **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Winslow said we currently have \$356,955 in the Fire Truck Capital Reserves Fund and \$11,564 in the Ambulance Fund. We purchased a new ambulance in 2017 for \$266,000 and kept the old ambulance for a backup. The life of the new ambulance is expected to be 7 to 10 years. The new Fire Chief, Mark Cotreau, is currently doing an analysis of the fire equipment and vehicles of the Town. He has suggested replacing 20 self-contained breathing apparatuses,

the jaws of life, and the radio apparatus. These are significant costs. Right now, we get \$52,513 a year from the cell tower account for purchasing a new ambulance. With no new ambulance needed for several years, we would be building up a lot of money with no ability to use it. This article would allow the Town to use those funds for the capital needs of the Fire Department by combining the Fire Truck Fund and the Ambulance Fund into one account.

Mr. Crawford said the Budget Committee did not recommend this article because the Board of Selectman was designated as the agents to expend. He **moved to amend the article to eliminate the language: “and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend”**. The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Bradshaw.

Ms. Gillespie pointed out that all the other capital reserve accounts designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to amend. The **motion passed**.

Shawn Crapo said he voted on the Budget Committee to keep the Fire Truck Fund separate from the Ambulance Fund. Mr. Jarvis said each department should be responsible for its own capital funds. Ms. Grote noted that, as the article reads now, any expenditure would have to go to a new warrant article.

Mr. Drake asked who prepares the capital improvement plan for the ambulance and fire trucks. Ms. Gillespie said they were both done by Fire Department.

In response to a question by Mr. Crawford, Ms. Gillespie said there was currently \$167,000 in the cell tower ambulance fund. Mr. Crawford reviewed a number of significant capital expenses projected for the Fire Department. If this article passes, he said, the money being accumulated for ambulances, which otherwise couldn't be used for a long time, could be used for fire trucks or ambulances. He thinks the article is a good idea.

Chief Cotreau explained that the warrant article would give the Department flexibility in replacing fire trucks, ladders, and ambulances as they are needed. The Fire Department has an aging fleet. At least two engines need to be replaced, one very soon. The Chief plans to undertake an assessment this year of the needs of the Department. However, there are some significant purchases coming up and if he has more flexibility to direct those funds where they are needed the Town will be better off.

Ms. Gillespie described the two capital reserve funds and the special revenue fund from the cell tower. She reiterated that the purpose of the article was to make the funds accumulated for fire and ambulance equipment more flexible so that they could be directed where they are needed.

Mr. Jarvis asked how much a new ambulance cost. Mr. Magnant said \$266,000.

Moderator Eaton read the amended article: “To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 9 of the 1994 Town Meeting to the

Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Fund for the purpose of purchasing fire and ambulance vehicles and vehicle equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.”

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 15 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 16.

ARTICLE 16. If Article 15 is defeated, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article is contingent on article 15, if article 15 passes; this warrant article will be null and void. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

Selectman Winslow **moved** Article 16 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Jenness **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Winslow said that the purpose of this motion was to get the \$100,000 into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund even if Article 15 is defeated.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 16 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 24.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to amend and expand the purpose of the Special Revenue Fund known as the New Ambulance Vehicle Fund which was established by Article 15 of the 2005 town warrant as follows:

1. Change from expenditures for the purpose of purchasing a new town ambulance when needed to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing ambulance and fire vehicles and vehicle equipment.
2. Change the name of said fund from New Ambulance Vehicle Fund to Ambulance and Fire Vehicle Fund.

At present expenditures from the fund are limited to “New Town Ambulance”. Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required).

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

Selectman Musselman **moved** Article 24 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Musselman said the purpose of this article was to give the Town flexibility in the use of fire and ambulance funds. The New Ambulance Vehicle Fund is accumulating money faster

than we need it. We have a new ambulance and a second service ambulance. We do not need a new ambulance for a while so it is time to amend the purpose of the fund so it can also be used to purchase fire vehicles.

Shawn Crapo suggested we leave the purpose of the Fund alone and let the voters decide if they later want to spend it on a fire truck. Attorney Donovan said you couldn't do that in a one-step process. First you'd have to change the purpose of the Fund; then you'd have to appropriate the money. In response to a question from Mr. Crawford, Attorney Donovan confirmed that that would be a two-year process.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 24 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow **motion to restrict reconsideration of** all articles that had not been previously restricted. The motion was **seconded** by Cathy Hodson. The **motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 17.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the remedial repairs of the Harbor Road bridge deck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

Selectman Musselman **moved** Article 17 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Musselman explained that the purpose of this article is to allow the Town to maintain the existing deck on the small bridge that accesses 27 homes on Harbor Road. The deck has not been maintained in the past. Replacing the bridge deck would cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000. The Town is on a list to receive 80% of the funding needed to replace the bridge from the State, but it will not get it if it replaces the bridge now. This is recommended by the engineers while we await State funding. Selectman Musselman noted that there is a weight limit on the bridge, but does not think it is correct that fire trucks cannot use the bridge.

Dennis McCarthy discussed posted ratings on bridges. The Harbor Road bridge is posted for what it can support. It doesn't mean the bridge will collapse if you cross it with a higher load; it will just deteriorate faster. Bridges are designed six times over what they are rated at. Fire trucks can use the bridge safely.

Peter Crawford question the six times safety factor and said he thought it was 40%. He described the gross vehicle weights posted for the Harbor Road bridge. Chief Cotreau described the gross vehicle weights of all Fire Department vehicles.

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 17 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Mr. Winslow **moved to restrict reconsideration.** Dr. Dibble **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 18.

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

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 18 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness said that the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund is an obligation for the Town. At the end of the year our liability was \$536,362.97. We have \$200,285.63 in the account now. The State wants us to fund 50%. Currently we have 37%. Even if we approve this article we are still going to be \$17,895.85 short.

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 18 appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 19.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to purchase a new mower to replace the existing aging mower and authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 19 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Musselman **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness asked Dennis McCarthy to explain this article. Mr. McCarthy said the current mower cuts the grass on several parcels of land in town. The Town also rakes seaweed on the beaches using the State's rake. The State is replacing the rake with one that is not compatible

with the mower. This article would allow the Town to get a mower that can pull the new State beach rake.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 19 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 20.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to purchase a new skid steer to replace the current fourteen-year-old skid steer. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 20 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness said that the skid steer handles all recyclables at the transfer station. She described the revenues received and the costs avoided by recycling. The tax impact for the skid steer is two cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Mr. McCarthy said the skid steer is used six days a week. It is an essential piece of equipment that is older and starting to have problems.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 20 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Shawn Crapo moved to **restrict reconsideration** on Articles 18 through 20. Dr. Dibble **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 21.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-1)

Selectman Winslow **moved** Article 21 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Jenness **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Winslow stated that this appropriation would allow Town Hall to be painted and some shakes to be replaced. It won't be used if the Town votes to raze Town Hall.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 21 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 22.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-1, to be known as Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Library Trustees as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 22 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness said this article would create an accumulated leave fund for library employees that would work the same way that the accumulated leave fund for Town employees works. The tax impact will be less than one cent per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Karen Oliver, a Library trustee, said that the Library became aware of the need for this fund last year when it made a payout. The total liability of the Library is around \$60,000. This article represents the first installment in getting to the 50% level of funding recommended by the State.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 22 to be placed on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow **moved to restrict reconsideration on all articles not previously restricted.** Shawn Crapo **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 23.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 23 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness said this article was similar to last year's article seeking an appropriation for the Library Maintenance Fund. The article speaks for itself. The appropriation would have a tax impact of less than one cent per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 23 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Dr. Klinger **moved to restrict reconsideration** of Article 23. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Marion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 25.

ARTICLE 25. Shall the town adopt the All Veteran's Property Tax Credit, in the amount of \$500, which will be available to any resident who meets the following criteria — served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged, or was an officer honorably separated from service; or is the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident; and provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service and further provided that the resident is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict, or for veterans with a service-connected disability. Any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 25 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness said the purpose of this article is to address what is called the gap veteran. This allows qualified veterans to be eligible for the property tax credit even if they did not serve during war time.

Karen Oliver **moved to amend Article 25 to change “Veteran’s” to “Veterans”**. The motion was **seconded by acclamation**. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Selectman Jenness said that Rye has around 145 gap veterans.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 25 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town road Cedar Run (located off South Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan The Meadows at South & West, LLC, County of Rockingham, Rye, NH dated June, 2014, as revised and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

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

Selectman Winslow **moved** Article 26 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Musselman **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Winslow said that Cedar Run is off South and West Roads and includes four lots. One house already exists and the other three lots are to be developed. The Conservation Commission received 58 acres of the original development at a cost of \$300,000. The road is acceptable by town standards per the Building Inspector.

Steve Borne asked whether a car coming out of development on an icy night that hit a house adjacent to the road would present liability for the town. Attorney Donovan said that it likely would not.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 26 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 28.

ARTICLE 28. (By Petition) Will the Town vote to close the hazardous, skewed angle intersection at the juncture of Dow Lane and Lafayette Road (NH Route 1) thereby making Dow Lane in the Town of Rye, a dead end and will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to pay for all costs associated with the closure.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (11-0)

Elizabeth Sanborn **moved** Article 28 to the floor for discussion. Ms. Grote **seconded** the motion.

Ms. Sanborn said she has lived on Dow Lane for 24 years. Dow Lane residents suggested to the Selectman that Dow Lane be made a dead end, but the Selectmen did not recommend it. She **moved to amend** the article. She gave some history of the traffic problems on Dow Lane, and noted said that Chief Walsh has been very supportive of the concerns of Dow Lane residents. He has put up a speed control flasher there. A study has shown that 2,000 cars a day use Dow Lane and that 60% of those cars speed. Nothing that has been tried to address the issue has worked.

Moderator Eaton read the amendment which would replace Article 8 in its entirety with the following language: **“Will the Town vote to advise the Board of Selectmen to evaluate all options in concert with NH DOT to reconfigure the Dow Lane/Route 1 intersection to reduce vehicle speed and increase safety? Should the traffic calming trial phase suggested by Chief Walsh prove inadequate to the immediate Dow Lane residents and Board of Selectmen within 60 days will the Town vote to close the hazardous, skewed angle intersection at the juncture of Dow Lane and Lafayette Road (NH Route 1) thereby making**

Dow Lane in the Town of Rye, a dead end and will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to pay for all costs associated with the closure.”

Mr. Borne **seconded** the motion.

Shawn Crapo was concerned with language in the amendment that would appear to allow Dow Lane residents to close the road if they didn't like the outcome of the study. Attorney Donovan agreed. He also said that the language in the amendment conflicted with itself because it was both advisory and compulsory.

Ms. Sanborn said she was open to suggested amendments, but that Dow Lane residents want the road to be a dead end, and they want the Town's support for that.

Moderator Eaton read a **proposed “friendly” amendment** by the Selectmen: **“Will the Town vote to recommend that the Board of Selectmen take the necessary steps to close the hazardous, skewed angle intersection at the juncture of Dow Lane and Lafayette Road (NH Route 1) thereby making Dow Lane in the Town of Rye, a dead end and will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to pay for all costs associated with the closure.”**

Ms. Sanborn **accepted the Selectmen's proposal as a friendly amendment. Mr. Borne accepted the amendment.**

Matt Marra asked whether the Selectmen would recommend the article if the amendment is adopted.

Attorney Donovan explained that the process of closing part of a road is legally complicated, especially when the road intersects with a State road. The State would probably have to get involved. However, if the article passes, the Selectmen would have to pursue it.

Selectman Winslow asked Chief Walsh to speak to the issue. Speed is an issue on Dow Lane just as it is on all roads in Rye. The police listen to the residents; communication is important to them. They are working to make Dow Lane safer. They are working with the Department of Transportation to make the turn off Route 1 safer. They are also exploring several other ideas. The Chief encouraged all residents to comply with the speed limit.

Ms. Sanborn said that there is an alternative. Motorists can turn off Route 1 at Washington Road where there is a light and it is safer. Dow Lane doesn't have to be a cut-off road.

Mr. Crawford thanked Chief Walsh. He also expressed concern that this article might appropriate \$60,000, for which the residents would be taxed, even though the Selectmen might not do anything.

Selectman Musselman said that if the article passes, the Selectman would have an obligation to pursue it; but the solution isn't straight forward. We would have to work with DOT, but DOT might not agree. He thought the solution would be to square off Dow Lane on the south side,

which is partly in North Hampton and partly in Rye. Some of the \$60,000 could be spent for that. He praised the measures Chief Walsh is working on to reduce speeding, which may solve the problem. If the amendment is adopted, it would create a legal warrant article that the Selectmen could pursue. He probably wouldn't vote to change the non-recommendation on the article because he thinks the best think to do is to work with DOT to square off the intersection.

Jane Ireland **called the question**. Ms. Holway **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed**. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to amend. **The motion passed**.

Mr. Marion asked Chief Walsh what the words "hazardous" and "skewed angle" meant. He thought they were subjective. He **moved to amend the article by striking the phrase "hazardous, skewed angle"**. Ms. Bradshaw **seconded** the motion.

Ms. Sanborn said she opposed the amendment because those words are very important.

In response to a question from Mr. Cummins, Chief Walsh said there had been three accidents on Dow Lane in the past year or two. Mr. Cummins suggested a speed bump.

Shawn Crapo said that, even as amended, the article is too limiting. Mr. Marion said that other people in town live on roads that they think are hazardous. Ms. Sanborn said that the State's survey called the road hazardous.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the to the motion to amend that would **strike the phrase "hazardous, skewed angle"**. **The motion passed** by a vote of 48 to 19.

Shawn Crapo said he uses Dow Lane to avoid the hill on Route 1 and the Wahington Road traffic light when he is towing a heavy load. **He read a proposed amendment**. Moderator Eaton asked Mr. Crapo to rewrite the manedment so he could read it. Attorney Donovan suggested a small change striking the words "up to" before "\$60,000" so that the requested appropriation would be legal. Mr. Crapo agreed. Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion to amend. Arthur Ditto spoke in support of the amendment.

Moderator Eaton read Mr. Crapo's amendment: **"Will the Town vote to recommend the Selectmen modify the intersections at the ends of Dow Lane and will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to pay for all costs associated with the changes and further, to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal and State Grants or other aid and any private donations that may be available towards this purpose and to comply with all laws applicable to said project?"**

Mr. Crawford asked Chief Walsh if there wasn't already enough money in the budget to pay for a Dow Road solution, such that an appropriation might not be necessary. The Chief responded that there is enough money for the solution that is currently on the table. He said Mr. McCarthy has a rough draft on what he would like to do based upon the budget footprint for 2018. He wants to make a temporary solution, then come back to the town to dress it up. A more permanent solution may cost more.

Hearing no further discussion on the motion to amend, Moderator Eaton reread the motion and called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 28 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Shawn Crapo **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 28. Mr. Winslow **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 30.

ARTICLE 30. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to require that all environmental monitoring, sample analysis and interpretation of results in connection with Rye landfills, former landfills and the Coakley Landfill be conducted by an independent entity. An independent entity is defined as an individual or organization that has no personal or familial relationship with any member of any Rye Board, Commission, Committee or any Town employee. All conclusions, reports and supporting documentation relating to tests done in the future, as well as all past tests, shall be kept on file at the Rye Town Hall and, if available in electronic form, timely posted, or linked to, in unaltered form as provided by the independent entity, on the town website in the appropriate, readily visible section. The Town hereby appropriates one dollar (\$1) for the purpose of defraying any unbudgeted costs associated with the implementation of this warrant article.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0)
This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-3)

Mr. Crawford **moved** Article 30 to the floor for discussion. Mr. Borne **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Crawford spoke said this article came about because of the Coakley, Grove Road and Breakfast Hill landfills. Currently, CMA, Selectman Musselman's firm, has been interpreting environmental monitoring results to give to the State. He thought it would be appropriate for entities not associated with the Town to be doing that. This article is being proposed in order to avoid possible conflicts of interest. Mr. Crawford **moved to amend** Article 30. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Borne.

Moderator Eaton read the amendment as follows, which would replace all but the last two sentences of the article: **"To see if the Town will vote to require that all environmental monitoring, sample analysis and interpretation of results in connection with Rye landfills, former landfills and the Coakley Landfill be conducted by an independent entity, individual or organization. To be an independent individual, neither the person, nor his or her spouse, child or parent may be a member of any Rye Board, Commission, Committee or be a Town Employee. To be an independent organization, no officer, director or more than 20 percent stakeholder of such organization may be a person who is not an independent individual. No individual or organization that was involved in the closure of any of these landfills shall be considered independent."**

Mr. Crawford further explained his motion to amend.

Shawn Crapo offered a **“friendly” amendment** to eliminate the word “all” in the first sentence of the motion to amend. He felt the language was too limiting because Selectman Musselman has a lot of knowledge about this issue and the Selectmen might want to use him as an independent entity when he retires from the Board. Mr. Crawford **did not accept Mr. Crapo’s “friendly” amendment.**

Selectman Musselman stated that neither he nor his firm had anything to do with the closure of the Breakfast Hill landfill and the Grove Road landfill was never closed. The Grove Road landfill operated as a town landfill for 40 years, and then was bought by the Rye Water District and they drilled a public water supply well next to it. CMA and Selectman Musselman oversaw the hydrogeological characterization of the Grove Road Landfill in the mid-90s to early 2000 on behalf of the Town. If the intent of this article is to prevent CMA from advising the Town going forward regarding the Grove Road landfill, the town will have to pay a senior hydrologist or a senior engineer to get up to speed on the data that has been developed over the last 20 years. He noted that CMA has not charged the town for the last twelve years to report the data the State. If CMA is precluded, the Selectmen will have to hire someone by April because the next round for Grove Road and Breakfast Hill is due in April or May. If the Selectmen asked, CMA would prepare a proposal. Neither he nor CMA have any conflict of interest. Selectman Musselman said he has been practicing for municipalities for 43 years and worked for 100 municipalities. He takes this personally. His integrity has been maligned in Rye. He said if this continues to get worse, no sane person will run for the Board of Selectmen.

