

In the interest of saving time, try to have your motion to amend written down and ready to give to me before coming to the microphone. In fact, feel free to give your motion to me any time in advance, even before we get to the article it pertains to.

5. Voting: If you haven't already done so, check in at the clerk's table, get a green 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, five voters present a written request for a secret ballot.

6. Recounts/Questioning a Vote: A recount will be taken of non-secret ballots if seven 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 five 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 on the same matter.

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. The motion requires a second but is not debatable. It requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If the question is called, I will let the person speaking finish before I call for a vote. If you are in line, have your hand up or think I nodded at you, you may not speak unless the call of the question is defeated. I will, however, use my discretion to let somebody speak if I think it is required by fundamental fairness. Also, I will not permit an abuse of the process like that which occurred at last year's School District Deliberative Session. There, the question was called immediately after each article was read. RSA 40:13 states that the Deliberative Session **shall** consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. At the School District Deliberative Session, there was no such explanation, discussion and debate. I will not permit this meeting to become a tyranny of the majority who don't want to hear minority points of view. If the question is called before there is minimal explanation, discussion and debate, I will declare such motion to be out of order.

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 the person to speak. If there is an objection and a second, 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. 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 moved to the warrant. Articles 1 and 2 invite voters to vote in the election on March 10th. There is nothing to discuss or debate. Article 3 relates to eleven amendments to the Rye Zoning Ordinance. Article 4 relates to three amendments to the Rye Building Code. Article 5 relates to one amendment to the Rye Floodplain Ordinance. Traditionally, such amendments have not been discussed because by law they cannot be amended. They must appear on the ballot as written; however, there is the right to discuss them. If anyone would like to make a motion to discuss Articles 3, 4 or 5, and the majority agrees to discuss, we will do so. Moderator Eaton asked if anyone would like to make such motion. Hearing no such motion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Articles 3, 4 and 5 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 6.

ARTICLE 06. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate underdeveloped land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to act on behalf of the town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands (subject to the hearing and procedural requirements of NH RSA Chapter 36-A) and to further authorize the issuance of not more than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

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

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

Article 6 was moved to the floor by Selectman Winslow and seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow deferred to Tracy Degnan, on behalf of the Conservation Commission, to speak to the article.

Tracy Degnan, 41 Park Ridge Ave., noted that she works for the Rockingham County Conservation District and is also a resident. She has been working with the Rye Conservation Commission for nearly twenty years. She noted that she came before this body in 2014, to discuss a three million dollar open space bond, which passed at that time. She thanked the community for their support in protecting the Goss Farm, an “agricultural gem”, along with the other properties that have been protected through that bond. She pointed out that a few reasons why they should promote open space in Rye is to protect the rural character, natural resources, wildlife corridors, and water quantity, along with water quality. It is really the most cost effective way to protect the character and the community, and to help with population growth. She presented maps showing areas in Rye for highest ranked habitat in New Hampshire, which covers more than 50% of the community. She noted that the resources in Rye are really special and is one of the reasons they have been able to leverage a lot of funding to promote open space.

Ms. Degnan presented a map produced by Rockingham Planning Commission highlighting the conservation parcels from about 2002. Another map presented, showed the conservation parcels from 2014 to date. She also presented photos showing the parcels that have become protected through the last three million dollar open space bond; 86-acres on South Road, 73-acres at the Rand parcel, the Bladen property which is a half-acre abutting the Wallis Saltmarsh, 3-acres at the Brown Orchard, and an upcoming parcel of 79-acres off West Road. She noted that the Conservation Commission is committed and has been working on land protection for many years, in order to leave a great legacy for future generations. Between 2014 and now, the Conservation Commission has leveraged about \$810,000 and spent about 1.7 million dollars. Having a bond is really the only way to effectively negotiate with land owners and obtain funding. The Conservation Commission is asking for support for the open space bond. It will have no impact on the taxes for 2020. She reiterated that this is the best funding method over the long-term and is the best way to negotiate. She thanked everyone for their continued support of the Rye Conservation Commission.

Moderator Eaton allowed comments from Priscilla Rogers a North Hampton Resident and abutter to the conservation land at Brown Orchard. She spoke in regards to the conservation easement on the Brown property, which is now owned by the Town of Rye and took over ten years to acquire. The parcel is made up of pieces of different properties, which included her family's farm and Patricia Brown's property. She is happy the land is now owned by Rye and hopes the Town will cherish and honor the Brown Orchard.

Sally King, 535 Wallis Road, Conservation Commission Chair, thanked Mrs. Rogers, Patricia Brown and other property owners for working with the Conservation Commission over the last ten years on this conservation effort. People who really want to conserve land and give time for the funds to be leveraged, is why the Conservation Commission has done well for so many years. She noted that Jim Raynes, the previous Conservation Commission Chair, was a pro at leveraging funding.

Frank Drake, 5 South Road, asked about the sentence in the article that reads "all for the permanent protection of appropriate underdeveloped land". He asked why the word "underdeveloped" is in the article, as opposed to developed.

Ms. King replied that there is really no good reason. It is just the way it was worded before.

Attorney Michael Donovan explained some of the easements are on agricultural land, which could be considered underdeveloped land, as opposed to developed or vacant land. The term is probably used to cover land that has some agricultural development, as well.

Mr. Drake asked if the Town could purchase a developed parcel, if they wanted the parcel because of its proximity to resources.

Attorney Donovan gave his opinion that they could probably purchase a developed piece and consider it underdeveloped. He thinks the word should stay "underdeveloped" to cover all options.

Hearing no further discussion, **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 authorize the Selectmen to convey the Parsonage and ±0.4 acres to 500 Washington Road, LLC and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel pursuant to a Contract for Property Exchange/Swap signed by the Selectmen and Daniel Philbrick, AND FURTHER, to authorize the Selectmen to grant a septic system easement to 500 Washington Road, LLC as set forth in said Contract. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 7 to the floor. Selectman Epperson seconded the motion.

Selectman Winslow stated that Articles 7, 8 and 9 address the Town Hall space needs and the ownership and use of four buildings in town. First is the Town Hall. The Town has spent over \$350,000 to date to develop a plan to identify Town Hall space needs; conduct a structural study of the Town Hall building and develop a schematic design for the building. Three Town Hall Committees have been chartered since 2012. In addition, over the past nine years, the Town has voted down seven plans for construction and further study of the Town Hall building. In 2019, a warrant was turned down for 3.5 million to build a new town hall on the current site. The electorate appeared to be unwilling, and appropriately so, to spend that amount of money to provide for space needs for the Town Hall. The second building is the Parsonage. The Parsonage first came under town ownership in 1995 for the purpose of expansion of the Rye Public Library. The Library chose not to use the building. In the year 1999, the Town voted to lease the building to The Housing Partnership for twenty years to provide affordable housing. In 2016, a committee was formed to determine the fate of the Parsonage. The committee's October 2016 report made it clear that the Town did not want to manage the Parsonage's tenants or the building repairs directly, as the Parsonage was in a serious state of disrepair, evident by the Lassel Architect report of 2015 which estimated at least a half million dollars was needed to bring the building up to standards. That half a million today is more likely \$750,000. He continued that The Housing Partnership, which is managing the building, is transitioning residents to alternate housing. Only three of the eight units are currently occupied. The Housing Partnership is offering to pay for moving costs, first month's rent and security deposits for the current occupants, as they transition to alternate housing. The building and adjacent structure are on .4 acres of land with eight parking spaces. The third building in the mix is the TD Bank building, which is directly across from the Rye Junior High. It is a one-story former bank building with twenty-one parking spaces and 3.71 acres of land. It currently has four formal offices, room for two additional offices, as well as suitable space for two office spaces in front of the drive-up window. The fourth building is the Old Trolley Barn, which is located across from the Rye Central Cemetery. The Old Trolley Barn has only been used recently for

storage and housing of the Senior Serve van. The building was approved to be sold by the Selectmen per Article 27 on the 2018 warrant.

Selectman Winslow continued that in 2019, the current owner of the TD Bank building offered to exchange the building for the Parsonage at par, which means no money with the exchange. The Town hired the services of B.C. Underwood, a highly respected real estate appraiser located in Concord, New Hampshire, to conduct an appraisal of the Parsonage and TD Bank building to determine both properties' highest and best use values. The report shows that the market value of the Parsonage is at \$390,000. The reason for that is because the building is in a substantiable state of disrepair. Essentially, the value is based upon the land. The TD Bank building with its 3.71 acres of land was valued at \$605,000., which is 65% more than the Parsonage. In the meantime, the Town Attorney and Town Administrator drew up a contract with Mr. Philbrick contingent on the results of the appraisal and approval by the town electorate at this March election to make the exchange. Concurrent with this process, Barba and Wheelock, an architectural firm, was developing a reconfiguration of the interior of the Town Hall to provide for additional space needs, make it ADA compliant and to recommend additional space. It was determined that the required space needed for the Town Hall equates to the approximate amount of footage at the TD Bank building. It would appear that if that trade is made and the TD Bank building is renovated, the Town would solve all the space needs problems for the Town Hall that have been worked on for the past nine years. In summary, if the exchange is approved by the voters, Mr. Philbrick, per the contract, is required to restore the Parsonage back to its previous historic condition consistent with zoning ordinances of the Historic District. Mr. Philbrick will invest a minimum of \$850,000 in order to do so. If the renovations do not reach that amount, the deficit or difference will be donated by him to the Rye Public Library. Mr. Philbrick's plans are to have apartments for lease in the building and either a coffee shop or office located in the large masonry building beside it. This exchange will give the Town the increased office space it needs to conduct town business. The plan would be to move the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector and also the Assessor's Office to the TD Bank building with its twenty-one parking spaces and drive-up window. In addition to the use of the drive-up window offering convenience for mobility impaired citizens, who would be able to drive up to conduct their business, parents would also be able to drive up and not be required to take their young children out of car seats to walk them into Town Hall, as is now being done. This is seen as a win-win for the Town and a final solution to get the space needs for the Town Hall resolved. The Selectboard asks for support of this plan.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion.

Shawn Crapo, 676 Central Road, stated that it seems disingenuous to not put any money in the article. He would think that even a transfer would require the drafting of a deed, closing costs and transfer stamps. He asked if this should include costs to cover those items.

Selectman Winslow explained the Town has two options. One is that it can come out of the legal budget. Two, Article 9 addresses the sale of the Trolley Barn which would provide some funds.

Cathy Hodson, 616 Central Road, asked what the Town will do with the land behind the bank building, if this exchange occurs.

Selectman Winslow replied that the Rye Town Center Committee was configured as a result of the charrette which occurred this past year. The Rye Town Center Committee will be asked to make recommendations for the use of that land.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, stated there is a lot in what Selectman Winslow just said. In adding it all out, this is actually the plan for Town Hall. This is an exchange and the Selectboard is not in a position to manage buildings. The Parsonage needs more money and the TD Bank building will need less. The two Selectmen on the board were on the Parsonage Committee. The report of that committee said it can't really give a recommendation on what to do with the Parsonage, until it is all put into context, and that has not really been done yet. He continued that Plan New Hampshire came in and the Rye Town Center Committee was started. The people said that the first focus should be safety; however, that work has not been finished. He pointed out that the Library wants to expand and have a consultant come in. If the Town wants to do all these things, they cannot put all that burden on the taxpayers. The right thing to do, in a town as wealthy as Rye, is to have a public and private partnership to get all the work done. The only way to raise big money is to get big donations. He noted that big donors will not donate unless there is a long-term plan. The Town Hall has been going on for ten years. He reiterated that they really need to plan first and then move forward.

Dan Philbrick, 1393 Ocean Boulevard, noted that he is the other party in the swap agreement. He is open to answering any questions the voters may have. He pointed out that he is a long-time resident of Rye. His vision for Rye is a little bit different in the sense that he is looking at the history and the things that make up the community. He was very concerned about TD Bank leaving the community. He feels it is very important that the community have a bank and this is the reason he bought the building. Partners Bank was given the option of leasing the building on Washington Road or purchasing the land near the Post Office on Central Road. Through those options, they ended up taking the land near the Post Office and are building a new bank. Over the years, he has tried to do restorations that were appropriate for Rye. In regards to the Parsonage swap, he believes it is an opportunity to really achieve something for the Town. He is bringing forth this proposal because he feels it is a fiscally responsible proposal and he can vision it. The Parsonage is a tired building and is in total disrepair on a third of an acre. Just down the street, is a building that was occupied by a national bank, has a certificate of occupancy, meets ADA compliance and sits on almost 4-acres of land. Just on its space, when looking at the swap agreement, it makes logical sense. Furthermore, with regard to the Parsonage, he will certainly do his best to make sure the restoration is historically correct and is done in a manner that the citizens of the community can be proud of. He thanked everyone for their consideration.

Alex Herlihy, 55 Lang Road, pointed out that if the exchange happens, it opens up the second floor of the Town Hall to bring it back to what it was in 1985, which was the last time it was open. It has

the capacity for over 200 people for every imaginable use; civic, cultural, historical and business. The space is clearly needed.

Mel Low, 650 Washington Road, stated that he is against the swap because the Parsonage is for affordable housing. The Town acquired this in the Library expansion. The land is very important to the whole town complex. The Town should put money into the building and keep it for affordable housing. The Parsonage has been under a lease for twenty years and no improvements have been done at all. If the Town needs to form a housing authority to run the Parsonage, they should do it.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 7 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Sally King moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 6. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 6 hereby restricted.

Dr. Burt Dibble moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 7. Seconded by Selectman Winslow. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 7 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 8.

ARTICLE 08. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$15,600) for the surveying, engineering and other expenses required to subdivide a ±0.4 acre parcel around the Parsonage and Carriage House from the larger 1.9 acre town parcel and to obtain NH Department of Environmental Services approval of the septic system easement allowing the Parsonage and Carriage House to continue to use the existing septic system located on town property. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 8 to the floor. Selectman Epperson seconded the motion.

Selectman Winslow explained that the survey is needed to subdivide the .4-acre Parsonage property from the town museum property so the exchange can take place, if voted on by the electorate. The money will only be spent if the Parsonage/TD Bank exchange is approved by the voters.

Mr. Borne asked if the Selectmen can just not move on the will of the voters, without the wording "if Article 7 passes".

Attorney Donovan explained that if Article 7 does not pass and Article 8 passes, the Selectmen will not spend the money.

Mr. Crapo commented that Selectman Epperson told the Budget Committee the exact opposite. It was said that the money was required to be spent either way, in order to correct deficiencies in the land to move forward.

Attorney Donovan replied this is not inconsistent with what he just said. The Selectboard would also have the option if they needed to subdivide off the Parsonage to sell to someone else. They can either spend that money or not spend it.

Selectman Epperson stated this is specifically what he said. The money would be necessary if there was any kind of disposal of the Parsonage at all.

Tom King, 535 Wallis Road, stated if this was to go through, there would be a privately owned property with apartments using a septic system owned, operated and paid for by the Town in perpetuity. He does not think that is right and should not be part of the provision. If it is part of the provision, there should be a fair charge to build up a fund to replace the system at the end of its life.

Attorney Donovan explained that the agreement with Mr. Philbrick calls for sharing of the maintenance, operational and replacement costs of the septic system, based on water consumption usage, which is a standard way such costs are prorated. The town museum will remain on the system. Basically, the way that water flow will play out, he suspects that based on that proration the new owner of the Parsonage will be responsible for most of the operational, maintenance and replacement costs of the septic system, which is about twenty years old. He also noted that the agreement has been a matter of public record for more than a month.

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

Dr. Dibble moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 8. Seconded by Selectman Winslow. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 8 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 9.

ARTICLE 09. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Old Trolley Barn for not less than \$390,000 by sealed bid or public auction, AND FURTHER to see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction or renovation of town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$390,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund with \$390,000 to be offset from the sales proceeds from the Old Trolley Barn AND FURTHER to amend Article 27 of the 2018 Town Meeting to not require an appraisal of the Old Trolley Barn property. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 9 to the floor. Selectman Epperson seconded the motion.

Selectman Winslow noted that Article 9 was presented to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and the article did not fit their requirements.

Mr. Winslow moved to strike the original language of Article 9 and replace it with the following language: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction of or renovations to, town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$280,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund with \$280,000 to be offset from the sales proceeds from the Old Trolley Barn. (Majority vote required.)”. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow explained the motion as stated now meets the DRA requirements and essentially does the same thing as the original language but it was not all inclusive. The amount was reduced from \$390,000 to \$280,000 for an appraisal. The previous motion did not include an appraisal; however, back in 2018, when the Selectboard was authorized to sell it, an appraisal was required. The intention here is to be able to include sufficient funds to cover closing costs, survey expenses, tax documents and realtor fees. The amount of \$280,000 will go into the Capital Reserve. The remaining portion of the proceeds will go into the Town’s General Fund. The plan is to have a joint public meeting, before the expenditure of any funds, with the Budget Committee and review any proposal for funds in excess of \$25,000 to be used from the Capital Reserve Fund. The intention is to form a meeting, if this is to go through, with the Budget Committee to discuss the funds needed to retrofit the TD Bank building and also the funds needed to provide garaging for the Senior Serve van, which are both critical in this process. He continued that the intention is to renovate the TD Bank. The building has four offices with room for two additional offices, for a total of six with two spaces in front of the drive-up window. In essence, the space needs issue at Town Hall could be completely relieved by this process.

Scott Marion, 71 Washington Road, and Budget Committee Member, asked Moderator Eaton to reread the proposed amendment.

Moderator Eaton read the amendment to Article 9, which was moved by Selectman Winslow.

Mr. Marion stated that there was discussion at the Budget Committee of using the language “up to” so the Selectmen’s hands are not tied if for some reason there is less than \$280,000. Mr. Marion deferred to the Selectmen on whether or not they would consider a friendly amendment of placing the words “up to” before the \$280,000 the two times it appears in the motion to amend.

Selectman Winslow asked for Attorney Donovan to opine.

Attorney Donovan stated that he would leave the amendment as worded because that is what the Department of Revenue has dictated.

Ed Bulmer, 1643 Ocean Boulevard, asked what the net cost would be to Rye, when the Trolley Barn is sold and the swap is complete with the Parsonage and TD Bank building.

Selectman Winslow replied that they do not know yet because builders would need to give estimates on what would be needed to renovate the TD Bank building. It is estimated that it will be in the ballpark of about \$100,000, however, it could be less. It will certainly be substantially less than \$280,000. If the cost is \$100,000, it would leave the Town with \$180,000 that could be used for the reconstruction and renovation of other properties in town. It might be money that is used to renovate the Town Hall. He continued that Barba and Wheelock Architects has been asked to give a reconfiguration of the Town Hall with it also being ADA compliant. The intention would be to move the majority of the people on the second floor down to the first floor and move the entire Tax Clerk's Office to the TD Bank building. The Assessor's Office would also move to the TD Bank building. The Town Treasurer and Finance Administrator may also move to the TD Bank building. This would allow the top floor to be vacated and provide substantial meeting space. The costs to renovate the Town Hall is not known, but at least the remaining portion of this could be used for that purpose.

Julie Tucker, 960 Washington Road, asked if the words "appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund" mean that the Selectboard can start putting town offices in TD Bank without voter approval.

Selectman Winslow replied that is correct. He explained it allows the Selectmen to use the funds to renovate the building. The movement of the individual offices to the TD Bank are under the auspices of the Town Administrator and the Selectmen. In turn, if there are expenditures of money, the Budget Committee would be used for guidance on this process as well.

Ms. Tucker clarified that the Town would not have a say and the Selectmen would automatically use that building as an annex to the Town Hall.

Selectman Winslow confirmed.

Frances Erlebacher, 44 Brackett Road, stated that she is uncomfortable with these warrant articles being tied together but unclear. She asked what happens if the swap for the TD Bank building fails but the financial things pass. In reverse, what happens if the TD Bank passes and the financial things fail?

Selectman Winslow explained the Selectboard has been authorized to sell the Trolley Barn since the 2018 election. The only difference here, would be the setting up of a capital reserve fund to use the money from the Trolley Barn to maintain, renovate and work on the buildings the Town has. The Selectmen have been accused, and rightly so, of neglecting to maintain the buildings of the Town. The Selectboard does not want that to occur in the future, so the money would be put in a capital reserve fund to be able to apply towards the buildings.

Ms. Erlebacher asked what will happen if the TD Bank swap passes but the money things fail. She asked where they will get the funds that are needed to renovate, as there is no money appropriated for the swap.

Selectman Winslow explained that they could look for donations in town, such as from the Friends of Town Hall. The other option is to wait until next year's election to reconfigure that warrant article and ask the electorate for it to be approved.

Mr. Borne stated that this is a radical change for the Town. He asked the Selectboard to consider how this is going to be communicated to the Town before the election. Some effort and time should be put into how this should be presented. The plans being described does not read out of the wording of these articles.

Selectman Winslow noted that an article is going to be published in Rye Magazine in about two weeks which will explain this in more detail. In addition, listening sessions are intended to be held at the Town Hall and the TD Bank so people can actually see inside. He noted that the Selectmen are restricted from advocating for a particular article so they have to be careful on what they do or say; however, the town folk can certainly do that.

Ms. Tucker stated that because this is so confusing and there won't be enough time to spread the word about what the plan is for this money, she thinks there should be an amendment to the article saying "the Selectmen cannot spend that money without voter approval".

Speaking to Ms. Tucker, Moderator Eaton asked if she is offering that as a friendly amendment to the proposed amendment.

Ms. Tucker confirmed.

Selectman Winslow asked for clarification on the friendly amendment.

Moderator Eaton asked Ms. Tucker to be more specific.

Julie Tucker moved a friendly amendment to the amendment "to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, with voter approval, with \$280,000..."

Selectman Winslow stated that his concern is if the Selectmen are not allowed to expend from the fund, they would have to go back to the electorate in the 2021 meeting. This means if the exchange goes through, the Town will be sitting on the TD Bank and not be able to use it for another year. As elected officials of the Town, they are very concerned about the fiscal impact on any of these projects, as it applies to the tax base. This is felt to be a plan that will maximize the ability to get the space needs needed to go forward in a timely basis. The Selectboard does not want to put this off until next year.

