



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Selectmen's Message:

### TOWN HALL PLANS, ECONOMIC IMPACT, BEACHES AND MORE

**Pandemic:** Who would ever have imagined the late winter and spring of 2020. Everyone's lives have been upended with the closure of schools, beaches, restaurants, sports venues, and travel. Staying home has placed a stress on most everyone, especially our senior citizens. Even more stressful has been those having to deal with job layoffs and business closures. We placed our *The Rye Way* signs throughout town in March as an effort to encourage everyone to stay home, wash hands, and help others in support of Governor Sununu's Stay at Home executive order. We thank everyone for their compliance in this effort to reduce the number of Covid-19 virus cases and deaths in the Town of Rye. Be mindful that some of what is reported in this newsletter is subject to have changed by the time you read it as the State begins a phased in reopening and direction for what our new normal will be.



**Thank You:** Our most sincere thank you to all of the Town Employees that have worked so hard to ensure the safety of our residents and that continue to provide Town services.

A Very Special Thanks to our first responders who put themselves in jeopardy every day to ensure that we all are safe.

**Economic Impact of COVID 19 on Rye:** In light of the ongoing economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic the Town of Rye has been forced to make some difficult financial choices to remain solvent and to ensure a positive cash flow. Property Tax bills are due on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The timely collection of these bills is critical to maintaining a financial balance for the Town.

Budgetary measures the Rye Board of Selectmen have taken in response to the potential economic impacts of COVID-19 are:

- I. All non-essential spending within all departments has been halted
- II. 11 part-time Recreation staff members and 6 contracted Recreation program employees have been laid off
- III. 1 full-time Recreation program supervisor has been laid off, 1 part-time staff member in the Clerk's Office and 1 part-time staff member of the Building Inspector's Office have been furloughed for now
- IV. The Selectmen have agreed to defer the following Capital purchases until the fall when the impact of COVID-19 will be better understood.

- Compactor for the Transfer Station **\$50,000**
- Road Paving Analysis **\$30,000**
- MS4 Stormwater Asset Management Permitting Fee **\$25,000**

- Digital Speed Limit Sign **\$6,000**
- Tasers **\$1,400**
- Portable Radios **\$3,088**
- Reduction in the paving budget from \$400,000 to \$300,000, a savings of **\$100,000**

Total Capital Expenditures Deferred to Date is **\$215,488**

V. The State of N.H. DRA will not let us eliminate any approved warrant article from this past election. Therefore, things like the dump truck (\$70K), new cruiser (\$50K) and salt shed (\$350K) while approved can only be set aside until year end when the Town's financial picture becomes clearer.

#### Beach Parking Closures:

As of May 19<sup>th</sup> (when this was written), all parking on Ocean Blvd is temporarily closed to dissuade groups of people from congregating along the ocean and entering onto the beaches. We are working, however, with the Governor and State of NH DOT to develop a phased reopening of the beaches with a potential start date of June 1<sup>st</sup>. If this opening occurs, although much of Ocean Blvd will be closed, we hope to open up beach sticker parking for Rye Residents alongside Sawyers Beach and on the other six approved beach sticker parking areas in Rye. Check the Rye Town website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) or call the Rye Police Department for up to date regulations as they are changing frequently.

**Parsonage/TD Bank:** The Selectmen are moving forward with the Parsonage subdivision as approved by the March 2020, Town Meeting for the Parsonage

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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

exchange for the TD Bank building. A subdivision plan was submitted to the Planning Board, which will hear the application at its June meeting. The Selectmen have also met numerous times with the Library Trustees and with Dan Philbrick to discuss a Landscape Maintenance Agreement for the two sidewalk areas leading to the Library bordering on two sides of the Parsonage. As of this writing, the Selectmen had agreed on a Maintenance Agreement with Mr. Philbrick which would reserve a 6-foot area (measured from both sidewalks into the Parsonage parcel) to preserve and maintain a landscape area and for lighting leading to the Library. If the subdivision is approved by the Planning Board, Mr. Philbrick would next submit building plans and a landscape plan to the Town before the property exchange (the closing) occurs. Please watch the Selectmen's agendas for updates on this.

**Sale of the Trolley Barn:** Per a majority vote of 84% the town voted in 2018, to have the Selectmen do an appraisal on the Town owned Old Trolley Barn, at 37 Central Road, and to sell it. We have sent out requests for proposal to three appraisers and hope to have an appraisal done by June. Intention then is to select a realtor to represent the Town in the sale of this property. Per warrant article #10 of the 2020 election \$280,000 from the sale will be placed into a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of construction of or renovation to Town owned buildings. Plans are to use funds from this Capital Reserve Fund for the renovation of the TD Bank building for town offices. The Town will acquire the TD Bank building with its 3.7 acres of land from the swap for the Parsonage.

