



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Selectmen's Message:

MOVING FORWARD ON TOWN CENTER PLANS, THE TOWN HALL, THE PARSONAGE AND DEVELOPING INCREASED CELLULAR COVERAGE

Rye Harbor Dredging Update:

Following the tour of Rye Harbor by Senator Shaheen and later by her legislative aid Kaitlyn Hill, the Selectmen received the following update from the Senator's office -- "the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its Energy and Water spending bill for the upcoming fiscal year, which includes funding for the Army Corps of Engineers. Importantly, the bill includes the funding necessary to begin maintenance dredging of Rye Harbor. Now, the legislation will need to be approved by the full Senate and signed into law by the President. Once that is done, the Corps will develop its 2020 Work Plan. Please be assured that Senator Shaheen will continue advocating for the inclusion of this important project in the Corps' 2020 Work Plan." We are awaiting notification that the full Senate has approved the Energy and Water spending bill upon which we will work with our Corps of Engineers project manager so that we can track their planning for Rye Harbor. The good news is that if the project is funded, the work will begin in late fall of 2020 and be completed by April of 2021.

Rye Town Center Committee:

The Selectmen chartered the Rye Town

Center Committee in September to address the proposals developed at the Town Charrette. The Committee's charge is to "weigh the various options presented by Plan NH and incorporating those to create a comprehensive plan for a Town Center (as defined from the Old Trolley Barn to Grange Park just north of the Rye Junior High). The Committee shall evaluate the Plan NH Charrette, town owned assets, all other potentially available buildings in the Town Center, infrastructure in the Town, prior committee work and studies, and work with various other Town Committees to achieve this plan. Further the Committee shall prepare at least one warrant article from the overall plan for the March 2020 warrant".

The Committee's first meeting was held on October 1st where the following officers were elected: Karen Stewart-Chair, Nina Parrott-Vice Chair, Kaitlyn Coffey-Secretary. Additional members of the Committee are Victor Azzi, Mae Bradshaw, John Loftus, John Mitchell, and Phil Winslow the Selectmen's representative. The Committee selected safety and traffic calming as the first project to address. They are working diligently to draft a warrant article for the 2020 March Warrant which will include a plan to construct a sidewalk on the west side of Washington Road from the Rye Junior High to the Town Hall, bike lanes on both sides of that area, a vegetated buffer strip between them, and possibly elevated crosswalks. The Committee has identified a State Grant program, called a Transportation Alternative Plan (TAP) which, if we are successful in obtaining, will fund 80% of the cost of this project. Timing is critical as we have to include the estimated cost of this plan in a warrant article that must be drafted by mid-December 2019. An initial engineering plan has to be developed which will outline the project in detail and include the cost estimate so that this project can be included in a warrant for this coming March Warrant. Receiving approval by the electorate at the March 2020 election will be necessary to help Rye in being selected for State funding in this highly competitive TAP program. Funding will be determined

by the State in late summer/early fall of 2020.

Funds from the Fiscal Year

20/21 State Budget: In October, the State distributed \$20 million in municipal aid to municipalities as part of the approved 2020-2021 state budget. Rye received \$22,975.38 of these funds. The aid was unrestricted, meaning municipalities can use the funds they received for any municipal purpose, or apply it reduce the municipality's 2019 property tax rate, to be decided at the discretion of the Selectmen following a public hearing. Following a noticed public hearing on November 11, 2019, at which the Selectmen heard from the public on both sides of this question, the Selectmen voted to use the \$22,975.38 in 2019 to retain CMA engineers and a surveyor to put together the scope of work and project estimate for the Town Center sidewalk/bike path/buffer strip project discussed above (which is required to apply for the TAP Grant in 2020). As explained above, the voters will decide in March 2020 whether to move forward with this project and apply for the TAP Grant but the engineering and survey work is a necessary precursor to applying for the TAP Grant. Further, the TAP Grant is only offered on a two year cycle, so if the Town was unable to submit its application for 2020, it would be another two years until we could apply again and presumably labor and materials costs will only increase during that time. For these reasons, the Selectmen voted to use the \$22,975.38 received from the State towards the required engineering and survey work for the TAP Grant application, so that the electorate could consider the project and TAP Grant on the March 2020 Warrant.

Parsonage Update:

The Parsonage lease, under management by The Housing Partnership (THP), will expire on May 31, 2020. The facility has eight apartment units and has housed low income residents for the past decade plus. The Selectmen chartered a Parsonage Committee in 2016 which reported on October 3, 2016, to the then-Selectmen, that the THP would require a 99 year lease to obtain funds for the renovation of the building,

Holiday Parade

"ROCK & ROLL HOLIDAYS OF THE 1950'S"

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road to the Rye Junior High School

For additional information call the Fire Dept. at 964-6411.



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that the buildings were in a serious state of disrepair, and that the Town should not enter into a long term lease with THP or any other entity as it would restrict the Town from any flexibility in the use of the buildings. Subsequently THP reported that the renovation of the Parsonage would cost upwards of \$500,000. THP has been working with the lease holders of the apartments to find suitable housing for them. To-date, five out of the eight apartments are now vacant. In addition to offering help in finding alternate housing THP is offering to fund moving expenses and to pay the first month's rent and security deposit. In a meeting with the Library Trustees they indicated that they had a plan for further expansion of the Library that did not include their use of the Parsonage. There are several potential uses of the building which include but are not limited to: Town Hall offices, or trading the Parsonage for the TD Bank (with the TD Bank building to be used for Town offices). The Rye Town Center Committee will include recommendations for the use of the Parsonage in their final report or sooner.

Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market: Sunday, September 22nd turned out to be a warm fall day and perfect for visitors to the Goss Farm's 1st open house. We estimated that over 500 people attended. The event was sponsored by Tate & Foss Sotheby's International Realty and showcased the historic barn, fields, and gardens. Visitors enjoyed tours of the property, sampling signature food items from The Atlantic Grill and The Carriage House, purchasing sandwiches & fruit drinks from the Pressed for Time Mobile Café, buying produce from the farm, honey (produced by the farm bees and SeaBee Honey), Maple Syrup by Syrup of the Sea, products from local artisans, and meeting five local book authors. Purchased in 2010 by the Rye Conservation Commission (with taxpayer money and funds from the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program) the farm and its nine acres of agriculture land are a treasured remembrance of Rye's agricultural past. Special thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen.

Rye Day: Organizing Rye Day as originally discussed in June - with a full event and activities at Parsons Field plus Town-wide events - proved to be too big of a project for the first attempt. At present, the Selectmen are looking into whether to combine Rye Day with a second Goss Farm event in the fall of 2020 and will be discussing this with the Goss

Farm Group subcommittee. If combining with Goss Farm is not possible, the second plan is for Rye Day to proceed in the fall of 2020 with a more manageable program of Town-wide events, a parade and a *picnic* at Parson's field, rather than a full slate of activities at Parsons field. Please stayed tuned for further information.