Moderator Eaton clarified that the proposed friendly amendment was "**to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, with voter approval, with \$280,000**". He noted that the **friendly amendment has been rejected by the Board of Selectmen**. He asked if there is further discussion on the amendment to Article 9.

Ms. Tucker suggested including in the amendment “we intend to use that money to put town offices in TD Bank” so the voter knows what is being done.

Speaking to the Selectboard, Moderator Eaton asked if there is any language along the lines of what Ms. Tucker is suggesting that the Selectmen would accept as a friendly amendment.

Selectman Winslow stated that the Selectboard intended to do that in the initial article that already got struck down because it got into too much detail as to how it was going to be used. The concern is the Selectboard does not want to have this pass and the DRA reject it. He noted it is certainly the Selectboard’s intention to do that and he would be willing to put it in if DRA would consider it.

Ms. Tucker commented that her only goal here is to make sure the voter knows that they are voting for offices in TD Bank when they vote for this.

Selectman Winslow agreed. He commented that word will have to get out during the visioning and listening sessions.

Paula Tsetsilas, 12 Rock Orchard Lane, asked if a public hearing would satisfy the request to include the voters in the process before the money is expended.

Selectman Winslow asked Attorney Donovan to advise.

Ms. Tsetsilas suggested that the language would read something like; “subject to a public hearing prior to expenditure of funds”.

Attorney Donovan thinks that the words could be put in without a problem with DRA. He suggested “To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the Old Trolley Barn, after holding a public hearing.”.

Ms. Tsetsilas suggested a friendly amendment to the amendment; “appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, upon a public hearing, with \$280,000”.

Attorney Donovan stated it would seem that “appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, after holding a public hearing, with \$280,000 offset” would be acceptable, but he is not the DRA. He has battled the DRA for this town and others on the language of warrant articles and it cannot be guaranteed that changing the language of something DRA has approved will fly with them.

Moderator Eaton noted he is not allowing amendments to amendments. He asked if the Selectmen will accept this language as a friendly amendment.

Selectman Winslow pointed out that the Selectmen will schedule a joint public meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss any expenditures over \$25,000 from this particular fund. The Selectmen tried to put this into the amendment but DRA would not let that be done; however, that is the intent.

Moderator Eaton clarified there is a commitment from the Board of Selectmen to hold a public hearing before expending the money but **they do not agree to the friendly amendment** because it might be subject to being stricken down by the Department of Revenue Administration.

Referring to Article 22, Mr. Crapo noted that it proposes putting money into the Municipal Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, established by Article 11 in 2007. He asked why the money could not be put into that fund. He asked if there is a difference in the purpose and if so, does the purpose of this fund need to be modified.

Moderator Eaton asked if he is getting into the intent of the original article itself, as opposed to the change to the amendment.

Mr. Crapo replied that the original and amended version are creating a new trust fund. He asked why the existing trust fund is not used that pertains to the maintenance of municipal buildings.

Selectman Winslow explained they were hoping to use the existing trust fund but it does not allow for renovation. It is just for maintenance.

John Loftus, 108 Straw's Point Road, stated he is member of the Town Center Committee that was charged with vetting all these properties. That has not happened yet because the committee has been focused on getting Article 10 ready. Last year, there was an article about Town Hall that passed which required the Board of Selectmen to find a solution to renovate the Town Hall building on its original site. What Article 9 allows the Selectmen to do, without any voter approval, is to move town offices out of Town Hall to a separate site.

Mr. Loftus moved an amendment to the amendment "The Board of Selectmen may not move town offices out of Town Hall without voter approval". Moderator Eaton stated they are not handling amendments to amendments. The first amendment will be resolved and they will go back to the article, either as written or amended, and then accept other motions to amend, assuming they are seconded.

Mr. Crapo questioned whether there was a second to the Selectmen's amendment.

Moderator Eaton noted that Selectmen Epperson seconded the original motion to amend.

Jaci Grote, 124 Washington Road, stated that as the chair of the Budget Committee, she would like to confirm the agreement that the Board of Selectmen have with the Budget Committee that any expenditure above \$25,000 from this money will be discussed at a joint public meeting with the Budget Committee. She is in support of the warrant article as it is.

Patricia Losik, 525 South Road and Planning Board Chair, stated she does not have any issue with the three articles being discussed but there is a question of confusion that has been raised about RSA 35:1 because Article 9 is talking about establishing a Municipal Building Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund and Article 24 is the same RSA to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. She noted that RSA 35:1 seems to be a catchall for reserve

funds. She went on to explain RSA 35:1. She asked if there are other funds that come under 35:1 and how those expenditures are spent out of those funds.

Attorney Donovan explained the Town has several capital reserve funds established under 35:1 by town meeting. When the capital reserve fund is set up, it is either named as agents to expend which give the Selectmen the authority, or it is not named as agents to expend and any expenditures have to be approved by town meeting.

Hearing no further discussion on the proposed amendment to Article 9, Moderator Eaton reread the proposed amendment to Article 9, as moved by Selectman Winslow, and called for a vote. **Motion to amend Article 9 passed.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 9, as amended.

Mr. Loftus moved to amend Article 9, as currently amended, (before the words “Majority vote required.”); “The Board of Selectmen may not move town offices out of Town Hall without voter approval.”. Seconded by Joseph Tucker.

Mr. Loftus stated there are all sorts of ramifications in giving the Board of Selectmen the ability to move town offices without voter input. There should be more discussion on an article of this type. The way the article is written would not necessarily alert voters to what could happen. It is up to the voters to decide and that is the purpose of the amendment.

Selectman Winslow stated an article that was passed in 2019, only carries weight for the year it was passed in. Therefore, it restricts the fact that the Town Hall has to stay where it is. In essence, the Town Hall building is staying where it is. It is not being moved. Secondly, it does not carry weight for this year, so it is a moot point.

Joseph Tucker, 960 Washington Road, stated he is totally in favor of the swap. However, he is greatly concerned about a small body, whether it be the Selectmen or any other group, having the authority, without town approval and town vote, to go forward with modifications. This should definitely go before the Town for vote.

Mae Bradshaw, 106 Harbor Road, stated the warrant article that passed last year directed the Selectmen to do something with the Town Hall. They hired an architect who said the Town Hall is 2,400 square feet too small and additional space is needed for the Town’s employees to be comfortable. The Selectmen were lucky enough to get involved with Mr. Philbrick who has about 2,700 square feet. The Selectmen have done exactly what they were asked to do and this should proceed.

Selectman Epperson stated that the proposals that have been put forward today have been vetted, discussed, planned and thoroughly considered by the Selectboard, Budget Committee and other members of the community. He believes it would be beneficial for the Town to let this particular initiative to go forward. It will solve a lot of problems and move the Town into a totally different direction. It does not negate the Town Center Committee, whatsoever. It does them a favor, at least by identifying some very significant opportunities. He wants everyone to

understand that if this does not happen, the Town will have a building that is falling down with repairs that cost \$800,000. The Town will sell the building at some point in time. Someone will tear the building down and build something there that the Town does not want. He looks for support and appreciates all the work that has already been done.

Mr. Philbrick stated that as far as having a public hearing before spending the money, he would be in favor. As far as not using the TD Bank building for personnel, it would totally defeat what is trying to be accomplished. It would derail this common sense solution. He would not be in favor of Mr. Loftus' amendment.

Mr. Herlihy does not support Mr. Loftus' amendment. He asked why a voter would vote for the exchange if they did not support moving some of the employees to that building. He thinks the voters will understand that is going to happen.

The question was moved by a member of the audience. Moderator Eaton recognized that the question was moved and called for a vote to end debate on the amendment to Article 9. Motion passed.

Moderator Eaton reread the motion to amend, which had been made by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Tucker, and called for a vote. **The motion to amend failed.** Hearing no further discussion on Article 9 as amended, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 9 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Mr. Marion moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 9. Seconded by Selectman Winslow. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 9 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements in the Town Center; with five hundred thousand (\$500,000) to come from NH DOT alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-2-1)

Selectman Winslow moved Article 10 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow deferred to Karen Stewart, Chair of the Town Center Committee, to speak to the article.

Karen Stewart, 546 Washington Road and Town Center Committee Chair, stated that the Rye Town Center Committee is asking for an investment from the Town of \$300,000 to address safety on the road through town center. The Rye Town Center Committee was formed by the Board of

Selectmen, as an outgrowth from the Plan New Hampshire Charette. Plan N.H. came into the Town and worked with committees, elected officials and staff, to have the community envision what they want to see in the Town Center. The Town Center Committee's charge from the Selectmen was to weigh the outcomes from the charette to create a comprehensive plan for the Town Center and also, to prepare a minimum of one warrant article for this year's ballot. There were four areas of consensus that were very clearly defined by the charrette. The first is that people are concerned about the safety of the road; speed of cars, intersections and pedestrian safety. There is a second concern about maintaining the historic character of the Town Center. Third, there is an interest in maintaining multi-generational gathering places. Fourth, there is a deep desire of this community for the town owned buildings to be reimagined as efficient and functional spaces. While the committee was developing ideas to address safety as a starting point, they learned about the TAP Grant. The Transportation Alternatives Program is a NH DOT funding mechanism. Every two years the State receives about five million dollars to expend around the State, in favor of community applied planning. Timing is critical because the two-year cycle is coming forward quickly. The applications are due for the next funding cycle this Spring 2020. The grant is very competitive. The committee is asking the Town to support moving forward with an application to realize some of the safety goals. She noted that the project they are looking at would cost about \$800,000. They are asking for the Town to make a \$300,000 investment and the State would cover the remainder of the project. Ms. Stewart went on to review some of the details of the \$800,000 project being proposed.

Cathy Hodson moved an amendment to include the words, (after the word "improvements") "including a sidewalk and a bike lane", (after the words "Town Center") "from the intersection of Washington and Wallis Road to the Library" and the word "Transportation" (after the word "DOT"), so all the words to spell TAP are present. Seconded by Scott Marion.

Lori Carbajal, 18 Towers Avenue, noted that the Jenness Beach Precinct has costs allocated for street lighting, sidewalk maintenance, hydrant costs and Aquarion Water costs. She asked why the allocation of these dollars are not coming from the precinct from which the school is located.

Selectman Winslow stated that he does not think the use is restricted to just the people in the Water District.

Referring to the amendment on the floor, Mr. Marion stated he is in favor of getting rid of acronyms and abbreviations. He supports the amendment for clarification. **Scott Marion offered a friendly amendment to the amendment to say "Department of Transportation". Ms. Hodson accepted the friendly amendment.**

Moderator Eaton ruled it is not a friendly amendment because there is too much discussion. He asked for further discussion on the amendment.

Ms. Tssetsilas spoke in favor of the amendment.

Selectman Winslow stated that if the article is defined as going from the intersection of Wallis and Washington to the Library, it will preclude the Town from doing anything beyond the Library. He pointed out that there is a proposal for a crosswalk past the Library.

Ms. Stewart does not think it will preclude anything. She thinks it will just further define what is being asked for in this application. She supports the amendment, as the school and the Library are critical to this connection.

Michelle Bingham, 1 Central Road, spoke in support of the warrant article. She asked if there is a Plan B if the TAP Grant is not approved. If so, can that be put into the article so the Town does not have to wait another year to put it on the ballot?

Ms. Stewart explained that if the Town does not receive the TAP Grant or this article fails the vote, the project will be done. The work of the Town Center Committee will not be done but the application will not move forward. Some of that relates to the fact that the State has a lot of demands on the money so they look favorably on projects with merit that have demonstrated a town investment, which would be these committed funds.

Moderator Eaton read the amendment proposed by Ms. Hodson and second by Mr. Marion as follows: **“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road; with five hundred thousand (\$500,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)”** He called for a vote on the motion. **Motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 10, as amended.

Ms. Tsetsilas thanked the committee for their work. She went on to speak in support of Article 10.

Mr. McDonough moved the question. Seconded by Dr. Dibble. The motion to end debate passed. Moderator Eaton ordered Article 10 to appear on the ballot as amended.

Ms. Stewart moved to reconsider Article 10. Seconded by Mr. Crapo. Moderator Eaton noted the motion for reconsideration would simply add the words **“to the Library”** after **“Wallis Road”** because he made an error when reading the motion.

Ms. Bradshaw suggested a friendly amendment to amend “from the intersection of Wallis and Washington to the intersection of Central and Washington”.

Moderator Eaton summarized the friendly motion to amend the amendment made by Ms. Hodson's, which would add **"Wallis Road to the intersection of Central and Washington Road"**. **Ms. Hodson accepted the friendly amendment.**

Moderator Eaton reread the article as it would appear if the friendly amendments were adopted: **"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road to the intersection of Central Road and Washington Road; with five hundred thousand (\$500,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)"**

Moderator Eaton noted there is a motion to reconsider on the floor. He asked if anyone would like to discuss the merits to reconsider the vote. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion to reconsider the amendment on Article 10. **Motion to reconsidered passed.**

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amended language he just read. Motion passed.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 10 to appear on the ballot as amended.

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict further consideration on Article 10. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 10 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 11.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground by preparing a site at the existing Public Works/Transfer Station property (309 Grove Road), for a future salt handling and storage facility. 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. (10-0)

Selectman Epperson moved Article 11 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson explained this article has been before the voters in the past. The purpose of the article is to secure funding to level and prepare approximately one acre in the rear of the public works yard to facilitate the future construction of a salt handling and storage facility. It is the intent of the facility to limit the potential groundwater contamination associated with the handling and use of bulk salt for road de-icing. The work required is anticipated to be, but not limited to, the removal of trees and roots, top soil removal, excavation, removal of 6 to 8 feet of earth overburden, grading and leveling of the site, installation of a drain line to mitigate stormwater runoff and installation of boundary fencing.

Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy was present to address questions from the public. Mr. Low asked where the drainage will go. DPW Director McCarthy noted that the drainage will stay on the site.

Kevin Brandon, 617 Central Road, asked for clarification on this warrant article versus last year's warrant article.

DPW Director McCarthy explained this is half of what was proposed last year. This will just prepare the site. Last year's article was to prepare the site and actually build the structure. If the article passes, the site will be prepared this year and it is anticipated there will be a warrant article for next year's town meeting asking for funding for the construction of the storage facility itself. He pointed out that it will be a monetarily smaller amount of money because there are funds in the capital reserve to address the construction of the actual structure itself.

Mr. Borne noted that the biggest difference is that the articles from the past two years were a bond article that needed three-fifths to pass. This warrant only needs fifty percent to pass. This will have half the expense this year and the other half of the expense coming next year. He pointed out that this area is uphill from the Town's number one well. The Transfer Station should not be in that location; however, there is no planning or work to find a better space. He does not support putting more money into something that is just pouring things down the well.

Ms. King stated the Town has been very shortsighted in not passing this in the past. This is a water protection issue. The salt shed is over the aquifer – the changes need to be made to prevent leaching. She encourages support for the article.

Mr. Drake stated this may not be the perfect location but it is the location the Town has, which will probably be the location for many, many years. To start to make some environmental protections, with this proposal and subsequent articles, seems like a smart thing to do.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 11 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict further consideration of Article 11. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed.

Moderator Eaton read Article 12.

ARTICLE 12. 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	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	<u>\$17,778</u>
2021 (12 mos.)	<u>\$23,242</u>
2022 (12 mos.)	<u>\$20,189</u>

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,778 for the 2020 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 (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

Selectman Winslow moved Article 12 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow asked Town Administrator Becky Bergeron to address Articles 12 through 17.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained the article represents the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Firefighters Association of Rye. It represents a 2.75% salary increase each year, which is on line with other equally situated towns. This is the result of a contract negotiating process that supports the Town's hardworking fire fighters.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 12. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 12 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 13.

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 12 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 12 cost items only?

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

Selectman Winslow made a motion to move Article 13 to the floor. Seconded by Mr. Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained that if Article 12 is rejected, Article 13 will allow the Selectmen to have a special meeting which allows for voters to vote again on the renegotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement. This language is specified by state law and cannot be amended.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 13. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 13 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 14.

ARTICLE 14. 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	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	<u>\$18,241</u>
2021 (12 mos.)	<u>\$21,130</u>
2022 (12 mos.)	<u>\$22,590</u>

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,241 for the 2020 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 (3-0)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 14 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron noted that Article 14 represents a 2.75% salary increase for the DPW Employees.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 14. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 14 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 15.

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only?

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 15 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron noted this is the same as Article 13.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 15. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 15 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 16.

ARTICLE 16. 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	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	<u>\$21,331</u>
2021 (12 mos.)	<u>\$25,155</u>
2022 (12 mos.)	<u>\$25,826</u>

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,331 for the 2020 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 (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

Selectman Winslow moved Article 16 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron noted Article 16 represents a 2.75% salary increase for the Rye Police Department.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 16. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 16 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 17.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 16 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 16 cost items only?

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 17 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron noted Article 17 allows the Selectman to hold a special meeting if Article 16 is rejected.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 17. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 17 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Shawn Crapo moved to restrict reconsideration of any articles that have not been previously restricted. Seconded by Selectman Winslow. Motion passed. Reconsideration of all previous articles, not previously restricted, are hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 18.

ARTICLE 18. 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. (9-0)

Selectman Epperson moved Article 18 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson noted this article has been on the ballot for a number of years. The fund has been created for purchasing highway equipment out of a capital reserve fund so the Town is not surprised one year with a half million dollars worth of equipment. He also noted that this year, Article 20 will be asking for a \$70,000 dump truck to come out of this fund.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 18. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 18 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 18. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 18 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 19.

ARTICLE 19. 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 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).

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

Selectman Epperson moved Article 19 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson explained this article mirrors Article 18, the difference being that the funds are for the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. He noted that Article 23 is requesting \$35,000 for a Jaws of Life to be drawn from this fund.

Selectman Winslow asked Town Administrator Bergeron for the balance of the fund.

Town Administrator Bergeron noted the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund has a balance of \$204,153.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 19. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 19 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 19. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 19 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 20.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new one ton truck to replace an older one ton dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. 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. (10-0)

Selectman Epperson moved Article 20 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson explained the \$70,000 for the truck will be coming out of the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, which was created in 1994.

Mr. Drake asked the balance in the fund.

Town Administrator Bergeron noted the fund has a balance of \$237,425.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 20. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 20 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 20. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 20 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 21.

ARTICLE 21. 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 31:19-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.)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 21 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow turned it over to Town Administrator Bergeron for discussion.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained that this article asks for \$50,000 to be placed in a fund called the Employee Accumulated Leave Fund. This fund is necessary because when an employee leaves their employment with Rye, the Town must pay out certain vacation and sick leave, and associated benefits, which the employee has accumulated. Because it is not certain how many employees in any given year will leave town employment, maintaining a sufficient balance in this fund is necessary. In 2019, the Town paid \$33,954 out of this fund for employee accumulated leave. This does not mean the money will certainly be spent but it holds it in a fund in the event the Town would need it. As of December 31, 2019, the Town has \$184,228 in this fund.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 21.

Mark Epply, 267 Brackett Road, asked if this amount is what they ask for every year to keep a balance that is reasonable or if the Town is playing "catch up" because it was not properly funded in the past.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained the auditors like to see the Town keep about half of what the actual liability would be on any given year. This amount is in keeping with what the Town would need.

Mr. Epply asked if the amount will be \$50,000 every year.

Town Administrator Bergeron replied it is anticipated that would be the amount going forward.

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

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 20 and 21. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Articles 20 and 21 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 22.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) 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. (9-0)

Selectman Winslow moved Article 22 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained this fund was created in 2007 so the Town could pay for major repairs to town buildings as they came up during the course of the year. This article asks for

\$35,000 to be placed into this fund, which is the same amount as last year. This does not mean the money will certainly be spent but holds it in the fund in the event the Town needs it. The Selectmen did not need to expend from this fund in 2019. As of December 31, 2019, this fund had \$122,206.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 22. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 22 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 22. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 22 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 23.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to purchase a new Jaws of Life tool for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. 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. (10-0)

Selectman Epperson moved Article 23 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson stated this article was deferred last year and came back before the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) this year. Fire Chief Cotreau has presented that the Jaws of Life the department currently owns, is not sufficient to extract people from newer technology vehicles. He asked Chief Cotreau to speak to the article.

Fire Chief Mark Cotreau spoke in regard to the current Jaws of Life equipment being used by the Town and how it is used during an emergency situation. He also addressed the request for a new Jaws of Life and the reasons the upgrade is needed.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 23 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 23. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 23 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 24.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future revaluation of the Town at least as often as every fifth year as required by RSA 75:8-a and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)

to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 24 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained that state law requires towns to conduct a property tax assessment revaluation, at a minimum, every five years. Rye's last revaluation was completed in 2017. The Town must therefore complete its next revaluation by 2022. The revaluation process starts in 2021. This article seeks to create a fund for revaluation costs and to put \$30,000 into the fund this year. The cost with the Town's contracted assessors performing a town wide revaluation is estimated to be around \$60,000. Another \$30,000 will need to be raised and appropriated in 2021. Putting aside \$30,000 now spreads the cost out over two years.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 24. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 24 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 24. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 24 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 25.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 22 at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave. 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. (9-0)

Selectman Epperson moved Article 25 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson explained the fund was established in 2018. In 2019, the amount of \$10,192 was spent from this fund for a couple of retirements.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 25. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 25 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 25. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 25 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. 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 Epperson moved Article 26 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson explained that this fund was established in 2018 for the maintenance of the Library. There is a present balance in the fund of \$60,298.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 26. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 26 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 26. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 26 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 27.