Board of Selectmen  
Philip Winslow, Chairman  
Kerriann Roman, Vice-Chairman  
Bill Epperson, Selectman

I would like to thank the residents of Rye for being patient and understanding during the COVID-19 pandemic when trying to transact business at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Although the office is closed to the public until further notice, Amy and myself are on-site to handle transactions (motor vehicles, boats, vital records, beach parking permits, dog licenses, property and sewer payments). You may also visit our website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)) for online options.

You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if you are ill due to, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms, or you are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19. Regardless of the future development of the pandemic, this opportunity will apply through 2020. Election dates will be September 8, and November 3, 2020. Absentee ballot application can be printed off the town website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)), mailed, emailed, or faxed to you. June 2, 2020 is the last day to change your party affiliation. Applications are on the Town website for party change. Print and either email, mail -in or fax them back to our office. During this difficult time, we are here to accommodate you in anyway. Please call the Town Clerk's office (603-964-8562) for assistance.

All dogs needed to be registered by April 30<sup>th</sup>. For any dog not registered after May 31<sup>st</sup> a delinquent fee of \$1.00 will be added thereafter. When registering your dog, please make sure you have an updated rabies certificate. If your dog has passed please inform our office. Dog license can be made online on the Town of Rye Website by clicking on the purple icon.

As I am writing this article, our first issue 2020 Property Tax bills have been mailed and they will be due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is the Taxpayers responsibility who escrow their taxes to forward a copy of the tax bill to their mortgage company. Property tax bills are perforated, if you are paying by mail and would like a paid receipt, please mail in the full bill along with a stamped self-addressed envelope. If you are mailing in your payment and do not want a receipt, mail in the bottom portion of the tax bill with payment. Payments for Property Tax or Sewer payments can also be made online by going to the Town of Rye Website and clicking on the red icon and follow the instructions. We accept cash, check or credit card for payment. Remember when paying by credit card there is a fee of 2.79% which would reflect on your credit card statement. When mailing in a check payment, please, in the memo section, specify the account number, address of the property or vehicle license number. We are good detectives but sometimes there is a delay in processing if we can't figure out where it goes.

2020 Tax Liens for all unpaid 2019 Tax and Sewer bills will be placed on August 1, 2020. Please call my office for the interest due on any outstanding bills. If you have any questions, contact my office so we may assist you. The State of NH is offering the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or can be downloaded from the state's website ([www.nh.gov/revenue](http://www.nh.gov/revenue)). The form must be completed and returned to the State no later than June 30, 2020.

Beach Parking Permits are on sale for \$25.00 per vehicle. Due to COVID-19, we will accept a photo-copy of your registration if you are mailing in to receive a Beach Parking Permit. We will verify and mail back to you.

## Town Clerk's Message

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Remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

During this difficult time, if you have any questions or need assistance on any transactions, please call our office.

Stay Safe, Be Strong, Be Happy  
Donna DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Message from the Police Chief

Dear Rye Residents,

We are all familiar with the virus/pandemic at this point. I would like to say thank you to the entire Rye community in this unprecedented time. Our world and way of life is changing daily and it is remarkable to see what we, as a community, can overcome together.

Many families have had to learn to balance working from home while some have also taken on the challenging yet rewarding job of homeschooling their children. While no one probably saw themselves facing such a task, our school's leadership, teachers, and maintenance staff have worked tirelessly to try to make remote learning as seamless as possible. Thank you to the parents and school staff for keeping Rye children engaged and learning through this unexpected shift.

Thank you to the Rye Library, Rye Recreation, Senior Serve and churches throughout the area, whom have moved services and other activities to remote based in order to continue reaching out to help those who are most vulnerable.

Thank you to Town of Rye leadership who are working day and night to do everything they can to keep town services functioning

as safe as possible for everyone throughout this time of crisis. Thank you to the Department of Public Works and maintenance employees for keeping our public buildings sanitary so we can continue to have a well-functioning town with all our needs being met.

Thank you to Evolve, Webster at Rye, all health care workers, grocery store workers, and many other individuals during this time who continue to work, without giving a second thought to their own well-being. It is thanks to their sacrifices that we have essential services for everyone.