Perkins Road Study: The State Commissioner of Transportation and two of her staff attended a Rye Selectmen's meeting this past spring in an attempt to obtain the State's support to address safety issues at the intersection of Perkins Road and Ocean Blvd as well as entry to Jenness Beach State Park. The Selectmen, along with Chiefs of Police and Fire and our Public Works Director, also met this summer with the owner of the Dunes Hotel and adjacent retail establishments. Several changes were agreed to including onsite parking support, bollards to preclude traffic from entering the parking area from sharp angles, and continuing to limit parking to three specific areas in front of and north of the retail buildings. The State also added parking staff at Jenness Beach on many of the weekends this summer in order to minimize safety issues on entering and exiting the Jenness Beach parking area and to reduce standing on Route 1A. Additional work is needed to further improve the safety at this intersection. The Perkins Road Safety Committee, in its April 18, 2019 final report, requested that a Traffic Study be done for that intersection by a qualified engineering company to develop a complete safety plan. Greg Mikolaities, Chair of the Safety Committee meet with the Selectmen to request that this safety study be funded for 2020. The Selectmen discussed that it made sense for the study to extend along Route 1A from Sea Road to Baker Ave to address the most congested traffic areas of the Jenness Beach area. Current plans are to include funding for this project in our 2020 Town Budget.

Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee: This Committee has worked very hard in a condensed period of time to develop a plan to address cell coverage needs and to identify potential properties for tower siting that could increase coverage. The Committee has worked with our consultant, David Maxson (Isotrope, LLC) and with our Planner Kim Reed, to revise our Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District section of the Zoning Ordinance to update and strengthen it and to comply with changes in state and federal laws. The Committee has also identified several

areas of town-owned land where a tower could provide coverage and found that the coverage needed could not be accomplished solely through small cells. The next step is for the Committee, the Selectmen, the Planning Board, and likely the Conservation Commission and Rye Recreation Commission to work together to review these sites with a goal towards including a single site for inclusion in the already-existing Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District for a decision of the electorate on the 2020 Warrant. This vote is not to approve a tower, but only to include a site within the already-existing overlay District. The Committee has not identified the exact area of a tower on any of these sites, nor will they, as that will only be addressed should a provider show interest in a site, in which case the Town, as the owner of the property, would control (within federal law parameters) the location of any tower, with careful consideration given to the proximity of residences, roads, and other sensitive areas. Also, as with the on-going Parsons Road Verizon Tower, any lease of town-owned land for a tower would still have to go to the voters at Town Meeting. Thank you to the Committee members - Howard Kalet, John Bellino, Brett Zola and Kathy McCabe, as well as Kim Reed, Planning & Zoning Administrator, and consultant David Maxon for all their very hard work in pulling this together.

Town Hall: The Selectmen met with hired architect Nancy Barba on November 11, 2019 and November 21, 2019 in public session for her early findings regarding the current usable space in Town Hall, how to best reconfigure and use the existing space, and any need for additional space. Ms. Barba looked at two options: (1) using all of Town Hall for offices as well as a Meeting/Court room; and (2) leaving the top floor open for voting, presentations, large group meetings, local events, etc. It became clear during this presentation that the second floor was not large enough, even if completely opened up, for voting. However, it is still possible to open up that space for presentations, meetings, and local events - this will of course require additional space outside of Town Hall for office space. The ultimate goal of this work is to create a "matrix" of possibilities and costs for Town Hall needs that can easily be compared and contrasted for purposes of identifying the best solution to present to the voters. This comprehensive work will not be completed for the

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March 2020 Town Meeting. The Selectmen will continue to meet with Ms. Barba in public work-sessions to go through her findings. The Selectmen will work with the Town Center Committee as Ms. Barba's work continues to ensure, as best as possible, a cohesive overall plan.

Staff Updates: The Selectmen made Acting Town Administrator Becky Bergeron our official Town Administrator. Prior to Mike Magnant's retirement, Becky was the Town's Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator. The Selectmen also made Janice Ireland our new Finance Administrator, Janice has served for many years as the Selectmen's Executive Assistant and has worked closely with the Finance Department during that time. Both Becky and Janice have demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and dedication to this Town and we are excited to have them continue their work with the Town in their new positions.



The Town of Rye Joins Facebook:

The Town of Rye now has a Facebook page! Please like us so you can stay up-to-date on announcements and need-to-know information.

Board of Selectmen,

Phil Winslow, Chairman
Keri Roman, Vice-Chairman
Bill Epperson, Selectman

Important Notice from the Building Department

The Parsons Creek (PC) septic pump-out regulation has been in effect since June 30, 2016. During the first three years, or before June 30, 2019, everyone in the PC watershed was required to have their septic system pumped and to submit an inspection report to the Building Department (BD). Many have done this but many have not. The ones that have completed this portion of the regulation are now required to have your septic tank pumped every three years and submit a copy of the pumping invoice to the BD. You will be required to do this from now on.

For those who have not had their system pumped and inspected, you will be

getting or may have received a letter from the BD giving you an additional 30 days from the date of the letter to meet this requirement. If after 30 days you have not complied with the regulation you will be getting another letter holding you in violation of the regulation.

The town has a consultant available to attend the pumping event and fill out the inspection report. Your pumper will need to schedule the inspection with him. Please give him a couple of days notice. Most septic haulers know how to get in touch with him directly but if you need assistance call the Building Department at 964-9800.

It is important that this inspection gets done to ensure that your system is working correctly. The BD will be using the information to identify systems that may not be working correctly or are too close to the marsh. For a typical system to supply treatment of the waste water it must be elevated 4' above the seasonal high-water table. Many of the older systems did not meet this requirement and are allowing untreated waste water to enter the ground water which will then migrate into the marsh.

For more information, look on the Town's Web page under "Parsons Creek Watershed – Environment" to find many studies on the watershed. One report that addresses the complex issues with septic systems in this of environment is "[ISDS Report Rye Final Signed](#)".

Thank you for your continued cooperation with this. It will take time and a concentrated effort by the residents for the PC watershed to ensure that the waters in the area are safe.

Peter Rowell
Building Inspector

Public Works: Do You Scoop The Poop?

Is it really a problem?

It might not seem like a storm-water problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality and even human health.

Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that can harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When animal waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing pathogens and

nutrients. Nutrients can cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unsuitable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease-causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local water un-swimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans.

As you can see animal waste does not simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid problems is to clean up after your pet, and dispose of the waste properly, each and every time.

How To Be Prepared.

Picking up after your pet is easy, if you are properly prepared. Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your pet and you will have the right equipment to remove your pet's waste. Companies such as "Bags on Board" sell compact, refillable bag dispensers, that attach right to your pet's leash, and allow you to have bags available to you, whenever you walk your pet.

Throw the bagged waste in the nearest public trash barrel. Many parks and recreational areas have courtesy bag dispensing and disposal stations, designed specifically for pet waste.

What Not To Do.

- Avoid letting your pet do his or her business within 200 feet of any water body.
- Never throw your pet waste into a storm drain or catch basin.

Pet Waste At Home.