ARTICLE 27. 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 ten million three hundred twenty thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$10,320,486)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be nine million five hundred ninety-eight thousand seven hundred forty-four dollars (\$9,598,744) 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. (10-0)

Selectman Winslow moved Article 27 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained the overall operating budget of the Town is broken into two components, the general fund, and special revenue and revolving funds. This year's overall general fund operating budget is \$470,990 over the 2019 budget. Some of the factors contributing to that increase include a 9.33% increase in health insurance premiums, combined with several individual plan changes, translating into an overall cost to the Town of roughly \$133,248. A 2.75%

COLA increase for non-union personnel, step increases and additional part-time staffing, represent an overall increase of \$145,692. Other factors at the department level that contributed to this increase include: an increase of \$13,660 for elections due to the four elections that will be held in 2020; an increase of \$12,108 in general government due to the increase for the new IT provider services; an increase of \$40,000 in paving for Public Works Operations; and an increase of \$49,708 for solid waste disposal, due primarily to an increase in tipping fees and transportation costs. The final balance of the increase in the overall general fund operating budget lies with capital outlay. This year there is an increase in the technology budget of \$18,000 adhering to the new technology plan provided by the Town's new IT providers to replace out of date and aging equipment. Also, a second compactor is needed at the transfer station so the facility will not need to be closed in order to swap out the containers with an associated cost of \$50,000. In funds 2 through 12, which are the special revenue and revolving funds, there is an increase of \$131,000 over last year; however, it is important to remember there is corresponding revenue of at least that much. The default budget this year of \$9,598,744 is primarily last year's approved operating budget, plus or minus any contractual obligations and one-time expenditures. This year, there were increases in all departments for health and dental insurance. There were also increases due to unemployment insurance, safety building repairs, capital outlay and debt service.

Mr. Drake asked if this is the first town budget over ten million.

Moderator Eaton noted that he is seeing uncertainty at the select table.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 27 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 27. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 27 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 28.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the ordinance prepared by General Code, Inc. which revises, consolidates, amends, supplements and codifies all of the present ordinances of the town into one user friendly Town Code. A copy of the code is available for inspection at the Selectmen's office. A link to the code is available on the town website. (Majority vote required.)

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

Selectman Epperson moved Article 28 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Epperson stated this is an attempt to simplify the information that the Town possesses and put it into one main document that could be accessed by citizens and builders. The main reason to codify is to simply get the Town's ordinances and regulations into one place so they are easily accessible. The online code will make it possible to search across all town regulations at once, instead of having to go through different documents as is done now. This process has been adopted

by many municipalities across the State and it has been found to be significantly easier to operate within this system.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 28. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 28 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 28. Seconded by Janice Ireland. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 28 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 29.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE to make it consistent with current practice by adding in Section 2. Rye Beach Precinct the following public ways where no parking has been enforced for many years. (Note: New language *emboldened and italicized.*) (Majority vote required.)

2. Rye Beach Precinct:

I. No parking from Ocean Blvd. to number One Church Road

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 29 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Police Chief Kevin Walsh stated this article is what he would consider housekeeping. This addresses the end of Church Road, in the area of South Road, where it is “one-way do not enter” and this is the one-way out. There is a “no parking” sign in this location that the parking officers have been enforcing. A resident brought it to his attention that it was not on the books. He is looking for this to be reinforced, so should a ticket be contested in court, a judge can see there is a town ordinance supporting that ticket.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 29. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 29 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 29. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 29 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 30.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 3. Jeness Beach Precinct the following public way where no parking on pavement has been enforced for many years, and to authorize permit parking only from Ocean Blvd. to #16 Cable Road. (Note: New language *emboldened and italicized.*) (Majority vote required.)

3. Jeness Beach Precinct:

- q. Cable Road – South side from Ocean Blvd. to #16 Cable Road – No parking on pavement *and permit parking only*; thereafter, no parking.

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 30 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Police Chief Walsh noted this is in the area of 2175 Ocean Boulevard, at the corner of Cable Road, in the location of the white fence. There is usually space for four to five cars, depending on the size. Cable Road and Wallis Road are Rye's two main entrances to the beaches. In looking at Wallis Road, there is permitted parking across the street. This is to match the two main entrances to the beach, so on busy days in the summer, there are enough parking spaces for Rye residents who want to use those specific locations. He continued that the property owner at that location has been suffering from people opening their doors and driving into the white fence that is there. The article is being proposed to match the parking on Wallis Road and to support the property owner in maintaining his property.

Tyler McGill, 22 Perkins Road, stated that he would like to speak to this article and to the remaining parking ordinances, which aim to do the same thing, which is eliminating parking spots completely or changing them to permit parking only. When changes are made to parking, the Town is affecting public access and safety. By eliminating parking, public access to the beaches is eliminated. This is about access, not only about parking, but more importantly, this is an issue of safety. The real concern is the Town is making changes to parking permanent that in fact, make the roads less safe. When changes are made to parking and traffic protocol, there can be very real unintended consequences. There are reasons why there are traffic engineering firms that specialize in parking, safety, traffic flow and access. The Town needs to rely on them and be consistent with how parking changes are implemented in Rye. He continued that parking issues in the Jenness Beach District, Old Beach Road, Cable Road, and other side streets along the beach corridor, are not new. In 2004, residents in these areas tried to eliminate all parking on Old Beach Road. In 2014, these same residents called for all public parking to become resident parking, as the case with Cable Road here. Now, in 2020, there are all the same exact conversations. In 2015, the Town eventually paid thousands of dollars to have Tighe and Bond Engineering complete a parking study along the entire Ocean Boulevard corridor, including Cable Road Extension. The study found that there is not a shortage of residential parking. However, there is a shortage of public parking. They did not recommend altering or eliminating any parking on any of Rye's side streets. Now, five years later, the Town is trying to do the exact opposite of these recommendations by trying to eliminate public parking spaces entirely and convert public parking spaces to resident only parking spaces. This directly contradicts the recommendations in the Tighe and Bond study. This directly impacts public access to the beaches and directly impacts everyone's safety.

Tyler McGill proposed an amendment to this article that states; "This article and any subsequent articles that propose changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study, unless in the case of emergency.

This study shall be commissioned to address the existing parking conditions along Ocean Boulevard corridor and side streets from May 15th to September 15th on peak and non-peak days. All recommended changes to existing parking must equally weigh the impact on non-resident and resident parking alike and the effects on surrounding side streets". Scott Marion seconded the motion to amend.

Moderator Eaton stated he does not think the motion is legal as it attempts to amend other articles following on the warrant. It seeks to bind the authority of future town meetings. He commented that he will hand it over to Town Counsel for his review.

After reviewing the motion, Attorney Donovan stated that he would agree with Moderator Eaton to the extent that this tries to amend subsequent articles, which can't be done. It could purport to amend this article, but this in fact is trying to do the same thing that Petitioned Article 35 is trying to do. He pointed out that he was asked to comment on Petitioned Warrant Article 35; instead, he will make his comments now. He stated RSA 41:11 gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to regulate the use of all public roads in Rye and that includes parking. The town meeting does not really have that authority. Thus, the petitioned article and this particular amendment, to the extent it tries to basically circumvent the Selectmen's authority, when that authority is asserted, it would not be legal if it passes. He commented that he is mostly speaking to the petitioned article but it is basically the same concept. What happens with petitioned articles is they have to go on the ballot, whether they are legal or not, unless they are amended. If they get enacted and they are illegal, it is just something the Board of Selectmen can't implement. If this type of amendment would pass, that seeks to set the standards that the Selectmen would use in proposing warrant articles on parking, it is his opinion that is illegal as well. He continued that when the Selectmen place a parking article on the warrant, like the one being discussed now and the one prior to this, in essence, they are seeking ratification from the voters but only they can put a parking article on the warrant, in his opinion. Parking articles cannot be petitioned on the warrant. Even if the citizens accept that town meeting has the authority and it does not circumvent the Selectmen's authority when a parking regulation is passed, this would purport to tie the hands of future town meetings by saying there has to be certain studies done before parking amendments can be adopted and that would not be possible either, if it were to pass.

Moderator Eaton opened to further discussion.

Mr. Marion stated that he supports the amendment but he has concerns. Further down to Article 31, it is talking about a lot of space. He commented that he loves living in Rye. Traffic does get annoying; however, they are not the residents' beaches alone. They are the State's and everyone's beaches. He thinks it is selfish to restrict access, beyond what is being done for safety. Speaking to Attorney Donovan, he asked why this is on the warrant, if the Selectmen in fact have the authority to do this on their own.

Attorney Donovan stated his understanding is the Selectmen put it on in the nature of ratification because they want to be sure the town voters are comfortable with it. If the town voters voted

against something like this, the Selectmen would then rescind their authority. He reiterated that because it is solely the purview of the Selectmen to regulate parking, only they may put articles onto the warrant on parking. The articles can't be petitioned.

Mr. Marion stated that if the Selectmen would not go forward with this if the voters rejected it, he would contend that it is amendable.

Scott Marion offered a friendly amendment to read: "This article that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study".

Moderator Eaton asked Tyler McGill if he accepts the friendly amendment. **Tyler McGill accepted the friendly amendment.** Moderator Eaton read the proposed amendment, which would add to the end of the warrant article: **"This article that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study, unless in the case of emergency. This study shall be commissioned to address the parking conditions along the Ocean Boulevard corridor and side streets from May 15th to September 15th on peak and non-peak days. All recommended changes to existing parking must equally weigh the impact on non-resident and resident parking alike and the effects on surrounding side streets".**

Attorney Donovan stated another infirmity with the amendment is that there is no appropriation that would be required for the study as well.

Ms. Carbajal stated she is a member of the Rye Beach Committee. She would like it in the record that the Rye Beach Committee, based on day to day observation, suggested this as the only location for no parking. They see no difference between permanent residents versus out-of-state or neighboring communities parking in that location. When it was said that something had to be done for safety, the committee was referring to large oversized vehicles parking there. Most of the time there are three or four with parking tickets because they are on the pavement. There are doors opening into traffic, crosswalks with people coming into Cable Road, and cars going south on Ocean Boulevard. It was felt that this was really the only location. The committee never felt that there was additional need for permit parking. The committee has read what the Tighe and Bond study stated and believe that is the case at this time. They do not believe any additional permit parking is necessary. She noted that from all five members of the committee, that was the only spot in Rye that they felt needed to be looked at, as far as the compact area with the crosswalk, cyclists going down Cable Road with a need to go to the center line because cars are constantly pulling in and backing out trying to turn in a tiny area.

John Bellino, 2136 Ocean Boulevard, stated that every year people come to the meeting with concerns and angst about parking and traffic flow. He thinks the Board of Selectmen recently have acted very prudently with these issues and actually instituted traffic studies; the Dow Lane issue, Perkins Road issue and obviously the Tighe and Bond study back in 2015. There is a lot of emotion

involved in these questions and issues, rightfully so. That emotion needs to be taken out and decisions need to be made based upon the science. That is why the traffic studies, although expensive, certainly warrant consideration.

Mr. Borne stated he is in favor of the intent. Traditionally, he has observed that the Selectboard moves traffic parking to the warrant because they want the voters to weigh in on it. The voters are weighing in now and saying they would like to see the science of the traffic added to that. He would like to see this stay on there. He commented that he has been sitting in Selectboard meetings for a decade. He has observed that when there is no money for something the Selectboard doesn't want to do, there is no money and it doesn't get done. He has also observed, on multiple instances, money being moved around to do something the Selectboard has chosen they want to do. This past November a half a million dollars was applied in surplus to pay down taxes. There is typically money to do things.

Police Chief Walsh stated he has been Rye's Police Chief for thirteen years. The past board and present board have all asked their department heads to be creative in safety and what can be done to anticipate things and come up with best practices. He continued that the Police Department has purchased equipment that the traffic engineers would use in their studies. The department has a staff member that sets up the equipment and the data is analyzed. He noted that they look at the data and consult with the Rye Highway Department, the Fire Chief, State DOT traffic engineers and they also speak specifically with the neighbors, because they live there and see it every day. Putting all that information together, the Public Works Director puts together the details on the types of signage that should be used, best practices, and safest traffic flow. He stated that with parking, speeding, and safety of roads, the Police Department does this analysis consistently with everything. The Selectboard asks for specific facts on why a change should be made on anything. They also ask what can be done today, and moving forward, to make sure there is a budget boundary line with the best and safest ideas for best practices on hand. He noted that he sold the board on this piece of equipment they use consistently and he expects they will continue to use it for years to continue to make things safe. There is a lot of work that gets done. The Selectboard holds each department accountable for specific facts before any change is made at all.

Tyler McGill stated that to potentially avoid the budgetary concerns, he would like to adjust his amendment to say: "the new study or use existing data from the 2015 Tighe and Bond study."

Moderator Eaton reread the proposed amendment:

"This article that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study or the existing study from Tighe and Bond". Moderator Eaton asked Mr. Marion if he agrees with the amendment. Scott Marion confirmed.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on the amendment.

Steve Thayer, 70 Perkins Road, stated that upon reviewing this it seems it is up for debate but not really up for debate. It also looks like this policy is going to affect a certain few people that are fortunate enough to live on that road or on that block. Their property values may or may not go up. He thinks it is on the backs of everyone else that lives in the Town of Rye, who want access and friends and family that want access to the beach, to only represent a certain few in that district so possibly their property values could go up. He thinks it is undemocratic and is not representative of the Town of Rye. He loves this place but it is not a private neighborhood. It is not a gated community. There is a State beach right there. The State only has so many miles of beach. It is a little presumptuous and a little arrogant for a town to say they are going to prohibit the use and access on an actual State beach in order for a certain few to have possibly higher property values.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 30. Hearing none, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Tyler McGill and seconded by Mr. Marion to add the following paragraph to the end of the article:

“This article that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study or the existing study by Tighe and Bond. This study shall be commissioned to address the parking conditions along the Ocean Boulevard corridor and side streets from May 15th to September 15th on peak and non-peak days. All recommended changes to existing parking must equally weigh the impact on non-resident and resident parking alike and the effects on surrounding side streets”. Motion carries by a vote of 39 to 27.

Selectman Winslow moved a friendly amendment to the end of the first sentence (after references to the studies): **“or the recommendation of the Police Chief”**. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Moderator Eaton clarified the friendly amendment would read: **“This article that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study or the existing study from Tighe and Bond or the recommendation of the Police Chief.”**

Selectman Winslow stated the Selectmen rely on the Police Chief, who is trained in safety issues, to address three areas; safety, beach access and crowd control. By taking that responsibility away from him, it invalidates their commitment to town safety. In turn, although the cost of the traffic study was taken away, if they were to put in for a traffic study, it would cost between \$20,000 and \$50,000 every time. The way it currently exists, if the Police Chief sees a very specific safety issue, he comes to the Selectboard and they can make a decision at a selectboard meeting to institute a particular traffic restriction, contingent upon it going to the warrant, and it can be implemented immediately. He continued that without his amendment, the Selectboard would be constrained from making a decision and would have to wait six to nine months after the safety issue exists. It would put the residents of town and visitors at risk. He proposes they add the amendment.

Mr. Thayer asked if there was a specific instance that occurred regarding safety. He asked if someone got hurt because people from out of town were parking on the street.

Police Chief Walsh replied there was no personal injury; however, the property damage has been significant over the years. There has been a lot of proactive enforcement with parking enforcement to try to deter that behavior, which has not been successful. In comparing Cable and Wallis, because they are similar in terms of beach access points, the difference between the two is that Wallis has an extension across the street that has four or five spaces and he is looking to match that, as well as to accommodate the residents who say consistently there is not enough permit parking. He pointed out those are the two main entrances so he is looking to match the two. In looking at it logistically, he thinks it should match Wallis Road.

Mr. Thayer commented that a speed bump on that road might be better than eliminating all parking.

Mr. Marion stated he is concerned about the cumulative effective of Articles 31, 32 and 33. It is a big stretch from Wallis to Concord Point. The articles are collectively talking about a lot of space. He thinks that this is why Mr. McGill referred to the Tighe and Bond study, so that there is a comprehensive approach to look at this entire issue so it is not just piecemealed. People are still going to go to the beach on hot summer days. What is going to happen is they are going to park further away, down narrow roadways. There is always the potential for negative unintended consequences with any policy. By solving one problem, it might be creating another. He respectfully opposes Selectman Winslow's proposed amendment.

Mr. Tyler McGill stated that this Selectboard and previous Boards of Selectmen have used traffic studies. This would be staying with tradition to use outside help, which makes sense. He opposes the amendment by Selectman Winslow.

Selectman Winslow stated he supports the fact that where there are major issues and concerns, there should be a traffic study, which would be expensive but appropriate. To ask for a parking study for every little three spaces would impose a fiscal responsibility upon the tax payers of \$20,000 to \$40,000. The Tighe and Bond study addresses the parking in the beach area. The residents of the Town expect that parking is going to be managed throughout all of Rye, not just in the beach area. That is why the Police Chief needs to be in this process, in order to provide guidance and direction for safety.

Mr. Marion pointed out that when Mr. McGill first proposed this, he was trying to propose it for all the articles at once. On the advice of Attorney Donovan, he had to break it up. The amendment has to be taken article by article. He does not think it is anyone's intent to require a \$30,000 parking study to change three parking spaces.

Jane Ireland called the question. Seconded by Del Record. Moderator Eaton called for a vote to end debate on Selectman Winslow's amendment to Article 30, which was previously amended by Tyler McGill. **Motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on Selectman Winslow's amendment to Article 30 to change the first sentence of the new paragraph to read; **"This article that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study or the existing study by Tighe and Bond or the recommendation of the Police Chief."** Motion passed by a vote of 40 to 24.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 30 as amended. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 30 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 30. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 30 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 31.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 4. Rye Water District, no parking north side of Ocean Blvd. from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd. (Note: New language *emboldened and italicized.*) (Majority vote required.)

4. Rye Water District:

q. North side of Ocean Blvd. no parking from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd.

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 31 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Police Chief Walsh stated this area is currently posted as no parking. The purpose of this ordinance is based on the concerns of the neighbors brought to the Police Department's attention that the area is posted and a town ordinance is needed to support the posting. This is really a housekeeping amendment.

Moderator Eaton asked Chief Walsh if he was planning to amend the article to change the word "north" to "east" or "north bound". **Police Chief Walsh moved to amend Article 31 to change the word "north" to "north bound". Seconded by Shawn Crapo.**

Moderator Eaton read the amendment and called for further discussion. Hearing no further discussion in regards to the amendment, he called for a vote for Article 31 to read; **"North bound side of Ocean Blvd."** Motion passed.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 31. **Hearing none, Moderator Eaton ordered Article 31 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Shawn Crapo moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 31. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 31 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 32.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend section #3. Jenness Beach Precinct, of Ordinance #4, the Parking Ordinance, as currently in place since June 10, 2019 as a temporary Selectman's Ordinance, by adding new subsection c as proposed by the Selectmen. Current subsection c and all other current subsections will be re-lettered accordingly. (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized.***) (Majority vote required.)

4. Jenness Beach Precinct:

- a. Right angle parking at the beach in from of the Sand Piper.
- b. No parking on the north side of Perkins Road from Ocean Boulevard to Big Rock Road.
- c. ***No Parking on south side of Perkins Road at specific driveways, house number 12, 18, map 5 lot 51-1 house number 22, boxes shall begin at the end of specified driveways and be outlined with 4-inch white painted lines. Boxes shall extend 10 feet to the left of a driveway when facing the roadway and 10 feet to the right of a driveway when facing the roadway. The white fog line shall be the outer most line of the "No Parking" box. The words "NO PARKING" shall be painted in white paint within the box.***

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 32 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Police Chief Walsh explained this is a selectmen's ordinance that is in place upon recommendations made by the Perkins Road Safety Committee. This does not take away parking spaces. It reduces a parking space size and makes it safer for people pulling in and out of their driveways on a congested beach day on Perkins Road.

Moderator Eaton asked if anyone would like to amend 'section a' to read; "Right angle parking at the beach in front of the Sand Piper."

Selectman Winslow moved an amendment to change the word "from" (in section a) to "front". Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the proposed amendment. Hearing none, Moderator Eaton called for a vote. **Motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 32.

Dr. Sherman asked how many non-resident parking spaces are being taken away, as a result of this entire plan on Perkins.

Referring to the locations at the edge of the driveways, Police Chief Walsh explained there are no parking spaces being taken away. The size of the spaces are being reduced.

Ryan McGill, 21 Perkins Road, stated that he does not understand how they could not lose parking, if 60 feet on Perkins is being taken away. He asked the Selectboard what professional advice or information they use to make the decision to change the parking from public to resident.

In regards to the number of parking spaces being taken away on Perkins, Selectman Winslow stated that in looking at the location of the mailboxes on two of the properties, nothing has changed, as the mailboxes preclude parking automatically. As far as he is concerned, there has been a loss of one parking spot on Perkins as a result of this.

Ryan McGill asked what information is used to make a decision to change from public to resident parking.

Police Chief Walsh explained that any time he makes a recommendation to change anything to do with parking for safety reasons, he takes input from the neighbors, the Fire Chief, Director of Public Works, the Town staff and data from the National Traffic Safety Standards. He also looks at other towns that may be similar to Rye. He discusses the issue with other department heads and brings it forward to the Selectmen with options for a plan to put into place.

Tyler McGill asked for clarification on what they are voting on.

Police Chief Walsh explained they are only voting on the specific driveways for the parking boxes. Anything else that is there exists in the current ordinance.

Ryan McGill stated Article 32 specifically has a massive effect on Rye, for residents and everyone. The engineered parking study by Tighe and Bond did not indicate significant safety concerns. They also did not recommend the elimination of parking on any side streets off Route 1A. Since the Tighe and Bond study, there has not been a single speeding ticket or accident on Perkins Road. The Perkins Road Safety Committee implemented multiple great changes for Perkins, which will help the area to stay safe. None of the measures suggested by the resident committee come with such massive unintended consequences as adding permanent 10 foot sight lines per driveway. This seemingly simple addition to the permanent parking ordinance, sets the precedent for all other Rye Town roads, which could eliminate up to 60% of resident and non-resident parking. If it is implemented on every road in Rye, it would have a major effect on the residents parking and anyone's access to the beaches. He continued that he hopes to amend this article to not make it a permanent change because it sets a precedent for every road in Rye. He hopes to not only make this temporary, but he thinks the 10 feet on the driveway should be clarified. There could be a driveway with an entrance of 20 feet with another 10 feet added to each side for 40 feet. He believes when the Perkins Road Safety Committee spoke, they mentioned 10 feet from the driveway center right and left.