Lastly, a big thank you to the neighbors, friends, and Rye families. I believe the worst of times have the potential to bring out the best in us. People are checking in on their neighbors, calling older relatives, and making social media call outs in community groups. We see neighbors who have extra resources reaching out to those who do not have enough. It is heartwarming to see such caring acts surrounding us daily.

For information on how to stay healthy, please go to [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

The officers and I want to thank you all for your support. We will get through this together.

Kevin Walsh  
Police Chief

## Message from Rye Fire & Rescue

We here at Rye Fire Rescue hope all residents are doing well given the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting social restrictions. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected in anyway by this pandemic.

Residents may be interested in how Covid-19 has impacted Rye Fire Rescue. Our firefighters and EMT's continue to be healthy and engaged. We are grateful the 'curve' seems to have flattened substantially but we must remain vigilant. As with other town departments we have altered our procedures to ensure our continued service to you. Here is a short and somewhat incomplete summary.

- Through Rye Emergency Management Operations Center (EOC) and with the other town departments we continue to monitor the impact of the pandemic on not only town government operations but also other critical infrastructure such as medical facilities, beaches etc... This also includes monitoring the phased reopening of our economy. We keep abreast of State EOC advisories and events on a daily basis.
- We have taken several precautions to safeguard our workforce so we will continue to be available for emergency response:
  - ◆ A succession plan is in place were members in key positions to be incapacitated by Covid-19.
  - ◆ We have also modeled two contingency plans to ensure our continued service to residents even through a temporary substantial reduction in workforce.
  - ◆ Access to the fire station for non-public safety personnel has been restricted. This will help us minimize possible unprotected exposures to our emergency personnel.
  - ◆ All members reporting for duty perform a health self-check and thermometer check before starting their shift.
  - ◆ We perform a complete sanitizing of the station and vehicles at least daily. More often if conditions demand.
  - ◆ Certain fire prevention activities have been modified to mitigate any contamination hazards.

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# Fire & Rescue's Message

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- ◆ A substantial amount of time has been spent ensuring we have an adequate inventory of personal protective equipment (PPE)

## Operations:

- We have increased our use of PPE to both protect the public and ourselves. Please be aware on EVERY emergency call (medical and non-medical) our members will be wearing masks and perhaps additional equipment such as gloves, gowns etc.
- The public can be confident we come to them with clean equipment. The ambulance is extensively decontaminated after every call. This sometimes even necessitates letting sanitation measures in the back of the ambulance sit for a few hours. In these situations we place our second ambulance in front-line service. This allows us to have consistent availability to the public regardless of decontamination efforts needed.

## Going forward:

- During this pandemic there has been hesitancy by some folks not to go to the hospital when they are in a medical crisis. This is very dangerous to the patient and certainly contrary to our commitment and mission. Our strong message to the public is if you need an ambulance please call 911. The ambulance and the hospitals are clean, safe environments and should not be feared during this crisis.
- Mental health continues to be a concern. Please check on your neighbors, friends etc. Let them know they are not alone, even if they are physically alone. If you or your loved ones are in a mental health crisis, please call 911. There is always help available.
- Car seats installations: We are still performing this important service with some adaptive

changes in process. Feel free to call the station if you need a car seat installed.

- Open burning permits: Open burning remains available with the exception of beach permits as this needs to be coordinated with beach re-opening. During this period the permits can be given out by phone or in the lobby.
- Birthday parties: We continue to support our Rye youth who are having virtual birthdays. If you have a child with an upcoming birthday, the Fire and Police Department will be happy to give them a 'drive by' happy birthday wish! Call either station if interested.

We hope this short summary gave you some insight into the happenings at Rye Fire Rescue during this pandemic. This pandemic will end. Until then and beyond, Rye Fire Rescue is here for you and strongly committed to providing the exemplary service you expect.

Mark Cotreau  
Fire Chief

## Public Works News

Storm water management generates a significant number of questions and requests for assistance to the Rye Public Works Department and, as such, is one of the key responsibilities of the department.

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Imperious surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, and roads prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground. Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into the storm water system, or directly to ponds, streams, wetlands or coastal waters. Anything that enters a storm water system is discharged

untreated into the water bodies we use for recreation and drinking water.

The Public Works Department employs a number of yearly tasks to mitigate the aforementioned untreated discharges. Catch basin cleaning, road sweeping, and reduction of winter road sand usage are all intended to reduce the discharge of pollutants into the storm water. You as residents can assist by following a number of simple best management practices (BMP's) when working and relaxing around your homes and property.

### Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens can wash off and be carried by storm water as pollutants into surrounding water bodies. In addition, yard clippings and leaves dumped into water courses and adjacent to drainage structures contribute to nutrient and organic loads in the storm water. The following simple practices can assist with reducing the potential for this happening.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using low flow appliances such as soaker hoses, instead of sprinklers.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Only use those chemicals in the recommended amounts, or use organic mulch, and safer natural pest control methods, whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch all yard waste. Don't leave it in the woods, or near drainage structures or swales. The Transfer Station accepts yard waste for composting every Tuesday and Saturday.
- Cover piles of gravel, loam or mulch, being used in landscaping projects, to resist off site sedimentation from storm water runoff.

### Vehicle Care

Washing your car, truck or motorcycle or degreasing any motor vehicle parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants, into the storm water collection system.

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This has the same effect as dumping directly into a stream or water body. The following simple practices can assist with reducing the potential for this happening.

- Always use a biodegradable cleaning solution.
- Rather than wash your vehicle at home employ the services of a car wash facility, where wash and rinse water is recycled.
- Wash your car on your lawn, where water will infiltrate into the ground.
- Repair fluid leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop off, or recycling centers.
- Recycle used motor oil. The Transfer Station will accept used motor oil. Never dump motor oil, gasoline or solvents down a storm drain!

### General Care

Here are a few additional, simple general actions which every homeowner can perform to help reduce the amount of pollutants that are carried into streams, brooks, rivers or the ocean.

- Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch. The storm drain system conveys storm water directly to a water course, without any treatment.
- Properly dispose of all trash, rubbish and garbage. Trash that is left in your yard or on the street will eventually end up in the closest creek or stream.
- Place your cigarette butts in the proper receptacle. Don't throw them on the ground.
- Clean up after your pet. Place pet waste in a trash receptacle or flush down the toilet. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that will wash into streams and rivers when it rains.
- Tell a friend or neighbor about how to prevent storm water pollution.
- Get involved in a local community watershed organization.

Dennis McCarthy  
DPW Director

## Conservation Commission Update

The Commission would like to thank Rye residents for resoundingly supporting Article 6, passing the \$3 million Open Space bond in the town's March election. The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is grateful for this show of support and the value the townspeople have consistently placed on the preservation of open lands. This vote allows the RCC to continue its mission to protect important natural and water resources, enhance existing wildlife corridors, and to expand outdoor recreational opportunities. The past protection of large parcels of land has enabled the Commission to convert old woods roads and paths to marked trails for passive recreational uses. Rye's conserved properties have recently proven invaluable in offering a variety of locations to walk, bike, bird watch, and just enjoy being outside while organized outdoor activities are limited.

An updated Forest Management Plan for the Rye Town Forest was initiated by the Commission, and was voted on and accepted by both the Commission and the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD), the conservation easement holder. The plan can be found on the RCC page of the town website. It includes management recommendations for the Town Forest, including invasive plant control, removal of hazardous trees, approved trail rerouting, signage, and blazing (painting) in appropriate locations to highlight trails. Active management of our approved trails will be ongoing this summer and fall, including highlighting the appropriate trails for use, and closing trails. Please do not use closed trails that will have pink or yellow flagging across them and woody debris to block them off. It has been observed that unapproved trails have been created. RCC requests that residents do not create any new paths

or trails, and absolutely no cutting of any trees or shrubs is permitted. The Town Forest land is managed to reserve a substantial undisturbed area for wildlife. The established perimeter green trail is designed to balance public access with wildlife management. It is essential that existing marked trails be used exclusively to protect wildlife. In addition, please use these trails respectfully, keep dogs under control at all times, be mindful of adjacent private properties and not allow dogs to wander onto them, abide by posted leash zone areas, and always pick up and properly dispose of any waste once leaving the Town Forest. At the Varrell Woods section of the Town Forest, active invasive plant control with permitted low-impact herbicides will be completed this spring, summer and likely into the fall. Please be aware of these activities. The Rye Town Forest is a community treasure, and we must all act responsibly in order to protect our resources and continue to enjoy passive recreational uses now and for future generations. If there are any questions regarding the Town Forest, please contact RCC members, Susan Shepcaro at [sshepcaro@yahoo.com](mailto:sshepcaro@yahoo.com) or Mike Garvan at [mgarvan@comcast.net](mailto:mgarvan@comcast.net).