Laura Brown asked for clarification that anyone sitting on a town board must disclose a conflict of interest. She opined that it is not necessary to have this amendment. Moderator Eaton repeated that the officials on the stage said the Town has a conflict of interest policy.

Mr. Marion **called the question.** The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Grote. **The motion passed.** Moderator Eaton then reread the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion to amend failed.**

Mr. Cummins said he respected Selectman Musselman’s words, felt he had given valuable services to the community and should continue. He does not support the article.

Selectman Winslow **moved to amend Article 30, to state as follows: “To see if the Town will vote to require that all environmental monitoring, sample analysis and professional interpretation of results in connection with Rye landfills, former landfills and the Coakley landfill be conducted by a professional engineer.”** Selectman Jenness **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Marion offered a **“friendly” amendment**, that the professional engineer be **“qualified”**. Selectmen Winslow and Jenness **accepted the friendly amendment.**

Michelle Tyminski thought it was important to leave the word “independent” in the article. We may not want other non-independent firms to be considered for this work. Mr. Marion responded that there is a conflict of interest policy.

Selectman Winslow said we are all concerned about the cost of hiring a new firm. It would cost \$150,000 for a new firm to get up to speed. He advised supporting the amendment.

Ms. Grote was offended. She had thought about running for Selectman, but articles like this undermine people who may run for election or volunteer.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton restated the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion to amend passed. Selectman Musselman abstained from the vote.**

Carol Menard asked if the amendment removed the need for the article. Selectman Winslow said that was the intention, and to make sure we have a qualified professional engineer to do our work. We already have restrictions and ordinances that preclude problems with people being associated with organizations.

The question was called and seconded. The motion to end debate passed. Moderator Eaton ordered Article 30 to appear on the ballot as amended.

Ralph Hickson **moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 30.** The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Bradshaw. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 31.

ARTICLE 31. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c, to restore to the voters the exclusive authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, by rescinding Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which has given the Board of Selectmen that authority without any obligation to obtain voter approval. Nothing herein affects the authority of the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission to make acquisitions pursuant to RSAs 36-A:4, I and 674:44-b, II respectively.

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

Lori Carbajal **moved** Article 31 to the floor for discussion. Mr. Crawford **seconded** the motion.

Ms. Carbajal would like to see this article passed so the people will make the decision on buying and selling property.

Selectman Musselman **moved to amend** the article. He said there was a mistake of fact in the article as presented. It is not true that the Selectmen have no obligation to get voter approval when buying or selling Town property. His **amendment would strike the words “without any obligation to obtain voter approval” and replace them with the following: “subject to the requirements of any sale or acquisition be submitted to the Planning Board and the Conservation Committee for their review; that the selectmen hold two public hearings; and**

that if 50 voters object by petition the selectmen must put it on the ballot for a town wide vote.” Shawn Crapo **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Musselman said that, to date, all acquisitions and sales have been placed before the voters for approval, with one exception regarding a sliver of land at Foye’s Corner that was traded for another sliver. The Selectmen ought to be able to decide what transactions are substantive enough to bring before the voters.

Mr. Cummins asked what part of the article’s language was not true. Selectman Musselman said that in some circumstances there is an obligation to obtain voter approval. The Selectmen could not buy a \$500,000 piece of land without an appropriation.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to amend. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Crawford described some of the land transactions that he was concerned with. Ms. Low asked whether this issue was discussed a few years ago and if it was decided that it wasn’t practical to get voter approval for small transactions. Mr. Crawford described last year’s warrant article and how it was handled at the Deliberative Session and in the election.

Selectman Winslow **called the question.** Ms. Bradshaw **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed. Moderator Eaton ordered Article 31 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Mr. Marion **moved to restrict reconsideration.** Dr. Dibble **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 32.

ARTICLE 32. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to emphasize that any attorney paid from funds appropriated by Rye voters represents the Town and not the Board of Selectmen or any other Town Board, Committee, Commission or any individual if the interests of any of these diverge from those of the Town (Sanders Poynt litigation, for example). No appropriations made by voters shall be used to provide legal advice to any of these persons or entities when their interests diverge from those of the Town. No town attorney shall agree to disburse any Town funds without an appropriation by voters (\$75,000 paid in 2016 for a portion of the Transfer Station land, for example). No Town attorney shall agree to waive public hearing requirements or predetermine any vote of any Town Board, Committee or Commission (South Rd. subdivision settlement which presupposes Planning Board and Conservation Commission approval after statutorily required public hearings, for example) Preferably prior to any final agreement, but in no event later than 30 days after the public disclosure of the settlement of any lawsuit, threatened lawsuit or other claim pursuant to RSA 91-A:4, VI, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing, with proper notice as provided by RSA 675:7. At such hearing, they shall describe the terms of the settlement, the reasons why it is in the best interests of the Town, and the steps taken, or proposed to be taken, to lessen the future burden on taxpayers of similar settlements. Members of the public shall, at the public hearing, be permitted to ask questions and voice their views regarding the settlement.

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

Mr. Crawford **moved** Article 32 to the floor for discussion. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Borne.

Mr. Crawford started his presentation by stating that “recent events have made clear that often neither the Selectmen nor the Town Attorney are proceeding in the best interests, in our best interests, and in accordance with New Hampshire law and professional canons of ethics.” He said the Town Attorney was the attorney for the Town, not the Selectmen. He condemned many of the terms of the recent legal settlement regarding a subdivision on South Road. He said that neither the Town Attorney nor the Selectmen could lawfully enter into an agreement that required action by other independent town bodies. He said the Town Attorney acted contrary to the interests of the Town and “outside the bounds of the law.”

Moderator Eaton interrupted Mr. Crawford and said he was concerned that he was making personal attacks.

Attorney Donovan said that Mr. Crawford had accused him of violating the code of professional conduct for lawyers. He said he had given lectures to lawyers regarding their professional responsibilities. He asked Mr. Crawford to apologize and said that if he didn’t he would “answer for it.”

Mr. Crawford continued with his presentation. Moderator Eaton asked him if he was going to respond to Attorney Donovan’s request for an apology. Mr. Crawford said that he was not.

Mr. Crawford continued to criticize the settlement with regard to the South Road subdivision. He said that this article was needed to force the Selectmen and the Town Attorney to follow the law and explain their actions rather than hide behind secret meetings. Moderator Eaton again warned Mr. Crawford to be careful because saying that people were not following the law was a personal attack.

Selectman Winslow said that he had been on many town boards over the last ten years and that the Town Attorney had represented the town properly. He thought the article was out of place, and **moved to amend Article 32 by replacing it with the following language: “To see if the Town will vote that any attorney paid from funds appropriated by Rye voters properly represents the Town of Rye.”** Ms. Grote **seconded** the motion.

Shawn Crapo said he strongly supported the amendment because the petitioned article is an insult to Town Counsel.

Jane Ireland **moved the question.** Jane Holway **seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton restated the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Borne said he thought the most important part of the article had been eliminated. He moved to restore the following language at the end of the article: **“At such hearing, they shall describe**

the terms of the settlement, the reasons why it is in the best interests of the Town, and the steps taken, or proposed to be taken, to lessen the future burden on taxpayers of similar settlements. Members of the public shall, at the public hearing, be permitted to ask questions and voice their views regarding the settlement.” Mr. Borne said we should know when there is a settlement so we can discuss it, learn from it, and learn how to prevent it from happening again. Mr. Crawford **seconded** the motion.

Moderator Eaton explained that this motion would restore the final two sentences of Article 32 as previously amended by Selectman Winslow.

Karen Oliver said that in order for this amendment to make sense it would have to restore the final three sentences of the original article, not the final two.

Mr. Borne and Mr. Crawford agreed to **accept** Ms. Oliver’s suggestion as a **friendly amendment**.

Mr. Crawford, Mr. Borne and Ms. Oliver discussed further wordsmithing of the motion to amend. **Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Borne, to restore the following language to the end of Article 32: “In no event later than 30 days after the public disclosure of the settlement of any lawsuit, threatened lawsuit or other claim pursuant to RSA 91-A:4, VI, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing, with proper notice as provided by RSA 675:7. At such hearing, they shall describe the terms of the settlement, the reasons why it is in the best interests of the Town, and the steps taken, or proposed to be taken, to lessen the future burden on taxpayers of similar settlements. Members of the public shall, at the public hearing, be permitted to ask questions and voice their views regarding the settlement.”**

Selectman Musselman **suggested that, after the words “describe the terms of the settlement”, the following words should be added to the motion to amend: “which are not subject to confidentiality”.** Selectman Musselman said that the terms subject to confidentiality cannot be disclosed. Mr. Borne and Mr. Crawford **accepted** the suggested change as a **friendly amendment**.

Mr. Magnant asked if there had to be a public hearing after every settlement, no matter how small. Selectman Musselman **suggested adding, after the words “shall hold a public hearing”, the words “for any settlement in excess of \$25,000”.** Mr. Borne and Mr. Crawford **accepted** Selectman Musselman’s suggestion as a **friendly amendment**.

Selectman Musselman felt that while the article as amended is doable, it is still a bad idea. It would put the Board of Selectmen in a difficult spot on what they can say and cannot say in the interest of the Town. He encouraged voting against the amendment.

Shawn Crapo advocated voting against the amendment so that the article reverts back to Selectman Winslow’s amendment.

Ms. Crapo **moved the question**. Janice Ireland **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Before calling for a vote, Moderator Eaton restated the motion to amend, as follows:

“To see if the town will vote that any attorney paid from funds appropriated by Rye voters properly represents the Town of Rye. No later than 30 days after the public disclosure of the settlement of any lawsuit, threatened lawsuit or other claim pursuant to RSA 91-A:4, VI, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing for any settlement in excess of \$25,000, with proper notice as provided by RSA 675:7. At such hearing, they shall describe the terms of the settlement which are subject to a confidentiality agreement, the reasons why it is in the best interests of the Town, and the steps taken, or proposed to be taken, to lessen the future burden on taxpayers of similar settlements. Members of the public shall, at the public hearing, be permitted to ask questions and voice their views regarding the settlement”

The motion to amend failed.

Shawn Crapo **called the question to end discussion on Article 32.** Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 32 to appear on the ballot as amended.

Shawn Crapo **moved to restrict reconsideration.** Mr. Marion **seconded the motion.** **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 33.

ARTICLE 33. (By Petition) In order to help ensure prompt compliance with the New Hampshire right-to-know law, shall all Town Boards, Commissions and Committees be required, starting 30 days after this Article passes, to:

- a. Post all minutes and draft minutes of meetings on the Town website at the same time that they are first made available to the public;
- b. Notwithstanding whether or not any person is reviewing draft minutes prior to them being made available, make publicly available all minutes on the Town website on or before the Due Date, whether or not an internal review is being conducted and whether or not the minutes are in draft or final form; and
- c. Maintain a log of all meetings, available on the Town website, including the date of the meeting, the Board, Commission or Committee name, the date that the minutes are due according to RSA91-A:2, II (the “Due Date”), the date that the minutes were sealed, if applicable, the date that the minutes were first available in draft form to any person other than the transcriptionist, the date that the minutes were first made available to the public and the date that the Board, Commission or Committee approved the minutes.

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

Sam Winebaum **moved** Article 33 to the floor for discussion. Mr. Crawford **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Winebaum said this article reflects the need for continued improvement in the completeness and timeliness of minutes. There have been many improvements. However, minutes are not always available per the RSA within 5 days. This article seeks to reinforce the RSA, and the need to have minutes on the Town website and not just in paper form. This will allow timely access to minutes. The article also seeks to require logs of meetings and their minutes, which he did not think should be onerous.

Selectman Jenness **moved to amend Article 33, by striking subsection c of the article.** Ms. Bradshaw **seconded** the motion. Selectman Jenness stated that the Town is not overly staffed, and the Town Hall staff we do have are extremely busy with daily work. The Town recently lost its transcriptionist. The log-keeping requirement in subsection c would be hard for the staff to comply with.

Mr. Borne said the Town has improved in its minutes, but it is still not meeting the requirements of the RSA. Subsection c would help the Town track its compliance.

Ms. Bradshaw said that, as a member of four committees in town, she would have to give up her paying job to comply with the logging requirements of this article. It would have a chilling effect on people serving on Town boards.

Selectman Winslow said you can go to the Town website and see streamed meetings immediately. The logging requirement would impose a heavy burden and would drive people out of committees.

Bill Epperson, Chair of Planning Board, said that the preparation of minutes is a tough job. The requirements of the law can be met if we just capture the meeting's spirit and the intent of what happened. He will stop serving if these requirements are imposed.

Mr. Crawford said the article is not changing State law. The RSA is simple. You need to record the minutes of a meeting within 5 days. Streaming is great but sometimes the videos are very long and people don't want to go through the whole meeting to find what they're interested in. They just want to know what the outcome of the meeting was.

Ms. Grote **called the question** on the motion to amend Article 33. Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.** Moderator Eaton called for a vote in the motion to amend Article 33 by striking subsection c. **The motion passed.**

Selectmen Winslow **moved to amend** Article 33 by striking the entire article and replacing it with the following language: **"In order to help ensure prompt compliance with the New Hampshire Right-to-Know law, shall all Boards, Commissions and Committees be required to post all minutes and draft minutes on the Town website?"** Selectman Musselman **seconded** the motion. Selectman Winslow said we want to have transparency. He also said that if you look at a meeting's agenda you can easily find the part of the meeting you want to see when you are watching the video of the meeting.

Mr. Borne said the proposed amendment gets us right back to where we were before the article was proposed. He went on to suggest that the streaming be indexed through the use of “chapters” so that people watching the video can easily find the part they want to see.

Ms. Oliver offered a **“friendly” amendment** that would require the Library to post its minutes on the Town website and school bodies to post their minutes on the school website. Attorney Donovan noted that the School District operates as a separate governmental entity. Selectmen Winslow and Musselman **accepted Ms. Oliver’s friendly amendment as to the Library.**

Shawn Crapo offered another **“friendly” amendment, which would change the article to read as follows: “To see if the Town will require compliance with the New Hampshire Right-to-Know law by all Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees.”** Selectmen Winslow and Musselman **accepted the friendly amendment.**

Mr. Epperson spoke in favor of the amendment, but said he supports Mr. Borne’s idea to use the chapters to index the streaming video. He also stressed that all town boards are doing the very best job they can.

Mr. Winebaum spoke against the amendment. He said that removing the requirement to post minutes and draft minutes was moving us backwards.

Ms. Grote **called the question.** Sally King **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.** Moderator Eaton reread the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion to amend passed.**

Mr. Herlihy said that when he does minutes he lists the proposal and the vote. That could be complied with in five days.

Ms. Grote **called the question.** The motion was **seconded.** **The motion passed.** **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 33 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Shawn Crapo **moved to restrict reconsideration.** Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 34.

ARTICLE 34. (By Petition) Should all dogs on town property (inclusive of town woods and beaches) be required to be on a leash at all times except for Foss Beach.

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

Kevin Kobylinski **moved** Article 34 to the floor for discussion. Kevin Brandon **seconded** the motion.

Mr. Kobylinski said he owns and loves dogs. He prepared this article because he was almost attacked in Rye Woods by two loose dogs. The owner didn’t apologize. Another time a dog

barked loudly at him in the woods and the owner didn't apologize. Out-of-towners have turned Rye into "Dogs Gone Wild". Rye needs a leash law.

Mark Epply stated that his dogs need exercise. The proposed leash law is overly restrictive. He suggested forming a committee to come up with some good solutions to this issue. He then **moved to amend** Article 34 to state as follows: "**Should all dogs on Town property (inclusive of town woods and beaches) be under control of the dog owner or walker at all times? Dogs not under control must be leashed.**" Ms. Oliver **seconded** the motion.

David Tilton stated that dogs running out of control on his 56 acres of wildlife habitat have come off Town property. His cameras have photographed 19 loose dogs on his property in violation of State game laws. If a leash law was in effect that wouldn't be happening. He wanted to know when something is going to be done.

Mike Garvan, a member of the Rye Conservation Commission, agreed with Mr. Tilton and others. There are dog issues, particularly on Town beaches and in the Town Forest. However, the original article is too broad, particularly in its geographical scope. The Conservation Commission has been working to educate "bad" dog owners. It has been working with Chief Walsh to find solutions. The Conservation Commission now requires visitors to the Town Forest to have their dogs leashed until they are 150 feet from the parking lot. He asked for more patience, in hopes that a better warrant article might be presented to the Town next year.

Jamie Jacobus said part of the reason he moved to Rye was that it didn't have a leash law and he could bring his dog to the beach. He thought the problem was a lack of law enforcement, and that there isn't enough signage. Lisa Jacobus said the problems with dogs are isolated. People should notify the police when they have problems. She thought a leash law would be too restrictive and would change their lifestyle.