Ryan McGill moved an amendment to Article 32 to "not make this permanent without a professional engineered parking study".

Moderator Eaton clarified the amendment would add a sentence to the end of the article to say: **"This change will not become permanent until a professional parking study is done."**
Seconded by David Schleyer.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the amendment. Hearing none, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Ryan McGill and seconded by David Schleyer. **Motion passed by a vote of 36 to 22.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 32 as amended.

Referring to the parking study, Ms. Carbajal asked if it can just encompass the individual street in question, versus the entirety of a precinct. She suggested that in the future the Selectboard could think about doing a larger scale study every ten years.

Selectman Winslow replied he is not sure how long the studies are good for, as things change. A study that is done today would have very different results in ten years. He would think a study would be done based on the actions over the next year.

Ms. Carbajal asked if the engineering report can be specific to the area in question.

Mr. Drake asked why an RFP could not be written up for an engineering study for a certain location.

Selectman Winslow replied they certainly can. The question is what the cost will be and if the Town wants to accept the burden of cost.

Mr. Drake stated the question is whether this can be done to keep the cost down, as opposed to having a full-blown big study done.

Selectman Winslow pointed out they have budgeted \$50,000 for a traffic study on the Perkins Road intersection down to the Sea Road intersection, but that does not include coming back down Perkins Road. If the budget is approved at the March election, at that time an RFP will go out. He continued that the Selectmen do not want to come across as not wanting to have access to the beaches. They certainly want access to the beaches, whether it be Rye residents or non-residents. This is being done on the basis of safety.

A resident from Perkins Road asked what the restrictions are from one mark to the next, with regards to the sight lines. He asked what is keeping a homeowner from feathering out their driveway another 5 or 10 feet and allowing those sight lines to bump out even further.

Selectman Winslow explained the warrant articles take into account the Town's zoning ordinances. If someone wants to enhance the width of their driveway, they have to go before the zoning board.

Frank Drake moved the question. Seconded by Dr. Dibble.

Moderator Eaton recognized Ryan McGill who wished to speak to an amendment that was brought up by him, but tabled to address one motioned amendment at a time.

Ryan McGill stated it would clarify for everyone if it was 10 feet from the center of the driveway facing oncoming traffic.

Ryan McGill moved to amend Article 32 to say: “boxes shall extend 10 feet from the center of the driveway to the left when facing the roadway.” And delete “10 feet to the right of a driveway when facing the roadway”. Seconded by Tyler McGill.

Moderator Eaton asked for further discussion on the proposed amendment.

Mr. Crapo stated he would like to hear from Chief Walsh as to how the current laws allow him to enforce this. For example, can a car be ticketed that hangs over the white line? If this goes through, there will be a box right at the edge of the right side of the driveway. Can a vehicle be ticketed if the trailer hitch on a vehicle sticks out into the driveway, but the tires are within the box.

Police Chief Walsh confirmed that a ticket could be written.

Selectman Winslow stated he appreciates the concerns of wanting to open up as much access to the beach as possible. The warrant article was based upon recommendations made by the Chief with regard to safety issues. Speaking to Chief Walsh, he asked if this proposal would provide the safety needed for the residents on Perkins Road.

Police Chief Walsh replied that when the traffic boxes were done on Ocean Boulevard, it was 10 feet to the right and 20 feet to the left. Perkins Road is a residential road and not a State highway, so 10 feet on either side of the driveway is fair to reduce the parking size and allow for safety. There is no disputing that Perkins Road is a busy road on beach days with vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles. The Perkins Road Safety Committee took a lot of information from the Perkins Road residents and one of their top priorities was safety.

Hearing no further discussion on the amendment to Article 32 proposed by Ryan McGill and seconded by Tyler McGill, Moderator Eaton restated the motion to amend and called for a vote. **Motion failed by a vote of 22 to 29.**

Moderator Eaton noted that Mr. Drake has moved the question which was seconded by Dr. Dibble. He called for a vote on the motion to end debate on Article 32. **Motion passed. Moderator Eaton ordered Article 32 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Shawn Crapo moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 32. Seconded by Selectman Winslow. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 32 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 33.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding new Section 14 as proposed by the Selectmen as follows: (Majority vote required.)

Section 14. "Posted Parking – it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked on any public way in the Town of Rye where signs have been posted restricting parking.

- a. No vehicle shall be parked in areas designated as "No Parking" by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Rye and/or by signs and/or paint on road surfaces indicating a "No Parking" area.
- b. Central Road - "No Parking" areas are at 787 Central Road, 799 Central Road, 805 Central Road, 815 Central Road, 825 Central Road, 833 Central Road between Midnight Saturday to Sunday at Midnight."

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 33 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Police Chief Walsh noted this started back in 2014 with the neighbors of St. Theresa's who were having issues seeing out of their driveways during masses on Saturday and Sunday. Vehicles were parking in front of the church during those times. The Police Department worked with the church staff over a two year period to try to change that behavior but were not successful. This ordinance has been put together based on safety concerns.

Frank Drake moved the question. Moderator Eaton called the motion out of order as there has not been any discussion or debate, as required by RSA 40:13.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 33. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 33 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 33. Seconded by Dr. Dibble. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 33 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 34.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11 of the Beach Ordinance as follows: (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized.***) (Majority vote required.)

Section 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 Odiorne State Park, where dogs and people are allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12 midnight.

4. ***Dogs are not permitted on Town beaches on Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the Saturday after Labor Day. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiorne State Park.***

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 34 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow noted the Selectboard chartered a Dog Committee. The group met for about six months and this was one of the recommendations that came from that committee. This was tried for a year and it seemed to work, according to the Animal Control Officer and Chief Walsh and from people who had dogs. This is being brought back for approval.

Mark Epply, 267 Brackett Road, stated that in the italicized print where it says "Saturday", to be consistent with the first paragraph it should say "the first Saturday".

Mark Epply moved an amendment to add to the language of the first sentence "from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day". He also asked Attorney Donovan if he thinks it is necessary to add the words "where dogs and people are allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12 midnight" to be consistent with the first paragraph.

Attorney Donovan replied he does not think it is necessary.

Scott Marion seconded the proposed amendment made by Mr. Epply.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion. Hearing none, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the proposed amendment to Article 34 to insert the word "first" before the word Saturday in the italicized section of the article. **Motion passed.**

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 34 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 34. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 34 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 35.

ARTICLE 35. (By Petition) The Town of Rye has a long history of holding land in trust for the general public to promote the use and enjoyment of public lands, including beaches, in and about the Town of Rye. To uphold this tradition and transfer accessibility to future generations, this warrant article outlines protocols for conserving public access to the Town of Rye's beaches. Accordingly, we ask the citizens of Rye to reaffirm their commitment to open access for visitors and residents alike.

Parking Ordinance

1. The Town of Rye, New Hampshire shall not amend, modify or change (the "Modification") the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance, unless such Modification is specifically recommended for the purpose of safety by a duly commissioned third-party traffic study conducted by a licensed traffic engineer, and such recommendations are adopted through the warrant article process provided by the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

2. The Town of Rye shall add the following preamble to the Parking Ordinance:

“The Town of Rye, New Hampshire, specifically acknowledges that ocean, beach and water access is the fundamental right of all people, including residents of Rye, the residents of the State of New Hampshire, and all visitors thereto. Rye further acknowledges that parking near or adjacent to the ocean directly impacts ocean, beach, and water access. Pursuant to this ordinance, Rye shall preserve, maintain, and when possible, create parking spaces for residents and nonresidents alike on all roads, streets, and public ways where motor vehicles are operated.”

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

Moderator Eaton stated it is his opinion that if this article is adopted by the voters, at least as far as subparagraph 1 is concerned, the article would be unenforceable because voters in one year cannot take action that would bind voters in a future year.

Jim MacBride moved to bring Article 35 to the floor for discussion. Seconded by Melissa MacBride.

Melissa MacBride, 521 Washington Road, stated that she is representing Rye residents who signed to put this warrant on the ballot. She is also representing neighbors and friends from surrounding communities who enjoy the beaches and also the volunteer groups who volunteer to pick up the trash on Rye’s beaches. In order for people to come to the beaches and enjoy them, they obviously need to have places to park. If there is going to be consideration on reducing or eliminating parking on side streets, there is going to be an impact to Ocean Boulevard. It is only going to get more congested and it will raise a bigger safety issue. She would like everyone to remember the beach is public. It is not private. Other communities are looking at these issues and how Rye responds to them. The last thing the Town should be doing is limiting access, rather than maintaining it for everybody.

Shawn Crapo moved to amend Article 35 by striking all the language after the word “alike” and pick back up at “Rye shall preserve, maintain, and when possible, create parking spaces for residents and nonresidents alike on all roads, streets, and public ways where motor vehicles are operated.” Seconded by Lori Carbajal.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on the amendment.

Referring to the words “Rye shall preserve”, Selectman Winslow asked if this means that parking cannot be changed in any way.

Speaking to Mr. Crapo, Moderator Eaton asked if he would accept a friendly amendment to have that sentence read: “When possible, Rye shall preserve, maintain and create...” Mr. Crapo agreed to the friendly amendment. Ms. Carbajal accepted the amendment.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Mr. Crapo’s amendment to Article 35.

Tyler McGill asked for Moderator Eaton to reread the proposal.

Moderator Eaton read as follows:

ARTICLE 35. (By Petition) The Town of Rye has a long history of holding land in trust for the general public to promote the use and enjoyment of public lands, including beaches, in and about the Town of Rye. To uphold this tradition and transfer accessibility to future generations, this warrant article outlines protocols for conserving public access to the Town of Rye's beaches. Accordingly, we ask the citizens of Rye to reaffirm their commitment to open access for visitors and residents alike.

"When possible, Rye shall preserve, maintain and create parking spaces for residents and nonresidents alike on all roads, streets, and public ways where motor vehicles are operated."

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion.

Dr. Sherman asked why this amendment is being proposed.

Mr. Crapo explained that it is an unenforceable article as proposed. Also, as discussed for the last 2.5 hours, the Selectmen have the ultimate decision on the parking. He thinks they have gotten the point across and this further gets the point across that they are to study it and take safety and concerns into play.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on the amendment proposed by Shawn Crapo. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the amendment to Article 35. **Motion passed.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 35 as amended. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton order Article 35 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 35. Seconded by Selectman Epperson. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 35 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 36.

ARTICLE 36. (By Petition) To vote to reallocate parking along the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road and on the east side of Old Beach Road from general parking to Resident Only Beach Permitted Parking in accordance with the existing Beach Parking Ordinance for the Town.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-0-1)

Moderator Eaton stated that one of the presenters of this article Karen Vose called and asked if the article could be withdrawn because she was going to be out of town, to which he said it could not.

Shawn Crapo moved Article 36 to the floor. Seconded by Sally King.

Robert Strauten, 99 Old Beach Road, stated that he missed the registration deadline for voting, so after a brief non-residency, he is not able to recommend an amendment.

Moderator Eaton asked if anyone objects to this gentleman speaking. No objections were heard. Moderator Eaton allowed Mr. Strauten to continue.

Mr. Strauten stated that some of the residents on Old Beach Road have small driveways with limited parking. If this ordinance was to be accepted as it is, after seventeen years of living on Old Beach Road, his friends and out of town family would no longer be able to park right in front of his house. This article does not solve a problem and serves no useful purpose. It hurts people and families who have been there for a long time.

Shawn Crapo moved an amendment to Article 36 to state as follows; "To vote to ask the Selectmen to study the need and consequences of reallocating parking along the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road on the east side of Old Beach Road from general parking to Resident Only Beach Permitted Parking in accordance with the existing Beach Parking Ordinance for the Town." Seconded by Mae Bradshaw.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the amendment from Mr. Crapo.

Dr. Sherman stated he agrees with the amendment; however, he has an amendment also. He continued that when he first moved to Rye, he lived on Breakers Road. If parking is taken away from Old Beach Road and Locke Road, on the east side of Ocean Boulevard, it is not going to take away the tourists who are coming. They are going to be shifted across Ocean Boulevard. The two things that concern him is that he does not think they need more "resident only" parking. Certainly, if it is needed, it is needed on the weekends and not during the week. He could see that Breakers Road would be jammed with people on a beautiful weekday but all of Old Beach Road and along Locke there would be no cars. Maybe on a weekend the residents would show up. He thinks this needs to be studied. The Town needs to come at this with data. They need to be sure that these kinds of proposed articles are really being based on the knowledge of the total impact, and not just the beach, but on those who live on the west side of the road. He noted that everything is shifting west. Tourists are not being decreased. They are just being moved inland for parking. That is a big concern to him. He would like to see any decisions that are made be made with all the data on the full impact to the inland neighborhoods.

Mr. Bellino stated his concern is that they look at the facts. In 2019, there have been less than five complaints in the Town of Rye about the lack of resident parking. The Tighe and Bond study itself had no issue with resident parking. What he finds interesting is the petition itself. In looking at the resident signatures, twenty-two of those signatures came from residents on Locke Road and surrounding streets around. There were other signatures from people who could walk to access the beach. If Rye resident parking is needed, someone has to prove it to him and the Town. There is nothing here to substantiate that more resident parking is needed, as of right now.

Referring to the amendment, and the word "study", Selectman Winslow asked Mr. Crapo if he is saying a traffic study or just a general study.

Mr. Crapo stated that the way the law is right now, twenty-five people with signatures can try to rewrite a law in town. That is what has been attempted here. He explained that he is trying to put it back to the Selectmen. The study could be a five minute public hearing or it could be a Tighe and Bond study and it could be decided to do nothing or to switch all the parking spaces. The sole purpose of the amendment is to make it back to the way it is supposed to be, so the Selectmen are evaluating and putting forth any future warrant article to either change or maintain the status of these spaces.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on the amendment to Article 36. Hearing none, he called for a vote to amend Article 36 to read as follows:

“To vote to ask the Selectmen to study the need and consequences of reallocating parking on the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road on the east side of Old Beach Road from general parking to Resident Only Beach Permitted Parking in accordance with the existing Beach Parking Ordinance for the Town.” Motion passed.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 36 as amended. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 36 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

Selectman Winslow moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 36. Seconded by Mae Bradshaw. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Article 36 hereby restricted.

Moderator Eaton read Article 37.

ARTICLE 37. 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 2020.

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

Selectman Epperson moved Article 37 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Winslow.

Selectmen Epperson explained this merely gives the Selectboard the authority to sell to the highest bidder at public auction or by sealed bid, any surplus equipment that is not traded for new equipment in 2020.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 37 to appear on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 38.

ARTICLE 38. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

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

Selectman Winslow moved Article 38 to the floor. Seconded by Selectman Epperson.

Selectman Winslow thanked Moderator Eaton for his hard work. The Town looks forward to having him serve in the same position for the next two years.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered the meeting adjourned.**

Moderator Eaton adjourned the Deliberative Session at 2:45 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Donna DeCotis

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Proposed Budget
Rye

For the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: JANUARY 27, 2020

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
DOUGLAS K ABRAMS	MEMBER	<i>Douglas K Abrams</i>
Shawn Crapo	RP/D AHERN	<i>Shawn Crapo</i>
Peggy Balkan	School Member	<i>Peggy Balkan</i>
Scott K Martin	SELECTION REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Scott K Martin</i>
Philip D Winston	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER	<i>Philip D Winston</i>
KEVIN BRANDON	Budget Committee Member	<i>Kevin Brandon</i>
JEFF ROSS	Member	<i>Jeff Ross</i>
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General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	27	\$203,897	\$236,562	\$285,195	\$0	\$285,195	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	27	\$18,526	\$20,995	\$34,755	\$0	\$34,755	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	27	\$576,376	\$593,808	\$614,073	\$0	\$614,073	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	27	\$151,942	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	27	\$164,228	\$165,925	\$170,416	\$0	\$170,416	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	27	\$158,136	\$205,361	\$210,237	\$0	\$210,237	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	27	\$119,875	\$120,258	\$126,595	\$0	\$126,595	\$0
4196	Insurance	27	\$127,686	\$157,721	\$164,263	\$0	\$164,263	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	27	\$56,371	\$56,371	\$56,440	\$0	\$56,440	\$0
4199	Other General Government	27	\$106,966	\$102,100	\$114,280	\$0	\$114,280	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$1,684,003	\$1,789,101	\$1,906,254	\$0	\$1,906,254	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	27	\$1,353,635	\$1,472,956	\$1,536,125	\$0	\$1,536,125	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	27	\$126,029	\$131,672	\$135,749	\$0	\$135,749	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	27	\$1,446,764	\$1,513,399	\$1,568,151	\$0	\$1,568,151	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	27	\$202,309	\$234,721	\$236,450	\$0	\$239,050	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$7,290	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$0	\$11,500	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$3,136,027	\$3,364,248	\$3,487,975	\$0	\$3,490,575	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	27	\$1,216,831	\$1,316,183	\$1,374,305	\$1,374,305	\$1,374,305	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	27	\$11,946	\$10,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$1,228,777	\$1,326,183	\$1,379,805	\$1,379,805	\$1,379,805	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	27	\$282,675	\$251,782	\$267,385	\$267,385	\$267,385	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	27	\$222,053	\$208,327	\$258,035	\$258,035	\$258,035	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sanitation Subtotal		\$504,728	\$460,109	\$525,420	\$525,420	\$525,420	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Health								
4411	Administration	27	\$5,453	\$5,485	\$5,590	\$0	\$5,590	\$0
4414	Pest Control	27	\$104,944	\$116,185	\$130,214	\$0	\$130,214	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$110,397	\$121,670	\$135,804	\$0	\$135,804	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	27	\$29,946	\$46,600	\$36,300	\$0	\$36,300	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Welfare Subtotal		\$29,946	\$46,600	\$36,300	\$0	\$36,300	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	27	\$384,020	\$417,569	\$457,311	\$0	\$457,311	\$0
4550-4559	Library	27	\$701,125	\$694,986	\$717,143	\$0	\$717,143	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	27	\$10,066	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$0	\$10,700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	27	\$3,203	\$5,660	\$14,160	\$0	\$14,160	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$1,098,414	\$1,128,915	\$1,199,314	\$0	\$1,199,314	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	27	\$41,473	\$90,400	\$83,000	\$0	\$83,000	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$41,473	\$90,400	\$83,000	\$0	\$83,000	\$0



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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	27	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$347,369	\$0	\$347,369	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	27	\$78,896	\$78,896	\$77,135	\$0	\$77,135	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	27	\$0	\$2	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	27	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$442,896	\$442,898	\$424,506	\$0	\$424,506	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	27	\$152,212	\$228,191	\$288,327	\$0	\$288,327	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$152,212	\$228,191	\$288,327	\$0	\$288,327	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	27	\$432,916	\$431,240	\$558,473	\$0	\$528,472	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$170,647	\$288,591	\$322,709	\$0	\$322,709	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$603,563	\$719,831	\$881,182	\$0	\$851,181	\$0
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations			\$10,347,887	\$10,347,887	\$0	\$10,320,486	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectment's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectment's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	06	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: three million dollar bond for conservation land ac</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	20	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To Purchase a new dump truck</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	23	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To purchase a new jaws of life tool</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$390,000	\$0	\$390,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To establish a CRF, add \$390,000 and name the sele</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate \$100,000 to add to the Hi</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate \$100,000 to the Fire & Arm</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	24	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to establish a CRF and raise and appropriate funds</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	21	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to th</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	22	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate \$35,000 to be added to Th</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	25	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be added to th</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	26	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be added to the</i>					
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$3,825,000	\$0	\$3,825,000	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Purpose	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for 12/31/2020 (Not Recommended)
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	12		\$17,778	\$0	\$17,778	\$0
			<i>Purpose: CBA agreement between the town and firefighters as</i>				
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	14		\$18,241	\$0	\$18,241	\$0
			<i>Purpose: CBA between the Town and Rye Town Employees Associ</i>				
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	16		\$21,331	\$0	\$21,331	\$0
			<i>Purpose: CBA between the Town and the Rye Police Associatio</i>				
4199	Other General Government	11		\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000	\$0
			<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate \$350,000 to prep a site f</i>				
4312	Highways and Streets	10		\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$0
			<i>Purpose: to authorize the selectmen to apply for a grant an</i>				
4901	Land	08		\$15,600	\$0	\$15,600	\$0
			<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate \$15,600 for surveying and</i>				
Total Proposed Individual Articles				\$1,222,950	\$0	\$1,222,950	\$0



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		Revenues		
Account	Source	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$253,255	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$28,410	\$28,000	\$28,000
3187	Excavation Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$49,415	\$51,000	\$51,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal	\$331,080	\$79,000	\$79,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$1,020	\$750	\$750
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,638,429	\$1,533,650	\$1,533,650
3230	Building Permits	\$366,206	\$300,000	\$300,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$45,375	\$44,210	\$44,210
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$11,722	\$0	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal	\$2,062,752	\$1,878,610	\$1,878,610
State Sources				
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	\$21,346	\$22,975	\$22,975
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$278,678	\$280,000	\$280,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$140,210	\$138,000	\$138,000
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)	\$5,104	\$500,000	\$500,000
3379	From Other Governments	\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal	\$445,338	\$940,975	\$940,975



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Selectment's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	27	\$363,307	\$314,510	\$314,510
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$363,307	\$314,510	\$314,510
			Charges for Services Subtotal		
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	27, 09	\$0	\$780,000	\$780,000
3502	Interest on Investments	27	\$62,326	\$50,000	\$50,000
3503-3509	Other	27	\$43,157	\$14,950	\$14,950
			\$105,483	\$844,950	\$844,950
			Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$123,000	\$0	\$0
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)	27	\$395,416	\$400,000	\$400,000
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	27	\$381,696	\$300,000	\$300,000
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	27, 20, 23	\$369,000	\$210,000	\$210,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$1,269,112	\$910,000	\$910,000
			Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	06	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$11,714	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$500,000	\$0	\$0
			\$511,714	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
			Other Financing Sources Subtotal		
			\$5,088,786	\$7,968,045	\$7,968,045
			Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		



Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$10,347,887	\$10,320,486
Special Warrant Articles	\$3,825,000	\$3,825,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$1,222,950	\$1,222,950
Total Appropriations	\$15,395,837	\$15,368,436
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$7,968,045	\$7,968,045
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$7,427,792	\$7,400,391



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$15,368,436
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$347,369
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$77,135
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>)	\$424,504
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$14,943,932
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$1,494,393
 Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$57,350
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$57,350
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
 Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</i>	
	\$16,862,829



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Select Board
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, 2018, 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 entity'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 entity'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, 2018, the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Notes 1-P and 13 to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2018 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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Other Matters

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

Required Supplementary Information – Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefit Plan Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

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.