Active restoration at the Rand Lumber Woods (off of Sea Glass Lane) is also taking place this spring, summer and fall and is being supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Wetlands Reserve Easement (WRE) program, and includes targeted invasive plant control. The majority of management will take place off of the existing trails; please be attentive regarding these activities. Enjoy all the available outdoor activities but be aware of poison ivy, and remember to check for ticks following woods outings.

This year, gardening is spreading out at the Goss Farm with a record number of applications for community garden plots. Commission members have created a second community garden

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in order to accommodate the increased interest. Our contracted farmers from Night Farms are anticipating a small-scale farmers' market with on site pick up to be available this summer. Details will be on our Facebook page and the RCC page of the town website. Be sure to visit the farm, but be cognizant of the planted fields and gardens as they are currently in agricultural production.

This is a time to acquaint yourselves with all of the parcels of land that the many collective town efforts have conserved. As townspeople of Rye we are very fortunate to have an abundance of outdoor public spaces to enjoy. Stay safe and well.

Rye Conservation Commission

### Home Food Waste: The Overlooked Recyclable

Recycling works and Americans are doing better at recycling. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, in 2017 municipal solid waste generation (MSW) stood at 4.5 pounds per person per day – one of the lowest rates recorded since 1990. Of the 268 million tons of MSW generated in America in 2017, 94 million tons – 35% – were either recycled or composted. ([EPA Facts & Figures](#))

Digging into these numbers (while wearing gloves and a face-mask): paper and cardboard accounted for 25% of MSW – the largest single category – and 66% of these materials were recycled; yard trimmings accounted for 13% of MSW, and 70% of these were composted. There is still room for improvement in both categories,

but these statistics aren't bad when you consider that only 42% of disposed paper goods were recycled in the year 2000.

But then there is food waste...

Food waste accounts for 15% of MSW in the United States – the second largest category after paper and cardboard: more than plastics, more than metals/cans, more than yard trimmings. But, while the majority of paper, cardboard, and yard trimmings are recycled or composted, only six percent of food waste were composted in 2017: ***that's 94% of MSW food waste going into landfills annually.*** And, unlike natural, aerobic decomposition that occurs with composting, food waste decomposes anaerobically (very slowly) in landfills and produces very high levels of harmful methane gas in the process. Leaves a bad taste in your mouth, doesn't it?

The good news is that the Town of Rye, in partnership with Mr. Fox – a company serving Seacoast companies and communities – is set up to make home food waste composting easy. When you drive through the transfer station, look to the right just past the trash compactor and you will see several food waste collection bins. Just put your home food waste in these bins, and Mr. Fox will take it from there and turn it into nutrient-rich compost that can be used in our gardens and field. And, the service is free.

Collecting food waste at home is easy, and you can compost ***JUST ABOUT ANY*** food item you don't eat. Vegetable and meat scraps? Yes. Bones and seafood shells? Yes. Banana and citrus peels? Absolutely, but please remove any stickers before you compost these. In fact, the average family of four can keep ***ONE-HALF TON*** of food per year out of landfills by composting food waste.

So, please bringing your home food waste to the Transfer Station for composting along with your recycling and remember:

every time you recycle, you are not only preventing reusable materials from going into a landfill, you are also saving the Town of Rye money. Learn more about how to compost with Mr. Fox at the Rye Transfer Station on the Rye Recycling Education Facebook page and follow us on Facebook to get more information on upcoming events and programs!

Wyatt Davis  
Rye Recycling  
Education Committee

### Rye Senior SERVE Update

Like so many other organizations and agencies, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced Rye Senior SERVE to temporarily reduce some of the needed services normally provided to our community's seniors. However, thanks to the efforts of our volunteer drivers, we have and will continue to provide some necessary services throughout this trying time.

Although we have temporarily stopped our van service, we have instituted an interim shopping protocol where individual volunteer drivers shop for and deliver groceries to participating senior's homes. This interim shopping protocol emphasizes the CDC's guidelines necessary to protect the health and safety of both the drivers and participating seniors.

Volunteers have also continued to provide personal transportation to and from important medical and dental appointments during this time. Again, CDC guidelines are followed by both volunteer driver and senior. Please contact Claudia Hackett at 603.964.5633 for more information on personal transportation for medical appointments.