Mr. Winebaum described how other municipalities have dealt with the problems of uncontrolled dogs. Any ordinance has to have teeth to be successful. The laws should be vigorously enforced.

John Bellino said there are a lot of dog owners who are not responsible. He said that the issue should be studied, but he didn't want to wait another year.

Matt Marra offered a **friendly amendment** to allow unleashed dogs at Pirate's Cove and Wallis Beach. Mr. Epply **did not accept** the proposed amendment because the motion to amend already includes all beaches.

Shawn Crapo opposed the amendment and proposed that we adopt the original article, and amend it next year to be more restrictive if it needs to be.

Mr. Nelson said dogs are good for our health. He sees more issues with dogs who are on leash. Dogs should be under control, but he suggested that we do more self-policing. He supported the amendment.

Tom King and Maggie Hannah supported the motion to amend.

Ms. Grote **called the question**. Nick Toumpas **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.** Moderator Eaton restated the motion to amend and called for a vote. **The motion to amend passed.**

Ms. Grote **called the question on the article**. Mr. Nelson **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 34 to appear on the ballot as amended.

Shawn Crapo **moved to reconsider**. Mr. Marion **seconded** the motion. Mr. Marion said Mr. Crapo made the motion because Chief Walsh had been trying to get the floor. Mr. Crapo confirmed that. There being no further discussion on the motion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **The motion passed by a vote of 41 to 37.**

Chief Walsh described the extent of the problem, citing statistics on the number of dog-related calls taken by the police. He noted that the words “under control” are very hard to enforce because they are so subjective. Dealing with dog issues takes up a huge amount of police time that might better be directed elsewhere. He is putting together a committee to brainstorm solutions to the problem and hopes to be able to present a warrant article to the Selectmen next year that would make Town residents safer. He urged people to work harder at respecting each other.

Since the vote to reconsider was limited to allowing Chief Walsh to speak, when he finished, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 34 to be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Mr. King **moved to restrict reconsideration**. Susan Shepcaro **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 35.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2018.

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

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 35 to the floor for discussion. Selectman Winslow **seconded** the motion.

Selectman Jenness stated that this article speaks for itself.

Mr. Marion **called the question**. Dr. Dibble **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed.** **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 35 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 36.

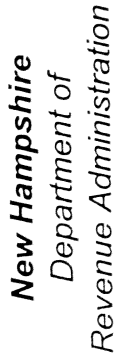
ARTICLE 36. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

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

Moderator Eaton declared, "Go Patriots!" Hearing no further discussion, he declared that the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until the Second Session.

A total of 184 registered voters were recorded on the checklist as having attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



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Rye

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
JACINTHE L. GROTE	CHAIR	Jacinto Grote
KEVIN J. BRANDON	MEMBER	Kevin J. Brandon
Ralph Hickson	Member	Ralph Hickson
RAY JARVIS	MEMBER	Ray Jarvis
Philip D. Winrow	Section Rep	Philip D. Winrow
Peggy Balboni	member	Peggy Balboni
Shawn Crapo	RVU Dist	Shawn Crapo
DAVE BRADSHAW	member	Dave Bradshaw
Peter Crowford	Member	Peter Crowford

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		-	-	-	-	-	-
4130-4139	Executive	11	230,642	233,299	229,170	-	229,170	-
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	11	19,225	16,684	30,695	-	30,695	-
4150-4151	Financial Administration	11	584,829	574,019	583,690	4,500	583,690	-
4152	Revaluation of Property		-	-	-	-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense	11	100,000	117,689	108,000	-	108,000	-
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		-	-	-	-	-	-
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	11	159,336	155,583	162,223	-	162,223	-
4194	General Government Buildings	11	135,368	109,340	171,454	-	171,454	-
35	Cemeteries	11	108,085	113,293	115,006	-	115,006	-
36	Insurance	11	194,663	166,608	165,027	-	165,027	-
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	11	54,871	54,871	56,371	-	56,371	-
4199	Other General Government	11	71,000	71,042	71,700	-	71,700	-
General Government Subtotal			1,658,019	1,612,428	1,693,336	4,500	1,693,336	-
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	11	1,404,337	1,317,921	1,410,332	-	1,410,332	-
4215-4219	Ambulance	11	129,095	103,508	125,865	-	125,865	-
4220-4229	Fire	11	1,373,481	1,281,818	1,427,544	-	1,427,544	-
4240-4249	Building Inspection	11	231,024	189,141	253,080	-	253,080	-
4290-4298	Emergency Management	11	7,500	10,599	11,500	-	11,500	-
4299	Other (Including Communications)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety Subtotal			3,145,437	2,902,987	3,228,321	-	3,228,321	-
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	-	-	-	-	-
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			-	-	-	-	-	-
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		-	-	-	-	-	-
4312	Highways and Streets	11	1,237,073	1,198,704	1,222,277	5,500	1,222,277	-
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4313	Bridges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting	11	5,500	4,464	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
4319	Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highways and Streets Subtotal			1,242,573	1,203,168	1,232,277	5,500	-	1,232,277	-
Sanitation									
4321	Administration		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4323	Solid Waste Collection	11	235,914	241,484	230,248	-	-	230,248	-
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	11	192,950	165,247	185,000	7,985	-	185,000	-
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitation Subtotal			428,864	406,731	415,248	7,985	-	415,248	-
Water Distribution and Treatment									
4331	Administration		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Water Services		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric									
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Subtotal			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health									
4411	Administration	11	5,485	5,418	5,485	-	-	5,485	-
4414	Pest Control	11	100,614	89,405	101,809	-	-	101,809	-
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Subtotal			106,099	94,823	107,294	-	-	107,294	-
Welfare									
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	11	46,000	26,138	40,000	-	-	40,000	-
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Welfare Subtotal			46,000	26,138	40,000	-	-	40,000	-



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Culture and Recreation									
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	11	357,810	328,637	382,481	11,000	382,481		-
4550-4559	Library	11	673,573	615,474	648,687	6,602	655,289		-
4583	Patriotic Purposes	11	10,700	10,267	10,700	-	10,700		-
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	11	4,800	3,550	5,100	-	5,100		-
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			1,046,883	957,928	1,046,968	17,602	1,053,570		-
Conservation and Development									
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	11	90,000	50,831	90,000	-	90,000		-
4619	Other Conservation	11	600	-	600	-	600		-
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		-	-	-	-	-		-
4651-4659	Economic Development		-	-	-	-	-		-
Conservation and Development Subtotal			90,600	50,831	90,600	-	90,600		-
bt Service									
150	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	11	443,290	443,290	305,000	-	305,000		-
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	11	80,005	80,000	62,196	-	62,196		-
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	11	500	-	100	-	100		-
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	11	500	-	100	-	100		-
Debt Service Subtotal			524,295	523,290	367,396	-	367,396		-
Capital Outlay									
4901	Land		-	-	-	-	-		-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	65,000	70,368	172,000	-	172,000		-
4903	Buildings		10,000	-	-	-	-		-
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	11	312,500	192,755	77,000	-	77,000		-
Capital Outlay Subtotal			387,500	263,123	249,000	-	249,000		-
Operating Transfers Out									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	11	479,339	479,339	450,976	-	450,976		-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-	-	-		-
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		-	-	-	-	-		-
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		-	-	-	-	-		-
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		-	-	-	-	-		-
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	11	258,343	258,343	258,255	-	258,255		-
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		-	-	-	-	-		-



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4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal	737,682	737,682	709,231	-	709,231	-
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations	9,413,952	8,779,129	9,179,671	35,587	9,186,273	-



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	29	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
Purpose: Be petition to conduct visioning sessions								
4312	Highways and Streets	28	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
Purpose: By petition - To make Dow Lane a dead end								
4199	Other General Government	30	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Purpose: By Petition to require all environmental monitorin								
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other	09	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Purpose: development of a stormwater asset management progr								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	08	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Purpose: Paving of Shoals View Drive								
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	09	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$0
Purpose: development of a stormwater asset management progr								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	09	\$ 170,000	170000				
4903	Buildings	06	\$25,000	\$19,476	\$620,000	\$0	\$620,000	\$0
Purpose: To replace existing salt shed								
4903	Buildings	10	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,048,077	\$0	\$3,048,077
Purpose: By Petition: To build a new Town Hall								
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Purpose: Replace Red Mill Lane Culvert								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
Purpose: To replace existing salt shed								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Purpose: add to the Highway CRF								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Purpose: Repurpose the Fire Truck CRF and add \$100,000								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Purpose: Add to the Fire Truck CRF is Article 13 is defeat								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
Purpose: To Purchase a new mower								
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	18	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Purpose: Add to the Town Employee's Accumulated Leave ETF								
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	21	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: add to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance ETF								
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	22	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Purpose: Establish a Library Employee's Accumulated Leave E								
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	23	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Purpose: Add to the Library Building Maintenance ETF								
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$450,000	\$444,476	\$1,615,000	\$3,114,078	\$1,515,300	\$3,214,078



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	11	\$17,153	\$17,153				
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	13	\$30,170	\$30,170				
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	15	\$22,939	\$22,939				
4312	Highways and Streets	10	\$125,000.00	\$2,750.60				
4313	Bridges	17	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Repairs to Harbor Road Bridge Deck</i>								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	20	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: To purchase a new skid steer</i>								
4903	Buildings	13	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Construction of a multi-purpose recreation storage</i>								
4903	Buildings	12	\$0	\$0	\$624,800	\$0	\$624,800	\$0
<i>Purpose: To purchase a 3.71 acre lot for Town Offices</i>								
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$195,262	\$73,013	\$889,800	\$0	\$889,800	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	11	\$1,600	\$800	\$800
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	11	\$18,573	\$24,849	\$24,849
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	11	\$64,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$84,173	\$95,649	\$95,649
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	11	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
3230	Building Permits	11	\$200,000	\$215,000	\$215,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	11	\$40,000	\$43,000	\$43,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government	11	\$4,250	\$28,500	\$28,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$1,545,250	\$1,787,500	\$1,787,500
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	11	\$280,366	\$280,365	\$280,365
3353	Highway Block Grant	11	\$136,072	\$136,070	\$136,070
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$416,438	\$416,435	\$416,435
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	11	\$244,245	\$275,000	\$275,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$244,245	\$275,000	\$275,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$1,000	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	11	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
3503-3509	Other	11	\$44,650	\$35,000	\$35,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$54,650	\$45,000	\$45,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	11	\$479,339	\$450,976	\$450,976
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	11	\$258,343	\$258,255	\$258,255
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	19, 06	\$195,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$932,682	\$834,231	\$834,231
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	10, 08, 09, 07, 06	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$3,277,438	\$4,553,815	\$4,553,815



Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Selectmen's Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$9,413,952	\$9,179,671	\$9,186,273
Special Warrant Articles	\$450,000	\$1,615,000	\$1,515,300
Individual Warrant Articles	\$195,262	\$889,800	\$889,800
Total Appropriations	\$10,059,214	\$11,684,471	\$11,591,373
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$3,277,438	\$4,553,815	\$4,553,815
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$6,781,776	\$7,130,656	\$7,037,558



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$11,591,373
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$305,000
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$62,196
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)	\$11,224,177
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$1,122,418
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (<i>Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12</i>)	\$12,713,791



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Selectboard
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1-E to the basic financial statements, effective January 1, 2016 the Town adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement, and Application*. As a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 72, the Town disclosed its investments in accordance with the fair value hierarchy. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3 - 9), the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 40), the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (page 41), and the Schedule of Town

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Contributions (page 42) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information - Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Rye's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

June 30, 2017

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Town of Rye, NH
Management Discussion and Analysis
2016

As management of the Town of Rye, NH, we offer readers of the Town of Rye, NH financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Rye, NH for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Overview of Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Rye's basic financial statements. The Town of Rye's basic financial statements comprise four components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements, and (4) required supplementary information. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Rye's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Town of Rye's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Rye, NH is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town of Rye, NH's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements of the Town of Rye, NH include general government, public safety, roadways, cemetery, library, trust and capital reserve funds, grants, conservation, sanitation, culture and recreation.

Fund financial statements- A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. For example, Sewer department activity, which is paid from sewer user fees, is reported separately from Cemetery activity, which is paid from perpetual care trust funds. The Town of Rye, NH, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Rye, NH can be divided into two categories: governmental or fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to report on the general operations of the town. They are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-

wide financial statements, fund financial statements focus only on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources this year*, as well as on balances of *spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's current financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds and governmental activities*.

The governmental funds can be found on pages 12-16 of this report.

The Town of Rye, NH adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund as well as several non-major funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the major general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget, which can be found on page 16 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds. *Fiduciary funds* are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government, such as developer's performance bonds, capital reserve and expendable trust funds belonging to other governments, and trust funds for which the income is used for purposes that are not normally funded by the Town. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because these funds are not available to support the Town of Rye's own programs. The accounting used for the fiduciary funds is much like that used for businesses.

The fiduciary funds can be found on pages 17-18 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is necessary to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 19-39.

Required Supplementary Information – In addition to this Management's Discussion and Analysis the basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plans and information about the New Hampshire Retirement System as required under GASB 68.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, and required supplementary information this report also presents certain supplementary information concerning the combining and individual schedules, which can be found on pages 44-49 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may, over time serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Rye, NH, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$36,420,574 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the Town of Rye's net position \$36,420,574 reflects its net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, etc.) in the amount of \$33,131,241. The Town of Rye, NH uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Rye's net investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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Governmental Activities Statement of Net Position

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	Change
Assets and deferred outflow of resources:			
Current & other assets	16,698,717	15,885,916	(812,801)
Capital assets	34,648,158	35,116,121	467,963
Total Assets	<u>51,346,875</u>	<u>51,002,037</u>	<u>(344,838)</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	289,399	1,666,057	1,376,658
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>51,636,274</u>	<u>52,668,094</u>	<u>1,031,820</u>
Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:			
Current liabilities	6,496,392	6,038,622	(457,770)
Noncurrent liabilities	8,508,076	9,840,851	1,332,775
Total Liabilities	<u>15,004,468</u>	<u>15,879,473</u>	<u>875,005</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	456,871	368,047	(88,824)
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>15,461,339</u>	<u>16,247,520</u>	<u>786,181</u>
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	32,284,470	33,131,241	846,771
Restricted	3,807,564	4,203,559	395,995
Unrestricted	82,901	(914,226)	(997,127)
Total net position	<u>36,174,935</u>	<u>36,420,574</u>	<u>245,639</u>

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Rye, NH is able to report positive balances in net position, for the government as a whole. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year position.

Town of Rye, NH Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Activities

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	1,023,435	1,053,937	30,502
Operating grants and contributions	298,053	429,102	131,049
General revenues:			
Taxes	5,430,091	5,502,734	72,643
Licenses and permits	1,740,268	1,772,444	32,176
Unrestricted grants	266,803	301,885	35,082
Unrestricted Investment Income	142,938	174,638	31,700
Miscellaneous	131,455	447,343	315,888
Total revenues	9,033,043	9,682,083	649,040
Expenses:			
General Government	1,985,113	1,834,491	(150,622)
Public Safety	2,812,582	3,185,191	372,609
Highways and Streets	1,749,093	2,063,777	314,684
Sanitation	601,661	635,540	33,879
Health	80,705	80,129	(576)
Welfare	37,098	27,539	(9,559)
Culture & Recreation	1,191,661	1,315,447	123,786
Conservation	50,372	35,353	(15,019)
Interest on long-term debt	72,682	61,333	(11,349)
Capital Outlay	83,916	197,644	113,728
Total expenses	8,664,883	9,436,444	771,561
Change in net position	368,160	245,639	(122,521)
Beginning net position	35,806,775	36,174,935	368,160
Ending net position	36,174,935	36,420,574	245,639

General fund budgetary highlights

General Fund revenues received during 2016 increased by \$487,489 from 2015. The actual budgetary revenues were more than the budget for estimated revenues by \$257,341. This is largely due to Motor Vehicle registration fees, which were \$161,485 more than budgeted. Building Permits were \$21,582 over the amount projected. General income from department services was \$13,268 over projected.

There were no catastrophic events during 2016 that had a significant impact on total expenditures. However Fire, Police and Public Works operations were affected by the following conditions:

- Public Works department responded to an average number of weather events during the 2016 season. The snow accumulation below average. However the amount of black ice and frozen road calls was above average. The department recorded a total of

22 weather events: 14 were snow events and 8 were ice only. The snow events averaged approximately 4 inches of accumulation per event and 1,179 tons of salt at a cost of \$74,406, was deployed on the roadways to maintain safe road conditions.

- Police department experienced a busier than usual season with frequent thefts from motor vehicles and burglary of residential properties, these contributed to an extremely labor intensive season.

The 2016 Police Department activities include:

- 7,568 Calls for Service
 - 1,134 Motor Vehicle Stops
 - 368 Animal Control Events
 - 347 Arrests
 - 388 Alarm Activations
 - 365 Medical Aid Calls
 - 49 Thefts
 - 27 Domestic Violence Incidences
 - 19 Juvenile Dealings
 - 10 Burglary Reports
 - 88 Accidents investigations
- 2016 was the first full year that the Rye Fire Department has been at full staff in over a decade. The entire staff is dedicated to the reduction and prevention of fire and worked cooperatively with Fire Prevention and Public Education Division to conduct 240 inspections throughout the community. These inspections included heating systems and fuel storage installations, chimney construction, smoke and carbon monoxide detector placements, place of assembly permits and general hazard inspections. These inspections resulted in the issuing of 172 permits. In addition, members completed 31 child safety seat inspections/installations. Rye Fire department is one of only a few in the area certified to complete this task.

