



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

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
CATHY HODSON 536
BOB McGRATH 564
BRUCE VALLEY 30
(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two
DANIA SEIGLIE 535
MICHAEL MOODY 748
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

for One Year Vote for not more than One
KATHRYN A. GARCIA 861
(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

for Three Years Vote for not more than One
DONNA DeCOTIS 941
(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

for Three Years Vote for not more than One
JEFFREY BALBONI 896
(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

for Three Years Vote for not more than One
J.M. LORD 854
(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for Three Years Vote for not more than One
ROGER O. PHILBRICK 991
(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two
JEFFREY A. ROSS 810
STEVEN BORNE 747
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

for Three Years Vote for not more than Two
SHAWN CRAPO 801
SANDRA CHOROROS 771
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSIONER

for Three Years Vote for not more than One
DAVID KOHLHASE 927
(Write-in)

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## ARTICLES

**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**

Re: Article I Introduction

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend §190-1.2, related to the Introduction of the Zoning Ordinance, to identify that "protection of sensitive environs and natural resources" is a purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and to further identify that the proper use and conservation of natural resources is identified as a purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.

783  
YES   
NO   
239

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

**Amendment 2**

Re: Article II Use Districts

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article II of the Zoning Ordinance in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the limitations on yard lot areas, the number of principal dwellings per lot, expansion of non-conforming dwelling units;
- Eliminate references to "government uses," "municipal uses," and "apartment houses" throughout;
- Expand the definition of uses which constitute "noxious, unreasonable, or offensive" uses of property";
- Amend the process related to the conversion of illegal apartments; including amending the required criteria for such a conversion and eliminating the requirement for a renewal of "certificates of legality."
- Clarify standards for vegetative buffers between residential developments in residential districts abutting nonresidential districts and/or nonresidential uses on the same lot;
- Amend the process and standards for the conversion of seasonal dwelling units to year-round dwellings;
- Amend the permissible uses in the Single Residence District and the requirements for home occupations;
- Amend the uses allowed in the Single Residence District by special exception, the process for the establishment of a bed-and-breakfast facility and the criteria and requirements for the establishment of a home occupation;
- Clarify the permissibility of dwellings consisting of two single-family units in the General Residence District;
- Add agriculture as a permissible use in the Conservation District;
- Eliminate reference to the "Public Recreation District."
- Expand the type of permissible dining establishments allowed in the Business District and Commercial Districts;
- Alter the uses permitted by special exception and the standard for the grant of a "special exception" within the Commercial District;
- Eliminate the Industrial District; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

699  
YES   
NO   
300

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

**Amendment 3**

Re: Article III Wetlands Conservation District

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article III, § 190-3.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, related to the Wetlands Conservation District, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the types of resources for the delineation of wetlands;
- Expand the purpose of the Wetlands Conservation District;
- Require agricultural uses in the Wetlands Conservation District to comply with the Best Management Wetland Practices – Agriculture;
- Establish isolated non-bordering wetlands as a class of protected resources subject to the Wetlands Conservation District;
- Amend the buffer applicable to tidal lands, marshes, bays, estuaries, creeks, surface waters, and other water resources;
- Clarify the extent of tree removal within the Wetlands Conservation District; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

718  
YES   
NO   
307

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

Amendment 4

Re: Article III Overlay Districts

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article III of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Overlay Districts (with the exception to the §190-3.1 addressed in Amendment 3), in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Identify the architectural features in the Historic District, insert reference to the Historic District Commission's Design Guidelines, clarify how decisions of the Historic District Commission may be appealed, and amend the sign restrictions applicable to the Historic District to eliminate content-based distinctions.
Identify that a special exception is needed to build on a pre-existing nonconforming lot in the Coastal Area District, identify the criteria for the issuance of a special exception, and identify the methodology to calculate lot yield for the redevelopment of Tourist Accommodations within the Coastal Area District;
Replace references to "regulated substances" and "hazardous waste" with "toxic or hazardous material" in the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District;
Clarify the applicability of the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District and amend the permissible uses and uses allowed by conditional use permit in the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District;
Establish safeguards related to toxic and hazardous materials and prevent contact between precipitation/runoff and animal manure in the Aquifer Protection District;
Clarify the types of structures permitted within the Multifamily Dwelling District by striking "housing" and replacing that phrase with "dwellings and/or developments"; and
Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