January 31, 2020

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EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2018

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,922,527	\$ 103,084	\$ 2,096,613	\$ 11,122,224
Investments	1,477,037	3,703,485	51,040	5,231,562
Receivables:				
Taxes	848,267	-	-	848,267
Accounts (net)	61,390	-	43,027	104,417
Intergovernmental	5,761	-	-	5,761
Interfund receivable	55,938	-	-	55,938
Voluntary tax liens	250,948	-	-	250,948
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(250,948)	-	-	(250,948)
Inventory	5,774	-	-	5,774
Total assets	\$ 11,376,694	\$ 3,806,569	\$ 2,190,680	\$ 17,373,943
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 52,967	\$ -	\$ 18,498	\$ 71,465
Accrued salaries and benefits	73,567	-	3,546	77,113
Intergovernmental payable	5,926,860	-	-	5,926,860
Interfund payable	-	36,302	19,636	55,938
Total liabilities	6,053,394	36,302	41,680	6,131,376
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	387,915	-	-	387,915
Unavailable revenue - Grants received in advance	-	-	2,615	2,615
Total deferred inflows of resources	387,915	-	2,615	390,530
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	5,774	3,742,414	-	3,748,188
Restricted	542,601	27,853	27,035	597,489
Committed	1,242,774	-	2,132,448	3,375,222
Assigned	508,714	-	-	508,714
Unassigned	2,635,522	-	(13,098)	2,622,424
Total fund balances	4,935,385	3,770,267	2,146,385	10,852,037
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 11,376,694	\$ 3,806,569	\$ 2,190,680	\$ 17,373,943

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 - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2018

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 10,852,037
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost	\$ 60,848,681	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(26,323,091)</u>	
		34,525,590
Pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current year, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds as follows:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 1,110,114	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(374,863)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	118,342	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(2,405)</u>	
		851,188
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.		
Receivables	\$ (55,938)	
Payables	<u>55,938</u>	
		-
Long-term revenue (taxes) is not available to pay current-period expenditures, and therefore, is deferred in the governmental funds.		105,996
Allowance for uncollectible property taxes that is recognized on a full accrual basis, but not on the modified accrual basis.		(18,500)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(28,552)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Bonds	\$ 1,544,000	
Unamortized bond premium	188,469	
Compensated absences	548,014	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	450,000	
Net pension liability	6,964,742	
Other postemployment benefits	<u>2,419,825</u>	
		<u>(12,115,050)</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ 34,172,709</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, 2018

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 6,518,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,518,638
Licenses and permits	1,871,672	-	-	1,871,672
Intergovernmental	453,235	-	59,443	512,678
Charges for services	300,161	-	648,809	948,970
Miscellaneous	189,922	(211,128)	81,076	59,870
Total revenues	<u>9,333,628</u>	<u>(211,128)</u>	<u>789,328</u>	<u>9,911,828</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,722,625	100,111	1,552	1,824,288
Public safety	3,094,917	-	111,776	3,206,693
Highways and streets	1,225,406	-	-	1,225,406
Sanitation	469,112	-	224,088	693,200
Health	106,142	-	-	106,142
Welfare	24,691	-	-	24,691
Culture and recreation	1,089,702	-	214,431	1,304,133
Conservation	67,441	-	300,880	368,321
Debt service:				
Principal	305,000	-	-	305,000
Interest	62,196	-	-	62,196
Capital outlay	463,563	-	109,035	572,598
Total expenditures	<u>8,630,795</u>	<u>100,111</u>	<u>961,762</u>	<u>9,692,668</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>702,833</u>	<u>(311,239)</u>	<u>(172,434)</u>	<u>219,160</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	26,786	-	-	26,786
Transfers out	-	(26,786)	-	(26,786)
Bond proceeds	250,000	-	300,000	550,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>276,786</u>	<u>(26,786)</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	979,619	(338,025)	127,566	769,160
Fund balances, beginning, as restated (see Note 17)	3,955,766	4,108,292	2,018,819	10,082,877
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 4,935,385</u>	<u>\$ 3,770,267</u>	<u>\$ 2,146,385</u>	<u>\$ 10,852,037</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, 2018*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 6,447,261	\$ 6,306,133	\$ (141,128)
Land use change	-	73,255	73,255
Payment in lieu of taxes	24,849	52,454	27,605
Interest and penalties on taxes	51,500	56,968	5,468
Total from taxes	<u>6,523,610</u>	<u>6,488,810</u>	<u>(34,800)</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	500	975	475
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,534,100	1,619,072	84,972
Building permits	175,000	205,817	30,817
Other	44,815	45,808	993
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,754,415</u>	<u>1,871,672</u>	<u>117,257</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	279,464	279,464	-
Highway block grant	138,590	138,512	(78)
Water pollution grants	-	5,000	5,000
Other	15,669	23,795	8,126
Federal:			
Other	6,375	6,464	89
Total from intergovernmental	<u>440,098</u>	<u>453,235</u>	<u>13,137</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	244,075	300,161	56,086
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	1,500	-	(1,500)
Interest on investments	25,000	52,017	27,017
Other	43,644	66,935	23,291
Total from miscellaneous	<u>70,144</u>	<u>118,952</u>	<u>48,808</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	45,000	-	(45,000)
Bond proceeds	280,000	250,000	(30,000)
Total other financing sources	<u>325,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>(75,000)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 9,357,342</u>	<u>\$ 9,482,830</u>	<u>\$ 125,488</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, 2018*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 229,170	\$ 223,953	\$ -	\$ 5,217
Election and registration	-	30,695	20,939	-	9,756
Financial administration	-	583,690	576,050	-	7,640
Legal	-	108,000	242,132	-	(134,132)
Planning and zoning	-	162,223	156,567	-	5,656
General government buildings	8,770	171,454	142,727	16,661	20,836
Cemeteries	-	115,006	1,448	-	113,558
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	165,027	162,027	-	3,000
Advertising and regional associations	-	56,371	56,371	-	-
Other	-	71,700	73,509	-	(1,809)
Total general government	8,770	1,693,336	1,655,723	16,661	29,722
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,410,332	1,286,857	-	123,475
Ambulance	-	125,865	112,097	1,880	11,888
Fire	16,740	1,427,544	1,457,874	2,300	(15,890)
Building inspection	-	253,080	222,823	-	30,257
Emergency management	-	11,500	15,266	-	(3,766)
Total public safety	16,740	3,228,321	3,094,917	4,180	145,964
Highways and streets:					
Highways and streets	15,305	1,222,277	1,144,027	60,306	33,249
Bridges	-	75,000	75,000	-	-
Street lighting	-	10,000	6,379	-	3,621
Total highways and streets	15,305	1,307,277	1,225,406	60,306	36,870
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	26,280	230,248	270,463	15,000	(28,935)
Solid waste disposal	-	185,000	195,348	5,000	(15,348)
Total sanitation	26,280	415,248	465,811	20,000	(44,283)
Water distribution and treatment	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
Health:					
Administration	-	5,485	5,418	-	67
Pest control	-	101,809	100,724	-	1,085
Total health	-	107,294	106,142	-	1,152
Welfare:					
Administration and direct assistance	-	40,000	24,691	-	15,309
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	7,603	382,481	378,523	9,350	2,211
Library	-	655,289	656,200	-	(911)
Patriotic purposes	-	10,700	9,737	-	963
Other	-	5,100	3,432	-	1,668
Total culture and recreation	7,603	1,053,570	1,047,892	9,350	3,931
Conservation	28,500	90,600	67,441	38,406	13,253

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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, 2018

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	305,000	305,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	62,496	62,196	-	300
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	100	-	-	100
Other	-	100	-	-	100
Total debt service	-	367,696	367,196	-	500
Capital outlay	80,112	734,000	463,563	359,811	(9,262)
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	290,000	290,000	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 183,310</u>	<u>\$ 9,357,342</u>	<u>\$ 8,808,782</u>	<u>\$ 508,714</u>	<u>\$ 223,156</u>

SCHEDULE 3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018

Unassigned fund balance, beginning, as restated (see Note 17) (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		\$ 2,225,814
2018 Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 125,488	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	223,156	
2018 Budget surplus		348,644
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance		8,691
Increase in restricted fund balance		(10,131)
Decrease in assigned fund balance (non-encumbrance)		150,000
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		2,723,018
<i>Reconciliation on Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis</i>		
To record deferred property taxes not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year-end, not recognized on a budgetary basis		(105,996)
Elimination of the allowance for uncollectible taxes		18,500
Unassigned fund balance, ending, GAAP basis (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 2,635,522

SCHEDULE 4
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds										Total
	Sewer	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Beach Cleaning	Ambulance	Parsonage	Conservation Commission	
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,124,593	\$ 2,615	\$ 13,675	\$ 59,043	\$ 27,035	\$ 395,223	\$ -	\$ 218,090	\$ 35,340	\$ 220,999	\$ 2,096,613
Investments	51,040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,040
Accounts receivable (net)	13,042	-	15,255	-	-	13,795	-	-	935	-	43,027
Total assets	\$ 1,188,675	\$ 2,615	\$ 28,930	\$ 59,043	\$ 27,035	\$ 409,018	\$ -	\$ 218,090	\$ 36,275	\$ 220,999	\$ 2,190,680
LIABILITIES											
Accounts payable	\$ 18,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,498
Accrued salaries and benefits	987	-	768	-	-	1,791	-	-	-	-	3,546
Interfund payable	6,538	-	-	-	-	-	13,098	-	-	-	19,636
Total liabilities	26,023	-	768	-	-	1,791	13,098	-	-	-	41,680
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES											
Unavailable revenue - Grants received in advance	-	2,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,615
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)											
Restricted	-	-	-	-	27,035	-	-	-	-	-	27,035
Committed	1,162,652	-	28,162	59,043	-	407,227	-	218,090	36,275	220,999	2,132,448
Unassigned deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,098)	-	-	-	(13,098)
Total fund balances (deficit)	1,162,652	-	28,162	59,043	27,035	407,227	(13,098)	218,090	36,275	220,999	2,146,385
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,188,675	\$ 2,615	\$ 28,930	\$ 59,043	\$ 27,035	\$ 409,018	\$ -	\$ 218,090	\$ 36,275	\$ 220,999	\$ 2,190,680

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, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds											Total
	Sewer	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Beach Cleaning	Ambulance	Parsonage	Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	
REVENUES												
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 59,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,443
Charges for services	266,255	-	110,784	31,377	7,564	198,741	34,088	-	-	-	-	648,809
Miscellaneous	4,322	752	-	2,520	7,774	-	-	50,169	12,018	3,521	-	81,076
Total revenues	270,577	60,195	110,784	33,897	15,338	198,741	34,088	50,169	12,018	3,521	-	789,328
EXPENDITURES												
Current:												
General government	-	752	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	1,552
Public safety	-	-	84,567	27,209	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111,776
Sanitation	224,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	224,088
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	1,225	183,500	29,706	-	-	-	-	214,431
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,880	-	300,880
Capital outlay	-	59,443	47,096	-	-	2,496	-	-	-	-	-	109,035
Total expenditures	224,088	60,195	131,663	27,209	1,225	185,996	29,706	-	-	301,680	-	961,762
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	46,489	-	(20,879)	6,688	14,113	12,745	4,382	50,169	12,018	(298,159)	-	(172,434)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES												
Debt proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Net change in fund balances	46,489	-	(20,879)	6,688	14,113	12,745	4,382	50,169	12,018	1,841	-	127,566
Fund balances, beginning	1,116,163	-	49,041	52,355	12,922	394,482	(17,480)	167,921	24,257	219,158	-	2,018,819
Fund balances, ending	\$ 1,162,652	\$ -	\$ 28,162	\$ 59,043	\$ 27,035	\$ 407,227	\$ (13,098)	\$ 218,090	\$ 36,275	\$ 220,999	\$ -	\$ 2,146,385



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To the Members of the Board of Selectmen:

This is to advise you that as of February 12, 2020 the audit of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2019 has not started, however, we anticipate completing the Annual Audit in April 2020.

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Sincerely,

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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, Ed Tinker and Paul Moreau. 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, 570 properties were viewed as a result of building permits, site changes, owner requests or incomplete construction at the time of the last visit. The net taxable assessment change as a result of these and cyclical property reviews for the 2019 tax year was roughly \$13,500,000,000. Currently there are around 460 properties to be reviewed due to new building permits being issued or incomplete construction at the time of the prior inspection. In addition, MRI staff will be reviewing additional properties as part of the continuing cyclical review to verify the physical information contained on the current assessing property record cards.

The Department of Revenue Administration's review of sales information was completed and the Town's assessment ratio for the 2019 tax year is 86.4%.

Individual property information, exemptions and veteran tax credit information may be obtained by visiting the assessing office or on-line by following the link on the Town's website www.townofrye.nh.us

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Marsh, CNHA
Municipal Resources
Contracted Assessor's Agents

A glimpse into our past: *Rye on the Rocks*, William M. Varrell, Jr., 1962

ACQUISITION OF LAND IN RYE.....1648

"Evidentially the settlement on the Piscataqua attained a higher degree of stability under the Puritan rule of Massachusetts than it had previously experienced for in the late 1640s we have the first record of formal land ownership in what is now Rye. These first grants appear to have been quite orderly by today's standards. William Berry received the first grant of 50 acres in what is now Rye in 1648. This was followed by similar awards to Robert Purdington and Anthony Brackett who in 1649 also received grants in the area of "Salt Water Brook". Thomas Walford who had come to the area by reason of being banished from the town of Charlestown, Massachusetts, received another grant in the same area. It is interesting to note that this brook which was the center of activity in what is now Rye, is today but a muddy channel commonly referred to as Stink Creek, meeting the sea just north of Concord Point."

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.

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. Some of the parking issues have been explored but there are still many issues that must be addressed. The town of Rye must continue to take some serious steps to deter people from parking illegally. The committee received numerous e-mails and many residents expressed their frustration of cars parking "everywhere". **The Committee recommends:**

- Continue to address increasing the parking fines for illegally parking in permit parking only and consider hiring a towing company to tow cars that are parked illegally. Signs stating "NO PARKING, CARS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE" are an effective deterrent.
- The issue of loading and unloading at various beach spots continues to be a problem. While the car might be there for only several minutes this takes away a spot for resident parking. We recommend there be NO LOADING/NO UNLOADING signage, especially at Sawyers Beach. The Rye Beach Committee recommends this ordinance should be strictly enforced.
- Some steps were taken on Perkins Road but more work needs to be done. Due to Perkins Road's close proximity to Jenness Beach it was the main focus but the Committee also discussed other "hot spots" like the east end of Cable Road and Old Beach Road.
- The Rye Beach Committee recommends the Town of Rye and the Board of Selectmen continue to work with the State to eliminate RV parking at the parking lot at Jenness Beach and along Rt. 1A.
- Another major concern of the Rye Beach Committee was the planting of DUNE GRASS by private homeowners that encroaches on public space beyond their property line. The Committee invited Larry Ward (Coastal Geologist – UNH), Eben Lewis (NH -DES) and Sally King (Rye Conservation Commission) to discuss this important topic. Everyone felt dune grass was a positive thing but questioned the intent of the homeowners. The Committee recommends the Town of Rye set up a protocol, guidelines and level of cooperation to assure there is public preservation and space.
- The Committee recommends there be a more consistent enforcement personnel at Jenness Beach, Perkins Road and Sawyers Beach. When there was enforcement it went well ... when there was not enforcement things tended to get out of control.
- Lastly the Rye Beach Committee had several discussions at our meeting on the Beach Parking Permits. We invited Donna Decotis (Town Clerk) to discuss the Beach Parking Permits. It was stated that 2,934 permits were issued with only 135 available parking spots. Given the number of Beach Parking Permits issued and the limited residential parking spots we discussed increasing the spots at places like Perkins Road and Old Beach Road with the caveat of where would be next. This was a discussion not a recommendation. We recommend a limit of 2 – 3 permits per household. If a resident wants more parking permits the cost should be doubled or at least increased. This would raise more funds for the town that could be used for beach related issues like a more regular trash pickup especially on weekends and nice days.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Rocha, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS'S REPORT

2019 was another busy year for the Rye Zoning Board of Adjustment (BOA). The BOA is the board property owners must appear before when their project does not conform to Rye's Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Ordinance or Building Code. Projects such as additions, tear-downs, septic systems, even sheds, could cause a property owner to seek relief from the BOA for their project.

The BOA hears and decides applications concerning four categories of relief – building code relief, variances, special exceptions and equitable waivers. Although somewhat different, each type generally involves a lot of land with or without a home or business and how it may be used, developed or improved in a manner that differs from the terms of Rye's Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Ordinance or Building Code. The BOA also is the appeals board for decisions of the Building Inspector, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen relating to zoning matters.

The BOA is a quasi-judicial board of five volunteer members, each of whom is elected for a 3-year term. In 2019, its members were Patricia Weathersby, Shawn Crapo, Burt Dibble, Charles Hoyt and Robert Patton. The BOA also had four alternate members: Charles Hoyt, Gregg Mikolaities, Patrick Driscoll and Frank Drake. The BOA is grateful for all the long hours our volunteer members work on behalf of Rye's property owners.

The BOA meets the first Wednesday of each month to consider applications for relief. Members listen carefully to all evidence presented by the applicant and by members of the public. After considering all information and reviewing applicable law, the BOA then either approves or denies an application. Conditions are often attached to approvals. BOA decisions may be appealed, first by requesting a rehearing before the BOA and then to NH Superior Court. When a request involves wetland or tidal areas or buffers, an applicant must first appear before the Rye Conservation Commission to obtain the Commission's recommendation to the BOA. The BOA greatly appreciates the input of the RCC.

The BOA continues to receive a very large number of requests. Over 175 requests for relief contained in 50 applications were filed in 2019. A full list and all files are available at the Planning and Zoning Office. Approximately 90% of the applications requested variances and/or relief from the Building Code. Most requests were granted, usually with conditions, although a fair number were also denied. Three decisions were asked to be reconsidered by the board. Appeals of at least four matters were in the Superior Court in 2019.

Many of the requests for zoning relief before the BOA stem primarily from our wonderful proximity to the ocean and marshes and from the manner in which our coastal areas were first developed. Many small coastal area lots are unable to support a home with modern amenities and/or updated septic systems without zoning relief. Setbacks, lot coverage and proximity to wetland buffers are frequent issues. The BOA is also seeing more applications requesting height relief as rising water levels and revised flood regulations require living space and building systems to be raised in certain areas, especially near the coast, where lower building heights are required. Complex requests concerning the proposed cellular telephone towers on Brackett Road and Port Way also required much of the Board's attention.

Anyone interested in the BOA is invited to attend our meetings 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. Meetings are also streamed live through the Town's website. A position for an alternate member is also open. We welcome your involvement in whatever form.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Weathersby, Chairman

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Town 2019 Budget Review and 2020 Budget

Every year, the budget committee holds an all-day work session with department heads, evening work sessions and evening public hearings for both the town and school budgets. All work sessions and hearings are live streamed and available on the town website whether they were held at the town hall or junior high school.

Last year, the operating budget for Rye totaled \$9,816,499 against an approved budget of \$10,514,146. The positive variance of \$697,647 results from \$490,767 in department operations, \$116,268 in fund expenses and \$90,612 in capital outlay. The majority of the department operations savings are attributed to the executive, police, fire and public works departments; specifically, the retirement of the part time town administrator in July and replacing this position with a full time person at lower salary, the town's insurance company gave Rye a premium holiday rebate of \$30,000, the police department was short one officer for half of the year, the fire department was unable to fill a position due to medical leave for a year, and we were without a building permit administrator for 6 months. In addition, \$403,499 in encumbrances are being held against this budget for items such as paving. Rye DPW contracts its paving at the end of the season to attain a good rate and last year the weather did not allow the paving contract to be completed. This situation is not unique to this year; we have had paving encumbrances in the past.

In the 2019 town elections, Rye residents approved warrant articles totaling \$496,000 that included the fire truck for \$492,000.

In addition, voters in 2019 approved, by warrant \$200,000 to be placed into capital reserve; \$100,000 each to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. And, \$100,000 was approved for placement in expendable trust funds; \$35,000 for the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund, \$50,000 for the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, \$10,000 for the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund and \$5,000 for the Rye Library Building Maintenance.

The 2020 budget totals \$10,320,486 – this figure represents an increase of \$602,340 over last year's budget. The variance in department operations accounts for two-thirds of this increase or \$410,854. Increases in capital outlay of \$60,136 and fund expenses of \$131,350 account for the remaining one-third. The department operation increases of \$410,854 were related to the 9.33% increase in health cost benefits and 2.75% increase for non-union staff accounting for approximately \$278,940. Union employee raises are part of the collective bargaining warrant articles and are not considered in the budget. Other increases in department operations are \$13,660 for the four elections we have this year, \$12,810 for a new IT provider, \$40,000 increase in paving and \$49,708 increase in waste disposal. The capital outlay increase of \$60,136 is accounted for with a badly needed computer upgrade for the Town Hall and a second compactor at the Transfer Station costing \$50,000.

The capital reserve and fund expenses are similar to previous years and are listed in the warrant articles. Note that these reserves are an important part of maintaining stability to the town budget by allocating the cost of an expensive item over several years.

No further comment can be made regarding the budget until the residents of Rye vote on the warrant articles on the March ballot.

It is important for Rye voters to know that all department operating budgets are carefully reviewed and the Rye capital outlay items are analyzed and prioritized by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

School 2020 Budget

The current school budget is completed on June 30, 2020. The school budget warrant article on the March 2020 ballot is the school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This budget totaling \$14,447,116 is 1.84% above the current budget of \$14,186,580. The second warrant article on the school budget is for the negotiated salary increases and benefits for the next five years for teachers' contracts. The 2020-2021 figure of \$187,148 is in addition to the budget, however, the following four years will be part of the school budget warrant article.