The Fire Department activities of 859 calls for emergency assistance included:

- 529 Medical Aid Calls
- 388 Transports to local hospitals
- 179 advanced care level

All three of these departments should be commended for their diligence and effort in the surprise event on June 27th. That was the day a 45 foot long female humpback whale, named Snowplow wash ashore at Foss Beach. Word of this rare occurrence spread quickly and soon large crowds of curious onlookers gathered to witness the necropsy and the orderly disposal of the 40 ton decaying mammal.

The Town realized a savings of \$567,978 in actual expenditures over the 2016 budgeted appropriation.

The total Town's property assessed valuation increased by \$16,057,700. The total property tax commitment decreased by \$208,666 from the prior year. At the 2015 Tax Rate setting the

Board of Selectmen chose to use \$1,000,000 of the Town's beginning general fund balance to bring the tax rate to \$10.68.

The Town's share of the Net Pension Liability as of 12/31/16 is \$7,370,906. This figure was obtained from the New Hampshire Retirement System audited schedules of 6/30/15. The Town paid NHRS \$250,242 from 07/01/2015 through 12/31/2015 in Deferred Outflow. The net difference between the projected and actual investment earnings on the pension plan investments was \$561,162. The Town's change in percentage of overall NHRS liability is calculated each year by NHRS actuaries. The Town's percentage of overall liability can change each year based on the number of eligible employees relative to all members of NHRS. This represents a Deferred Inflow in the amount of \$368,047.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Town of Rye's investment in capital assets includes land and improvements, buildings, rolling stock, sewer mains, equipment, and roadways with a value in excess of \$15,000 and a useful life of over 5 years.

Assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis, with the original cost divided evenly by the useful life of the asset.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Acquisitions:
 - 2016 Chevrolet Caprice
 - 2016 F350 Ford Pickup w/plow and sand assembly
 - Public Safety Building -Security System
 - Wallis Road Conservation Land
- Disposals:
 - 2010 Kubota Tractor

Town of Rye, NH Capital Assets

Governmental Activities
(at original cost)

	2015	additions	disposals	2016
Not being depreciated:				
Land	10,024,986	1,266,295		11,291,281
Intangible assets	2,676,480			2,676,480
Construction in progress	580,878			580,878
Total capital assets not being depreciated	13,282,344	1,266,295		14,548,639
Being depreciated:				
Land improvements	529,152			529,152
Buildings and building improvements	6,819,287			6,819,287
Vehicles	2,356,588	183,618		2,440,206
Equipment	525,824	7,824	(20,110)	513,538

Sewer Mains - Infrastructure	4,400,000			4,400,000
Roadways – Infrastructure	30,338,010			30,338,010
Total capital assets being depreciated	44,868,861	191,442	(20,110)	45,040,193
Total all capital assets	58,151,205	1,457,737	(20,110)	59,588,832
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(23,503,047)			(24,472,711)
Net Book Value	34,648,158			35,116,121

Additional information on the Town of Rye's net capital assets, depreciation, and debt may be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Rye, NH had total bonded debt outstanding of \$1,941,594 which is a .15% decrease from the \$2,278,093 owed at the end of 2015. These bonds are a general obligation of the taxpayers of Rye, N.H.

NH RSA 33:4-A establishes a debt limit. Towns may not incur outstanding indebtedness exceeding 3% (\$56,524,212) of the town valuation (\$1,884,140,400). Rye's debt is less than 1% of the valuation, so it is well within the debt limit. Rye has an allowed debt margin of \$54,582,618.

The Town of Rye issues bonds through the NH Municipal Bond Bank, and uses the bond bank credit rating of Aa2 with Moody's Investment Service.

Requests for information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Rye, NH's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Director, 10 Central Road, Town of Rye, NH, 03870.

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2016

	General	Permanent	Conservation Commission	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,593,453	\$ 172,458	\$ 187,027	\$ 1,732,982	\$ 9,685,920
Investments	1,319,152	3,694,567	-	49,651	5,063,370
Accounts receivable (net)	98,847	-	-	157,436	256,283
Taxes receivable	846,244	-	-	-	846,244
Intergovernmental receivable	24,272	-	-	-	24,272
Interfund receivable	58,390	-	-	13,429	71,819
Voluntary tax liens	213,880	-	-	-	213,880
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(213,880)	-	-	-	(213,880)
Inventory	5,446	-	-	-	5,446
Prepaid items	18,109	-	-	6,272	24,381
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,963,913</u>	<u>\$ 3,867,025</u>	<u>\$ 187,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,959,770</u>	<u>\$ 15,977,735</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 134,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,117	\$ 144,311
Accrued salaries and benefits	68,842	-	-	1,375	70,217
Intergovernmental payable	5,774,591	-	-	20,280	5,794,871
Interfund payable	13,429	48,882	-	9,508	71,819
Other	-	-	-	2,317	2,317
Total liabilities	<u>5,991,056</u>	<u>48,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,597</u>	<u>6,083,535</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	<u>124,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,272</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	23,555	3,782,950	-	6,272	3,812,777
Restricted	486,306	35,193	-	15,634	537,133
Committed	981,758	-	187,027	1,894,267	3,063,052
Assigned	243,196	-	-	-	243,196
Unassigned	2,113,770	-	-	-	2,113,770
Total fund balances	<u>3,848,585</u>	<u>3,818,143</u>	<u>187,027</u>	<u>1,916,173</u>	<u>9,769,928</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,963,913</u>	<u>\$ 3,867,025</u>	<u>\$ 187,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,959,770</u>	<u>\$ 15,977,735</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 9,769,928
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	\$ 59,588,832	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(24,472,711)</u>	
		35,116,121
Certain items are not current financial resources in the governmental funds, but instead are reported in the Statement of Net Position.		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 1,666,057	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(368,047)</u>	
		1,298,010
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.		
Receivables	\$ (71,819)	
Payables	<u>71,819</u>	
		-
Property tax revenues that are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection on the Statement of Net Position.		124,272
Recognize the allowance for doubtful property tax receivables under the accrual basis of accounting.		(20,000)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(26,906)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds	\$ 1,760,000	
Unamortized bond premium	181,594	
Capital lease	43,286	
Compensated absences	485,065	
Net pension liability	<u>7,370,906</u>	
		<u>(9,840,851)</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u><u>\$ 36,420,574</u></u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General	Permanent	Conservation Commission	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 5,499,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,499,848
Licenses and permits	1,772,444	-	-	-	1,772,444
Intergovernmental	454,590	-	121,000	-	575,590
Charges for services	309,048	-	-	744,889	1,053,937
Miscellaneous	201,903	492,521	12,239	70,715	777,378
Total revenues	<u>8,237,833</u>	<u>492,521</u>	<u>133,239</u>	<u>815,604</u>	<u>9,679,197</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	1,712,694	79,624	-	539	1,792,857
Public safety	2,766,011	-	-	107,445	2,873,456
Highways and streets	1,244,465	-	-	-	1,244,465
Sanitation	410,194	-	-	222,525	632,719
Health	80,129	-	-	-	80,129
Welfare	27,539	-	-	-	27,539
Culture and recreation	1,060,391	-	-	198,058	1,258,449
Conservation	31,978	-	1,266,295	-	1,298,273
Debt service:					
Principal	444,309	-	-	-	444,309
Interest	97,605	-	-	-	97,605
Capital outlay	373,386	-	-	15,700	389,086
Total expenditures	<u>8,248,701</u>	<u>79,624</u>	<u>1,266,295</u>	<u>544,267</u>	<u>10,138,887</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(10,868)</u>	<u>412,897</u>	<u>(1,133,056)</u>	<u>271,337</u>	<u>(459,690)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	43,434	-	-	-	43,434
Transfers out	-	(43,434)	-	-	(43,434)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>43,434</u>	<u>(43,434)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	32,566	369,463	(1,133,056)	271,337	(459,690)
Fund balances, beginning	3,816,019	3,448,680	1,320,083	1,644,836	10,229,618
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 3,848,585</u>	<u>\$ 3,818,143</u>	<u>\$ 187,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,916,173</u>	<u>\$ 9,769,928</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SCHEDULE 1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 5,452,724	\$ 5,421,385	\$ (31,339)
Yield	80	236	156
Payment in lieu of taxes	18,573	22,821	4,248
Interest and penalties on taxes	54,000	58,292	4,292
Total from taxes	<u>5,525,377</u>	<u>5,502,734</u>	<u>(22,643)</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	700	450	(250)
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,300,000	1,461,485	161,485
Building permits	250,000	271,582	21,582
Other	38,430	38,927	497
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,589,130</u>	<u>1,772,444</u>	<u>183,314</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	279,231	279,231	-
Highway block grant	135,566	135,566	-
Water pollution grants	-	4,475	4,475
Other	76	21,873	21,797
Federal:			
Other	43,711	13,445	(30,266)
Total from intergovernmental	<u>458,584</u>	<u>454,590</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	<u>295,780</u>	<u>309,048</u>	<u>13,268</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Interest on investments	8,000	9,436	1,436
Fines and forfeits	18,000	18,728	728
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	36,400	115,124	78,724
Contributions and donations	-	10,863	10,863
Other	1,400	1,976	576
Total from miscellaneous	<u>63,800</u>	<u>156,127</u>	<u>92,327</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	<u>175,000</u>	<u>170,069</u>	<u>(4,931)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	8,107,671	<u>\$ 8,365,012</u>	<u>\$ 257,341</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	1,000,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 9,107,671</u>		

SCHEDULE 2
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 216,246	\$ 217,779	\$ -	\$ (1,533)
Election and registration	-	32,550	21,267	-	11,283
Financial administration	-	619,768	569,872	-	49,896
Legal	2,500	123,000	202,623	9,600	(86,723)
Planning and zoning	-	154,342	152,122	-	2,220
General government buildings	2,395	119,841	115,073	4,324	2,839
Cemeteries	-	104,411	1,180	-	103,231
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	269,038	246,188	-	22,850
Advertising and regional associations	-	56,408	56,408	-	-
Other	2,500	68,205	67,774	-	2,931
Total general government	7,395	1,763,809	1,650,286	13,924	106,994
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,428,081	1,233,826	-	194,255
Ambulance	-	129,125	124,833	-	4,292
Fire	4,806	1,295,968	1,246,284	2,204	52,286
Building inspection	-	164,857	154,457	-	10,400
Emergency management	-	5,900	6,611	-	(711)
Total public safety	4,806	3,023,931	2,766,011	2,204	260,522
Highways and streets:					
Highways and streets	6,206	1,243,210	1,239,461	24,162	(14,207)
Street lighting	-	5,300	5,004	-	296
Total highways and streets	6,206	1,248,510	1,244,465	24,162	(13,911)
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	4,400	210,660	231,968	4,660	(21,568)
Solid waste disposal	19,000	206,230	177,061	-	48,169
Total sanitation	23,400	416,890	409,029	4,660	26,601
Health:					
Administration	-	5,220	5,237	-	(17)
Pest control	-	102,123	74,892	-	27,231
Total health	-	107,343	80,129	-	27,214
Welfare:					
Administration	-	2,500	900	-	1,600
Direct assistance	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Vendor payments	-	46,000	26,639	-	19,361
Other	-	500	-	-	500
Total welfare	-	50,000	27,539	-	22,461
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	9,600	359,383	331,572	-	37,411
Library	-	657,340	673,404	-	(16,064)
Patriotic purposes	-	10,750	7,919	-	2,831
Other	-	5,300	3,481	-	1,819
Total culture and recreation	9,600	1,032,773	1,016,376	-	25,997
Conservation	-	90,000	31,978	-	58,022

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SCHEDULE 2 (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

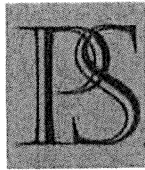
	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	444,309	444,309	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	97,606	97,605	-	1
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Total debt service	-	542,915	541,914	-	1,001
Capital outlay	58,209	486,500	373,386	148,246	23,077
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	345,000	315,000	-	30,000
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 109,616</u>	<u>\$ 9,107,671</u>	<u>\$ 8,456,113</u>	<u>\$ 193,196</u>	<u>\$ 567,978</u>

SCHEDULE 4
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds																			
	Sewer		Police Outside Detail		Beach Parking Permits		Heritage Commission		Recreation Revolving		Bleach Cleaning		Ambulance		Parsonage		Total			
ASSETS																				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	878,801	\$	2,317	\$	51,443	\$	46,608	\$	15,634	\$	356,160	\$	-	\$	382,019	\$	-	\$	1,732,982
Investments		49,651		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		49,651
Accounts receivable (net)		129,552		-		12,403		-		-		15,481		-		-		-		157,436
Interfund receivable		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		13,429		13,429
Prepaid items		679		-		-		808		-		4,785		-		-		-		6,272
Total assets	\$	1,058,683	\$	2,317	\$	63,846	\$	47,416	\$	15,634	\$	376,426	\$	-	\$	382,019	\$	13,429	\$	1,959,770
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES																				
Liabilities:																				
Accounts payable	\$	8,735	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	438	\$	-	\$	-	\$	944	\$	10,117
Accrued salaries and benefits		392		-		176		53		-		754		-		-		-		1,375
Interfund payable		6,271		-		-		-		-		-		3,237		-		-		9,508
Other		-		2,317		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		2,317
Total liabilities		35,678		2,317		176		53		-		1,192		3,237		-		944		43,597
Fund balances (deficit):																				
Nonspendable		679		-		-		808		-		4,785		-		-		-		6,272
Restricted		-		-		-		-		15,634		-		-		-		-		15,634
Committed (deficit)		1,022,326		-		63,670		46,555		-		370,449		(3,237)		382,019		12,485		1,894,267
Total fund balances (deficit)		1,023,005		-		63,670		47,363		15,634		375,234		(3,237)		382,019		12,485		1,916,173
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	1,058,683	\$	2,317	\$	63,846	\$	47,416	\$	15,634	\$	376,426	\$	-	\$	382,019	\$	13,429	\$	1,959,770

SCHEDULE 5
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds									Total
	Sewer	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Bleach Cleaning	Ambulance	Parsonage	
Revenues:										
Charges for services	\$ 373,554	\$ -	\$ 112,358	\$ 32,935	\$ -	\$ 198,952	\$ 27,090	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 744,889
Miscellaneous	1,825	539	-	-	5,219	1,381	-	50,186	11,565	70,715
Total revenues	375,379	539	112,358	32,935	5,219	200,333	27,090	50,186	11,565	815,604
Expenditures:										
Current:										
General government	-	539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	539
Public safety	-	-	73,794	33,651	-	-	-	-	-	107,445
Sanitation	222,525	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	222,525
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	174,498	23,560	-	-	198,058
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,700	-	-	15,700
Total expenditures	222,525	539	73,794	33,651	-	174,498	39,260	-	-	544,267
Net change in fund balances	152,854	-	38,564	(716)	5,219	25,835	(12,170)	50,186	11,565	271,337
Fund balances, beginning	870,151	-	25,106	48,079	10,415	349,399	8,933	331,833	920	1,644,836
Fund balances (deficit), ending	\$ 1,023,005	\$ -	\$ 63,670	\$ 47,363	\$ 15,634	\$ 375,234	\$ (3,237)	\$ 382,019	\$ 12,485	\$ 1,916,173



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To the Members of the Board of Selectmen:

This is to advise you that as of January 31, 2018 the audit of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017 has been substantially completed and we are in the process of finalizing the audit. A completed audit report will be sent to you in early April 2018.

Sincerely,

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Director

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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The firm of Municipal Resources continues to handle the assessing functions for the Town of Rye. The three primary members of the staff working in Town are, Scott Marsh, Shawn Main and Mike O'Leary. Additional staff members may be assisting. It is requested that if any of the appraisers come to your property, you support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable and proper by answering their questions and allowing them to inspect and verify the data of your property.

Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet with taxpayers and if an appointment is desired, Joanne Drewniak in the Assessing Office can schedule one for you. She is a great resource should any information be desired.

Over the past year, 475 properties were viewed as a result of building permits, site changes, owner requests or incomplete construction at the time of the last visit. In addition, 10 abatements were processed. The net taxable assessment change as a result of all reviews as well as the completion of the required revaluation for the 2017 tax year was roughly \$250,000,000. Currently there are around 350 properties to be reviewed due to new building permits being issued or incomplete construction at prior inspection. In addition MRI staff will be reviewing additional properties as part of a continuing cyclical review process to verify the physical information contained on the current assessing property record cards.

The Department of Revenue Administration's review of sales information has been completed and indicated that the Town's assessment ratio for the 2017 tax year was 95.5%.

Individual property information may be obtained by visiting the assessing office or on-line by following the link on the Town's website www.town.rve.nh.us

Respectfully submitted,

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

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N. H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

COMMON*

"It is not known when the common or training field was laid out, but probably at a very early date. The continental militia received their first lessons in discipline and field exercises on the common. And later it was customary for the state militia to drill there, and some of our citizens remember well when the captain gave the order for his men to fire their guns while on the "double quick" around the elms in front of Isaac D. Rand's.

In 1798 the town voted: "The Selectmen may sell the training field." It was not sold, and eight years later the town enlarged the grounds by purchasing more land at a cost of \$67.50."

LIBERTY POLE

"The liberty pole on the common at the Center was erected when Gen. Franklin Pierce was nominated for the presidency in 1852. The stick came out of the schooner *Boutwell*, wrecked at Ragged Neck, April 8, 1851. The pole was blown down January 25, 1874."