While it is common courtesy to pick up after your pet when out in public, it is also a good practice to pick up after him or her on your own property. Some diseases can be transmitted from pet waste to humans through contact with the soil. Children playing on the soil and adults who garden are most at risk.

If you have large animals; barnyard and manure management is critical to the protection of water resources.

On a Final Note.

Unfortunately, an activity many of us enjoyed as children; feeding waterfowl bread and seed, can actually have damaging impact on local waters. Feeding waterfowl causes them to concentrate in higher numbers than they would have, if they had to rely solely on natural food supplies, and that results in large quantities of waste for local waters.

In addition, while ducks, geese and swans love to eat the bread we offer them, it lacks the nutrition of their natural diet, and can cause them long term health problems.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

Tips from the Police Chief

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

Snow Plowing: If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, please remind the contractor not to push snow across the road from your driveway. It is a violation of state law to do so.

Holidays: Please lock your vehicles. This is the time of year when people keep gifts in their cars and thieves target vehicles with valuables in plain sight. Gift cards are also targeted by thieves. Please put the cards out of sight, even when you are at home. Keep your receipts for gift cards. If a card is lost or stolen, the receipt can help track the card. Do not give out your social security number, including when using the computer to make purchases. Never give out personal information.

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

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

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

Scams: Holidays bring extra scam attempts. Please do not ever purchase gift cards to satisfy an alleged

“debt” that you receive word about via phone. Always verify who you are speaking with and do not give out any personal information over the phone, unless you are certain about who you are speaking with. Always call your local police to confirm any odd requests or suspicious calls.



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

Hunting Season: Below are some of the winter season open hunting dates. For more information please visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us or www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/hunting/deer-hunting-regulations/

- Sept.-Jan. - Waterfowl/dates vary by species and zone
- Sept. 15-Dec. 15 - Deer/archery
- Sept. 15-Dec. 15 - Fall turkey/archery
- Sept.-Mar. - Small game and furbearers/dates vary by species and region
- Oct. 1-Dec. 31 - Pheasant
- Nov. 13-Dec. 8 - Deer/regular firearms (no rifles in Rye)

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Rye Fire & Rescue: Winter & Carbon Monoxide

Each year Rye Fire Rescue responds to numerous carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and incidents. These responses typically increase during the winter months as our houses are kept more weather tight to keep the warmth in and cold out. CO is the number one cause of

poisoning deaths in the United States. There are hundreds of deaths each year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used heating equipment.

When we use appliances in our home that are in good condition, properly installed and maintained; we minimize the risk of having CO accumulate in our homes. However, if the appliances are not in good condition, or improperly installed or maintained dangerous levels of CO can result. There are several leading causes of CO accumulation in homes such as:

- Chimneys and woodstoves
 - ◊ These should be inspected annually and cleaned as necessary.
- Furnaces and water heaters
- Gas and oil fueled space heaters
- Blocked furnace vents, gas dryer vents and chimneys
 - ◊ Make sure snow is clear from all vents especially direct vented appliances that vent through an exterior wall.
- Running vehicles in the garage
 - ◊ Vehicles should not be left running in the garage, even if the garage door is open
- Car tail pipes blocked by snow
- Generators
 - ◊ Generators should never be run inside any structure
- Barbeque grills and camping stoves
 - ◊ These items should always be used outside and away from the house
- Gas ovens used for heat
- Power snow removal and landscaping tools.
 - ◊ These should never be used inside.

Carbon Monoxide is known as the silent killer because the gas is poisonous, odorless, colorless and tasteless. Because there is no way for any person to sense the presence of CO, it is essential that every house have working CO detectors. Similar to the operation of a smoke alarm, a CO alarm will sound to alert residents when CO gas is detected but before the gas is present in harmful amounts. Detectors are available at most hardware stores, lumber stores or major general retailer.

Exposure to CO gas can produce flu-like symptoms, headaches, nausea. Higher amounts of CO exposure will

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cause dizziness, fainting, unconsciousness and death. You can see that exposure to CO gas is quite serious but working CO detectors, properly installed will protect us quite nicely from unknowing exposure.

If your CO detectors activate or you feel you are being exposed to CO take the following actions:

- Get out of the house or car into fresh air
- Call 911! This is important for a couple of reasons:
 - ◊ Rye Fire Rescue can independently meter your house for CO. We can help determine the source of the exposure, whether your detector was malfunctioning or not, and provide direction on getting the situation rectified.
 - ◊ We can provide the medical evaluation you may need if you are symptomatic.

The purpose of this article is to raise community awareness in regards to the Carbon Monoxide issue. We at Rye Fire & Rescue are happy to provide additional information or answer any questions you may have on this issue.

Have a great winter!
Mark Cotreau
Fire Chief

News From The Town Clerk/Tax Collector

You know winter is just around the corner when there are no more leaves on the trees, when you walk into the store and see Santa, when beach stickers are no longer needed, and when residents are leaving town for a warmer climate. If you plan to be absent during any of the elections, I don't want you to forget about getting your votes in! Please either e-mail, mail, or come visit the Town Clerk's office to pick up your absentee ballot application(s) for the following elections in 2020: Presidential Primary (set for February 11), Town Election (set for March 10), State Primary Election (set for September 8), and the State General

Election (set for November 3). Applications can also be downloaded on our town website – www.town.rye.nh.us – once completed be sure to get them to the Town Clerk's office. Filing for 'Town Offices' will begin on January 22 until January 31 at 5:00 PM. Open positions will be posted on the town website after January 1. Also, keep in mind that February 4 is the last day to petition selectmen for warrant articles included in the Town Election. The year of 2020 is looking to guarantee us a very busy year ahead.

The tax rate has been set at \$10.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Our town tax bills will be due thirty (30) days from the date mailed. For our town's dog owners, you may begin licensing your dogs at the start of the New Year; all dogs must be licensed by April 30 by providing an updated rabies certificate at the office. Beach permits will also be available at the start of the New Year. For all beach permits, please remember that a valid vehicle registration will be required for each vehicle you want to put a beach parking sticker on. The fee remains the same as last year at \$25 per vehicle. In order to obtain a parking permit, you must be a Rye resident or property owner. The transfer station permits are also available in the Town Clerk's office all year around. Same goes for the transfer station stickers, a valid vehicle registration must be presented for each vehicle you would like a permit for. For our resident's convenience, we have a secure mailbox to drop off tax and utility bills right in our office; as we say "Drop and Go." If you would like to request a stamped "paid" receipt for any bills mailed back to you, be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays from us here in the clerk's office – Donna, Amy, and Toni.

Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Planning Board Update

The Rye Planning Board (RPB) continues work on the following applications:

1215 Ocean Boulevard/Samonas Realty Trust: The applicant recently presented updated plans which incorporate three duplex style town homes (6 units) representing a decrease of 2 units from the original application. Expanding the west to east viewshed by approximately 22%, this change serves to reduce density on the site. According to the Town Engineer and Town Environmental Consultant, the proposed changes to the site appear to have enhancements over existing conditions. Benefits include the replacement of possibly failing septic systems with new systems; movement of the septic tanks and leach fields to mostly outside of the 100-foot buffer is very positive. The removal of currently constructed elements on the site, the establishment of a more uniform, thickly vegetated buffer zone along the tidal marsh proximate to Parsons Creek; the reduction of over 10,000 square feet of impervious surfaces on the site; the introduction of permeable pavers for the drive and parking areas within the site will provide additional surface water storage and treatment. Additionally, much less intensive vehicular use of the site is expected and improvements will be made to facilitate pedestrian traffic walking towards the beach from Wallis Road. Further discussion on December 10th will include a design of a second egress for emergency purposes.

1244 Washington Road/Harbor Street Limited Partnership: The developer has responded to design, placement, buffer, and landscaping concerns raised by the Town's Engineer, Hydrogeologist, Planning Board, Town of Rye Department Heads, abutters, and the public. The 5 building, 20 unit plan incorporates 4 workforce housing units, allocations of which will be determined once the plans for either septic or public sewer are finalized. Septic designs have been submitted which reduce many of the 3 bedroom units to 2 bedrooms. Should the development be able to access a new Rt. 1 sewer line, the number of bedrooms would expand. The application has been continued to the December 10, 2019 meeting.

Rye's Land Development Regulations: The current draft of the Land Development Regulations will be discussed on December 10th. A current draft is available for review on the Planning Board page of the Town website www.town.rye.nh.us. The RPB is targeting adoption for January of 2020.

Rules and Regulations Committee: The Rules and Regulations Committee is currently completing the

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proposed zoning changes for 2020. An additional PB meeting has been scheduled for December 3rd to hear several amendments. All 2020 proposed zoning amendments are posted on the Planning Board page of the Town website www.town.rye.nh.us.

The RPB and Planning Administrator, Kim Reed, continue to devote significant efforts to various applications. Many thanks for the thorough and thoughtful preparation of the members which has positioned the group to address the various challenges associated with numerous and complex applications on behalf of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Losik, Chairman
Rye Planning Board

Rye Senior SERVE Update

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

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

The Tuesday morning trips on the SERVE van includes shopping at Market Basket and a variety of other errands riders often find necessary. While breakfast at local eatery, Hebert's is a favorite of many, this is an optional part of the trip.

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

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

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

If you have the time (you decide how much time) and interest in this rewarding community service, please call Jim Delaney at 603.436.6041.

Jim Delaney
Rye Senior SERVE

Goss Farm Open House & Farmers Market Update

Sunday, September 22, 2019 was a beautiful sunny autumn day for the Town of Rye Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market held at the Town owned farm at the corner of Harbor Road and Route 1A. The Farm was purchased in 2010 by the Rye Conservation Commission using town supported open space bond funds, with forty nine percent of the funding coming from the Federal Government Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. The event was sponsored by Tate & Foss Sotheby's International Realty and showcased the historic barn, fields and gardens operated by the Rye Conservation Commission.

Award-winning fiddler Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki performed while tours of the barn, fields and gardens were led by Tracy Degnan and Alex Herlihy. The public enjoyed sampling signature food items from The Atlantic Grill and The Carriage House; many took the opportunity to grab a bite to eat from the Pressed for Time Mobile Café.

Fresh produce grown on the farm by Night Farm Farmers, Taylor Weiss and Julia Jones; honey from SeaBee Honey Beekeeper, Joe Martilla, who keeps hives in the fields on the farm; and Maple Syrup from Chris Olsen of Syrup by the Sea, which is produced from the sap of sugar and red maples in Rye and Portsmouth were crowd favorites. Delicious peanut butter dog treats "Bow Wow Bones" made and packaged by young adults with disabilities from the Seacoast of New Hampshire sold out. The Rye Driftwood Garden Club perennial plants and flower bouquets were exceptionally beautiful.

Visitors appreciated the warm welcome, cookies and water. A unique opportunity to meet Rye Authors: Steve Clarkson, Anne Carroll Decker, Kathleen and Skip Lockwood, Bob McGrath, Linda Petrat, Bruce Valley, and Mimi White, was provided by the Rye Public Library and children enjoyed having their faces painted and animal balloons courtesy of Rye Recreation.

Local artisans Nina Herlihy, Amy Nolan, Claire Russo, Bruce Iverson Asian Brush Painting and Barbara Smith McLaughlin Fine Jewelry displayed their wares. While residents learned more about the town's Heritage Commission, Historic District Commission, Water District, Historical Society and Civic League while visiting their displays.

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This success of this community driven event can be attributed to the contributions of the town's Conservation Commission, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and the Goss Farm Open House and Farmers Market Committee of Phil Winslow, Anne Decker, Bev Giblin, Sally King, and Lee Arthur.



Conservation Commission: Non-Native Invasive Plants in Rye

An invasive plant is one that is not native to a particular ecosystem, whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. It is capable of moving aggressively into an area, monopolizing light, nutrients, water, and space to the detriment of native species. (source: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/invasive-plants>).

There are currently 27 species in New Hampshire that are on a prohibited list. This list includes autumn olive, burning bush, common reed (phragmites), bittersweet, buckthorn, and multi-flora rose, all of which are prevalent in Rye. There is also a "watch list" which contains non-regulatory potentially invasive non-native plants. To learn more about invasive plants and how to properly identify them, please visit: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/invasive-plants>.

To prevent the spread of non-native invasive plants, care must be taken. The town of Rye does NOT accept invasive species at the transfer station. To learn more about how to dispose of invasive species properly, visit: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/methods-disposing-non-native-invasive-plants>.

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To prevent the spread of non-native invasive plants, care must be taken. The town of Rye does NOT accept invasive species at the transfer station. To learn more about how to dispose of invasive species properly, visit: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/methods-disposing-non-native-invasive-plants>.

Thank you for your help in keeping non-native invasive plant species out of and under control in Rye!

Heather Reed, Member
Rye Conservation Commission

Rye Mosquito Control Update

There needs to be clarification of what “*spraying for mosquitoes*” actually means. Many people assume that all mosquito treatments involve the application of long lasting pesticides which stay in the treated area and effect non-target pests. A generation ago, when DDT was being used, that was true. Today there are many non-residual pest specific pesticides that have been effectively used for many years.

- *Street Spraying* is done when adult mosquito populations are high. A truck with a fogging machine drives slowly along the town roads applying a pyrethrum fog which knocks down any mosquitoes it contacts during the several minutes it is in the air. It is a short term non-residual treatment.
- *Turf & Brush Treatments* are done to recreation areas and school playgrounds to control mosquitoes and ticks that rest in these areas during the day and emerge when they sense a potential host. These treatments are applied with hydraulic sprayers or mist blowers using a residual material called Bifenthrin. One treatment may last for three to four weeks.
- *Larviciding* is the best approach to mosquito control and there are several effective materials with good track records in use today. BTI is a biological agent which affects only mosquito larvae during their first four instars. Golden Bear is paraffinic oil which covers the surface of a breeding pool

and suffocates the larvae. The oil dissipates quickly and does not build up in the marsh habitat.