The school board has initiated a \$150,000 target School Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; therefore, if this warrant passes, the school will have up to \$150,000 in this fund to maintain school buildings. The budget committee supports pro-active maintenance of school buildings to prevent emergency use of unfunded balances at the end of the year. For example, in order to present to Rye residents a low budget increase, several improvements to the school were removed from the budget including bathroom renovations, paving and interior painting. These expenses can now be planned using this property maintenance fund.

Tuition for Portsmouth High School has confirmed the value for the cost. The 2020 tuition figure is for a projected 183 students at a cost of \$18,045 per student which includes those attending Lister Academy. There is a shift in the budget between the elementary and junior high due to the movement of 5th graders. In the 2020-2021 budget there is \$22,900 for phase 2 of the upgrade to the baseball field at Lang Field. Phase 1 will be paid for with private fundraising funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaci Grote, Chair
Rye Budget Committee

ON THE PAYROLL.....1775

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

"In May, 1775, twelve minute-men were enlisted from Rye and went to Cambridge, Mass. Who these men were, or what organization they were attached to at Cambridge, is unknown, as no list of their names or record of their service is to be found. The town's action in regard to these minute-men is recorded as follows:

Voted, That twelve minute men be enlisted to go on any expedition that a committee shall think proper. Chose Joseph Parsons, Jeremiah Locke, Nathan Goss, Sam Knowles, Benjamin Garland, Joseph Jenness, and Wm Seavey said committee, and as a committee of Inspection, and to have power to send the minute men on any expedition they think proper.

Voted, the minute men exercise ½ day in a week and have two shillings each for every time they exercise. And that the committeemen enlist and discharge the men when they think proper, and that the minute men have 40 shillings per month from the time they are ordered on any expedition till they return, and that the committee shall find the minute men powder, balls, and provisions when out on any expedition."

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Department currently consists of one full-time Building Inspector, one part time inspector, and a 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, most every day, by one of the building inspectors for permitting and drop-in meetings with contractors and citizens.

Residential construction remains strong with very little commercial development. The only commercial projects were a new bank on Central Road and a couple of remodels. 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.

The Parsons Creek Pump-Out and Inspection Regulation dealing with septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed kept us busy. This area has tested persistently high for bacteria and has been identified as an impaired watershed by NH DES. The ordinance requires that septic systems in the watershed be pumped every three years. Pumping invoices must be delivered to the BD to avoid action by the town.

The Building Department, primarily deals with the enforcement of the *State Building Code*. We are also charged with the enforcement of the town's Zoning ordinances and assist in the enforcement of Planning Board decisions. All rebuilds in the high hazard flood area need to be elevated to prevent damage during the 1% flood event. The department also deals with violations of the Wetlands District Ordinances, where people cut trees and dump debris into the wetlands and its buffer.

If you are contemplating building or land changes, please call the Building Department to see if the you are required to get a permit. 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. We will be glad to help you avoid land use problems.

CATEGORY	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	\$31,843,387.85	\$21,667,671.13	\$22,998,718.13	\$26,648,066.57	\$28,635,471.86
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	\$366,205.65	\$215,659.756	\$225,058.93	\$274,579.20	\$285,298.83
NEW HOMES INCLUDES REBUILDS	25	12	13	27	36
ADDITIONS PERMITTED	34	22	N/A	N/A	N/A
DEMOLITION PERMITS	15	18	17	25	25
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	105	77	N/A	N/A	N/A
INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	252	216	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW DWELLING UNITS #	17 Homes 3 APTS	6 Homes	3 HOMES. 3 APTS	20 HOMES. NO APTS	23 Homes & 1 Apartment
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	931	976	884	951	994

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter E. Rowell, Building Inspector

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

The mission of the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is to protect and ensure the proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The Commission is the Town's gatekeeper for environmental guardianship and acts as Advisor to other municipal boards concerning environmental issues. In 2019 the Commission conducted 49 site walks where recommendations were given to landowners to mitigate proposed impacts to our wetlands and their buffers. The Commission is a community resource, providing education related to natural resources, introducing the community to accessible protected parcels, and promoting the protection and enhancement of the natural resources found in Rye.

In September, the Goss Farm Open House and Farmer's Market was held at the town-owned salt marsh farm on Harbor Road. Hundreds flocked to the working farm to enjoy barn and farm tours, music, and samplings of food from Rye restaurants. Local artisans and authors offered their original works. Town commissions, entities, and clubs set up informational tables. Our farmers harvested their vegetables for the market on site. It was a great opportunity to talk to old friends and meet new ones. For many, it was the first time they had visited the farm and seen the community and farm gardens, pollinator fields, and picnic area, all overlooking the scenic Awcomin Salt Marsh. Those who came out toured the restored post-and-beam barn, many for the first time. Others have enjoyed birding and gardening at this unique property since 2010 when the town acquired the property. The RCC purchased the farm with voter-supported Open Space Funds for the purpose of conservation of agricultural soil. The farm already has established uses and traditions. As predictable as the Great Blue Herons flying over the Goss farm in the early mornings in summer, the annual spring blueberry bush planting with Rye Elementary School's second graders will occur, the bee hives will come to life, community gardeners will gather to plant their gardens in May for the eighth year, and residents will avail themselves of the local apple harvest in the fall. Perhaps the greatest takeaway from this celebration was the introduction for so many to the unique agricultural jewel that their support made possible.

To promote education and outreach, the RCC has been working with Amanda Stone and Lisa Wise from the UNH Cooperative Extension. The two conservation specialists are guiding our membership in the promotion of natural resources and land conservation with an emphasis on climate adaptation. Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland applied for funding assistance from the NH Coastal Program to engage Amanda and Lisa to prepare a presentation of the recently developed Rye water resources mapping. The new maps depict the areas in Rye that provide flood storage and reduce flood risk, in lieu of costly infrastructure projects. A November water resource event was well attended by participants from our municipal land use boards and interested residents. The presentation was followed by an RCC-led workshop to identify priority areas for protecting water quality buffers. Our next combined undertaking will be to continue to work with Amanda and Lisa on developing a Natural Resource Inventory that can be incorporated in our town's Master Plan.

The RCC is responsible for the management of the Rye Town Forest and is dedicated to preserving it as a natural, scenic, open and undeveloped forest resource to be respectfully enjoyed by the public. After extensive work with Charles Moreno, LPF of Moreno Forestry Associates, the Commission has completed the Town Forest Management Plan (TFMP) for the Rye Town Forest as required by the conservation easement. The easement holder, the Rockingham County Conservation District, has also reviewed and approved the updated plan. All management objectives and proposed activities will incorporate Best Management Practices and Forest Management Standards. The RCC believes that implementation of this updated TFMP will achieve our preservation goals while conforming to the requirements of the conservation easement. The plan will be available on the town's website.

We are pleased to welcome two new members, Karen Oliver and Danna Truslow, who will serve on the RCC as alternates. Karen and Danna both have backgrounds that include working with conservation entities. Karen's legal expertise and Danna's work as a hydrologist make them valuable additions to our Commission.

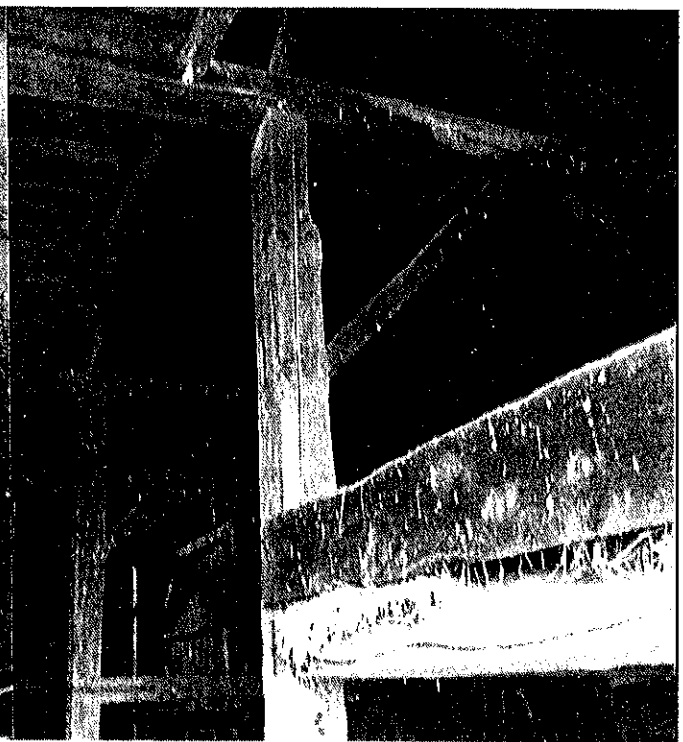
Jim Raynes, who served on and led the Conservation Commission for 23 years, stepped away as an active board member. Under Jim's tenure, Rye conserved hundreds of acres of land. Jim was instrumental in initiating several salt marsh restoration projects. In 2014 he received the New Hampshire President's Award for his lifetime commitment to land conservation. In recognition of his accomplishments, the Commission, with support from the Board of Selectmen, have asked Jim to remain involved in an advisory capacity.

Rye's commitment to remaining a semi-rural coastal community has contributed to making our town a uniquely desirable place to live. Residents have been pivotal partners in protecting our town's scenic vistas, intact wildlife corridors and habitat, greenways, and fragile water resources. With your support, this important work can continue. The Conservation Commission is putting forward a \$3 million bond. Having bond funding in place gives us the ability to be nimble with land acquisition and allows us to leverage the town's investment, sometimes as much as two-fold. Thank you for your continued support in creating the community in which we all want to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally King, Chair
Suzanne McFarland, Vice Chair
Mike Garvan, Clerk
Members: Jeff Gardner, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed
Alternates: Karen Oliver, Danna Truslow
Advisor: Jim Raynes



Scene of the Goss Farm Open House and Farmer's Market held September 22, 2019
Drone photography: Martha Lardent

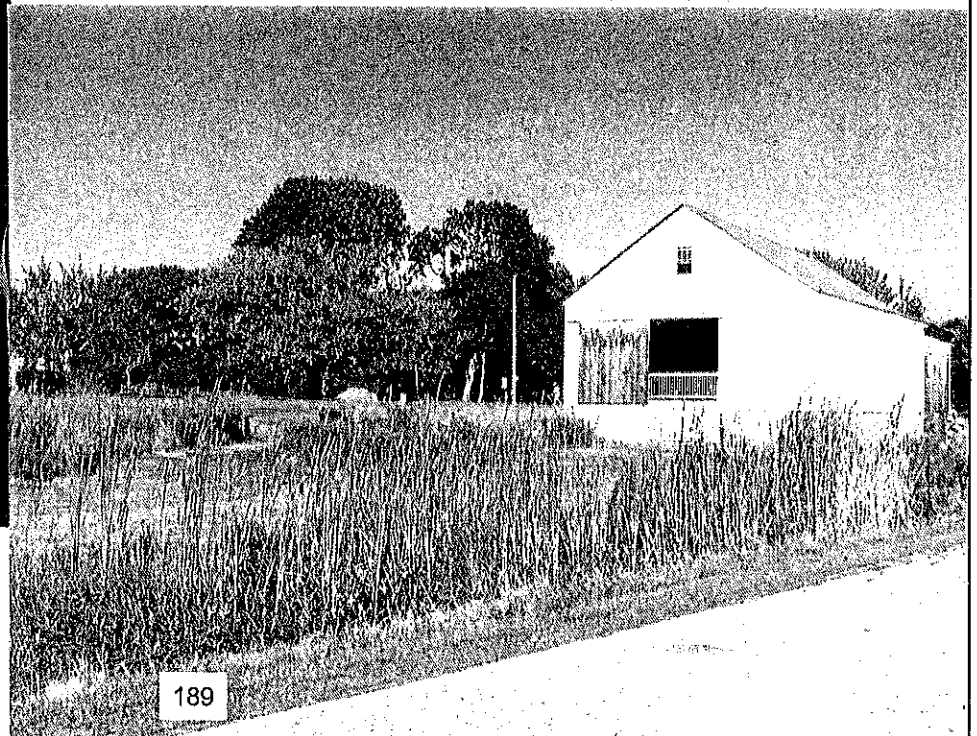


**THE GOSS FARM
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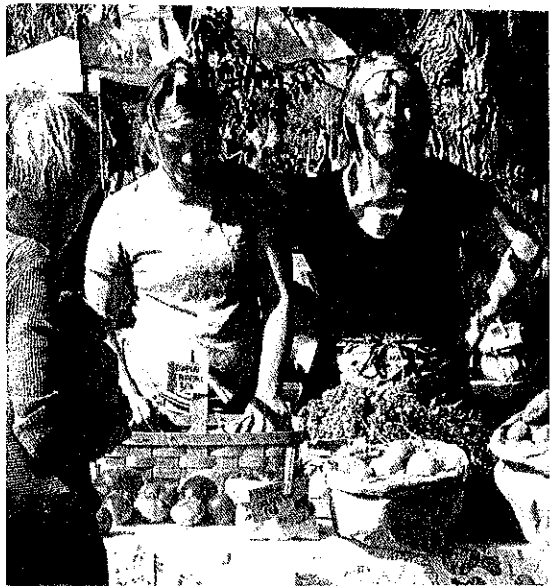
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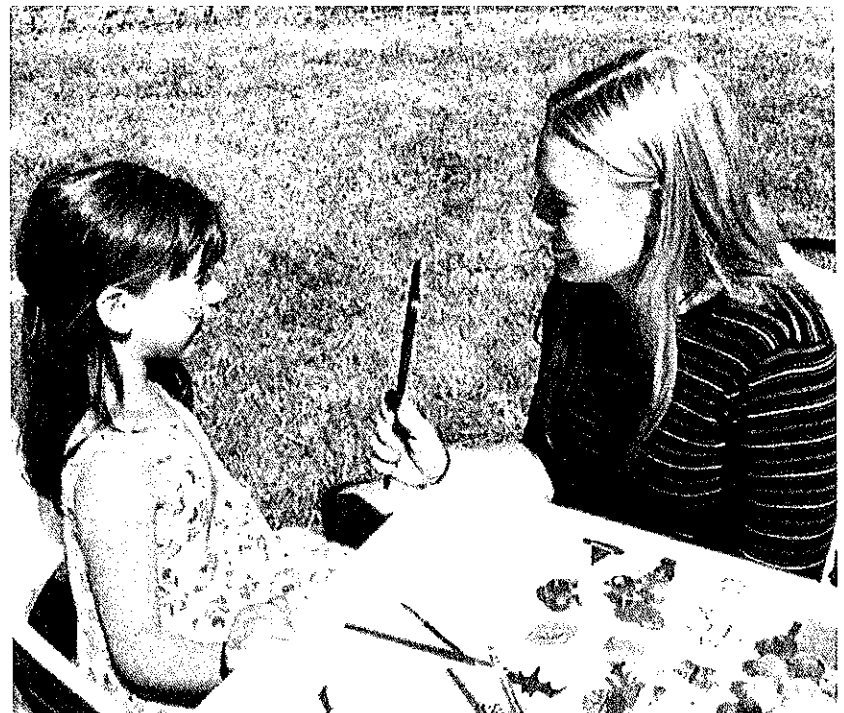
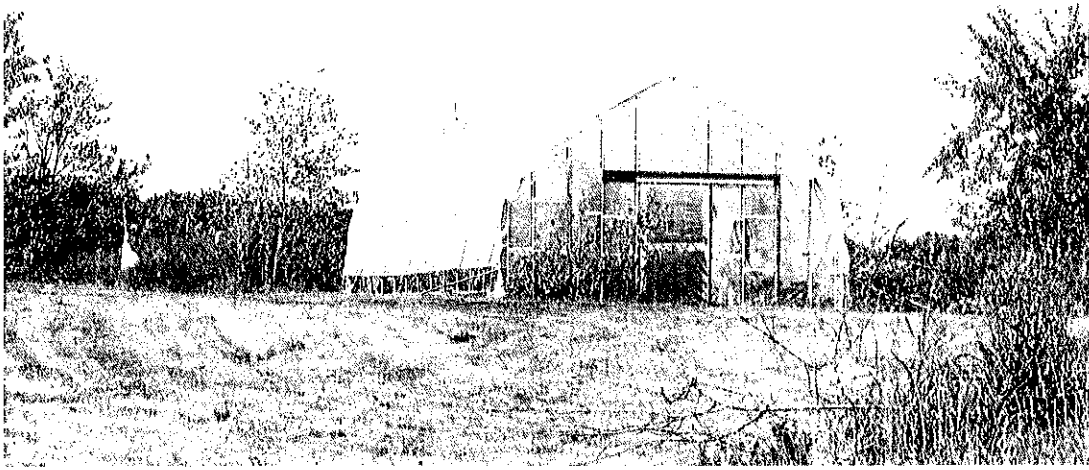
**THANKS TO OUR
CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
LED FOR 23 YEARS BY JIM RAYNES,
AND
VOTER SUPPORT**



Photographs: Priscilla Jenness

A
VISIT
TO
OUR
FARM





HAY MOWED
BARN SCRUBBED
VENUE ORGANIZED
FAMILIES CAME TO ENJOY
TOURS
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BALLOON ANIMALS AND MORE

**GOSS FARM
 OPEN HOUSE & FARMER'S MARKET
 SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

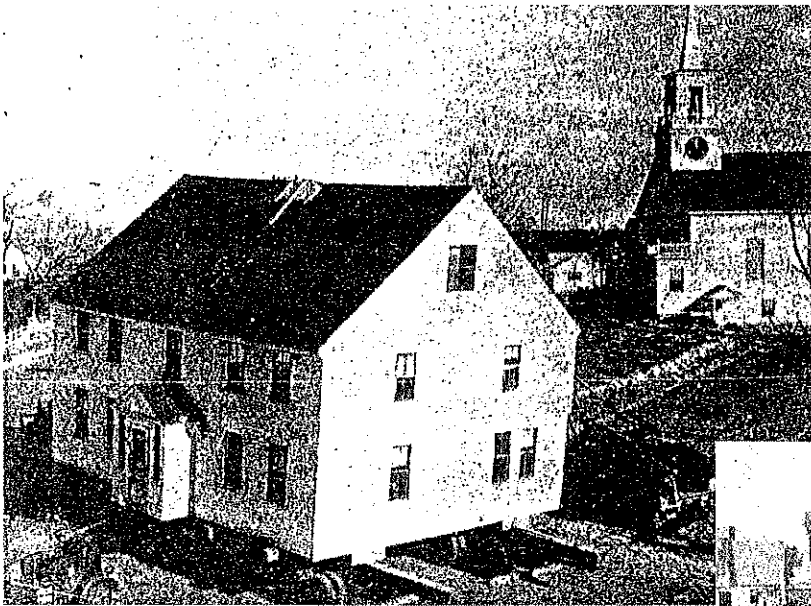
Photos: Sally King, Lee Arthur, Phil Winslow & P. Jenness

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Demolition Review Committee had several potential demolition applications to consider in 2018. Most buildings or structures were deemed by the Committee to be of no historical significance. However, 361 Central Road is an historic farmhouse and barn with a connecting barn between the house and the main barn. Unfortunately, due to a reorganization of the Committee, a proper review was not able to be conducted and the owners were granted a permit to demolish the connecting barn.

The purpose of the Committee is to review potential demolition applications for buildings or structures that are at least 65 years old. If not successful in convincing the property owner to retain/or incorporate the historic features into the new construction, the Committee can request the property owner to allow the Committee to document the significant features photographically prior to demolition.

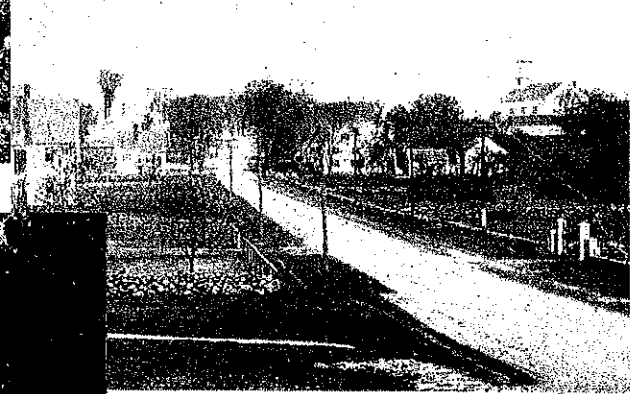
David Choate,
Chair



A glimpse into our past:

HISTORIC DISTRICT TRAFFIC

In 1959, the third parsonage of the Congregational Church, clearly visible in the old postcard below, was moved from its site just below the Town Hall up Center Hill, through the Historic District and down Merrymeeting Lane to a new location.



In 2004, the Rand-Pickering House on Washington Road had to be eliminated to make way for the new Public Safety Complex. It was moved through the Historic District, down Center Hill and over a mile to its new location on Central Road where it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Philbrick.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The winter of 2019, was active with cold temperatures and minor snow storms. The Department of Public Works worked to prevent ice conditions and keep clear roads.

We did not experience many power outages in 2019. If you do happen to lose power, as a reference, please call Eversource at any time at 1-800-662-7764 or contact their website at www.eversource.com.

During a power outage, if you plan on using a generator, you must vent it outside and should never re-fuel while it is operating. Things to remember: place your generator away from your home and especially at a distance from a window and doorways that could allow carbon monoxide inside. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you if it reaches dangerous levels in an enclosed space. We also recommend installing a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home. If your Carbon Monoxide alarm activates, leave the building and call 911!

As Emergency Management Director, I am asking Rye residents to be part of an emergency preparedness system. The notification system sends emergency alerts that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, e-mails, and social media. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to receive information you need, regarding events such as; Missing Persons/Children, Evacuation Notices, Natural Disasters, Boil Water Advisories, Inclement Weather Warnings, Criminal Activities, Road Closures/Traffic Alerts, Shelter in Place/Lockdowns.