Jim Delaney  
Rye Senior SERVE



## Rye Public Library Summer Events 2020

"At these times, the things that troubled her seemed far away and unimportant: all that mattered was the hum of the bees and the chirp of birdsong, the way the sun gleamed on the edge of a blue wildflower, the distant bleat and clink of grazing goats."—Alison Croggon

Due to the public health emergency presented by COVID 19, services at the Rye Public Library have been restricted to exclusively electronic format. Thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, films and TV programs along with music downloads are available to RPL members with your library card. Library staff monitors our incoming phone calls [603-964-8401] and e-mails [contact@ryepubliclibrary.org] for your questions or other needs. We are happy to assist you with finding and using electronic materials. We have also adapted our programming to be available through internet connection over several platforms.

Though we understand the potential inconvenience presented by the level of service we are forced to adopt to protect the community and library staff, we are happy to walk you through the simple steps to get you started with our electronic services. In the meantime, please be assured we are planning every eventuality of a phased re-opening and will communicate widely as we engage this planning. State and National health recommendations play heavily in our timing decisions as we are extremely cautious of the potential for the exchange of physical materials becoming a vector of viral infection among our treasured community.

We all long to return to a more traditional level of service and to see you in person again. Until a prudent course of action brings us that point, though, we have created a range of remote programming accessible from home. You'll find some familiar offerings as well as new options from all of us at Rye Public Library. We continue to offer additions to our programming as our creative staff figures out new applications for remote service. Watch our communications for this growing list. For now, here are the regular events:

### Ongoing Activities:

**Adult Book Discussion:** All are welcome to join these lively discussion groups via Zoom [or other platform as notified] Last Friday of each month at 1 pm!

5/29 *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai [available on Hoopla]

6/26 *Autopsy of a Boring Wife* by Marie-Renee Lavoie [available on Hoopla]

**Armchair Adventure Bookclub :** A new monthly book discussion offering! Join First Thursdays each month at 2 pm. via Zoom [or other platform as notified]

6/4 *The Lost Cyclist* by David Herlihy [available on Hoopla]

**Whatever Wednesdays Book Discussion:** Tune in to talk books—nothing to read in advance, just discuss your current or favorite titles. Each Wednesday at 1 and 6:30pm via Zoom [or other platform as notified]

**FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
New members welcome!

# RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Hampshire

**Museum memberships supported by *The Friends*:**

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| 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           |

*Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library*

Many of the Museums listed above offer virtual tours of their collections during the COVID-19 restriction. Just search for the museum by name in any search engine and click to find tour options.

**Little Free Library Update:** The Cable Road Little Free Library sponsored by Rye Public Library and The Friends of the Rye Public Library would normally open at this time. Though spreading good will is the driving force behind the Little Library, because of concerns of infection through the random exchange of book materials, we have to postpone this year’s season. The RPL Little Free Library will remain closed until a future decision can be made based on regional conditions. We hope to be able to resume service later this summer.

**ASK A LIBRARIAN** – Watch for free remote technology training sessions to be announced soon.

**Rye Public Library Youth Department  
Programming June – September 2020**

*more details at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) (603) 964 – 8401*

*We know how important Summer Reading services will be for parents this year. The following list will grow as new programming is added. Please watch our communications for updates!*

All of the following events will be held remotely. For access links and information please contact us by email [contact@ryepubliclibrary.org](mailto:contact@ryepubliclibrary.org), visit [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org), or call (603) 964-8401

<b><u>Youth Programs</u></b>	
<b>Story Time for Toddlers &amp; Preschoolers</b> Thursdays 10:30am	<b>RPL Writers’ Group, 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays</b> Starting Tuesday, June 2 6:00-8:00pm
<b>Tutoring Grades K-8</b> Starting Monday, June 8 10:00am-11:00am Subjects and target grades will vary, please check our website for details	<b>YAttitudes Book Club</b> <i>Check website for book titles</i> Tuesday, June 9 and July 28 6:00-7:00pm Grades 6+
<b>Teen Trivia</b> Tuesday, June 30 6:00-7:00pm Grades 6+	
<b>Squam Lake Stories and Wildlife Presentation</b> Tuesday, July 14 6:00-7:00pm	



## Energy Committee

The Rye Energy Committee has transitioned to Zoom for our monthly meetings. Any Rye residents interested in joining our discussions are welcome to do so. Meeting agendas posted to the Energy Committee page on the town's website will have the Zoom meeting instructions.

Our first key area of focus has been to update the Solar Proposal from ReVision. A Zoom meeting was held to review the proposed economics, due to a reduction in federal tax credits. Project scope has also been discussed to maximize the proposal. We await response from ReVision. Plans are to review the response with the Rye Finance Committee.