Marsh management is another effective way to control mosquito populations. There are many marsh restoration techniques that may be used depending on the nature of the specific problems which exist. Each marsh is different and restoration projects must be well designed and well executed to be effective. Two of the most common techniques used are the removal of tidal restrictions and creation of pool habitat where tidal restrictions cannot be removed. Pool habitats support minnows that prey on mosquito larvae effectively reducing a significant amount of larvae without the use of pesticides.

The Rye Mosquito Control Commission uses an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to solving Rye’s mosquito problems. We are actively seeking ways to lower the cost and lessen the amount of pesticide applied each year. Please attend our meeting – they are posted at the Town Hall.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Dragon Mosquito Control Update

Dragon began field work in the Town of Rye on April 9th. The last treatments of the season were made on October 16th. We have identified 184 larval mosquito habitats in Rye. Crews checked larval habitats 531 times this season. There were 376 treatments to eliminate mosquito larvae mainly using a *Bacillus* bacterium. Catch basins were sampled and treated to combat disease carrying mosquitoes in the summer and again in the fall. A total of 585 catch basins were larvicided using an organic product, Natular. School grounds, town trails and recreation areas were treated as requested to prepare for events and combat disease carrying mosquitoes and ticks. Adult mosquitoes were monitored at five locations throughout the town using two types of traps. Nearly 4000 mosquitoes were collected in traps, identified to species, and 187 batches were tested for diseases at the State Lab in Concord.

None of the mosquitoes collected in Rye tested positive for disease.

Record cold in November has ended the threat of mosquito borne disease in Rye for 2019. The season started with wet and cold weather and ended much drier. The lack of rain in September may have helped New Hampshire avoid a human Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) human case. EEE virus activity was detected in Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties this year. The incidence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis follows a cyclical pattern. Most years, an average of seven human cases are reported in the US, but every 10-20 years the number of annual cases increase for a few years in a row. To date, 2019 has had 35 cases reported in 9 states with 13 deaths. Many of these cases occurred in Massachusetts.

No mosquito borne disease was detected in Rye mosquitoes this year. There is no way to know the reason for sure, but we did make some modifications to the Rye program. We supplemented Rye’s larvicide program with the well timed application of an organic *Bacillus* bacterium product that provides a residual. In addition, keeping with our commitment of consistent improvement, senior staff led the crews and made refinements which enhanced the larviciding program.

Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) is a disease carried by mosquitoes that circulates primarily between deer and a variety of mosquito species. JCV was detected in two New Hampshire residents in 2019. A man from Kingston tested positive for both JCV and Powassan virus with onset in late May. A second individual, this one from Laconia, tested positive with onset in mid-September. JCV detection in humans has been increasing over the last several years. New Hampshire has identified eight cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus since 2013 including the death of a Derry man. The State Lab currently doesn’t test mosquitoes for JCV.

Ticks in New Hampshire remain a health concern. NH continues to have one of the highest rates of Lyme disease in the nation and 60% of blacklegged ticks sampled in NH are infected with the spirochete that causes Lyme disease. Many recent reports have focused on the lone star tick, which is linked to meat allergies. This tick’s range is extending into New England. So far, cases of lone star tick bites in New Hampshire are rare.

Ticks are active in the fall and will remain active throughout the winter



WINTER PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road Rye, NH 03870

Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516

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

2020

WINTER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 8:00 a.m., Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH and Online www.town.rye.nh.us/
Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs.

ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB meets September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming, including day and overnight trips and fitness classes. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch or \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents and individuals younger than 55 years old are welcome to join. For more information, contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281, visit www.town.rye.nh.us/, or e-mail larthur@town.rye.nh.us

OVER 55 FITNESS CLASSES



LIVE LONG & STRONG is instructed by Alexis Mason. This 'on your feet' fitness program is designed for ages 55+. Low impact, moderately paced aerobic/cardio exercises paired with light strength training... All set to music of bygone eras. **No experience necessary!** Do

what you can do and take breaks when you need them. The only expectation is the one you set for yourself. Please wear sneakers and breathable clothing. We love to laugh - come join us! Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Membership required.* Dates: December 11, 16, 18, 2019, January 6, 8, 15, 22, 27, 29, February 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 24, 26, March 2, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, 30, April 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, June 1, 3, 8, 10, 2020, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye
Fee: Membership plus \$64.50 (Prorated to start date)



STRENGTH & BALANCE is instructed by Kim Rivest. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups using weights and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed standing or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class

begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Membership required.* Dates: December 17, 2019, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2020, Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: Membership plus \$36 (Prorated to start date)



CHAIR YOGA is instructed by Kim Rivest. This gentle form of yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Have fun with others while learning postures that

help you build strength and flexibility. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Membership required.* Dates: December 12, 19, 2019, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2020, Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye Fee: \$37.50 (Prorated to start date)

OVER 55 LUNCH PROGRAMS



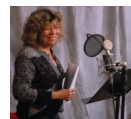
THE MAKING OF STRAWBERY BANKE
Local legend says Strawberry Banke Museum began when a Portsmouth librarian gave a rousing speech in 1957. The back story, however, is richly complex. J. Dennis Robinson, author of an award-winning

"biography" of the 10 acre Strawberry Banke campus, shares the history of "America's oldest neighborhood." Tapping into private letters, unpublished records, and interviews. He looks candidly at mistakes made and lessons learned in this grass-roots success story. *This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and open to the public.*
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020
Lunch: Shepherds pie, garden salad, roll, and apple crisp.
Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 2, 2020



BALLADS, BLUES AND PAY YOUR DUES Since the days of touring with Tom Rush and opening for the likes of The Eagles, John Perrault and Mike Rogers have independently traveled countless musical

miles following their muses. Now, they stand reunited as they perform traditional (sometimes original) folk songs, ballads and blues. Learn the history of each song and experience the music of two unique New England song makers. *Membership required.*
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020
Lunch: Hearty beef stew, garden salad, biscuit, maple whoopie pie with vanilla ice cream.
Reservation Deadline: Thursday, February 6, 2020



STORYTELLING FOR GROWNUPS

Pat Spalding lives her life and take notes to discover stories. In "Gladys and the Boyfriend" she struggles to figure out a post-divorce relationship. "Mother of the Band" describes learning to twirl a baton at 62 in order to join an activist street band. "Ballroom Dance Lessons" recounts the steps taken to follow her father's lead on that final dance floor. Experience these and other stories that explores the ups, the downs, and upside-downs of aging playfully. *Membership required.*
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020
Lunch: Baked haddock, mashed potatoes, corn, roll and brownie sundae.
Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 5, 2020

OVER 55 DAY TRIP



UNH CONCERT CHOIR AND UNH CHAMBER SINGERS

The Concert Choir is a large mixed chorus that studies and performs classical and modern literature, while the Chamber Singers is a small mixed group which studies and performs

sacred and secular works from the Renaissance to the present. Both of these ensembles are directed by Alex Favazza. This performance is held at the Johnson Theatre, Durham, NH. *Membership required.* Date: Sunday, March 1, 2020. Reservation Deadline: February 10, 2020. Departure Time and Location: 12:45 p.m., Rye Town Hall Upper Parking Lot. Fee: No charge (includes transportation and admission)



ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION

is instructed by nationally-certified classical yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Build core strength, flexibility and balance while gaining relaxation tools and healthy living tips. Learn the ancient

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

Session 1, Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2020, 8:45-10:15 a.m. Session 2, Thursdays, February 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020, 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Fee: \$99 per session (6 classes)



GROUP TENNIS LESSONS

are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink.