753
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
281

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

Amendment 5

Re: Article IV Planned Developments

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Planned Developments, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the criteria needed for the issuance of a special exception for mobile home park or subdivisions and requirements related to access, siting, play areas, and bonding;
Amend the calculation for maximum density for Retirement Community Developments, multifamily developments and Conservation Land Developments;
Amend the standards by which density bonuses are allowed for Retirement Community Developments and clarify the applicable setbacks for such developments;
Amend the road frontage limitations related to multifamily developments;
Amend the requirements for the distribution of workforce housing for Conservation Land Developments, clarify the approval process for such developments, and amend the standards by which density bonuses are allowed for Conservation Land Developments; and
Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

717
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
304

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

Amendment 6

Re: Article V Special Regulations

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article V of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Special Regulations, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Amend the requirements for off-street parking for home occupations and personal service establishments; amend and clarify the calculation for parking for mobile homes, hotels and motels, and health clubs/fitness centers; establish parking requirements for stationary food trucks;
Amend sign regulations, to eliminate content-based regulations and to make the same sign restrictions applicable to all signs regardless of type or content;
Alter existing regulations associated with quarries, pits, and turf farms and establish regulations, restrictions, and standards for earth movement activities and excavations;

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**AMENDMENT 6 CONTINUED**

- Clarify the approval and appeal process for condominium conversions and the minimum standards and considerations for such conversions;
- Identify the approval process for tourist camps, motels, hotels, and lodging houses and amend waste disposal practice and the manner that occupancy limits are established;
- Amend the provisions related to wireless telecommunications facilities to allow for the expansion of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District when necessary to comply with Federal Law, amend required setbacks and lighting requirements for such facilities, amend the approval process and the requirements for approval for such facilities;
- Clarify that applicants for accessory dwelling units provide permits and approvals for the provision of water and sewerage/septic and must comply with all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance;
- Include excavation to the list of land disturbance activities which cannot increase surface water drainage flowing onto adjacent property;
- Eliminate references to the Town's Illicit Discharge and Elimination Ordinance from the Zoning Ordinance, contingent upon the Select Board enacting an Illicit Discharge and Elimination Ordinance pursuant to RSA 149-1:6-a;
- Amend the submittal requirements and approval criteria for applications for small wind energy systems and establish setbacks for such systems from occupied structures;
- Identify that retaining walls shall be considered structures and are subject to setback requirements, amongst other minor textual changes; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

711  
YES   
NO   
308

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

**Amendment 7**

Re: Article VI Nonconforming Lots, Nonconforming Uses and Nonconforming Buildings and Structures

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Nonconforming Lots, Nonconforming Uses, and Nonconforming Buildings and Structures, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the criteria necessary for the grant of a special exception to change from one pre-existing non-conforming use to another non-conforming use, when a pre-existing, non-conforming use may be restored for "obsolescence," and the dimensional limitations on the reestablishment of a pre-existing non-conforming use;
- Identify the permissible expansions of non-conforming structures that do not increase the amount of non-conformity, when a pre-existing, non-conforming structure may be restored for "obsolescence," and the dimensional limitations on the reestablishment of a pre-existing non-conforming structure; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

711  
YES   
NO   
295

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8, as follows:

**Amendment 8**

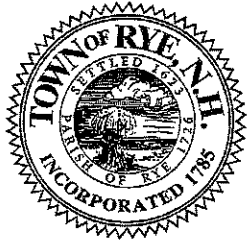
Re: Article VII Board of Adjustment

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance, related to the Board of Adjustment, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Identify that the ZBA may consider appeals related to the interpretation, application, or construction of the Zoning Ordinance;
- Eliminate the recitation of the variance criteria and replace that recitation by referencing the statute setting forth the criteria for a variance;
- Amend the criteria for the grant of a special exception to clarify that such criteria may be subject to other special exception criteria in other portions of the Zoning Ordinance;
- Eliminate the reference to the Zoning Board of Adjustment having authority to consider matters other than variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers, or administrative appeals.
- Amend the ZBA's procedural requirements in accordance with HB 1661 by altering the deadlines by which the ZBA must act on an application for appeal, the effect of the of an applicant's failure to provide the name of abutting property owners, and the ZBA's process when the ZBA does not have sufficient information to make a decision; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