*(Note: The Common was a large area between the front steps of the church at Rye Center and Washington Road.)

RYE BEACH COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Rye Beach Committee consists of Larry Rocha, Lori Carbajal, Keper Connell, Steve Hillman and Brad Fulkerson. During the summer the Committee had three meetings where they discussed various issues and exchanged ideas based on their observations and conversations with residents and other beach goers. Chief Walsh attended all meetings and Lieutenant MacGlashing attended two meeting.

Below is a list of the Committee's thoughts and recommendations:

- As the number of visitors to the beaches in Rye increases the issue of parking is a major concern with many of the residents of Rye. The Committee recommends: Increasing the parking fine to \$50, providing bike racks at certain locations and kiosks be placed on Route 1-A and the funds be used for funding beach management. We would also recommend towing or booting some cars as a visual deterrent to parking illegally. The \$30 ticket for illegally parking is not much of a deterrent to most visitors.
- The Committee was charged with "counting and documenting" the number of cars that are parked while their owners are enjoying the beach. As mentioned above, parking seems to be the biggest issue for the residents of Rye. The committee received several e-mails and many residents expressed their frustration over cars parking "everywhere". The committee counted and documented the number of cars parked to enjoy the beaches of Rye. This year the car count was done from Wallis Sands to Sawyers Beach. On both occasions the results were about the same. New Hampshire plates accounted for about 40% of the cars, Quebec plates accounted for about 35% of the cars and Massachusetts plates accounted for about 20% of the cars. The count was different on Perkins Road (across from Jenness State Beach) where NH was 29%, Massachusetts was 14% and Quebec was 48%. Another problem was the considerable number of large vans and RVs that park in the parking lot at Jenness State Beach and along Route 1-A. On a few occasions some residents witnessed people urinating on the side of the road. In most cases they were people from the large RVs.
- Beach Access points were another major topic discussed at the Rye Beach Committee meetings. Several members of the Committee did site walks to the various access points. Chief Walsh was very helpful with some of the legal aspects of some of the private way beach access points. Signs stating, "NO WAGONS, NO WHEELS" were posted by a few of the private ways beach access points. The Beach Committee asked for these signs to be removed. In one meeting, Sanders Poynt was the focus.
- The Rye Beach Committee also recommended that the number of beach fires on the beaches be limited followed by better enforcement of the clean up after the beach fire is extinguished. There were some fires that still had hot wood and the beach (especially at Sawyers Beach) was littered with burnt wood.
- Other topics covered in our meetings were: water quality, the Bath House at Jenness Beach and beach front owners (where the property line is and what activities are allowed in that area).
- Lastly, we focused on the potential danger of "drop-off and pick-up" for Summer Sessions Surf Camps along Route 1A. Cars parking on both sides of the road, taking up parking spaces of residents with beach parking stickers, and the danger of children walking across the road when the parents drop them off for the camp. The Rye Beach Committee felt that the owners of Summer Sessions should come up with a plan to have the drop-off and pick-up to be at Summer Sessions Surf Shop.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Rocha, Chairman
Rye Beach Committee

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The budgeting processes for both the 2018 Rye Town Budget and the 2018-2019 Rye School District are complete. The Rye Precincts Budget Public Hearing and the Rye Town and School Budgets Deliberative Sessions remain to be held. The Rye Board of Selectmen, the Rye School Board, the SAU 50 Administrative Team, Rye Town Departments, Committee Chairs, and Commission Chairs, and the Rye Budget Committee participated in the budget presented to Rye residents.

The Town Operating Budget for 2018 is \$9,186,273; that figure represents a 2.46% decrease over last year's budget of \$9,417,906. The 2018 budget reflects increases in personnel Town Custodian (1/2 a person) and Building Inspection Departments (transition from 2 to 1 person in July) and a full time Fire Chief for 2018; key drivers for the decrease are a 19% decrease in health insurance costs, a reduction in debt services due to a Conservation bond that matured and a reduction in capital outlay.

The Warrant Articles on the ballot total \$2,405,100 compared to last year's warrant articles totaling \$392,262. These figures do not include petition articles.

The School Operating Budget for the 2018-2019 school year is \$14,000,230 a decrease of 0.6% over the previous school year. There are no warrant articles with financial impact on the School budget on this year's ballot.

We continued to use the Town and School Budget standard practices for this budgeting cycle of holding the budget increases to a minimum while ensuring that key services and programs are properly funded. The Budget Committee is grateful that all Departments came to the Budget Meetings and Hearing prepared and well informed of the needs for their Departments for this budget cycle. We also express our appreciation to Town Finance Director Cyndi Gillespie and SAU 50 Business Manager, Amy Ransom, for their commitment in supporting us throughout the budgeting processes; as well as, Janice Ireland for keeping our meeting notices and our Committee on track with meeting dates and minute postings. We encourage Rye residents to attend our meeting and in particular our Public Hearings. Public Hearings are an excellent means to bring your questions and concerns to the Budget Committee and the budgeting process.

The current Budget Committee Members and Representatives are Peggy Balboni - Vice Chair, Peter Crawford – Clerk, Doug Abrams, Mae Bradshaw, Ray Jarvis, Phil Winslow – Selectmen's Representative, Frank Drake, with Shawn Crapo, alternating as Rye Beach Village District Representatives, Randy Crapo – Jenness Beach District Representative, Kevin Brandon – Rye School Board Representative, and Ralph Hickson – Rye Water District Representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaci Grote – Chairman, Rye Budget Committee

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Department currently consists of two full-time Building Inspectors, and one part-time Building and Planning Assistant. The office is staffed every day between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM by the assistant. The office will be staffed by one of the building inspectors for permitting and drop in meetings with contractors and citizens most every day.

Residential construction remains strong but we did see a slowing in commercial construction, there were no major commercial projects in 2017. We again were kept busy with replacement buildings and major remodelling. During the course of a major residential project the department will perform around 6 to 8 inspections and even a small job will require us to visit the site 3 or 4 times.

This year was the second year of the Pump-Out and Inspection Regulation dealing with septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed. This area has tested persistently high for bacteria and has been identified as an impaired watershed by NH DES. In 2016 we inspected 250 systems and in 2017 we inspected another 122 systems. During the inspections we gather information on the systems trying to determine which systems may be lending to the bacteria issues found in the watershed. The town is working to insure that faulty septic systems are updated to current standards. The ordinance requires that septic systems in the watershed be pumped every three years. We are in hopes that all 600+ homes in the watershed have their systems pumped out as required.

The Building Department, primarily deals with the enforcement of the *State Building Code*. We are also charged with the enforcement of a number of other town ordinances. Enforcing our towns land use regulations takes up much of our time. The 2014 FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) have yet to be adopted due to appeals that have been filed. We expect adoption in 2018. The new FIRMs will move many homes into the high hazard flood area and any rebuilds in this area may need to be elevated on pilings to allow flood waters to pass under the structure without harming it.

This year saw the hiring of a deputy building inspector to assist with the work load. This is currently a full time position which will most likely revert to a part position with my retirement.

If you are contemplating changes, please call the Building Department to see if the you are required to get a permit before work starts. If you have any questions about the State Building Code, local ordinances, permit requirements or any other items that may fall under the administration of the Building Department please contact the office at 964-9800.

CATEGORY	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	22,998,718.13	26,648,066.57	\$28,635,471.86	\$28,625,564.43	\$22,221,095.69
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	225,058.93	274,579.20	\$285,298.83	\$290,646.70	\$211,879.01
NEW HOMES INCLUDES REBUILDS	13	27	36	22	5
ADDITIONS PERMITTED	N/A	N/A	N/A	34	22
DEMOLITION PERMITS	17	25	25	20	14
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	N/A	N/A	N/A	374	128
INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	N/A	N/A	N/A	306	168
NEW DWELLING UNITS #	3 HOMES. 3 APTS	20 HOMES. NO APTS	23 Homes & 1 Apartment	19	5 Homes & No Apartments
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	884	951	994	780	674

Respectfully submitted,
Peter E. Rowell, Building Inspector

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

On November 13, 2017, the Capital Improvements Program Committee presented the 2018-2023 CIP report to the Rye Board of Selectmen. The one hundred page report is available on the town website. It represents the culmination of six months of meetings between committee members and the heads of Town Departments, Boards, Committees, Districts and Commissions. The CIP Committee consisted of Mae Bradshaw as Chairperson and Budget Committee Representative, Jeanne Moynahan as Vice Chairperson and School Board Representative, Ned Paul as Clerk and Bill Epperson as Planning Board Representative. The Committee is diligently assisted throughout the process by Planning and Zoning Administrator Kimberly Reed. The Committee's work is further ably assisted by the Town Finance Director Cynthia Gillespie.

The CIP plan includes the recommendations for municipal capital improvement projects projected over a six year period. The plan encompasses major [\$15,000.00 and over] current and future projects undertaken with public funds. The report is authorized by NH RSA 674:5 to serve as a guide to the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee in the consideration of the annual budget, with the expectation that the time-sequencing of improvements recommended may prevent spikes in the tax rate for the community.

After the CIP Committee members meet with the heads of departments, commissions, districts, boards and committees, they assemble the planned improvements - including cost, funding sources, rationale, urgency, any offsetting revenue and relationship to the Rye Master Plan. Once all of the improvements are assembled, the Committee evaluates each project to prioritize it on the following bases:

- Priority 1 to secure life and property
- Priority 2 to maintain the present standard of living
- Priority 3 to improve the community consistent with the Master Plan

The ultimate Recommendations are voted upon by the Committee members and incorporated into the report to the Board of Selectmen.

This past year the committee lost two of its key members: Phil Winslow (when he became Selectman) and Russ Bookholz. The Committee is eager to consider additional members with interest in working on this strategic planning for the upcoming year.

Mae Bradshaw,
Chair, CIP Committee

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

The mission of the Rye Conservation Commission is to protect and ensure the proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The Commission is the Town of Rye's gatekeeper for environmental guardianship and acts as Advisor to other municipal boards concerning environmental issues. The Commission is a community resource for gathering and disseminating information regarding natural resources, as well as for promoting the protection and enhancement of the health of the natural resources found in Rye.

The Conservation Commission has worked with the Open Space Committee over the years to fund protection of important lands in town. The first warrant article for \$5,000,000 of bond funding to conserve land was passed in 2003. With these funds the Commission acquired easements on 307+/- acres of land and purchased 252+/- acres of land. The bond funds were effectively leveraged through our successful partnership with Rockingham County Conservation District which was instrumental in helping us achieve a broad range of grant monies. The second warrant article supported by residents for \$3,000,000 was passed in 2014 and made possible the purchase and easement protection placed on 73+/- acres of former Rand Lumber property. We encourage residents to explore the Rand property which has convenient parking access off of Sea Glass Lane and is open to the public for passive recreational uses. The remaining bond funds are allowing the RCC to continue to engage with private property holders who are interested in preserving open space and those committed to seeing family lands conserved.

This past year we lost two people who were influential to the history of conservation in Rye. Lindsay Josephs was a passionate leader of the Open Space Committee and played a key role in the successful achievement of the two bonds for conservation. Lindsay gave generously of both time and spirit in her support of open space preservation and land conservation. She lived for more than three decades next to Parson's field, and embraced her home's central location next to lots of activity, while advocating for preserving the historic center of Rye. Steve White was a director of the Parsons Park Corporation, a group that made it their mission to acquire the Parsons property for the town. The town properties that are conserved as Parson's field and the Town Forest are part of Steve's enduring legacy. Both Lindsay and Steve placed parcels of their own land under conservation easements to help maintain the rural character of Rye.

In 2017 the RCC's land protection endeavors included the receiving of the gift of a small wetland complex along Route 1A. In seaside towns we value our coastal wetlands for the protections they provide from flood exposure and through the filtering of pollutants. These estuaries are also crucial to many varieties of fish during their life cycles as well as being supportive of diverse species. The RCC has historically been avid promoters of wetland protections and conservation, and will continue to welcome the donation of all land- including wetlands.

The Commission remains committed to our management of the town owned salt marshes. The ongoing goal is to improve the general health of the marshes through invasive plant control which with persistent effort has resulted in native plants and grasses flourishing. We plan on continuing with a program of adding additional native plantings to aid in the restoration of these coastal habitats. The Commission is working cooperatively with the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) on repairs and upgrades to the boardwalk and observation platforms at Awcomin saltmarsh. The platforms and boardwalk are located directly across from the entrance to Rye Harbor and offer the opportunity to access the marsh. This area provides an opportune vista for bird watching and observing the unique ecosystem found in salt marshes.

The Goss Farm remains a much enjoyed community resource. During the spring through fall many volunteers, school groups, gardeners, and town staff assisted with hands on activities held at the farm. The RJH and community gardens celebrated their fifth year of productivity. The school garden had both bountiful squash and pumpkin crops that were used to achieve curriculum goals and incorporated into school meals. Sidewalk Farms LLC's Leslie Stevens, completed her five year contract as the Goss

Farm's resident farmer. Leslie is looking for her own farm to purchase where she will continue to grow organic produce in a sustainable fashion. Leslie's involvement in hosting educational workshops at the farm and joining us for school planting days will be missed. The RCC will be actively seeking a new farmer to fill her boots.

The RCC would like Rye residents to be aware of the many opportunities available to them to enjoy walking trails on conservation land. Granite posts to mark trail heads have been installed at gateways including Varrell Woods, Seavey Acres and Rand Woodland. A trail was established and marked in Marden Woods and the development of two trails is in progress in Seavey Acres. The RCC will host "Trail Gate Parties" to invite those interested in exploring newly marked trails. The first such event is scheduled on February 11th at 2pm for an introduction to Marden Woods. Please visit our website for information on activities and to view our new spreadsheet that lists properties, their locations and allowed uses at http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_BComm/Conservation/index

The Rye Town Forest continues to see a pattern of increased use especially by people walking their dogs. A significant number of dog owners are allowing their dogs to run loose and not under control as required by law. These dogs at large have been observed and photographed chasing wildlife and trespassing on private property. The RCC has been working with Chief Walsh and other concerned citizens to educate dog owners about the regulations and their obligation to observe them. The Conservation Commission has installed signs at popular access points with this important information. Educational flyers are being distributed by volunteers and the Animal Control Officer to dog owners in the town forest and will be handed out with dog licenses. Please keep your dogs on leash or under control which is defined as in sight and able to be immediately recalled to the owner's side.

Increased dog utilization of the town forest has also resulted in a great deal of dog excrement being deposited on and around the trails. Rye Litter Control Ordinance #28 requires that dog waste be picked up and properly disposed of. This applies to dog and other waste or litter in the town forest. To make it easier to comply with this ordinance, the Conservation Commission has installed dog waste bags and dispensers at four access points to the forest. The Rye Town Forest is a beautiful place and a valuable town resource – please help us keep it that way.

The RCC has engaged forester Charlie Moreno to update our Town Forest Management Plan. We anticipate recommendations that might include alteration of existing trails and possible seasonal closures of wet trails. The Varrell Woods entrance off of Washington Road has been cleared to improve access to the green trail that abuts the Aucomin Marsh. A portion of the green trail yields views across the marsh, and is an example of a trail that could be relocated to higher ground to protect natural resources. The RCC continues to strive for a balance that includes the promotion of access to conservation lands while actively protecting the natural resources found on these properties. As always, we celebrate our good fortune to live in a town that supports the conservation of our precious resources and values our natural heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally King, Chair

Suzanne McFarland, Vice Chair

Mike Garvan, Clerk

Members, Jeff Gardner, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed

Alternates, Jim Raynes, Lawton Struble

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The purpose of the Demolition Review Committee is to encourage the preservation of buildings and places of historical, architectural, and community value. When an owner wishes to demolish a building, the owner should apply to the Building Inspector for a permit. Any building greater than five hundred square feet and constructed more than fifty years before the date of the application will be reviewed by the Demolition Review Committee.

If the committee determines the building is not potentially historic, the committee informs the Building Inspector and the demolition permit can be issued. If the committee finds on review that the structure's history is potentially significant, a hearing is scheduled and notices published. Potentially significant criteria: the building is of such interest or quality that it would meet state or local criteria for designation as an historic, cultural, or architectural landmark; the building is of such uncommon design, texture or of materials that it could not be reproduced or could be reproduced only with great difficulty and expense; the building is of such historic, architectural, or community value that its removal would be to the detriment of the public interest; retention of the building would help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest. The review will not exceed forty days after which a demolition permit will be issued.

In 2017 there were seven Demolition Review applications applied for by the owners and all but one was found to be insignificant by the Committee. One Demolition Review gave public notice, but it was later found by the committee that that one, too, had no significance. After such public meetings the permits are issued. The review will not exceed forty days after which time a demolition permit will be issued. The Demolition Review Committee members have been appointed to the committee with three year terms on a staggered basis. One member is from the Historic District Commission, one member from the Planning Board, one from the Historical Society, and three members of the Heritage Commission. Currently the Demolition Review Committee members are Rich Davis, Alex Herlihy, James Tegeder, Mae Bradshaw, Bev Giblin and David Choate.

Respectively submitted,

Rich Davis, Chair

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None of us is as smart as all of us. This is how your emergency management team plans for emergencies and keeps Rye safe.