Session 1, Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 2020, K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades

6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Session 2, Wednesdays, February 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2020, K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$82.50 per session (6 lessons)



SKI or SNOWBOARD

LESSONS will be provided by the McIntyre Ski School, Manchester.

Ski lessons and snowboarding lessons are for grades 2-8. Bus transportation will leave from both RES and RJH on Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,

2020. The cost is \$295 and includes lessons and transportation. Ski and snowboard rentals are available for an additional fee of \$75 and helmets for \$25. Helmets are required. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was Friday, November 22, 2019. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program.



RECREATIONAL

BASKETBALL LEAGUE is open to grades K-4. Held December 7, 2019 to February 15, 2020. Grade K is co-ed, meets once a week to practice and play as a group at Rye Elementary. Grades 1-2 is co-ed, meets twice a week, once for

practice and Saturday for games at Rye Elementary. **NEW** Grades 3-4 is not co-ed, there will be all girls and all boys teams. They will meet twice a week, once for practice and Saturday for games. Practices and alternate Saturday games are held at Rye Elementary School. The other games are held in surrounding Towns. This program was advertised previously and the registration deadline was October 25, 2019. However, if space is available, more registrations may be accepted. Please contact Rye Recreation immediately, if you are interested in this program. Fee including late charge: \$75 for 1st registrant, \$35 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt).



ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

is Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, 2019, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020, 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. at Rye Elementary School and Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 2019, January 5,

12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. There is no charge; however, participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes. **Please note: No basketball on Sundays, December 22, 29, 2019, February 23, 2020 and Thursdays, December 26, 2019, February 27, 2020.*



DELIBERATIVE SESSION CHILD

CARE is for children 4 years old and up.

Participants will take part in games, arts and crafts, and a movie. Held in the Rye Junior High cafeteria during the Rye Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Parents must sign their child in and remain in the building at all times.

Fee: No charge!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

is open to grades K-2 and 3-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$16.50/day with a minimum of 2 days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Space in the program is limited. Contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281 regarding availability.

RYE RECREATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PART-TIME COUNSELORS POSITIONS

2:15-6:00 p.m., M-F, 1-5 days a week, Rye School District Calendar is followed.

For more information contact:

Lee Arthur, Recreation Director at (603) 964-6281 and/or larthur@town.rye.nh.us

Rye Public Library Winter Events 2019/20

“In the winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold”

-Ben Aaronovitch

RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

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

12/4 <i>Maiden</i> 97 min PG-13	1/29 <i>Where'd You Go Bernadette?</i> 109 min PG-13
12/11 <i>The Lion King</i> 118 min G	2/5 <i>Hustlers</i> 110 min R
12/18 <i>Art of Racing in the Rain</i> 109 min PG	2/12 <i>Ad Astra</i> 123 min PG-13
1/8 <i>Luce</i> 109 min R	2/19 <i>Judy</i> 108 min PG-13
1/15 <i>The Peanut Butter Falcon</i> 97 min PG-13	2/26 <i>The Goldfinch</i> 149 min R
1/22 <i>Downton Abbey</i> 122 min	
This schedule is subject to change due to film availability, please check our website to confirm	

Ongoing Activities:

Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join these lively discussion groups here at RPL

Now offering afternoon and evening sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm and 6:30 pm!

12/17 *Woman In The Window* by A.J. Finn

2/18 *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

1/21 *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

3/17 *The Second Mr. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers

<p>Coloring for Adults: 11am on Thursdays! Materials provided.</p> <p>Drawing Together Sketchbook Group: Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Pressure-free art practice.</p>	<p>Mah Jongg Club: American style Mah Jongg each Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm.</p> <p>Military Book Discussions: First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 12/5, 1/2, 2/6, 3/5</p>
<p>Knitting with Mary: By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.</p>	<p>Chair Yoga with Amelia: Supported stretch & breath practice. Monday mornings at 9:30 am*</p>
<p>Senior Trivia and Social Hour: second and fourth Mondays from 1-2pm. Call 964-8401 for Senior SERVE van transport. 12/9 & 23; 1/13 & 27, 2/10 & 24, 2/10 & 24</p>	

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome! Monthly meetings resume in September

Discounted Museum Passes: borrow passes for reduced or free entry to the following:

Children’s Museum of NH, Dover

Museum of Science, Boston MA

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Historic New England

Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

NH State Parks parking pass

Woodman Museum, Dover

Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

ASK A LIBRARIAN - Call to schedule a free training session and bring in your specific computer or device-related questions. Sessions are scheduled on a Thursday evening or Friday morning.

TECH TALK SESSIONS –Sponsored by the Friends of the Rye Public Library.

It’s a Perfect 10—How to get around Windows 10 : With the end of life for Windows 7 in mid-January, we will discuss all the things you need to know to help you feel comfortable working with the Windows 10 operating system for desktops and laptops.

Tuesday, 12/3 at 9:30 AM

Call 964-8401 to register!

Rye Public Library Youth Department
Programming December2020 – February 2019
More details at ryepubliclibrary.org or (603) 964 – 9551

<i><u>Youth Programs:</u></i>	
Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months) Fridays 9:30am	Book Bites Book Club <i>Check website for book titles</i> Tuesday, December 10 4:15 – 5:00pm Grades 3-5
Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers Thursdays and Fridays 10:30am	Monday Mouthfuls Monday, December 16 3:30 – 4:00pm <i>Check website for specific snacks</i>
Gamers Club* 1 st Thursday of every month 3:15 – 4:50pm	Harry Potter Legos* Wednesday, December 18 & Wednesday, January 22 6:00 – 7:30pm Grades 5+
Friday Flicks <i>Check website for Featured Films</i> 1 st and 3 rd Fridays each month 3:10pm	Teen Escape Room* Thursday, December 19 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
Crazy 8s Math Club Grades K-2* 3:15 – 4:15pm starting in January – please refer to website for exact dates.	Dumbledore’s Army January 2 & February 6 5:30 – 6:15pm Grades 5 and under
YAttitudes Book Club <i>Check website for book titles</i> 2 nd Tuesday of the month 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+	Hogwarts Students January 2 & February 6 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
Crafting Club 2 nd Thursday of the month 3:15 – 4:00pm Grades 3+	NEW! Graphic Novel Book Club <i>Check website for book titles</i> 2 nd Tuesday of the month 4:15 – 5:00pm Grades 3+
RPL Teen & Adult Writers’ Group* 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays of the month 6:00 – 8:00pm	Teen Advisory Board Tuesday, January 21 and Tuesday, February 18 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
Teen Cookie Decorating* Tuesday, December 3 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+	Teen Trivia Night* Tuesday, February 4 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
<i><u>*Asterisked programs require signing up!</u></i>	

Mosquito Control Update

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when temperatures are above freezing, and the ground is not covered by snow. After spending time in an area likely to have ticks, check yourself, your children and pets for ticks. Young ticks, called nymphs, are the size of a poppy seed. Adult black-legged ticks are the size of a sesame seed. Both nymph and adult ticks can spread diseases that ticks carry.