716  
YES   
NO   
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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9, as follows:

Amendment 9

Re: Article VIII Administration and Enforcement

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Administration and Enforcement, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify when a building permit is not required and the ability of the Building Inspector's ability to revoke building permits;
Establish a definition of "live loads," in relation to certificates of occupancy;
Amend the means by which the Building Inspector and the Select Board may enforce the Zoning Ordinance;
Establish a process by which the Planning and Land Use Administrator may issue decisions interpreting, applying, and constructing the Zoning Ordinance to allow for applicants to seek relief from the ZBA without submitting an application for a building permit; and
Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

721
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
305

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

Amendment 10

Re: Article X Amendment, Conflicts, Severability and Effective Date

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend §190-10.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the jurisdiction of the Housing Appeals Board regarding determinations of legality of the Zoning Ordinance, amongst other textual changes.

746
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
260

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

Amendment 11

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article XI of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Definitions, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

Re: Article XI Definitions

- Incorporate the definitions of "Agriculture" under RSA 21:32-a, the definition of "Workforce Housing" reflected in RSA 674:58, and incorporate the variance criteria set forth in RSA 674:33 in the definition of "Variance";
Expand the definition of "Apartment House" to include where the owner of the or principal of the owner lives in the structure;
Add a definition for "Best Management Wetland Practices - Agriculture";
Amend the definition of "Business";
Expand the definition of "Development" to include clearing and site preparation;
Clarify the definition of " Dwelling Unit" to exclude establishments allowing for "transient occupancies";
Amend the definition of "Dwelling Unit, Seasonal" to identify "inadequate insulation" as a condition reflected in such structures;
Add a definition for "Primary Dwelling";
Expand the definition of "Earth Excavation" to include other types of activities associated with excavation and earth moving activities;
Amend the definition of "Grade" to clarify the manner in which grade is calculated for structures set back in excess of 100 feet from streets;
Add a definition for "Isolated Non-Bordering Wetlands";
Amend the definition of "Junkyard";
Alter the definition of "Living Space" to change the phrase "dead areas" to "areas that do not constitute living space";
Reference the definition of "Earth Excavation" in the definition of "Mining of Land";
Revise the definition of "Neighborhood" to allow for consideration of other factors beyond radius and include "traffic" as a consideration in determining neighborhood impacts;
Clarify the definition of "Special Exception" and reference the need to satisfy established criteria;
Identify that "retaining walls" less than 3 feet in height are not deemed "Structures";
Expand the definition of "Toxic or Hazardous Materials";
Expand the definition of "Upland Soils" to include slopes less than 20%; and
Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

755
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
279

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 04.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye 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: Back Flow Preventor

BC 2023-01 amends Section 35-5: Permits as follows (Note: New text ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted text ~~struct through~~)

A. Application for permit. Every person or authorized agent of such person intending to erect, construct or move any building or structure, as defined in Chapter 190, Zoning, or parts thereof, including swimming pools and tennis courts of all types, within the Town of Rye, and every such person or agent intending to alter or restore any building or structure in any manner, shall, before proceeding with the work, obtain the required building permits (electrical, plumbing, and construction) from the Building Inspector. ***A back flow preventor shall be required for all new, expanded and/or replaced irrigation system(s) which shall be installed by a licensed New Hampshire plumber. The licensed New Hampshire plumber shall apply for a permit from the Building Inspector who shall insure that such back flow preventor is appropriate for the proposed irrigation system and will be installed in accordance with the New Hampshire Building Code and the requirements of the local water utility and established best practices.*** The application forms, furnished by the Building Inspector, require: a description of the building; the site; the location thereof; the work contemplated, and every such person or agent intending to otherwise alter or restore any building or structure, including the interior, so as not to increase the floor or base area thereof, to the extent of \$1,500 or more in value, including the value of all labor and materials. The fees for permits are listed at the office of the Building Inspector. A careful record of the original of such application and the supporting plan and any specifications shall be kept in the Town offices by the Building Inspector

759  
YES   
NO   
281

Explanation.