Demand charges on our electric bill represent 25+% of the Schools, Public Safety Building and Water District. These are charges based on the peak usage in any 15 minute period during the month at each consuming location. Simply stated if we can reduce the peak demand, we can impact our electric bills. We are working with each to pursue initiatives to reduce these charges. Control systems at the schools and Water Districts are already under consideration, these upgrades may have rebates available to offset the cost.

The Lighting Upgrade Project for the Library and Public Safety Building are in the process of detail clarification as to what can be covered under the present rebate structure. The School lighting upgrade project has been completed with electric use and demand charges savings of 17% over the same period a year ago.

You can find more information about Rye municipal electric use on the Energy Committee's Facebook page.

We are also investigating Community Power. This may be an opportunity to offer lower cost and greener electricity to all residents of Rye!

The electricity would continue to be delivered by Eversource, but the power generation would be sourced from a competitive third-party provider. Rye's total electric use could be aggregated for better pricing, then municipal facilities and town residents would have the option to purchase at a reduced rate from Community Power or opt-out to continue purchasing from Eversource. If you'd like to learn more about Community Power, you can attend a Virtual Community Power Summit on June 5 from 1:00 – 4:00 by registering at: <https://forms.gle/JEuax7aT4w1MSDZ29>

Committee member openings available. Please inquire at [ryeenergycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ryeenergycommittee@gmail.com) if interested.

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



## Planning Board News

The work of the Planning Board has been seamlessly supported by the logistical planning and technical efforts of Kim Reed, Planning and Zoning Administrator. Facile adjustments by PB Members and Town staff have allowed us to convene all scheduled meetings, including several site walks and technical review committee meetings.

Two meetings and a site walk concluded the PB's work of the cell tower application (Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, with AT&T) with approval of the Special Use Permit and Major Site Development Application on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Conditions of Approval are posted to the Town website (PB 3/10/20 Minutes), with the Notice of Decision.

A recent application from Georgia Nagle, owner of KOOK's Café & Beach Shop, for a Minor Site Development Plan on property owned by Searose Properties, LLC, 1191 Ocean Blvd. received conditional approval for indoor seating and a daily seasonal food truck to be parked alongside the Café. Seasonal operations received approval for May – October, 7 am-7pm. Thank you to the Police and Fire Chiefs for reviewing the safety of the parking and traffic plan.

The Webster at Rye Major Site Plan public hearing was held on May 12, 2020. The Applicant's team presented the site plans which include an expansion to the facility at 795 Washington Road. The project which will increase capacity by 23 beds, to 158, will include three areas of expansion: a 14,800 square foot one story residential living addition to the west wing of the facility, the relocation of the activities room to a 2,420 square foot addition to the existing west wing, and an additional 1,120 square foot addition to the current garage. Extensive time was spent by the Applicant's team to prepare an accurate hydrogeologic study which has been peer reviewed on the Town's behalf by Truslow Resource Consulting (Truslow). Key aspects of the project include a storm water management plan which incorporates a new rain garden, and other measures, to manage runoff to protect resources, an extensive landscaping plan to reduce visual impacts to adjacent properties, an architectural design compatible with surroundings, and septic improvements. Truslow evaluated the impact of the proposed expansion and additional septic system loading on groundwater and surface water discharging to the surface waters and wetland at the rear of the Webster facility.



In response to concerns over the transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Rye Recreation has cancelled all summer programming. The Rye Recreation Area Playground, Fields and Office are closed until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281.

**RYE RECREATION FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to 4 years - grade 4, Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 12 to October 17, 2020. 4 year old's meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:15 a.m. Grade K meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 meets twice a week and practice and play a game each day, Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Grades 3-4 meets twice a week and practice and play a game each day, Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye.



Fee: \$45 for 1st registrant, \$40 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). Late fee of \$40 will apply to registrations received after the July 31, 2020 deadline. *The above schedule and age groupings are subject to change based on registrations received.*

## Sewer Department

The Town of Rye Sewer Department experiences operational problems with the sewage pumping stations when products and materials are discharged from property owners to the Town of Rye public sewer mains.

**Do NOT put paper towels, tissue, newspaper, rags, flushable wipes, diapers, sanitary napkins, feminine products down the toilet.** All of these items have caused our pumps to shut down recently. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper. Kitchen solids, such as fruit and vegetable rinds and peels, corn kernels, eggshells, and chicken bones can also cause blockage. Garbage disposals do not always reduce some of these items to the point that they will flush clear of the lateral lines.