In 2017, there were three (3) significant storms which caused power outages and closed roads. On Election Day, March 14th, the snow, winds, and poor road conditions caused the Town to reschedule voting to Saturday, March 18th. This storm was state wide. The other two (2) storms were October 29th through 30th, a wind and rain event, and the Christmas Day snow storm. Thank you to Dennis McCarthy, DPW Director, and his staff at Rye Highway for keeping roads open and cleared for visitors and Rye families to enjoy the holiday.

On November 2, 2017, New Hampshire Homeland Security, Rye Police, Rye Fire, Rockingham County Dispatch, Rye Elementary School, and the SAU 50 office participated in evacuating Rye Elementary students and staff in order to test the emergency plan. This was a follow up from the table top exercise done on November 22, 2016. This training allowed us to continue the process of understanding how people think and exchange ideas. It permitted our management teams to observe how Town, State, SAU, school staff, and bus drivers prioritize tasks and duties in emergency situations. We continue to learn what does not work and what does work best to ensure safety of all who are involved. The emergency management staff would like to thank First Student bus company employees, Rye Elementary School students, staff, parents, SAU 50 Superintendent Sal Petralia, Rye School Board, Rye Board of Selectmen and Director Perry Plummer and staff of NH Homeland Security for supporting these exercises.

Rye received funding from the NH Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management under a Pre-Disaster Grant and received assistance from the Rockingham Planning Commission to prepare and update the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. There were several meetings in 2016 and a public hearing held on December 12, 2016 when the plan was signed by the Board of Selectmen and later adopted by FEMA, January 2017. With this plan approval, the Town of Rye is eligible to apply to NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management for mitigation grants administered by FEMA and receive credit with the community rating system.

We urge everyone to have a "family emergency plan". An important part of that plan involves communicating with friends and family before, during and after an emergency. More information can be found at: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Walsh, Emergency Management Director

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N. H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

When L. B. Parsons wrote his History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903, he included the following concerning emergency management of the time:

"Life-saving service is a term specifically used to designate organized effort and equipment for the saving of life in cases of shipwreck upon or near the seashore of the United States, or the shores of the great lakes; and the buildings where the trained crews of the service, with their boats and other appliances, are housed, are termed life-saving stations. The Danish government supports about fifty such stations, and the Belgian government a few; with these exceptions the life-saving service of the United States is the only government establishment of the kind in the world, even the life-boat service of Great Britain being entirely in the hands of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, a corporation depending entirely upon voluntary contributions for its support and the maintenance of its beneficent efforts. The number of stations maintained by the United States is now nearing the 300 mark, the number in 1900 having been 268, this great number being necessitated by the vast extent of this country's coast on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes. New stations are established every year, but there are stretches - and some of them long ones - of coast not thus guarded, and if every place where a station is really needed had one the number would probably be several times greater than it is."

RYE ENERGY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Rye Energy Committee (REC) has been active in education and action and works to provide valuable resources for town citizens, municipal boards and municipal staff.

Members of the Energy Committee in 2017 were Danna Truslow, Chair; Susan Anderson, Secretary; Howard Kalet, and Tom Pfau. Michelle Sopher stepped down as co-chair after serving for almost 5 years. Susan Anderson retired from the committee having served as secretary for 7 years. We thank Susan for her hard work and dedication to REC and for her work with the Rye Farmers Market for many years. Tom Pfau is now secretary. Michael Joyce joined the REC in January 2018.

Jenness Beach Streetlights – We continued work in the Jenness Beach District and Michelle Sopher completed this task after leaving REC. LED lights replaced older lighting and many streetlights were retired not only for energy and money saving impacts but also to lessen light pollution above the level of the streetlamps.

Energy Tracking – The REC tracks the energy use and costs for the Rye municipal buildings, streetlights, and vehicles. Our aim is to include the energy data for all operations covered by our municipal tax dollars. Therefore, the energy use of the Water District, the Sewer District, the School District, and the Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts is also included, even though these are independent or semi-independent entities. Our records are complete since 2009, with some data from as early as 2004.

New posters for municipal buildings and a Rye Energy Report will be issued in 2018.

Education and Outreach – REC was a sponsor of Energize 360, a consortium of towns in the Seacoast working to encourage residents to measure, reduce and renew energy use. Rye participated in Phase 2 of the project and held several open houses at homes that had installed solar panels and implemented other energy savings measures. Eight Rye homeowners have gotten solar PV panels and eight have had household energy audits as a result of the program.

A **resident survey** has also been developed by the REC to solicit opinions and assess needs to better guide the committee. This online survey will be ready to implement in early 2018.

Offshore Wind – The REC and Rye Conservation Commission co-hosted a presentation at the Rye Public Library on Offshore Wind Power. Doug Bogen, director of the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, gave the presentation, which outlined the pros and cons of using wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine to provide renewable energy to New England. A goal of the presentation was to have each town ask Governor Sununu to support further research into offshore wind energy. The Selectmen voted to send a letter to Governor Sununu encouraging him to make a formal request to the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to form a Task Force and stakeholder process to evaluate offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. Our request will join those from Maine and Massachusetts.

PV Municipal Buildings/Solar Farm on Town Land – The REC has investigated potential solar installations for Rye. The Historic District requirements limit installations within the District. Additionally, there are fewer rebates available today, thus reducing cost effectiveness. We will continue to pursue a suitable location that makes sense for the Town of Rye.

Respectfully submitted,

Danna Truslow, REC Chairman

RECYCLING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The mission of The Rye Recycling Education Committee is to deliver information and educate people about the importance of recycling with three goals: 1.) to increase the town's recycling rate; 2.) to encourage more recycling at the schools; and 3.) to grow the number of households utilizing the Mr. Fox food scrap composting program.

I'd like to welcome our newest member of the Rye Recycling Education Committee, Helen Hoffman. We are looking forward to her energy and ideas that she brings to our group.

This year we have been trying to focus on recycling at our two schools. The Rye Elementary School has a recycling club run by Doris Gianforte. The students meet every Wednesday at 7:45 in the morning. The club collects paper and cardboard which they store in a shed outside the Elementary School. Rick Williams, from the Rye Transfer Station picks up the recycled material every other Thursday.

The Rye Junior High School recycles plastics and paper, but at this time does not have a recycling club for the students. We are trying to set up a meeting with school officials to help get a recycling club started.

We still want people to think about other alternatives for recycling rather than throwing away useable items. Furniture, clothing, housewares, outdoor items etc. can be left at the "Swap Shop" at the Transfer Station or donated to many different agencies in the seacoast area. Brochures can be found at the Transfer Station that explains where to donate items and what items can be recycled at the Transfer Station.

At this point I would like to give a big thank you to Rick Williams for all the hard work he has done to organize the different collection stations and the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station over the past year.

We continue to look for a couple more members to join our committee. The more people we have the more we can spread the word. Remember **"Recycling it's the *Rye-ght* thing to do."**

Respectfully submitted

John Provencher, Chairman
The Rye Recycling Education Committee

"Do the best you can, and don't take life too serious." – Will Rogers

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Rye Fire Rescue continued to be very busy in 2017. Chief Tom Lambert left the department in September after more than 3 years with the department. We thank him for his efforts and wish him well in his future endeavors! We also welcomed new call firefighters Chris Pearl and Peter Anania. We look forward to working with them and thank them for their commitment to our community!

In June we took delivery of a new 2017 ambulance. This quality vehicle will serve Rye well for years to come. We are appreciative of the town's support of this important purchase.

A new initiative this past year was the provision of a second (reserve) ambulance. Instead of trading in the previous ambulance, the town chose to keep it as a reserve ambulance. While ready to retire from front-line duty, this 2008 ambulance can be placed into service for situations such as simultaneous EMS responses and when the front-line ambulance is out for service or maintenance/repairs. It also enables Rye Fire Rescue to partake in important regional EMS training opportunities as we now can maintain a staffed ambulance in town when out on regional drills.

Last spring Portsmouth Regional Hospital recognized Rye Fire Rescue as the 2017 Emergency Medicine EMS Agency of the year! This award is a result of hard work and commitment on the part of our personnel and reflects their dedication to the good health of our community.

Emergency Responses

NFIS CATEGORY	NUMBER
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Fires/Explosions	35
Overpressure/Ruptures	1
Emergency Medical/Rescue	530
Hazardous Conditions	50
Service Calls	150
Good Intent Call/Public Service	15
Fire and CO Alarms/Other Alarms	121
Weather Related	3
Special/Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>

TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES	905
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Mutual Aid Given	61
Mutual Aid Received	54

1-Fires occurred within the following sub-categories:

<i>Structure fires:</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Vehicle fires:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Brush fires:</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Other fires:</i>	<i>11</i>

2-Of the EMS responses 357 resulted in patient transport to a hospital at the following level of care:

BLS transports: 133 (37%)

ALS transports: 244 (63%)

Included were 22 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Fire Prevention Inspections by Type:

Plan Reviews	3
Fireworks Inspections	4
Occupancy Inspections	11
Seasonal Cabin Permits	5
School Inspections	4
LP Gas Inspections	52
Annual Inspections	7
Miscellaneous	<u>15</u>
Total Inspections	101

Rye Fire Rescue gave mutual aid (responded to another community) 61 times in 2017. We also received mutual aid 54 times in 2017. Having a terrific mutual aid arrangement with surrounding communities is a very important part of providing quality Fire and EMS services to our residents. Rye Fire Rescue is very thankful for the help of our mutual aid partners. We stand ready, at a moment's notice, to assist them in their time of need.

Throughout the year Rye Fire Rescue conducts fire, rescue and emergency medical training. Most firefighters maintain certification as Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic, Advanced or Paramedics), and partake in monthly skills and retention training. Our firefighters also participate in regular department-wide Fire and Rescue training, among which are water and ice rescue, pumper operations, ladder operations, equipment familiarization and incident management. The department also participated in a graded evacuation drill at Rye Elementary School as well as several Seabrook drills.

Rye Fire Rescue personnel participated in many community programs such as CPR classes, Seacoast Firefighters Toy Bank (including an annual toy donation to CHAD at Wentworth Douglas Hospital), Holiday Parade, family visits to the fire station; and fire station visits by school groups. In conjunction with the police department, we held an Open House for the public this past fall. This fun event was well attended and created a terrific opportunity for us to interact with the public on all sorts of fire / EMS related topics. We were also very busy installing car seats. We have 2 dedicated firefighters certified in properly installing these car seats. Anyone looking for this service is encouraged to call the fire department.

Rye Fire Rescue acknowledges the support and excellent service provided by the staff of our fellow town departments. We interact regularly and seamlessly with the various departments. The result of these excellent working relationships is superior service to the community.

The public can be assured that the firefighters serving Rye are competent, compassionate and caring individuals who come together as a team to deliver excellent service to town residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Cotreau, Fire Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Rye Fire Rescue, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work together to prevent wildland fires in New Hampshire. Please contact the Rye Fire Rescue to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. We will happily assist you!

Fire permits issued:

Brush	130
Cooking	64
Beach Fires	224
Seasonal	<u>161</u>
Total Forestry Permits 2017	579

Many homes in Rye are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org.

Please note the following regulations for safe open burning;

Open burning is granted by the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Rye. Open burning may be curtailed at any time due to high winds or various other conditions.

A written permit must be obtained from Rye Fire Rescue for any open burning.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste.

No burning is allowed between 9:00am and 5:00pm unless it is actively raining or there is significant snow cover at the site of the burn.

Permits are issued only to the landowner or person(s) having written approval from the landowner. The Permittee must be 18 years of age or older.

All open fires must have someone in attendance at all times.

Permits for beach fires are issued to RYE RESIDENTS ONLY.

Beach fires are allowed on the rocky areas of the beach only. No fires are allowed on the sand. Beach fires are allowed between 5:00pm and Midnight. All ash and debris must be properly disposed of once completely extinguished.

State regulations prohibit open fires on state beaches such as Wallis Sands State Park and Jenness Beach

The NH Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste; this includes personal papers and sensitive documents, whole or shredded.

Please help Rye Fire Rescue and the state Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Respectfully submitted

Mark R. Cotreau
Forest Fire Warden

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

My job as Health Officer is always interesting and at times a challenge. As I have mentioned in past Town Reports one aspect of my job includes doing inspections which encompass both private and public sectors. The majority of the time these inspections include large stationary facilities such as day care facilities, commercial buildings and private residences but occasionally they involve other structures and issues.

The Seacoast Cancer Cluster investigation is open and ongoing. The towns involved include Rye, New Castle, Portsmouth, Greenland and North Hampton. As of May it was reported that no new cases of RMS (rhabdomyosarcoma) or PPB (pleuropulmonary blastoma) had been reported in a years time, dating from May 2017. Whether there is a common environmental source for these pediatric cancers has yet to be determined. The Commission on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation continues to work on the issues involved.

The Parsons Creek Watershed Pump Out Ordinance went into effect in June 2016. This Ordinance was a result of elevated bacterial counts posing health and safety risks. Monitoring of compliance and inspections continue to be ongoing, with replacement of (septic) systems when called for.

The mosquito population was higher than last years, which was lower than normal. There was one human case of WNV (West Nile Virus) reported in North Hampton, none in Rye. No animal cases were reported, but several batches of mosquito tested positive for WNV in New Hampshire. There was no EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) found in the State in 2017, however, there were three cases of arboviruses, similar in symptoms to WNV and EEE (Jamestown Canyon Virus and Powassan Virus) found in nearby towns. Supplemental spraying was done as needed. I encourage residents of Rye to take preventative measures such as removing standing water from their yards and using mosquito repellent during warm months.

Rabies continues to be a potential threat to the health and well-being of our animals as well as to their owners. In 2017 there were 28 animals (out of a total of 476 tested) testing positive for rabies in New Hampshire. The State reported that there were no human cases of the virus in 2017. I would like to emphasize the importance of having animals vaccinated against rabies, even those that are indoor pets.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Personnel and to the Citizens of Rye for their continued support and cooperation. I look forward to a productive 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail A. Snow, M.D.
Health Officer

A glimpse into our past: *Rye on the Rocks*, William M. Varrell, Jr., 1962

"The history of a beach resort would naturally be incomplete unless some emphasis was put on the beach itself. As far back as 1823, it was recorded in the New Hampshire Gazette that people enjoyed resorting to Rye's sandy beaches, namely Wallis Sands, Foss's Beach, and Jenness Beach for reasons of health and the magnificent ocean view.....

The fact that people came to the beaches does not necessarily mean that they went in the water. Most likely, the majority only drove or walked on the sand with some of the more advanced individuals removing their shoes and stockings. A story is told that surf bathing did not become popular until after the hotels had become more or less well established. Even then it was believed to be unhealthy unless a person first wet his head."

HERITAGE COMMISSION'S REPORT

This has been a very active and busy year for the Rye Heritage Commission, concentrating on the very heart of its purpose, which is the recognition, use and protection of resources that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic or community significance. The Commission has added three new members this year, and is gratified to be composed of a diverse group of enthusiastic, dynamic and involved Rye citizens.

The intensity of the Town Hall project has for some time dominated much of our agenda, and has continued to do so throughout 2017. Early in the year, we promoted Articles 7 and 30 dealing with renovating and or repairing the existing Town Hall building. When all articles failed to pass in the election, we were left with the immediate concern of what to do to help the building, and especially wanted to concentrate on preventing further decay and deterioration. We applied (through the Board of Selectmen) for an L Chip grant to repair and paint the exterior of the building. This grant required that we raise matching funds for the project. We developed plans for several fund raising projects, including a boat cruise, an auction party event and the sale of hats, totes and umbrellas, all to contribute to accumulating funds to match the grant. Unfortunately, we were not approved for the L Chip grant, and we are now working on alternate strategies.

The Graveyard Projects are on going, and we are still working on the Farragut Dig project. Our annual direct mail appeal was the most successful of any we have ever had in the past. We are so thankful for the support from all of you who contributed. We had a joint meeting with the Historic District Commission and the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, which was attended by some members of the Historical Society and Conservation Commission. We also had a presentation at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on May 22nd by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, which eventually helped lead to our application for a grant to engage a special contractor to do a Historical Structural Report. The grant application was approved for this and we will be working on a plan to have this done soon.

This year's recipient of the Louise Tallman Award was former Heritage Commission member Christine Remick. Chris was a valued Commissioner and devoted citizen of Rye who gave so much to her community.

The Heritage Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. We welcome your attendance at meetings, questions or comments and value your support in 2018. We have many challenges ahead and are committed to keeping our town vibrant and rich in its wonderful history.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Giblin, Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

2017 was a relatively sleepy year for the Rye Historic District Commission's consideration of physical changes to properties in the Rye Historic District with structures which date from 1724. The "district" includes from the west end of Grange Park to the intersection of Central and Washington Roads, the Brackett Road Massacre Site, the Cable House on Old Beach Road, and New Hampshire Isles of Shoals. The Commission has seven members: Chair Mae Bradshaw, Vice Chair Karen Stewart, James Tegeder, Leo Axtin, Daryl Kent, Charlie Hoyt, Selectmen's Representative Craig Musselman and four alternates: Tom King, John Loftus, and newcomers in 2017 Katharine Brown and Kaitlyn Coffey.

The work of the Commission is governed by Section 303 of the Rye Zoning Ordinance which provides the guidelines to be considered and applied. A certificate of Approval is required for construction in the district. In 2017, a request was reviewed and approved for renovations to 541 Washington Road by the new owners who have, along with their neighbors at 2 Lang Road, done an excellent job of cleaning up the appearance of their respective properties, with enthusiastic input from the dedicated members of the Commission. Ongoing improvements to the historic properties on Star Island came under review, as well.