Please go to <http://www.readynh.gov> to sign up. To sign up for alerts, click on the red NH ALERTS icon in the lower right side of the page. Once you sign up, you will receive instant alerts to keep you informed of time sensitive information.

You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.

The strength of each member is a team. The strength of the team is each individual member. Emergency Management is a "team" effort with all town departments and town residents. I look forward to working with Rye to make things safer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Walsh, Director

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

Taken from a petition by Rye selectmen to Governor Benning Wentworth in 1754 requesting relief from part or all of the Province Tax for the year due to a great storm, the following is an excerpt of the description of damage suffered by the Parish of Rye:

"That on or about the Nineteenth day of June last past there was a violent Thunder Storm and there fell a very considerable quantity of Rain & Hail which reached through the said Parish and Damaged all the Inhabitants of the said Parish, (three or four families only excepted) very much by shattering their Houses and barns, breaking the Glass Windos, almost the one half thereof through the said Parish; Shattered the Meeting House and Parish House and broke the Glass thereof, that one hundred Pounds old tenor will not be sufficient to repair the said Meeting House and Parish House; Destroyed almost all the apples in the Parish, with almost all the English and Indian Corn then and there standing and growing of one half of the said Inhabitants; By means whereof the said Inhabitants are reduced to Miserable Circumstances with regard to the fruits of the Earth this year."

ENERGY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen established the Rye Energy Committee (REC) to:

- Assess the energy use and greenhouse gas emissions of Town municipal facilities
- Evaluate and recommend energy conservation measures and greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction practices recommended by State and Federal agencies and used by other NH municipalities
- Evaluate and recommend energy conservation and emission reduction alternatives for residents.

Current Members

Michael Joyce, Howard Kalet, Matt Marra, Cart Nicolino, Tom Pfau and Lisa Sweet

Main Initiatives

We provided an update to the Board of Selectmen about the Town's progress in reducing energy costs and emissions. We reported that although our costs have gone down over the years, due to energy conservation measures and fuel cost reduction, the GHG emissions have not been reduced nearly as much as our Master Plan goal sets out. We therefore recommended additional ways to reduce emissions from municipal facilities. The main initiatives we recommended to achieve GHG reduction were lighting upgrades and municipal solar power.

Building Lighting Upgrades

We asked Eversource to perform lighting audits on our municipal facilities to see what upgrades could be made under their energy saving program. The audit reports showed significant cost savings and emissions could be achieved by upgrading the lighting to LED's. When we presented the results of these reports to the BOS and School Board they voted in favor of proceeding with the recommendations. The upgrade of the lighting at the Elementary and Junior High Schools is now complete. The work on upgrading Town buildings will begin in early 2020. These lighting upgrades are projected to reduce electric consumption by roughly 20%.

Municipal Solar

The REC was asked in 2016 to research using the Breakfast Hill Road landfill for a municipal solar power system. We found that while the site has good solar potential, installing a system there is not the most economical. In the course of our research we learned the best installation sites are at the consuming locations because it saves the cost of delivering the power. We learned that the Transfer Station, Public Safety Building, Elementary and Junior High Schools and Garland Road pumping station are not only large consumers of electric power but they are the best solar locations.

In August we issued a Request for Proposals to install solar systems at these five locations. A site walk was held with five vendors and two proposals were received. After evaluating them we decided to consider the one from ReVision Energy. After further review with them, we presented their proposal to the Board of Selectmen, Water District and School Board. The BOS did not have sufficient time for full evaluation at year end due to competing priorities in the investment cycle and decided not to proceed at this time, while the School Board is considering installing systems in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Pfau

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2019 was a busy year for Rye Fire Rescue.

This year, Rye voters approved the purchase of an Ocean Jet-Ski with associated equipment and training to provide us with the coastal water rescue capability identified by our water rescue needs assessment. Certification training for Rye Firefighters took place in June. July 1, 2019, Jet-Ski 1 was placed in service at Rye Harbor. A big thank you goes out to Rye voters and the NH Port Authority for their support of this lifesaving project! Shortly after being placed in service our efforts paid off with the successful rescue of an adult male who overturned his kayak approx. one mile east of Concord Point!

In March, the Rye voters approved the purchase of a new pumper-ladder to replace the existing 1988 pumper-ladder. This critical truck replacement will keep our community safer while increasing safety margins for our firefighters. The new pumper-ladder has been ordered and is due to be delivered in May 2020. Many thanks for your continued support!

In October, Rye Fire Rescue was awarded a Federal Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant in the amount of \$173,333 for the replacement of our aging breathing apparatus systems! The AFG grant program is highly competitive and Rye did well to gain this valuable assistance. This award allowed us to remove this critical item from our 2020 capital request!

In January, we responded to a fatal motor vehicle accident on Wallis Road. Our thoughts and prayers are with all involved in this tragic incident. We also responded to structure fires at Adams Park and Brackett Road. We responded to mutual aid structure fires in Salisbury, Hampton, Portsmouth, North Hampton, Seabrook, Epping, Newbury, Newburyport, Eliot and Stratham. Rye Fire Rescue gave mutual aid (responded to another community) 90 times in 2019. We also received mutual aid 84 times in 2019. 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.

PERSONNEL: After a competitive promotional process, Firefighter/ Paramedic Kevin Wunderly was promoted to Lieutenant! We also welcomed aboard Call Firefighters Jesse McMahon and Olivia Edwards. Rye is fortunate to have these folks on-board and we look forward to working with them!

TRAINING: Throughout the year, Rye Fire Rescue conducts fire, rescue and emergency medical training, such as water and ice rescue, pumper operations, ladder operations, equipment familiarization and incident management. This year, notable trainings included: hosting a state sponsored firefighter recruit academy, ocean rescue swimmer course, structural pump operations, ocean rescue Jet Ski certification and ice rescue training. We also participated in two emergency exercise drills at Webster at Rye.

Emergency Responses

NFIRS CATEGORY	NUMBER
Fires/Explosions ¹	30
Overpressure/Ruptures	2
Emergency Medical/Rescue ²	549
Hazardous Conditions ³	53
Service Calls	135
Good Intent Call/Public Service	22
Fire and CO Alarms/Other Alarms	135
Weather Related	4
Special/Miscellaneous	0
TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES	930
Mutual Aid Given	90
Mutual Aid Received	84

Emergency Responses (continued)

1-Fires occurred within the following sub-categories:

Structure fires: 22

Vehicle fires: 1

Brush fires: 4

Other fires: 3

2- Of the EMS responses 341 resulted in patient transport

to a hospital at the following level of care:

BLS transports: 82(24%)

ALS transports: 259 (76%)

Included were 28 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Fire Prevention permits issued by type:

Propane Gas	177
Oil Burner	13
Fireworks	3
Fire Alarm	5
Blasting	0
Solid Fuel	1
School Inspections	4
Annual Inspections	6
Miscellaneous	1
Occupancy	12
Open Burning	530
Car Seat installs	64
TOTAL	816

COMMUNITY: 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 64 car seats. Lt Gallant and FF Bohling are certified in properly installing these car seats. Anyone looking for this important 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	179
Beach Fires	200
Seasonal	151
Total Forestry Permits 2018	530

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

As Health Officer, I deal with a variety of problems and concerns throughout the year. I routinely perform various inspections including large as well as small facilities both in the public and private sectors.

Each year in my annual report I make mention of Rabies as it is a deadly and largely preventable disease. In 2019, 548 specimens were submitted to the State for Rabies testing and of those 29 were found to be positive for Rabies, 502 were negative, and 17 unsuitable for testing. No human cases of Rabies were reported in New Hampshire in 2019. Animals testing positive for this disease included skunks, raccoons, 2 cats, a bobcat, gray fox and several brown bats. No animals were submitted for testing from Rye.

In 2016, the Parsons Creek Pump-Out Ordinance went into effect and was due to documented high concentrations of bacteria in various locations in this area. This Ordinance entailed pumping out the septic systems every three years in order to foster proper operation of onsite wastewater treatment systems. This year over 300 letters were sent to residents regarding pumping of their systems. The response has been very favorable.

The Commission on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster was originally formed to investigate possible cancer clusters relating to Pleuropulmonary Blastoma and Rhabdomyosarcoma in a five-town area. No new cases of these cancers in adults or in children have been diagnosed in the last two plus years. Studies, to date, have not identified a common environmental etiology. The Commission will apparently issue a final report on its findings and recommendations in 2020.

This year Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was rampant throughout the United States and that will most likely be the case in 2020. There were no cases of EEE or West Nile Virus (WNV) or other mosquito borne diseases detected in Rye in 2019. There were two human cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) in New Hampshire this year, one from Laconia and the other from Kingston. The Kingston individual also tested positive for Powassan Virus. Unfortunately, there are many more diseases entities that are transmitted by ticks and mosquitoes in New Hampshire and elsewhere that have yet to be identified. It is important to eliminate standing water sources on your property, use appropriate tick and mosquito repellents and perform tick checks on yourselves, your family, and your pets after being outdoors during the spring, summer, and fall months.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Deputy Health Officer Peter Rowell, town personnel, and the citizens of Rye for their continued support and cooperation. I look forward to a productive 2020.

Respectfully submitted.

Gail A. Snow, M.D.
Health Officer

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

“PHYSICIANS.

The first resident physician in Rye was Dr. Joseph Parsons, who commenced practicing about 1770. Prior to that time physicians were called upon from Portsmouth and Hampton to attend the sick. Dr. Parsons studied medicine with Dr. Dearborn of North Hampton and was succeeded by his son John Wilkes Parsons. His prominent traits of character were independence, decision and energy.”

HERITAGE COMMISSION'S REPORT

Overall, 2019 was a positive and productive year for the Heritage Commission. However, the year began on a negative and very challenging note. Once again, a vigorous campaign to demolish the Town hall and replace it with new construction was being conducted. This came as somewhat of a surprise, since we believed that we had made a good and successful case for saving this precious, historic building, and that the majority of residents wanted to save it. None the less, knowing that all citizens have a right to promote their ideas, we proceeded to launch an aggressive campaign to once again save this important and significant building. The result of the March 14th election was overwhelmingly in favor of protecting our Town Hall from demolition and systematically renovating this structure. Only a small percentage (approximately 25%) of votes were in favor of replacement and new construction. Thankfully, our historic treasure was, again saved from the wrecking ball. Painting of the building, which had begun in the fall, was completed in the spring. We are currently working on our next project to replace and repair the windows, and plans to make the building better in terms of ADA compliancy. Additionally, an architect is working on the interior design of the building. We will continue to apply for grants and have fund raising projects to provide for projects to repair and renovate the building

In September, several of our Commissioners were very active in working on the Goss Farm event. The event was a huge success and brought together nearly 600 Rye residents. We hope to participate in future town events like this, that bring our citizens together.

The Graveyard projects are still on our agenda. We had several guest participants at our meetings this year who wanted assistance and information on taking care of these graveyards. Our planned event with the Boy Scouts was cancelled due to bad weather in October, but we plan to continue to work on these important projects in 2020. The number of Family Cemeteries in Rye currently number 62, and are situated throughout our town.

Another major project currently being considered is the Pulpit Rock Tower. This structure is a major monument from World War Two and is currently managed by the Friends of Pulpit Tower. The Commission met in October for a tour of the tower and we have had representatives from the Friends organization attend several of our monthly meetings to work on a new plan to manage this important place. We look forward to working towards taking a more significant role in the protection and preservation of this structure.

This December the Heritage Commission presented this year's Tallman Award to Peter Crawford posthumously. Peter was a dedicated volunteer on many Rye Committees and frequently attended our meetings. He was a supporter and instrumental in saving our Town Hall. Peter exemplified the truly passionate and committed community volunteer and inspired many.

The Rye Heritage Commission will continue to identify, preserve and protect the historical, cultural and architectural resources of our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Giblin, Chair
Rye Heritage Commission

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

2019 was an exciting year for the Rye Historic District Commission (HDC). We conducted our quarterly meetings in January, April, July and October. We also conducted three additional Public hearings to decide issues for residents in the District concerning windows, roofing and siding to the mutual benefit of the residents and the enhanced attractiveness of the town center.

As the first historic district in the State of New Hampshire and a member of the Certified Local Government Program managed by the state to provide federal funds to local communities, we filed a grant application for a professional consultant to prepare an Inventory to place the Rye Town Hall on the Federal Register of Historic Places and to place the "Second Parsonage" on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. We received the grant which will establish the historic and architectural significance of the Rye Town Hall and the Second Parsonage. The HDC continues its work in synergy with the Rye Heritage Commission to achieve mutual historic preservation goals in the Rye center and on the Isles of Shoals.

The Historic District Overlay provides that the District consists of that area of town from the west end of Grange Park to the intersection of Central and Washington Roads. The District also includes the Brackett Road Massacre Site, the Cable House and the Isles of Shoals islands which fall within the State of New Hampshire (White Island, Star Island, Seavey Island and Lunging Island, formerly known as Londoners Island).

Our current focus is the preparation of design guidelines for the District to insure not only compliance with the zoning overlay regulations but to ensure that everyone affected by the overlay district is treated equally and consistently under the ordinance and the character of the District is maintained as a valuable asset for the entire community. This is consistent with the town's Master Plan and with the current work of the Selectmen's Town Center Committee.

Our Members are Mae Bradshaw, David Choate, Charlie Hoyt, Daryl Kent, Karen Stewart and James Tegeder. Our Board of Selectmen Representative is Phil Winslow. Our alternates are Katharine Brown, Kaitlyn Coffey and Tom King. We have space on the Commission for two more alternates. If you have an interest in town history, in preservation of historic locations and architectural design, please contact Chairman Mae Bradshaw at MaeBradshaw@comcast.net.

We take this opportunity to thank the Building Department and Janice Ireland for their reliable and able assistance over the year which helped us fulfill our mission. We welcome our new executive assistant, Kate Drago.

Respectfully submitted,
Mae Bradshaw, Chair

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N. H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

"MAIL SERVICE

Previous to 1840 the residents of Rye obtained their mail from Portsmouth and North Hampton. From 1840 to 1845 the records at Washington show that the Rye office had "special" supply, but there is no data showing the frequency of service or the point from which supplied (probably Portsmouth). Beginning in 1845 and running to February 1855, the office was supplied by "special" routes under contract from Rye to Portsmouth, two round trips a week.....

A post-office was established at Rye Beach July 27, 1875, with one mail a day from North Hampton, Gilman H. Jenness, postmaster.....

At West Rye the post-office was established in 1882, the mail service being supplied from Greenland Depot. Charles D. Garland was appointed postmaster."

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S REPORT

Rye Historical Society and Town Museum made significant strides in 2019. The RHS board - Steve Cash, Janet Davis, Alex Herlihy, Linda Lemelin, Kelly Lewis, Ginna Macdonald, Becky Marden, and James Tegeder under the presidency of Debbi Toohey - achieved notable accomplishments including:

- Launch of the new exhibit *Fishing, Farming, and Fun*
- Revision to the By-Laws
- Adoption of a consent agenda process ensuring efficient Board meetings
- Purchase of a new boiler for the Town Museum
- Beautification of landscaping
- Improved committee structure and reporting
- Securing high-speed internet
- Improved merchandising and gift shop sales process
- Presentation of seven public programs
- Significant grant funding from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- Art Sale at Rye Public Library benefiting RHS
- Increase in attendance and visitors to Town Museum (especially via private appointment)
- Three highly-attended Trolley Tours
- Contribution of a commemorative historical plaque to the Rye Beach Precinct Building

Many thanks to our sponsors and partners: Rye Driftwood Garden Club, Tate & Foss Realtors, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, New Hampshire Humanities, the Rye Public Library, Rye Congregational Church, Seacoast Science Center, and The Lazy Bird Café, and Judith Brown Meyers. We have three Board seats that are opening in the fall. If you are interested, please contact Debbi Toohey at info@ryehistoricalociety.org. Save the following dates for 2020!

February 29, 2020: Leap Year Tea

March 26, 2020: D. Allan Kerr--*Surfmen of the Seacoast*

The brave surfmen who kept mariners safe in the days before the US Coast Guard

April 30, 2020: Glenn Knoblock--*New Hampshire on High: Historic and Unusual Weathervanes of the Granite State (NH Humanities)*

A look at weathervanes on churches, town halls, and other public buildings

May 26 (1623 Series): Craig Mussleman -- *Mills of Rye*

July 16, 2020: Thomas Hubka--*Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn (NH Humanities)*

Through architecture unique to Northern New England, a look at how farmers converted their separate buildings to connected farmsteads.

August 16, 2020: Annual meeting, program, and social at a private home.

October 22, 2020 (1623 Series): Ed Bullock - Eyes That Shine

Ed is a native of Wampanoag descent and son of Whirling Thunder. His commitment to cross-cultural understanding and passion for making meaningful connections, educational programs are offered to schools and organizations to teach others about Native life.

November 10, 2020: Neil Novello--*No Mutiny This Time*

The circumstances and aftermath of the sinking of the Tall Ship Bounty during Hurricane Sandy in October 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Debbi Toohey, RHS Board President

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2019

Long time Rye librarians Pam Woods and Margaret Hutchins both retired from their positions in 2019. We wished them farewell and leisurely days after twenty-seven years at RPL for Pam and fourteen for Margaret. While they are greatly missed, they are surely enjoying well-earned time to read all they like and focus on other interests. Please wish them well when you cross paths!

Former Assistant Director/Director of Youth Services Lisa Houde accepted her new position as Assistant Director/Collection Manager, and previous Teen Services Librarian Jess Ryan accepted her new position as Head of Youth Services in readjustment to our line-up. We also welcomed Marcia Beckett and Elizabeth Valcourt to our youth services department.

Please help me recognize the rest of our outstanding Rye Public Library Staff: Jacob Allen, Lisa Breton, Jim Chase, Juliette Doherty, Sherry Evans, Shawna Healy, Brenda Nolette, and Gwen Putnam-Bailey with a word of welcome on your next visit to RPL. We look forward to bringing you the best in library service again this year.

With one year of progress marked in November 2019, the Rye Public Library's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan report is well under way. At this first assessment point, our entire plan is about 34% accomplished! That total is comprised of goal 1 at 4.5% complete, goal 2 at 3.1% and goals 3 through 6 at 6.75%, 5.75%, 3.3% and 10.5% complete respectively. Please stop by the Library for a copy of the 2019 assessment report. You'll also find hard copies of all our planning minutes, reports and details. Electronic versions of all planning materials are available on our website.

As set forth in our plan, further exploration of both potential facility improvements and funding resources to address future plans continued in earnest in 2019.

I have recently tallied our 2019 service statistics at Rye Public Library. As we commonly find, we rank with much larger communities in New Hampshire when compared to statewide performance. In 2019 RPL ranked 10th in the State for programming attendance per capita! (with 218 libraries reporting on most recent stats) Of course it's the people of Rye that drive our numbers by using the outstanding resource that is *your* Rye Public Library. You can find more of our 2019 stats on postings in the Library or on our website.

As always, we are sincerely grateful 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. We fondly remember those patrons who passed in 2019 and are no longer with us at this writing.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the incredible volunteers who bring us their ideas and devote their talent and time to the Library. I sincerely thank our Trustees, Friends of the Library, and the many others who work tirelessly to shelve and repair our collection and offer programs to their neighbors in the Rye Community. All of us at RPL wish you well in 2020 and truly appreciate your support and patronage 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 programming serves all ages to enhance opportunity in the Rye Community for entertainment, engagement and enlightenment. Beyond the simple joys of live presentations and one-on-one instruction, are the tangible outcomes observed by our patrons of social stimulation, early literacy, life-long learning, and valuable skills and practices applicable to community life in today’s world.”

– Andy Richmond, Director, Rye Public Library

2019 was a year of progress, planning, and preparation. The first full year of our 2018-2024 Strategic Plan proved that the goals and objectives set out during our planning process are inspiring and achievable, and also align closely with the focus areas lifted up by the well-attended Plan New Hampshire community discussion about the future of the Rye Town Center, which took place in June.

We have already made good progress on the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan timeline. Of particular note are the outcomes that result from our investment of time and resources in our intergenerational programming, such as Mother Goose and Storytime, Senior Trivia, Tech Talk, and Parenting with Positive Discipline. We are excited to invite members of the community to review our Strategic Plan and participate in the process in any way, perhaps as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee or by simply offering perspectives on the library services you use or need.

In addition to pursuing new objectives for intergenerational programming and others, RPL engaged professional counsel to conduct a feasibility study to investigate the potential of a private funding component of proposed expansion/renovation expenditures to achieve RPL’s Strategic Plan objectives. RPL had previously engaged experts to conduct a Space Needs and Utilization Study to identify and quantify what expansion/renovations are needed.

Participation in the feasibility study was excellent. Results revealed that expansion/renovations to the library in pursuit of its strategic priorities make sense to a strong majority of potential philanthropic supporters. That said, report results also demonstrated that private financial support will be significantly dependent upon our ability to clearly articulate how the Library’s investment in facility improvements fits in the overall plan for the Town Center. Library Trustees have begun the process of working with the Select Board, the Rye Town Center Committee, and other Rye organizations in an effort to encourage collaboration and communication among the leaders of various projects. Our objective is to conceive of and to participate in thoughtful facilities, programming, and financial planning for all projects related to the Town Center.

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! Detail on these numbers appears in this year’s Library Director’s report, as well as at the “About Us” section of the RPL website (<https://ryepubliclibrary.org>). While you’re there, check out (pun intended) the apps available online and accessible with your library card: Heritage Quest, Mango Language and Hoopla, for free movie streaming, are just a few examples.

RPL provides community programs like film series for both adults and children, yoga and meditation, musical events, art exhibits and speakers on a wide variety of topics. Our ongoing Rye Neighbors series introduced more of our community’s talent and expertise through presentations by Rye residents.

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. We are proud to carry forward the wish of Rye Public Library Founder Mary Tuck Rand, to be a “mine of good and a fountain of help.” Please contact one of our Trustees or our 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 and look forward to an exciting and productive 2020!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen W. Oliver, Chair Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

As Massachusetts was dealing with the worst outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in over 50 years, NH was seeing a different disease carried by mosquitoes. Two human cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) were detected in New Hampshire in 2019. One was an adult from Kingston, NH. He tested positive for both Jamestown Canyon Virus spread by mosquitoes and Powassan Virus which is spread by ticks. Another adult tested positive for JCV from Laconia, NH. The State confirmed two horse cases of EEE and 16 mosquito batches. West Nile Virus was detected in one mosquito batch and one hawk.