*This will put the property owner on notice that they must get a permit for all new, expanded, and/or replaced irrigation systems and a back flow preventer shall be installed by a licensed New Hampshire plumber.*

**ARTICLE 05.** 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 eleven million, nine hundred eight-five thousand, nine hundred ten and 00/100 dollars (\$11,985,910.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million, seven hundred thirteen thousand, four hundred twenty-six and 00/100 dollars (\$10,713,426.00) 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. (7-0)

1738  
YES   
NO   
331

**ARTICLE 06.** 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 Select Board 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 Increase over prior Year
2023	<u>\$50,023.00</u>
2024	<u>\$46,812.00</u>

Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand and twenty-three and 00/100 dollars (\$50,023.00) for the 2023 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 current collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

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

811  
YES   
NO   
262

**ARTICLE 07.** Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only?

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

803  
YES   
NO   
260

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ARTICLE 08. 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 Select Board 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:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Estimated Increase over prior Year. Rows for 2023, 2024, 2025 with corresponding dollar amounts.

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-one and 00/100 dollars (\$34,681.00) for the 2023 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 current collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

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

825
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
266

ARTICLE 09. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only?

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

765
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
277

ARTICLE 10. 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 Select Board 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:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Estimated Increase over prior Year. Rows for 2023, 2024, 2025 with corresponding dollar amounts.

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and 00/100 dollars (\$52,875.00) for the 2023 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 funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

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

778
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
301

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only?

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

770
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
290

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$370,000.00) to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 2008 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of the three hundred seventy thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$370,000.00) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. 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. (7-0)

836
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
245

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) 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 (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

759
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
322

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**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$105,000) to purchase a new one-ton truck with plows and material spreader and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$105,000.00) 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.)

1775  
YES   
NO   
291

**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 raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

737  
YES   
NO   
326

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

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-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.)

708  
YES   
NO   
348

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

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$35,000.00) 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.)

749  
YES   
NO   
311

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

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of emergency preparation and management, infrastructure repair, pollution mitigation, coastal hazard response, and all other costs and expenditures related to any disaster, critical incident, accident, fire, flood, public health concern, storm, or weather-related event and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in this fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required.)

797  
YES   
NO   
264

**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 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 24 at the 2020 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the revaluation of the Town at least as often as every fifth year as required by RSA 75:8-a. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

708  
YES   
NO   
344

**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 ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Buildings and Property Maintenance Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 18 of the 2022 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

770  
YES   
NO   
288

**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 vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 13 at the 2021 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 31:19-a to repair and maintain land and buildings owned by the Town of Rye and managed by the Rye Conservation Commission. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

735  
YES   
NO   
325

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

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Rye Public Library HVAC Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the 2016 Town meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of replacing the Rye Public Library's aging and inefficient current heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

820  
YES   
NO   
243

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

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ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund pursuant to RSA 31:98-a for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to put in the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required.)

683
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
391

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ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Records Restoration established by Article 16 of the 1990 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

753
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
317

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ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the special revenue fund known as the Beach Cleaning Fund, which was amended by Article 14 of the 2015 town warrant, such purpose to be amended as follows: to increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the fund from 50% to 75% of total beach permit revenues. Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required.)

877
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
201

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

ARTICLE 26. Shall the Town of Rye vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in the amount of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00)? If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined by RSA 21:50, and who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III. (Majority vote required.)

952
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
139

Note: If this Article does not pass the Optional Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veteran Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veteran Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veteran Tax Credit from \$500 to \$50 per year.

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

ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town of Rye vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the state who is a veteran as defined in RSA 21:50, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 26. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 26, this Article shall be null and void. (Majority vote required.)

949
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
137

Note: If this Article does not pass the All Veteran Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veteran Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veteran Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veteran Tax Credit from \$500 to \$50 per year.

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

ARTICLE 28. 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 2023.

1002
YES [checked]
NO [ ]
18

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

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