Although the Town of Rye municipal properties located in the historic district do not technically require the approval of the Commission, the Selectmen have traditionally complied with the zoning ordinance for the town and brought any projects for town hall, the Parsonage, the Safety Building and the Trolley Barn before the Commission for its consideration. In 2017, Peter Rowell, our Building Inspector, presented an application for the rebuild of the back staircase outside of Rye Town Hall to the commission and received and incorporated specific recommendations regarding landings, railings and other details from the members with construction expertise.

The 2017 excitement for the Historic District Commission was the vote of the Selectmen to support the application of the two Rye historic preservation commissions to qualify the town as a Certified Local Government. The application will be filed by the Rye Heritage Commission and the Rye Historic District Commission with the New Hampshire Historic Resources Division. If certified by the Division, the entire Town of Rye, not simply the historical districts, will qualify for renovation grants and expert technical advice.

Mae Bradshaw, Chair

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N. H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

"On the southerly side of Locke's Neck, quite near the Rye beach life-saving station, is the receiving station of the Direct United States Cable company, a neat but neither large nor pretentious building. This company's cable, at the time it was completed in 1874, was the only ocean telegraph cable having one end in Europe and the other on the shore of the United States, and it was from this circumstance that the company took its name of "Direct" cable company. Previously-laid cables had all made their land connections on the westerly side of the Atlantic in the British provinces, all messages being sent from there to their destinations in the United States by overland wires. Even the Direct cable does not come direct to the United States, it touching first at Halifax, Nova Scotia, from which place a cable 540 nautical miles in length extends to Rye beach, the company's main cable, from Halifax to Ballinskelligs bay, Ireland, being 2,564 miles long, making the total length of cable between the Irish coast and Rye beach 3,104 miles."

NOTE: A private residence today, the historic Cable House is included in the Rye Historic District.

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S REPORT

2017 was a groundbreaking year for the Rye Historical Society as we surpassed our goal of 100 new members by over 20%. The membership drive, fueled by email appeals and a town wide mailer, was incredibly successful. The large member pool helps the RHS become more engaged in the community, as well as expand programming and create new exhibits.

Among the highlights of 2017 are the following:

- Our 2017 lineup of programming was outstanding and very well attended. Highlights included a Pontine program highlighting the life of Ogden Nash on the Seacoast, Prof. Emerson Baker's lecture on the Forgotten Frontier: Life in the Piscataqua region in the 1700's, a paranormal group's discoveries on haunted Star Island.
- All three Historical Trolley Tours were sold out with a waiting list, as these tours gain in popularity every year.
- Garritt and Debbi Toohey of Sea Road donated \$5,000 to RHS in 2016 to explore the history of Rye Beach hotels and boarding Houses as well as other features of this part of town during the heyday of Rye as a Victorian summer resort. Jennifer King, a recent UNH museum studies graduate, was engaged as research associate to work with RHS to complete the project. She presented an in-depth summary of her work and has created an app, to be released in 2018, of a walking/driving tour of historic Rye Beach.
- The RHS held an Annual Meeting and party in July at the home of new board member Debbi Toohey in Rye Beach. The event was well attended and a great way for members to get to know each other and share ideas for the future.
- The annual Holiday Open House in December was a festive and well attended event, where members and the community gathered for camaraderie and to share ideas about 2018 programming and exhibits.
- We welcomed new board member Jen King, who starts her tenure in 2018.
- An Odiorne 2023 Committee was formed and a collaboration with nonprofit consultant and new Rye resident Janet Davis was started to initiate plans for the 400th year commemoration of European settlement in our area. The group is liaising with Susan LaBrie, head of Portsmouth400, to create exciting programming for that year.
- Our 2018 programming lineup includes preservations on Isles of Shoals artists, the history of St. Andrew's by the Sea and the geology of the Odiorne area.
- A committee has been formed to update the Town Museum exhibits to tell "Rye Stories". The public is welcome and encouraged to participate in any way to make this a meaningful community asset.

RHS welcomes all Rye residents to visit the museum during opening hours or anytime on request. As we seek to expand our program offerings, exhibits and research, we also welcome your volunteer efforts and membership or donation support. To sign up for our email newsletter, or for details and for notices of upcoming 2018 programs and events, please visit our website, www.ryenhistoricalsociety.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Richter Arnold, RHS Vice President

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On Memorial Day 2017, a public event was held at Rye Public Library to unveil and dedicate a stained glass window created in memory of Tricia Quinn, Associate Library Director who passed away in November of 2016. A capacity crowd gathered as words honoring Tricia and the community art project undertaken in her memory were shared. Please stop in to view this remarkable work of art and remembrance in its new setting at Rye Public Library. Also on display is a little free library created in Tricia's memory that will offer a free book exchange for beach goers in 2018.

We welcomed Kat Paiva to our staff last year. Kat joined us as Teen Programming Assistant, and has brought new ideas and excitement to our teen services. Kat is the newest addition to the outstanding Rye Public Library Staff: Jacob Allen, Lisa Breton-Eaton, Jim Chase, Juliette Doherty, Sherry Evans, Shawna Healy, Lisa Houde, Margaret Hutchins, Brianna Mastro, Brenda Nolette, Gwen Putnam-Bailey, and Pam Woods. We look forward to bringing you the best in library service this year.

2017 saw the continuation of a long tradition of outstanding statistics generated by Rye Public Library (RPL). As an example, RPL ranked 11th in the State (with 240 libraries reporting) last year for programming attendance per capita! We sincerely thank the people of Rye for coming out to enjoy and learn from our programming offerings and for making good use of the outstanding resource you have created in the Rye Public Library. Please check our website, or postings in the Library for more of our 2017 stats.

We enter 2018 with research for our next Strategic Plan completed and composition of the final report document under way. Copies will be available in print and online in the early months of the year. Well-deserved thanks go to our Strategic Planning Committee, and to all who have participated in our data collection through surveys, focus groups and other events along the way. We look forward to the release and implementation of our updated plan in 2018.

We once more offer our sincere gratitude to the members of the Rye community whose generous gifts, donations and memorial bequests along with membership in the Friends of the Rye Public Library help support the work of the Library.

In a final note, I'd like to congratulate our outstanding volunteers who give so much to their community through their service at the Library, and deserve a special thank you. I sincerely thank our Trustees, Friends of the Library, and others who selflessly offer their time and talent to the Library and thereby to the Rye Community. We all hope for a special year for Rye and its residents in 2018, and truly appreciate your patronage and support last year. We look forward to serving you in the coming year. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Richmond, Library Director

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Rye Public Library (RPL) continues to be the welcoming place where our community comes to learn, read, and communicate with our neighbors and friends. We also continue to expand RPL's offerings in response to the needs of our patrons and community. With new technology available, many need direction on how to best navigate the internet to reliable websites and sources that will best suit their individual needs. Additionally, virtual reality is no match for the human interaction involved in attending book groups, meetings, speaker events, music and other performances. It is here, at the cultural and social heart of Rye, that patrons find not only a book and cultural enrichment, but friendly faces and a warm atmosphere. Our staff and patrons love our library and it shows!

This year, the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) continued to meet and work on the elements of the next Strategic Plan, spanning 2018-2023. Among these elements is consideration of the possibility of a modest expansion of the RPL building to meet the needs and expectations as to library services contained in a 2016 survey of Rye residents, as well as a Space Needs and Utilization Study conducted by the architectural firm, Lavallee Brensinger Architects. This report assessed existing conditions and operations and recommended that RPL explore expanding and reorganizing its existing space to meet not only future goals, but to accommodate the services we currently offer. The Trustees are in the process of requesting proposals from candidate firms to develop schematic designs for this project. We are excited to invite members of the community to participate in the planning process, as a member of the SPC or by simply offering perspectives on the library services you use or need.

RPL continues to stay open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as Saturdays until 3:00 p.m. Annual statistics regarding library activity, particularly adult and youth programming attendance, continue to best those of other libraries of similar size, and those in larger communities as well! Director Andrew Richmond's 2017 report sets forth more detail on how we compare statewide.

RPL kept up its track record of providing well-attended community programs like film series for both adults and children, musical events, art exhibits and speakers on a wide variety of topics. Two ongoing topical themes in addition to our general programming in 2017 were our Rye Neighbors series, featuring town residents' unique stories, and our adult crafting sessions offering take-home hand crafted results.

The Friends of the Rye Public Library provides funding and artistic input on much of our cultural programming as well as the hospitality that goes along with it. The Board is grateful to have such an interested, supportive, and proactive organization working to enhance the Library's community and cultural profile.

On behalf of the RPL Board of Trustees, thank you to all of our library patrons, and to those volunteers and library staff whose hard work and dedication make our Library what it is. Please contact Library Director Andrew Richmond (arichmond@ryepubliclibrary.org or 964-8401) to find out how you can get involved with any of our ongoing projects or to volunteer. We welcome your input in our Strategic Planning activities and look forward to an exciting and productive 2018!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen W. Oliver,
Chair, Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

Every mosquito season is the same because everyone is different. The differences may be significant as in drought years or slight with only minor variations in precipitation or tidal cycles. This year presented with a curve ball followed by a knuckle ball. September was very rainy followed by an unusually warm October. Dragon Mosquito Control technicians were out in the marshes larviciding until late October when the killing frosts finally arrived.

The 2017 mosquito control budget amount was \$84,200 and of that \$78,779 was expended for the final total. The 2018 RMCC budget was approved by the Board of Selectman for \$85,395. The budget increase was to cover the expense of building 16 new greenhead traps. Greenheads, as you know, are biting flies which swarm off the salt marshes late in June and are very active until the end of July. These traps catch thousand of flies before they leave the marsh for residential areas.

Scientists in California have developed an aromatic concoction that attracts mosquitoes. When the mosquitoes drink the substance that has been laced with a pesticide the mosquitoes die. The scientists took their lethal liquid out for a field test in Tanzania. Mosquito populations dropped 60% in just two weeks. I found this article in a Sunday Boston Globe a few months ago. I am not aware of any plans to begin testing in the United States. If this new mosquito control material works as intended I may be out of a job. The Mosquito Control Commission may become obsolete.

West Nile Virus (WNV) was the only mosquito borne disease found in NH in 2017. There were no reports of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or ZIKA virus. None of the species of mosquitoes that are capable of transmitting virus have been found in NH (yet).

Denis Lipman is one of the three residents that serve on the Rye Mosquito Control Commission. He has been the creative power behind the awareness posters that the commission has been placing in public areas all over town. They are very colorful and have very catchy slogans. ***Now it's OK to get Ticked Off! Here's how to keep ticks off you . . . Bug them before they bug you. Here's how to get ahead of the bugs that bite.*** Just find the nesting sites. ***Wanted – Not!*** Check out this bug's mug shot. It could be the mobster mosquito or the terrorizing tick – beware! If you know of a good place to display a poster contact the RMCC and we will hang it up.

The RMCC is branching out ever so modestly by supervising a spring and fall tick treatment for the walking trail from the Rye Recreation Field to Parsons Field. It is just one small step in preventing tick borne diseases such as Lyme Disease. Awareness is an important step for everyone. Please take simple precautions such as using tick/mosquito repellant and self-inspections after being outdoors. That means even in your back yard. Check the kids and check the pets. Enjoy the outdoors.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Aspinwall

RMCC Chairman

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

The following is a recap of the business conducted by the Planning Board in the past year.

In general the applications were of the usual nature; driveway applications, lot line revisions, tree cutting etc. Some however were game changers which I will discuss further in this report.

Our sub committees were busy this year reviewing and rewriting some zoning amendments and the master plan. We passed a new chapter in the master plan called "Coastal Hazards and Risks"; this in direct response to the climate change issue. This was an important step in an attempt to bring to the attention of our residents that Rye is predominantly a Town with extensive wetland both fresh and tidal. Rye consists of an area of only 35.5 square miles and of those 22.9 square miles is in one of the above categories. Controlling what happens in these areas is critical. We will continue to update the master plan Land Use, Natural Resources and Transportation chapters in 2018. We expect that a new and much more restrictive ordinance will be coming in 2018 in regard to building "freeboard". This will affect development at or near wetland and the shore. This will be mandated by FEMA.

Additionally we have revised the Aquifer and wellhead ordinance that will further protect and preserve our precious water supply. Extensive work was devoted to bring Aquarion well 5A under the ordinance which heretofore was not included.

As most will recall, the New Hampshire legislature has passed a bill that allows accessory apartments in any town district. Obviously, this is a dramatic departure from where Rye has traditionally been. As a result we completely reworked the ordinance to align with State law. As part of the new ordinance, we have required the applicant to apply for a CUP (conditional use permit). This will insure that all of the requirements have been satisfied before a building permit is issued. The new ordinance can be found on the Town web site or in the Town office.

As mentioned above, some applications have the potential for far reaching implications. We have recently come to an agreement on the 421 South Road project. The Board unanimously denied the project and was immediately sued by the developer and his land holders. The notice of denial is a public record and available in the Town office for those who are interested. As a result the Board entered into mediation which was successful and approved by the court. A possible defeat in court would have been disastrous. The worse case scenario was a bad faith ruling against the Planning Board. The result would have been that the developer could have gone ahead with his original plan and the Town ordered to pay back all his accrued expense. After a long and expensive process we were able to negotiate a development down from 22 lots to 13. Better protection for the wells, wetland and the White Cedar forest was attained and more land will go into conservation. Details of the plan are available at the Town office.

There is another major application before the board. A 44 unit combination residential and workforce housing off of Lafayette road is now in process. You may follow this application via the live stream, meeting minutes or in person at our regularly scheduled meetings.

The bottom line is that it has become very apparent that Rye continues to be the most desirable Town in the sea coast. All or most of the available open land is extremely valuable. The owners have the right to petition the land use boards to develop them. We cannot deny them unless there are compelling reasons to do so. If they meet the criteria as laid out in the land use regulations then we cannot legally stop them. We will however continue to work with all entities involved for the best outcome possible as we did in the 421 South Road project.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Epperson, Planning Board Chairman

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Communication enhances public safety and reduces crimes. The knowledge gained through communication from the public ensures the police department's priorities match community expectations.

I want to emphasize that there were zero burglaries reported for the year 2017. People calling in suspicious activity, locking doors and using alarm systems is part of the success. Your police officers' dedication to you is the other reason for this accomplishment.

Rye residents have reported safety concerns about motor vehicle violations happening in their neighborhoods and issues regarding quality of life. Your officers prioritize a wide range of violations every shift they work. Alcohol on the beaches, littering, and dog owners not following town rules are just a few of the issues that your officers handle during their shifts. The following are some examples:

On 06/24/17 at approximately 5:12 PM, Sgt. Blais observed a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed on Ocean Blvd near Rye Harbor. Sgt. Blais attempted to stop the motorcycle. In the area of Rays Seafood, the motorcycle increased speeds in excess of 50 MPH. In the area of Petey's Restaurant, the motorcycle passed three cars on the left and continued at a high rate of speed. Sgt. Blais turned off the cruiser emergency equipment and slowed down, in an attempt to get the motorcycle to stop driving recklessly. That area of Ocean Blvd is congested with parked vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, private homes, businesses and beach access areas. Because of the congested area, Sgt. Blais ended his attempt to stop the motorcycle in order to prevent an innocent person from getting hurt, as well as the person driving the motorcycle. Your officers continue to use good judgment in order to keep everyone safe. Letting the speeding vehicles go to prevent an accident is just as important as stopping the vehicle. On or about 06/24/17, Sgt. Blais received an anonymous tip about a person who drove an unregistered motorcycle in Rye at a high rate of speed. Sgt. Blais used the information and has charged a person for driving his motorcycle recklessly. I credit the swift solving of these motor vehicle violations to the Rye Officers for their strong relationship and reputation with Rye residents and surrounding communities.

It is not often that I can say a crime was stopped prior to being carried out. Your officers continue to review their job performances and communicate with the public with the intent of improving proactive strategies in order to make Rye a safer place. On 08/09/17, two citizens called the Rye Police about two suspicious people spotted along Ocean Blvd. The details provided by both citizens allowed Officer Miller and Officer Hudson to locate two people of interest. It is believed (based on prior reports of theft of items from parked motor vehicles along Ocean Blvd), that these two suspicious people were attempting to do just that; steal items from parked vehicles while the vehicle owners were at the beach. The two people were identified and information was sent to other NH and MA police departments. No items were reported taken from any vehicles.

The partnership and trust between your police officers and citizens is not something that just happens. It takes years of building rapport with citizens to gain their trust. The first part of the Rye Police Mission Statement says, "The mission of the Rye Police Department is to work in partnership with the citizens of the community. We will enhance public safety and reduce occurrence of crime." The suspicious person investigation on 08/09/17 validates that the mission statement is achieving its sole purpose of keeping Rye safe.

I consider myself to be the most fortunate Police Chief in the State. I have the best Police Officers and town employees working with me, a Board of Selectmen who back and trust their employees, and citizens who trust their police officers.

The following are the statistics for 2017:

9,034 calls for service	329 arrests	300 alarms	29 juvenile issues
1,630 motor vehicle stops	135 accident investigations	463 animal control	0 burglary reports
56,911 hang up calls	372 medical aid calls	30 domestics	50 thefts

\$ 50,570.00 parking fines collected
\$ 14,618.00 in court fines collected
\$105,872.99 outside details

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Walsh, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

With the exception of the extreme cold at the end of December, the year's storm events were fairly typical. The department recorded a total of 20 weather events; 17 were snow and 3 were ice only. The snow events averaged approximately 4 inches of accumulation per event. The total snowfall accumulation was above average at 86 inches for the year, 40% over the average 60 inches normally experienced. During this time, 1,700 tons of salt, at a total cost of \$96,000, was deployed on the roadways to maintain safe road conditions.