In 2019, the US saw the largest and most widespread outbreak of EEE in the last half century. Medical Entomologists recognize that EEE usually persists after a major outbreak. We expect to see more EEE during the 2020 season.

Adult mosquitoes were monitored at five locations throughout town. Nearly 4000 mosquitoes were collected in traps, identified to species and select species were sent to the State Lab in Concord for disease testing. No mosquito borne disease was detected in Rye in 2019. Crews checked larval habitats 531 times during the season. There were 376 treatments to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 585 catch basins treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. School grounds, town trails and recreation areas were treated to control disease carrying mosquitoes and ticks.

The recommended 2020 Mosquito Control plan for Rye includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, mosquito and tick control at town owned property and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. Field work begins in April when mosquito larvae are found in red maple and cedar swamps, salt marshes, woodland pools and other wetland areas. Dragon uses a naturally occurring biological product called Bti to control mosquito larvae in wetlands. Bti will not harm people, pets and other animals, aquatic life or other insects. Dragon also uses Natular, an organic product, to control mosquito larvae.

Homeowners play an important role in reducing the number of mosquitoes by checking their property for standing water each week during the season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends residents empty, turn over, cover or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Personal protection remains the number one way to avoid mosquito borne illness. Helpful information is available on the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/westnile/prevention/index.html.

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use our No-Spray Registry online at www.dragonmosquito.com/no-spray-registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, PO Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, color of your house and acreage you own. If you have submitted a request in prior years, you may contact the office to reaffirm your request. To keep our records current, we need to hear from you each year. Inquiries may be emailed to help@dragonmosquito.com or call the office with questions at 734-4144.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah MacGregor
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

During 2019, Rye's land development continued at a pace with 3 major subdivisions, ongoing wireless cell tower telecommunications applications, and a variety of other projects. Pertinent to all projects are the complex aspects regarding the Town's natural environment. Constraints caused by geology and soil conditions include: tidal and freshwater marshes, shallow to bedrock soils, high water tables, hydrology and water quality, and floodplains. All conditions are significant factors in development considerations. Water Resource mapping was made available last year to the Planning Board by the Conservation Commission. The maps, available as layers, through the Town website at <https://www.axisgis.com/RyeNH/Default.asp>, have assisted in identifying important land attributes including wetlands and riparian buffers. In addition, a variety of experts, engaged by applicants and the Town, help solve the interrelated and challenging environmental constraints on major applications.

Major subdivision approvals by the Planning Board over the last two years include: two projects along the Route 1 corridor: Harbor Street Limited Partnership/1244 Washington Road (approved December 10, 2019) and The Housing Partnership/0 Airfield Drive (granted an extension to August 14, 2021), and a third project at 1215 Ocean Boulevard by Samonas Realty Trust (approved on January 14, 2020). Utilizing higher residential use densities available in the Town's zoning, these projects reflect an increased capacity of differentiated housing totaling 66 townhouse residential units, including 12 workforce housing units. Conditions of Approval which impose significant restrictions and requirements on specific aspects of the projects have been required; on average, the conditions number fifty per project.

In addition, The Tuck Realty/Goss Properties subdivision was approved on May 17, 2019 on property owned by Robert Goss on Locke Road and Ocean Boulevard. Initially denied in 2018, the 5 lot subdivision application was reopened, and approved for 4 lots with 48 Conditions of Approval. The Applicant, Planning Board, experts, and abutters worked over many months to avail best practices relative to the constraints of the property including: salt and freshwater wetlands, riparian buffers, sea level, and storm surge concerns. High tech septic systems, a redesign of the driveway, voluntary buffers, and a reduction in lots from 5 to 4 served to create a balanced solution for all parties.

Though of smaller scale, applications for conditional use permits for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) continued to receive attention with 4 new units permitted in 2019. Providing a unique opportunity for housing, numerous ADU units, between 600 and 1200 square feet, have been approved since the 2017 zoning change.

Solutions for wireless telecommunications continued to be at the forefront. The Wireless Telecommunications Committee, chaired by Howard Kalet, and assisted by Town Consultant: Isotrope, provided updates to the telecommunications zoning ordinance reflecting current law, and identified suitable wireless sites integral to the Town's coverage. Approved for the Warrant by the Planning Board on January 7, 2020, important changes included: expansion of definitions, clarity regarding sites, and alignment with federal and state statutes.

A project for a new 126' monopine wireless cell tower telecommunications facility, including equipment, with Verizon and AT&T, co-located at 68 Port Way, has been continued to February 28, 2020. Recent activities include a joint meeting with the Applicant, Zoning Board, and Planning Board on December 18, 2020, a site walk on January 4, 2020, and a balloon test on January 11, 2020. The shot clock has been continued to May 8, 2020. Interested parties may follow this application via live streaming, in person at scheduled meetings, and by reviewing the minutes posted to the Town website. The Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless project for a new 125' monopine wireless cell tower telecommunications facility including equipment with Verizon at 120 Bracket Road has been continued to March 10, 2020.

Two new projects have recently been introduced to the Board. Jurisdiction over a major site development plan for the Rannie Webster Foundation d/b/a Webster at Rye for a 23 bed expansion of the nursing and assisted living facility, and an expansion of the activities room and garage, was accepted in December. Located in the Aquifer and Wellhead District, current attention is being devoted to the hydrogeological study. A conceptual consultation was held on December 14, 2019 with Tuck Realty for property on Lafayette Road on behalf of Malcolm E. Smith, owner. The concepts presented included 40 units of residential housing, including workforce housing, and a commercial building located on the southeast side of the property.

The Long Range Planning Committee, with assistance from Julie Labranche, Senior Planner, Rockingham Planning Commission, conducted a total re-write of the Town's Land Development Regulations. This broad scope engagement, chaired by Steve Carter, began in 2018 and has met throughout the year. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed, and Committee members: Katy Sherman and Tim Durkin, committed significant resources to the redraft process. Primary objectives included: reorganization for ease of use, updating state and local references, and new content for: site runoff standards, storm water management, lighting and landscaping standards, and coastal climate adaptation and resilience requirements. A public presentation was held on September 9, 2019 and is available on the Town website. A public hearing on the document was held on January 14, 2020 with the expectation of adoption in early 2020.

The Rules and Regulations Committee included members: Nicole Paul, Jeffrey Quinn, and Patricia Losik. The proposed zoning amendments for the 2020 Warrant were concluded at the Planning Board meeting of January 14, 2020, with the final public hearing. Significant amongst the proposed amendments are 2020-11 which establishes a process for conversion of certain apartments to legal apartments, 2020-13 which expands definitions and requirements in the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District and Map, and codification which brings all of the Town codes: Rye Zoning Ordinance, Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance, and Building Ordinances into a consolidated referenced document.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Losik, Chairperson, Rye Planning Board

BE AWARE OF SHIFTING NAMES

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N. H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

"The Cedar Swamp run of 1695 and the Jenness brook of 1740 are identical. The stream takes its rise in the low land northerly from the junction of West and South roads, and empties into the sea near the terminus of Ocean road."

Cedar Swamp Run is the historically correct name for this waterway and retaining the name reminds us of the rare and precious stand of Atlantic White Cedar, now part of our Conservation Commission program, that grows along its course. Unfortunately, a few years ago while the State of New Hampshire was mapping the area, the name Bailey Brook was erroneously ascribed to this stream. Attempts to correct the problem have been to no avail.

With regard to the "terminus of Ocean road" in the Parsons quote above, the "Ocean road" of 1903 is today known as Sea Road. The name change was necessitated by construction of Ocean Boulevard in 1905 in order to prevent confusion. The original Cedar Swamp run terminus was adjacent to the Beach Club location. Today this stream flows into Eel Pond, also a result of the construction of Ocean Boulevard, and exits to the Atlantic Ocean at the northerly end of Sawyers Beach via a culvert.

Priscilla Jenness



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2019 Police Department Town Report

Rye Police value all communication brought forth by the community members that they serve. Open communication strengthens police awareness to public concerns and encourages police employees to better execute the mission and goals of the Town of Rye.

Citizens of Rye expressed concerns to the Board of Selectmen about unsafe driving behaviors of motorists on Rye roads. After some data collection, the officers and I have developed some theories for the reasons of the driving behaviors, along with statistics of the behavior. It is thought that approximately 50% of vehicles travel 10 MPH above posted speed limits. Some reasons given for speeds are impatience for slow drivers, hurrying to reach destinations, or just the thrill of driving fast. The officers and I continue to research and develop ways to foster voluntary compliance with posted speed limit signs. We have also lowered our threshold for stopping vehicles for moving violations.

Rye officers continue to partner with New Hampshire State Police, Portsmouth Police, New Castle Police, North Hampton Police, Greenland Police, and many other local, state, and federal agencies, along with all of the Town of Rye departments. The collective interactions have allowed us to solve reported crimes and network to improve compliance of motor vehicle laws across the seacoast towns.

The police department hired Bob McGrath as the Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer has been educating the public about state laws and town ordinances pertaining to wildlife and household pets through flyers and social media (rye603aco on Instagram). Bob McGrath shares photos of domestic and wild animals, as well as some historic and scenic views of Rye.

A challenge that seems to be becoming more prevalent in the law enforcement community is mental illness and substance abuse. In 2019, Rye officers responded to multiple calls where they had to take someone into custody due to unsafe behaviors being displayed. Officers have noticed (through training) that the unsafe behaviors or substance abuse is masking possible mental health issues. Resources for those suffering with mental health issues are scarce and officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges are doing their best to encourage subjects with mental health challenges to seek appropriate healthcare rather than sentencing them through criminal court. Officers understand why people don't want to discuss mental health challenges due to fear and shame and they continue to work with the families to help arrestees get proper help while also preserving the dignity of those struggling with mental illness.

The following are the statistics for 2019:

9,076 calls for service	144 arrests	236 alarms
1,397 motor vehicle stops	111 accident investigations	490 animal control
58 911 hang up calls	349 medical aid calls	28 domestics
31 juvenile issues	5 burglary reports	63 thefts

\$ 75,740.00 parking fines collected

\$ 7,150.00 court fines collected

\$174,787.00 outside details

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Walsh, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The department experienced a relatively quiet year. Both the Salt Storage Facility and Reconstruction of Shoals View went down to defeat at Town election. In addition, there was no equipment scheduled for replacement this year. Longtime employee Paul Paradis, who had filled the position of Mechanic and then Highway Foreman retired after 37 years employed by the Town. Paul's father was honored on the New Hampshire Public Work's Memorial for employees who have died in service. The Memorial was constructed and dedicated this year at the NH Department of Transportation in Concord. Paul Paradis' father was one of thirty-five initial honorees, whose names were inscribed on the monument panels.

This year had a fairly typical winter. The total number of events which the department responded to was twenty-two which is two above the average of twenty. The total snowfall accumulation was average at 62.5 inches for the year. The department recorded a total of 22 weather events; 14 were snow events and 8 were ice only. The snow events averaged approximately four and one-half inches of accumulation per event. 1,150 tons of salt at a total cost of approximately \$70,000 was deployed on the roadways, to maintain safe road conditions.

The department specified and ordered a glass crusher and a 30 cubic yard loose paper container, to augment the storage capacity of the transfer station. The two pieces of equipment cost approximately \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively. We currently are awaiting delivery of both pieces of equipment.

The crack sealing program saw the completion of Fern Avenue, Grove Road, Geremia Street, sections of Central Road and Brackett Road. In addition, sections of Washington, and Central Road were re-treated with crack sealant.

Road paving continues to be adversely impacted by the robust economy and difficulty attracting sufficiently qualified contractor workers. These two factors, among others, have reduced the capacity of many paving companies to maintain adequate output. Using funds left over from last year's paving budget, the east lane of Wallis Road was milled and re-paved at a cost of approximately \$90,000. In addition, Locke Road, was completed to its end at Locke's Neck. At long last, Harbor Road, from Ocean Boulevard to the jetty and Red Mill Lane were re-paved, after substantial prior infrastructure work to the in-ground utilities was completed. Birchwood Drive, Drake Lane, and Recreation Road from Locke Road to the parking lot were also re-paved. In all, approximately 3,100 tons of bituminous asphalt were applied to the town's roads this year, at a cost of approximately \$232,000.

The Transfer/Recycling Station processed 1,115 tons of household rubbish, 36 tons of kitchen waste, 60 tons of wood, 560 tons of Demo/Debris, 185 tons of mixed paper, 100 tons of cardboard, 13 tons of newsprint, 105 tons of scrap metal, 82 tons of glass, 26 tons of steel/aluminum cans, 23 tons of plastic containers, 9 tons of miscellaneous electronics, 200 gallons of waste oil, and 575 tires. Excluding the wood, tires, demo/debris, electronics, waste oil, and metal the town residents diverted approximately 465 tons of material through the transfer station from disposal in the landfill. This diversion represents a cost avoidance of approximately \$30,000 in tipping fees and a recycling rate of approximately 30%. In addition, the facility realized approximately \$65,372 in revenues from transfer station receipts and sale of recyclables, a decrease of approximately eight percent (8%) over last year. It should be remembered that last year's receipts were down 24%. This large revenue loss is indicative of the very poor recycling market we are currently experiencing, with no relief in sight.

Twenty-six (26) new driveways permits were issued this year; along with twenty-one (21) paving permits and twenty-five (25) excavation permits. These numbers represent an approximately 50% increase over the ten-year average. This activity is indicative of the very robust real estate economy.

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

RECREATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

The role of Rye Recreation is to ensure that a broad range of recreation opportunities are available and accessible for residents of all ages, consistent with the needs and interest of the community, given the space and resources available. We believe that the recreation programming and services provided by Rye Recreation is one of the reasons Rye is such a desirable community to live in.

This past year was one of the Recreation Commission's busiest. If you have not been to the Recreation Area lately, we would encourage you to check out everything that was accomplished this past year. The soccer snack shack was demolished and replaced with a new 1820 square foot storage facility that was built at a cost of \$150,000 (\$82.42/sf). The new storage building has heated and unheated storage areas, two storage "lockers" for equipment storage and a snack bar area with the serving window facing the recreation fields.

The access to the overflow parking area was relocated to reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflicts and provides a new outdoor seating area that overlooks the recreation fields. A portion of Recreation Road prior to the Recreation Area Parking Lot was paved. A new kiosk was installed at the entrance of the Ralph Morang Multi-purpose Field as part of an Eagle Scout Project. All parts of our master plan are coming together.

Additional space dedicated specifically for our popular After School program was provided at the elementary school. This allowed us to accommodate ten more after school participants each day and reduce the waiting list. 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.

A new multi-functional registration program that can accept online registrations and credit cards was put into service. The Summertime Horyezons Day Camp format was modified with two weeks of camp held in the New Castle Recreation Building and off-site trip offered.

Rye Recreation continues to offer a variety of recreation and sport opportunities. We continually solicit feedback from participants and modify our programming as necessary to meet the needs of the community. The Active, Alive and Over 55 Club offered eight-day trips, one overnight trip, and nine lunch programs where more than 414 meals were served. The Over 55 Fitness Program includes chair yoga, stretch and balance, and fitness classes. Other programs offered include basketball league, pick-up adult basketball, indoor tennis lessons, golf lessons, paddle board lessons, ski and snowboard lessons, soccer league, surf lessons, yoga classes, babysitter courses, Lego robotics camp, lacrosse camp, baseball camp, basketball camp, golf camp, skateboard camp, soccer camp, surf camp, video game designer, and yoga camp.

Rye Art in Bloom continues to be a very popular yearly community event. It has been held for the past nineteen years and is hosted by Rye Recreation and Webster at Rye. Other events sponsored by Rye Recreation in 2019 were childcare for the Town's Deliberative Session, the Independence Day Celebration and the Memorial Day Ceremony, which included a poster and poetry contest.

We are excited with the potential to increase our programming for middle school age children and seniors at the Rye Congregational Church. We have entered into a short-term lease to create a multi-generational community center in the area that was previously part of the Thrift Shop. As you read this, we will be painting and furnishing the space, as well as adding staff and programming. Our goal is to create an area that citizens of all ages can gather for active and passive recreation.

The Rye Recreation Commission meets monthly. Current Commissioners are Gregg Mikolaities, Chairperson, Cory Belden Vice Chairperson, Todd Cronin, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino and Georgina Saravia. The full-time staff are Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, Kelley Gallant, Programs Supervisor, and Victoria Loring, Administration and Programs Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Mikolaities, Chairperson



RECYCLING EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The mission of The Rye Recycling Education Committee (RREC) 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.

The RREC met regularly throughout the year, and we are pleased to report that awareness of and use of the Town's Swap Shop and the Mr. Fox composting program continued to increase during the year. While residents' utilization of the Mr. Fox program at the Transfer Station increased, Committee members see an opportunity for significant additional expansion and a need to create more specific awareness of which items can be composted via the program and how those items should be handled. Overall, we are encouraged by the progress of the composting program in 2019. The recycling and composting programs previously launched at Rye Elementary and Rye Junior High continued operation in 2019 and are well supported in both schools.

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. During 2019, members of the RREC met with Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy to assess opportunities for improving Swap Shop operations and value to residents. We will work in coordination with the Transfer Station team in 2020 to bring some of these new ideas forward.

On January 14, 2020, the Committee met to set 2020 goals and to prioritize future programs and initiatives. Among other outcomes, this meeting led to the launch of a new RREC Facebook page (@ryenhrecyclers) and to the identification of new Committee member candidates for 2020. We invite you to follow us on Facebook and to watch for updates and announcements there, and in other Rye publications throughout the year. We are excited to work with Town residents as we continue to expand and improve Rye's recycling, composting, and reuse programs.

Respectfully submitted

John Provencher, Chairman
The Rye Recycling Education Committee

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." - Mark Twain

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 2019, Rye had 551 parcels connected to the sewer system with three new connections during the year. 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 City of Portsmouth Sewer System also extends to the Atlantic Grill, located at Foyes Corner. 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.

In 2019, the Town voted in favor of the following warrant article: "To see if the town will vote in favor of the expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer system (at no cost to the town of Rye and pursuant to an inter-municipal agreement to be negotiated between the Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth) in order to provide public sewer service by the City of Portsmouth from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Route 1 ending at the Route 1/Washington Road intersection." A draft inter-municipal agreement has been presented to the Portsmouth City Council and negotiations are ongoing.

Section 401, 601, and 602 of The Sewer User Ordinance was updated to reflect the change that the sewer bond was paid off in 2012 and the capital recovery was eliminated.

The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. The ductile iron pipe leaving the wet well at the Jenness Beach Pump Station failed and a repair clamp was installed. The section of pipe that failed is scheduled to be replaced in 2020. The Sewer system manholes were inspected and 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. General pump maintenance was carried out at all three stations, the wet wells at Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abenaqui 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. As part of the current inter-municipal agreement that is good until November 16, 2024, Rye is responsible for contributing to the Town of Hampton WWTP up grades (Rye's share 4%).

A Pump Station Capacity Study was conducted and it concluded that there is significant remaining capacity at Abenaqui Pump Station and that Jenness Beach and Church Road Pump Stations does not have enough capacity during estimated peak flow events. As a result the Sewer Commission implemented a moratorium, not to accept any connections/additional wastewater flow from outside the existing sewer service area/sewer collection system until further notice.

The Town of 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, the Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan Summary Report is filed annually. The result of this report and an EPA (Clean Water Act) inspection that was conducted in 2018 was received and the Town of Rye Sewer Commission had a favorable review.

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 2019, seven installer's licenses and one application for a secondary usage water meter were received.

The current sewer commission consists of David W. Kohlhase, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; David M. Adams, Commissioner, and Lee Arthur, Administrator. The sewer office located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Kohlhase, Chairman
Rye Sewer Commission

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 various cost and expenses are apportioned among the members. Also provided is flexibility in developing solutions to joint solid waste problems.

The District is presently made of six-member towns: Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, North Hampton, Rye and Sandown.

The District held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 21, 2019 in Brentwood.

The event served 302 cars, representing 318 households, with the costs falling well within the operating budget \$27,850.00. 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 \$66.04 per ton for MSW and \$78.47 per ton for Bulky/Demo.

Effective April 1, 2019 the Board of Southeast Regional is as follows:

Chairman	Everett Jordan -Rye, NH
Vice Chairman	Dennis McCarthy – Rye, NH
Treasurer	John Hubbard – North Hampton, NH
Secretary	Alfred Felch – Kensington, NH

TOWN OF RYE
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT – 2019

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.

The spike in rental assistance this year is a reflection of the area wide high rents and loss of employment experienced by a higher than customary number of residents. Assistance of mortgage and utility expenses are secured by property liens which will eventually return the funds to the Town.

SIX YEAR GENERAL ASSISTANCE HISTORY

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total
Burial	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750
Electric	\$499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$427	\$0
Food	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$269	\$0
Propane	\$0	\$205	\$989	\$543	\$1,456	\$2,566
Gasoline	\$412	\$120	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$0
Mortgage	\$14,045	\$11,395	\$12,831	\$12,542	\$14,342	\$13,362
Oil	\$0	\$2,062	\$0	\$407	\$1,130	\$0
Personal	\$259	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$0
Prop Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$37,831	\$22,207	\$12,797	\$9,720	\$5,961	\$16,886
Rx / Med	\$281	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Util-Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,776	\$0	\$0
Transp.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$54,152	\$35,989	\$26,617	\$25,738	\$24,415	\$33,564
Vouchers Written	84	51	35	37	33	40
Assisted Cases	41	18	8	10	9	12

Ellen Tully, Welfare Director
City of Portsmouth
1/3/20

TOWN OFFICES AND SERVICES

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Assessor's Office	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector:	
Building Department	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Afternoons by appointment	
Planning and Zoning Office	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Treasurer: Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 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 Fax964-1516
 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 Fax964-4132
 Treasurer.....964-5523
 Welfare, Overseer of Public.....964-5523