

For Kim Reed

# Small group Visioning Session Input

## SWOT - STRENGTHS

**Strengths** (ways we think the town meets the community's needs):

### **COMMUNITY**

Transfer station - no garbage pick up enables citizens to dispose of their garbage with no extra cost, unless you choose to pay.

limited govt.

Sense of rural community

Self-sufficiency

Strong sense of community

Reasonable Tax Rate

Pond hockey

Well-rated schools

Town librarians do an excellent job

Roads are well-maintained and plowing is good

Community strength

Beaches and beach access (including non-residents)

Zoning ordinance

Public walking trails

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## **SWOT - WEAKNESSES**

### **COMMUNITY**

Need cooperation between departments

Cost-Effective Results - departments need to work together to ID goals and objectives so there are no redundancies, overlap or competition. Example: Library and Rec center seem to have competing programs or overlapping programs. The library seems to be expanding its mission and overlapping with Rec department.

### **LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Lack of information about approvals needed from building and development

Planning - Detail of what is required from a developer is not detailed enough - applications are accepted before the developer knows all the regulations. This would result in more thorough applications before the permit is issued.

Provide a comprehensive checklist to anyone applying for a building permit so they know what is required of them.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

We need to preserve open space

## **SWOT - OPPORTUNITIES**

### **COMMUNITY**

Turn town hall into a museum/historic landmark (give it to Heritage commission?) and have just one town hall at TD bank location

Use the librarians' expertise to digitize town info as much as possible

Provide better information on the town website, for example in January-it is hard to find when warrant articles are due, candidate filing deadlines etc. and what positions are open (including boards and paid positions)

Use more technology to keep more people informed.

Have departments define goals to each other so there is no overlap

Street lights, "downtown" is not in the character of Rye and will increase costs

Utilize Parsons Field more. What is difference between that and the new library commons?

keep Tax Rate low!