Information on preventing tick bites is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/index.html>

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah MacGregor, President
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

Rye Energy Committee Update

The Rye Energy Committee received two responses for its Request for Proposals for municipal solar power, one from Revision Energy, which continues to be under review, and the other from Solar Endeavors, which after an initial review we've decided to not consider further at this time. The Committee is also evaluating NH Senate Bill 286, effective October 1, 2019, which allows municipalities to negotiate purchase of electricity from competitive suppliers on behalf of town facilities and town residents. We will share our conclusions and make a recommendation to the Town, School Board and Water Commission in the coming months.

The LED lighting upgrade project at the Elementary and Junior High Schools has been completed. The lighting in the Town buildings will be upgraded to LED beginning in January. These upgrades are projected to reduce electric greenhouse gas emissions from the upgraded Town buildings by 30% annually.

Long-time Rye Energy Committee Chairperson, Danna Truslow has transitioned to assume new roles with both the Rye Conversation Committee, and Rye Water Commission. We'll miss her strong leadership and good cheer. We wish her well in new roles.

Howard Kalet and Tom Pfau have accepted the joint role as Committee Co-Chairs, and Michael Joyce has assumed the role as Committee Secretary.

The Committee is seeking two new members. Those interested can attend our next meeting at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, December 10th at the Rye Public Library. If you have any questions please contact Tom Pfau at ryeenergycommittee@gmail.com.



Rye Energy Committee
Tom Pfau
Howard Kalet
Michael Joyce
Carl Nicolino
Matt Marra

Rye Water District News

Outside Water Hose Receptacles:

If you haven't already done so please remember to drain and winterize outside faucets and winterized lawn irrigation systems. Also, please ensure that your water meter, most likely located in your basement, is not vulnerable to freezing.

Three Water Suppliers in Rye:

In addition to private wells there are three purveyors that supply water to Rye residents. The Rye Water District (RWD) supplies water and fire protection to the major portion (approximately ¾) of the Town of Rye, the RWD service area is easily identified by silver and red painted fire hydrants. Aquarion Water Works, a privately-owned company in Hampton, supplies the southern portion of the Town, Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts. The City of Portsmouth supplies water to the northern part of town along Pioneer Road, Sagamore Avenue, Elwyn Road, and Wentworth Road. The portions of Rye served on Wentworth Road, Harbor View Drive, Heather Drive, Elizabeth Lane, along with a section of Frontier Road are supplied by the RWD using Portsmouth provided Water. A map is posted on the RWD website showing the boundaries of these areas.

Fire Hydrants/Snow Removal:

Fire hydrants are now winterized and snow markers have been installed throughout the District. We ask for your help in clearing snow away from hydrants near your property. This will be invaluable in an emergency. Please remind your snow plow operator that clears your driveway, snow should never be pushed or

piled up on or near fire hydrants. It's unlawful to do so ref. NH RSA 236:21.

Mark your 2020 Calendar: The RWD's Annual Meeting is schedule for the 4th Saturday in March, March 28th.

As mentioned in the September Newsletter, a long overdue construction project for refurbishment of the Garland well pump house, located on Garland Road, is scheduled for 2020. Also scheduled for 2020 is a Wallis Road water line replacement project starting Route 1A intersection and going approximately 1000 feet to Park Ridge Drive area. In support of bond issues for these projects a public hearing will be required. A date has not yet been established for this hearing so please watch for notification on this. Notifications will be made in the local newspaper, RWD Website, and posting around town.

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

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

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

Rye Water District Commissioners
Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson
Thomas Clifford

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

Recycling at the Swap Shop.

First, I want to thank all the hard working volunteers that help out at the Swap Shop all week long. Without them the Swap Shop would not be open today.

With that said, people continue to throw unwanted items into the Swap Shop that don't belong there or people just leave items scattered all through the Swap Shop. I don't know if it's just pure laziness or people are trying to dodge from paying to throw certain items away. This

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needs to stop. If you have any questions about what goes into the Swap Shop, please see one of the Transfer Station's attendants before putting anything into the Swap Shop.

If people continue to just throw items into Swap Shop, for the sake of not paying, and they are caught, those people will lose their privilege to use the Transfer Station.

The Swap Shop is a spot for people, of the town of Rye, to leave items that still work and are not broken. We strongly recommend though, that if you can bring those items to the different agencies in the area that take unused items, please do so.

Where to Recycle in the Seacoast Area.

Notice that this section is recycled from an early newsletter.

To keep everyday items that are still in good condition such as furniture, clothing, house goods out of the landfills give them a second chance. You can donate those items to local community organizations such as the Salvation Army Store, Goodwill, Operation Blessing, Savers, The Restore, Journey Home to mention a few. Please use the Swap Shop or packer as a last resort. Do you realize that everything you put in the Swap Shop after a week or two gets put into the packer which in turn goes into a landfill? It only takes a few more minutes out of your busy day to bring your old unwanted items to any of the organizations listed above.

A quick note: if you have electronics to get rid of, Staples in Stratham, NH will take printers, computers, iPads, and tablets. They will not take TVs or microwave ovens. If you have any questions of what they will take, please call them at (603) 772-2617.

We still need your help!

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

Remember, think of mother earth first before throwing away and please recycle. The earth will thank you,

John Provencher, Chairman
Rye Recycling Education Committee



Rye Historical Society News

The Rye Historical Society Board is passionately pursuing its mission to engage people in the vital aspects of Rye's history so that current issues may be better understood, and future plans respect the natural and human history of the town. This is accomplished through special exhibits and regular programs and museum hours.

2019 a Banner Year for Attendance: RHS attendance during open hours and by private appointment, exceeded 400 in 2019. The new exhibit as well as emphasis on scheduling appointments outside of regular open hours contributed to the record year.

Local Artist's Photography Exhibit & Sales Benefit RHS: Through December at Rye Public Library

- JUDITH BROWN MEYERS
Photography Gallery Show and Benefit for RHS
Rye Public Library

In My Backyard is a collection of photographs taken around Judith Brown Meyers' home and yard on a non-tidal marsh in Rye, NH over the past seven years. It features the variety of animals and birds that regularly alight on or transport across the land and water of her one-acre property.

A collection of photos from *In My Backyard* is on exhibit at the Rye Public Library from October through December. In addition to flora and fauna, it will include images of the play of light on the pond and views of the ocean about half a mile away.

All photos in the exhibits are printed on framed canvas by Jon Winslow of Image Arts in Portsmouth, NH.

Sales proceeds will benefit the Rye Historical Society. Many thanks to Judith Brown Meyers for her generosity.