The department specified, bid, and purchased a new six wheel International plow/dump truck (Trk #119) at a cost of approximately \$171,000, to replace truck 108, which was a 2003 International plow/dump truck,.

The crack sealing program saw the completion of Fairhill, Glendale, Manor, Robin, Guzzi, Triton, Eagle Rock, Coulbourne, Winslow, Fairway, Whitehorse, Young, Long John and Grove Road (Washington to Garland). In addition, a section of Washington Road (Lafayette to West), was re-treated with crack sealant.

One of two old box culverts located under Red Mill Lane were replaced at a cost of approximately \$250,000. The replacement was designed and permitted by the engineering firm of Wright-Pierce and constructed by T-Buck Construction. The replacement of the remaining culvert under Red Mill Lane is anticipated for next year, should adequate funding be secured at town meeting.

Due to a very favorable asphalt price bid received from Brox Industries this year, a substantial amount of town road received new pavement surface. Fern Avenue, Pollock Drive, Holland Drive, Stonewall Lane and Love Lane were re-paved for their entire lengths. In addition the first section of West Road from Washington Road to Garland Road was also repaved. In all approximately 3,200 tons of bituminous asphalt was applied to the town's roads this year at a cost of approximately \$210,000.

The Transfer/Recycling Station processed 1,116 tons of household rubbish, 36.0 tons of kitchen waste, 219 tons of wood, 413 tons of Demo/Debris, 206 tons of mixed paper, 48 tons of cardboard, 60 tons of newsprint, 113 tons of scrap metal, 194 tons of glass, 12 tons of aluminum cans, 25 tons of plastic containers, 9 tons of miscellaneous electronics, 275 gallons of waste oil, and 165 tires. Excluding the wood, tires, demo/debris, electronics, waste oil, and metal the town residents diverted approximately 600 tons of material through the transfer station from disposal in the landfill. This diversion represents a cost avoidance of approximately \$37,800 in tipping fees and a recycling rate of approximately 35%. In addition, the facility realized approximately \$88,818 in revenues from transfer station receipts and sale of recyclables, an increase of approximately thirty percent (30%) over last year.

Nine (9) new driveways were permitted in town; along with twenty-one (21) paving permits and nine (9) excavation permits being issued by the department. These numbers represent approximately a fifty percent (50%) reduction in activity level, compared to last year.

The department contracted with Hoyle-Tanner & Associates of Portsmouth, NH to perform an analysis of the Harbor Road Bridge and recommend a maintenance strategy to maintain it in satisfactory condition well into the future.

After twenty plus years of service, Roy Hill retired from the department. He had been a reliable member of the department and will be missed. Daniel Barron was hired to fill the vacancy, Dan and his family resided in Rye, when he was a young boy, and therefore, brings a great deal of local knowledge with him.

I wish to thank the Public Works Staff; the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Town Hall staff for their assistance and support; the Energy and Recycling Education Committees for their enthusiasm; and all the town residents without whose input and cooperation the department could not function.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. McCarthy, Public Works Director

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 53B

Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53B was established in 1998 under RSA Chapter 53-B. The District is authorized to provide four facilities: recycling, landfill, septage and waste-to-energy. Each member municipality can participate in one or more of the District's facilities and the various costs and expenses are apportioned among the members. Also provided is flexibility in developing solutions to joint solid waste problems.

The District is presently made up of six member towns: Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, North Hampton, Rye, and Sandown.

The District held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Day event on September 16th in Brentwood.

The event served 260 cars, representing 284 households, and came in under the \$114,925 budget. The Board would like to thank all the volunteers that worked to make the day a success.

The member towns are currently tipping at a rate of \$63.10 per ton for MSW and \$74.98 per ton for Bulky/Demo.

Effective April 1, 2017 the Board of Southeast Regional is as follows:

Chairman	Everett Jordan – Rye, NH
Vice Chairman	Dennis McCarthy – Rye, NH
Treasurer	John Hubbard – North Hampton
Secretary	Alfred Felch – Kensington, NH

Respectfully submitted,
Everett (Bud) Jordan, Chairman
Southeast Regional Refuse
District 53B

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N. H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

“The Rye census of 1775 produced the following information:

Males under 16 years of age	206
Males from 16 years of age to 50, not in the army	146
All males above 50 years of age	47
Persons gone in the army	15
All females	442
Negroes and Slaves for life	14

The same year an inventory of the quantity of powder and number of guns in the town was made, as appears from the following:

Powder 161 lbs Publick Stock None, Guns 170.

Province of New Hampshire Rockingham ss Rye Aug 31, 1775

Then Decen Francis Jenness and Lt. Nathan Gorss appeared and made oath to the above Inventory – Before me Sam Jenness Justis Peace

N. B. 21 of the above men are not able to Bare Arms By Reson of old age Being Crpled.”

RECREATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Rye Recreation Commission believes that recreation provides many health and social benefits and can improve the quality of life for our residents. We believe our recreation programming is a factor that makes Rye unique. National studies have shown that recreation activities and services have far-reaching personal, social, economic and environmental benefits. The role of Rye Recreation is to ensure that a broad range of recreation opportunities is available and accessible for residents of all ages and programming meets the needs of the community to the best of our ability given the limited space and resources available to the department.

The Recreation Commission continues to make modest improvements to the Recreation Area. In response to safety concerns the installation of a new guard rail and fence adjacent to the Flash Jenness Memorial Baseball Field began late in 2017 and will be completed in the spring of 2018. Drainage improvements for the Ralph Morang Multi-purpose Field were installed in the fall of 2017 and seeding will be completed in the spring of 2018. Both projects were completed without utilizing any general taxation funding. Future improvement plans at the Recreation Area include the installation of an all season storage facility for Recreation Department equipment and supplies, which will include an upgraded snack shack to replace the existing outdated snack shack/storage building. Storage for the Recreation Department was identified in the Selectmen's Recreation Space Needs Study as a priority to consolidate inadequate storage currently being utilized in a dozen different places in town. Due to increased usage of the Recreation Area and Town Forest trails by residents year round, and the location of the Recreation Department staff at the Recreation Area, the Commission is planning for the upgrade of the public bathroom facilities from residential grade to commercial grade.

2017 was another robust and energetic year for Rye Recreation with increased programming and record participation. The Active Alive and Over 55 Club offered eight day trips, one overnight trip, and nine lunch programs where more than 390 meals were served. The Over 55 Fitness Program that includes stretch and balance fitness class, live long and strong fitness class and walking group remains popular. Other programs offered include basketball league, pick-up and open court basketball, indoor tennis lessons, golf lessons, gyrokinetics classes, paddle board lessons, skateboard lessons, ski and snowboard lessons, soccer league, surf lessons, yoga classes, babysitter courses, summertime horizons day camp, lego robotics camp, baseball camp, basketball camp, golf camp, skateboard camp, soccer camp, surf camp and yoga camp.

The After School Program continues to serve a very important need to working families in our community and is open to kindergarten through fifth grade students, at Rye Elementary School, from 2:45-5:50 p.m., during the school year. This year enrollment in the Afterschool Program was capped due to space restraints at Rye Elementary and children were placed on a waiting list. The School Use Feasibility Committee conclusions did include the possibility of having additional space made available to Rye Recreation at Rye Elementary, to serve all families that want to use the After School Program and at Rye Junior High School, which would allow the Recreation Department to provide programming for middle school students.

Rye Art in Bloom continues to be a very popular yearly community event. It has been held for the past seventeen years and is hosted by Rye Recreation and Webster at Rye. Other events sponsored by Rye Recreation in 2017 were child care for the Town's Deliberative Session, the Independence Day Celebration and the Memorial Day Ceremony, which includes a poster and poetry contest.

The Rye Recreation Commission is a voluntary board that meets monthly. A special thank you is extended to Janet Stevens (13yrs), Stacey Brooks (6yrs), Judy Scott (4yrs) and Maggie-Duffy Durkin (4yrs) for serving on the Commission. They contributed significantly to the operations of Rye Recreation and will be missed.

Current Commissioners are Gregg Mikolaities, Chairperson, Cory Belden, Todd Cronin, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey, and Joe Persechino. Full time employees include Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, Kelley Gallant, Programs Supervisor, and Victoria Loring, Administration and Programs Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Mikolaities, Chairperson



SEWER COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Rye Sewer Commission is responsible for the administration, billing, operation and maintenance of the Rye Sewer District. At the end of 2017, Rye had 548 parcels connected to the sewer system, including one new connection. The Commission also administers the billing and operation of Adams Mobile Home Park, which is connected to the City of Portsmouth Sewer System. One hundred percent of the cost to discharge wastewater to the City of Portsmouth Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is recovered. The Atlantic Grill, located at Foyes Corner, is also connected to the City of Portsmouth Sewer System. The private sewer line has been turned over to the City of Portsmouth and they are now responsible for the administration, billing, operation and maintenance of the line.

The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. The whole sewer system has been inspected using closed circuit television (CCTV). In 2017, a project plan was devised to replace parts in the air release manholes and blow off chambers that are part of the force main on Route 1A in North Hampton and Rye with new stainless steel components. A contract was entered into with Renew Mechanical Maintenance LLC and the work will take place in 2018. The exterior of all sewer system manholes were repaired and all drop inlets were inspected. The property under easement, where the Church Road Pump Station is located, was cleared.

Rye has three pump stations that are remotely monitored daily and inspected weekly. In 2017, work began on replacing the 90 degree bends with a new tee and ball valve at Church Road and Jenness Beach Pump Stations. General pump maintenance was carried out at all three stations, the wet wells were cleaned and the system flushed.

Station maintenance is contracted out to the Town of Hampton as the Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's WWTP. The sewer department is responsible for contributing to the WWTP capital expenditures in Hampton as part of the Agreement for Treatment and Disposal of Wastewater between the Town of Hampton and Town of Rye. This agreement was automatically renewed on November 17, 2017 and will expire November 16, 2024. One hundred percent of the sewer department budget is covered by user fees. Rye is a co-permittee on the Town of Hampton's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and subject to EPA and DES reporting as well as requirements. As a result, A Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan Summary Report is filed annually.

It is important to note that in 2017 the Town of Hampton identified the need to spend millions of dollars on their sewer system. The portion of cost directly related to improvements at their WWTP will impact Rye (Rye's share 4%). It is projected that an initial 13 million is needed for WWTP improvements and that 7 million could be allocated in 2018, bonded over 5 years. It is anticipated that the Sewer Department Budget would not be impacted until 2019.

To install sewer pipes, make or alter sewer connections in Rye you must obtain a sewer license and sewer permit. There is also an application process for the installation of a secondary usage water meter. In 2017, one installer's license and nine applications for secondary usage water meters were received.

The current sewer commission consists of David W. Kohlase, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; David M. Adams, Commissioner, and Lee Arthur, Administrator. Sewer commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the sewer office located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. The sewer commission office is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Kohlase, Chairman
Rye Sewer Commission

TOWN OF RYE
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT – 2017

NH state law (RSA165) requires municipalities to “relieve and maintain” those within the city or town who are “poor and unable to support themselves”. This broad mandate, tested and re-affirmed repeatedly for more than 200 years, leaves towns subject to wide fluctuations in cost. The variability from year to year is unpredictable. We strive to minimize the Town’s costs through careful case management and leveraging other sources of financial assistance and support. At any given time, a small number of Rye residents experiencing a lengthy period of unemployment, illness, or impending homelessness can increase general assistance expenditures with little notice. The General Assistance law exists to protect the municipalities’ residents from impoverishment and homelessness, as a result of these setbacks.

FY2017 expenditures remained virtually unchanged since FY 2016. Assistance of mortgage and utility expenses are secured by property liens which will eventually return the funds to the Town. In FY 2017, \$29,280.37 was recovered by the Town of Rye when a property lien was satisfied.

SIX YEAR GENERAL ASSISTANCE HISTORY

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total
Burial	\$0	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$750
Electric	\$72	\$1,874	\$499	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food	\$20	\$30	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0
Propane	\$662	\$465	\$0	\$205	\$989	\$543
Gasoline	\$655	\$260	\$412	\$120	\$0	\$0
Mortgage	\$11,599	\$15,148	\$14,045	\$11,395	\$12,831	\$12,542
Oil	\$670	\$1,036	\$0	\$2,062	\$0	\$407
Personal	\$150	\$104	\$259	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prop Tax	\$10,744	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$7,428	\$27,865	\$37,831	\$22,207	\$12,797	\$9,720
Rx / Med	\$376	\$485	\$281	\$0	\$0	\$0
Util-Other	\$102	\$137	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,776
Transp.	\$136	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$32,614	\$47,404	\$54,152	\$35,989	\$26,617	\$25,738
Vouchers Written	64	78	84	51	35	37
Assisted Cases	25	31	41	18	8	10

Ellen Tully, Welfare Director
City of Portsmouth
1/3/18

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S REPORT

Do you want to build on a vacant lot? Add-on to your home? If your lot or proposed addition does not conform to Rye's Zoning Ordinance, you'll be visiting Rye's Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). These are the two most common scenarios before the ZBA, but the ZBA hears applications concerning four distinct categories of relief: variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers, and building code relief. Although somewhat different, each type generally involves a person(s) real property and how it may be used, developed or improved in a manner that differs from the terms of Rye's Zoning Ordinance, Flood Ordinance or Building Code. The ZBA also is the appeals board for decisions of the Building Inspector and Board of Selectmen relating to zoning.

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial board of five members, each of whom is elected by Rye residents for a 3-year term. In 2017, its members were Patricia Weathersby, Shawn Crapo, Burt Dibble, Patrick Driscoll and Tim Durkin. Rye's ZBA also had four alternate members: Charles Hoyt, Gregg Mikolaities, RJ Lincoln and Russ Buckholz.

At its meetings, the ZBA listens to all evidence presented orally and reviews new written submittals. Prior to the meeting, ZBA members visit the subject property and review submitted documents such as the application and letters from neighbors, etc. Abutters and others with standing can share their thoughts both for and against a proposal. After considering all information and reviewing applicable law, the ZBA then either approves, denies or continues an application for more information. Conditions are often attached to approvals. ZBA decisions may be appealed, first by requesting a rehearing before the ZBA and then to NH Superior Court.

A total of 49 applications containing over 150 requests for relief were filed in 2017. A full list and all files are available at the Planning and Zoning Office. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the applications requested variances. Most requests were granted, often with conditions, although a fair number were also denied. Five denials and one approval requested reconsideration of the ZBA's decision. At least two denials were appealed to the Superior Court.

Many of the requests for zoning relief before the ZBA stem primarily from our wonderful proximity to the ocean and wetlands. Tension often arises with the need and/or desire for a home with modern amenities and updated septic systems on lots that are either small or contain wetlands and the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. The ZBA is also seeing more applications requesting height relief as rising water levels and revised FEMA regulations require living space and building systems to be raised in certain areas, especially near the coast, where lower building heights are required.

Applications involving wetlands and/or wetland buffers must now first appear before the Conservation Commission which, in turn, provides its recommendations to the ZBA. We very much appreciate and value the assistance from the Conservation Commission with these applications. New in 2017, accessory dwelling units (accessory apartments) applications are now handled by the Planning Board.

Anyone interested in the ZBA is invited to attend our meetings- the ZBA meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town of Rye website and are posted at various locations. The Board welcomes all interested persons to attend any ZBA meeting. Meetings are also streamed live through the Town of Rye website. Two positions for alternate members are also open – interested parties should contact any ZBA member or Rye's Zoning and Planning Administrator for information.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Weathersby, Chairman

TOWN OFFICES AND SERVICES

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Assessor's Office	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector:	
Building, Planning, Zoning Office	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Afternoons by appointment	
Library:	
Monday and Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Public Works Director: Monday – Friday	6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Recycling Center & Brush (CLOSED MONDAY)	
Recycling Area: Tuesday - Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Brush Dump (TUES. & SAT. ONLY)	7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Recreation Director: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office: Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Town Administrator: Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Treasurer: Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Notices for Selectmen's meetings are posted on the Town bulletin board located at Town Hall and at the Rye Public Library. Notices for other Town Boards, Commissions and Committees are posted at least at two of the following locations: The Town bulletin board, the Rye Post Office bulletin board and/or the Rye Public Library. Notices are also posted on the Town website: www.town.rye.nh.us

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY.....	911 OR 964-8683
Fire Department – Non Emergency.....	964-6411
Fire Department Fax.....	964-9894
POLICE EMERGENCY.....	911 OR 964-5521
POLICE (ROUTINE CALLS ONLY).....	964-7450
Police Department Fax.....	964-7458

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly.
DO NOT HANG UP until you are certain that your message has been understood.

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DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....	964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....	964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....	964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent.....	(cell) 817-0066
Library.....	964-8401
Library Fax.....	964-7065
Public Works.....	964-5300
Public Works Director/ EMERGENCY	(cell) 396-0315
Recreation.....	964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300
Selectmen.....	964-5523
Selectmen Fax	964-1516
E-Mail:	jireland@town.rye.nh.us
Town Website:	www.town.rye.nh.us
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815
Town Administrator.....	964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....	964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax	964-4132
Treasurer.....	964-5523
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....	964-5523