Membership Drive on Through December:

We have almost reached our \$5,500 membership goal! If you have not yet joined or renewed, please visit our website, www.ryenhistoricalociety.org. Many thanks to Tate & Foss Realtors for sponsoring our member acquisition campaign again this year.

CALENDAR ITEMS

2020 Programming Announced!
(Times and locations will be announced on the RHS website, newsletter, and via traditional and social media.)

- 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 Musselman -- *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.
- Fall, 2020 (1623 Series)
Native Peoples in Rye (TBD)
- 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.

If you would like to join the RHS family, we look forward to meeting new members, and we need helpers of all ages, abilities and skills to work on activities that range from exhibits, research, administration, communications, and grounds keeping/beautification/maintenance of our beloved museum, to planning for the 400th anniversary of the settlement of the town. Please contact Janet Davis at 214-794-4942 or janet@clarksondavis.com to learn more about volunteer opportunities, or visit the RHS website at www.ryenhistoricalociety.org to join or renew your membership.

Janet Davis
Rye Historical Society

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

Historic District Commission Update

WELCOME TO THE RYE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Mae Bradshaw, chair of the Historic District Commission who generously donates her time to many town needs, has thrown up her hands and asked for help writing the Historic District column.

Many very fortunate things have happened to result in Rye having an Historic District. It did not happen by chance! Concerned people have banded together to ensure it. We are truly blessed to have Parsons Field, the Rye Woods, our wonderful library, and the iconic New England Congregational Church, which hosts many groups and community events, all within an easy walk of each other.

But, as those 80+ people who participated in the Charrette unanimously noted, despite its designation as an Historic District and the accessibility of all these great resources, it is not a "town center." Why?

I am a resident of the Historic District as well as an Alternate on the Commission. I live right in the middle of it. As I sit here writing, the sound of traffic is like a highway. By using Wallis Road to Washington Road or the reverse, or the Mill to West to Washington Road route, lots of traffic lights are avoided on Route 1. As a result, Rye "center" is a thoroughfare.

Making this route unattractive as a thoroughfare and way to avoid Route 1 would enable us to have a true Town Center.

Katharine Brown, Alternate
Rye Historic District Commission

2020 PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Registered voters in Rye may submit Petitioned Warrant Articles for the 2020 Warrant to the Board of Selectmen until the deadline of Tuesday, January 14, 2020. For more information, please call the Selectmen's Office at 603-964-5523. Instructions are also posted on the Town Website: www.town.rye.nh.us on the Selectmen's Office page.

Rye School Board Update

There is so much incredible learning happening in the Rye School District it is difficult to capture it all in one quarterly newsletter. To gain greater insight into our educational programs, we encourage you to visit our Schools' web sites and read the weekly updates sent by our building principals, Suzanne Lull and Marie Soucy. These updates are a great way of understanding how our 21st century learning curriculum is implemented. Again, we encourage all members of our community to come visit and see our schools in action. Contact our principals any time for a tour!

http://rjh.sau50.org/about_us/principal_s_page/principal_s_newsletter

http://res.sau50.org/about_us/principal_s_welcome/r_e_s_principal_weekly_updates

Another great opportunity to experience the learning our students are receiving through our Unified Arts program – music in particular – is by attending one of our upcoming holiday concerts. We invite you to join us in celebrating the season! Both Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High will be hosting winter performances in December. Join us at the Elementary School on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30pm and at Rye Junior High on Thursday December 12th at 6:00pm to hear our band and chorus perform.

And as a reminder, the School Board typically meets every third Wednesday of each month at 5pm in the Rye Junior High cafeteria. All community members are encouraged to attend our meetings to keep abreast of the developments within the Rye School District. Please visit our section of the school's web site for meeting dates, times and agendas. We look forward to seeing you there.

http://res.sau50.org/about_us/school_board

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

New Kiosk at Rye Recreation Area



Skyler Mikolaities of Troop 164 in Portsmouth, NH installed a kiosk at the Rye Recreation Area as part of his Eagle Scout project. He was assisted by fellow scouts and friends. The project was funded by the proceeds of a car wash, a donation from Lowe's and discounted supplies from Ricci Lumber.

Sewer Department: Grease Wars

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) can cause serious problems in the sewer system. FOG sticks to the walls of the pipes when put down the drain. It is problematic because it solidifies, reduces capacity and blocks flow. The EPA has identified that grease from restaurants, homes, and industrial sources are the most common cause of reported sewer blockages and overflows.

Keeping FOG from going down the drain prevents sewer overflows and blockages, which can impact public health, the environment, and can result in expensive clean-up cost, unpleasant damage, fines and unnecessary sewer maintenance that can result in sewer rate increases.

Special Requirements for the handling of grease is addressed in the Town of Rye Sewer Use Ordinance. For more information on the proper disposal of FOG contact the Rye Sewer Department at 964-6815.

Lee Arthur
Sewer Administrator

Town of Rye Board Meetings

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

December 2019

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

January 2020

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

February 2020

2	3 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	4 6:30 pm Energy Committee 4:00 pm Precincts – Work Session & Public Hearing Town Hall	5 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 6:30 pm Heritage Commission	7	8 9:00 am DELIBERATIVE SESSION Jr. High School
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23	24 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen	25	26	27	28	29

Library Trustees, first Thursday every month
5:30 pm at the Library

Additional Civic Meetings: Rye Lions Club, First Wednesday every month, 7 pm at the Rye Library
Friends of the Library, second Tuesday every month, 7pm at the Library



Rye Firefighter's Toy Bank

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

This is the time that the Rye Firefighters start to plan for the families of the Rye Community and the surrounding Seacoast Area that will be unable to share in the joys of the season. This is the 14th year that the Rye Firefighters have been able to participate in the Seacoast Area Firefighter Toy Bank and we greatly appreciate all of the support that our local community has offered to fellow residents. The many donations of toys and financial contributions have helped to make the season a wonderful time for various families who would be unable to celebrate on their own. This is why we once again must ask for your help in preparing for this season. We will be accepting any donations that could be offered from November 1st until December 21st.

Here is how you can assist:

- ◆ Donate new, unwrapped toys for ages from newborn to 17 years old. Some ideas for donations are toys, crafts, games, dolls, inflatable sleds, footballs and basketballs. We are always looking for ideas for the 11-17 age group.
- ◆ Donate gift cards for local merchants to aid in purchasing items such as clothing and toys.
- ◆ Donate financial contributions to assist in making certain wishes come true. Donations should be made to the Rye Firefighter Toy Bank.
- ◆ Please drop off or mail any of your donations to the Rye Fire Station located at 555 Washington Road.
- ◆ Toy Drop-off Locations will be located at: Rye Fire Station, Mainly Tubs, Lazy Bird Cafe, Saint Theresa Church, Rye Town Hall, Rye Junior High, Rye Elementary, Rye Library, Rye Congregational Church, Seaport Fish, Atlantic Grill and Rye Country Day School.

If you or someone you know could use some assistance for the holidays please contact the number below.

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

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