**Do NOT dump cooking grease and oils down the drain.** Flushing out the grease with hot water will not work either; this only causes a build up further down the drain and eventually contributes to a stoppage in the lateral or Town sewer pipes. Avoid using chemicals that claim to dissolve grease, such as vinegar and baking soda. Those products only dislodge grease clogs and move them further down the pipe, which can lead to similar problems. To dispose of cooking grease, pour it into a heat-resistant container, such as a milk carton, and allow it to cool and set. That container should then be disposed in the regular garbage. Please educate and encourage all members of the household to follow proper grease handling steps.

**Do NOT connect downspouts and sump pumps to the sewer system.** The Town of Rye Sewer Use Ordinance strictly forbids the entry of surface water into the sanitary sewer system. While some of the clearwater may enter the sewer system through the system itself, the Sewer Commission believes the large majority of

clearwater enters the system from downspouts and sump pumps which are illegally attached to the sewer system.

The first step we must take to reduce the problem is to make certain that all downspouts and sump pumps are disconnected from the sanitary sewer system. ***If you have downspouts or a sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system, those connections are illegal, and you must disconnect such illegal connections as soon as possible.*** Failure to disconnect a downspout or a sump pump could result in legal action to remove the illegal connection at the customer's expense and fines for diverting clearwater into the Town of Rye Sewer System. Sewer system inspections to identify illegal connections are ongoing.

*Please note per Sewer Use Ordinance § 402 Drains: No person(s) shall maintain or make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.*

**Financial Impact of Continued Discharge of Clear Water, Debris, Grease, Oils and Fats** Each sewer customer helps pay for the cost of treating clearwater that is passed through our sewer system to the treatment plant in Hampton. Since clearwater does not need to be treated, the Town of Rye Sewer Customers end up paying for treatment that is unnecessary. The continued discharge of extraneous debris and grease, oils, and fats into the public sewer system will continue to increase costs for maintenance and repair of public sewer pipes and sewage pumping stations. Continued improper discharge of these materials could also incur additional costs for a homeowner because of the cleaning of laterals and basement flooding.

For more information contact the Sewer Department at 964-6815.

## Planning Board News

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While expressing support of the mission at Webster of Rye, many abutters raised questions and offered comments regarding buffers, septic plans, traffic, and lighting, amongst others. The Application was continued to the June 9<sup>th</sup> PB meeting. A site walk is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the site.

A Minor 2 Lot Subdivision Plan by the Town of Rye for property owned and located at 575 Washington Road and 8 Olde Parish Road to create a 0.4 acre +/- lot around structures identified at 575 Washington Road, and another lot of 1.56 acres +/-, was continued to the June 9<sup>th</sup> PB meeting. A site walk is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the site.

The 421 Stoneleigh subdivision on South Road continues its build out and has included recent visits by the Town engineer, hydrogeologist, and PB members to ensure compliance with Conditions of Approval. Unique characteristics of the site have brought forth solutions such as special drainage facilities, buffers, and chemical-free swimming pool(s).

Congratulations to our new PB members: Katy Sherman and Jim Finn, and to J Lord for his reelection. Appreciation is also extended to Alternates Jeff Quinn and Nicole Paul for their continued and important contributions. Rounding out our dedicated group, are members: Select-person's Representative Bill Epperson, Secretary Steve Carter, and Tim Durkin. Lastly, thank you to our retired PB member Jerry Gittlein for his invaluable insight during his many years of service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Losik, Chairman  
Rye Planning Board



## Rye School District

Beginning on March 18th the Rye School District swiftly moved to a remote learning environment due to the stay in place order from the Governor of New Hampshire. The initial move to remote instruction was a herculean effort of our entire staff; teachers, administrators, and support staff. The process of lesson planning, material preparation, and device distribution was flawless. Our entire staff put in an incredible amount of extra effort to support students and families as we transitioned to this new learning environment.

When it became clear that remote instruction would continue beyond the initial two-week order, and possibly last through the end of the academic year, the SAU 50 Central Office staff lead by Superintendent Petralia and Assistant Superintendent Killen, along with our district administrators and teachers worked to create a long-term remote learning curriculum and strategy. This strategy was communicated to families in a video by Assistant Superintendent Killen and posted on our web site. Since this strategy was introduced, teachers and staff have been doing amazing work executing on this plan, continuing to deliver new content and supporting our students.

The home-to-school connection became even more important during this unique time. As parents were required to take a more hands-on approach with their child(ren)'s education, and students were unable to experience the important physical connection with teachers and friends, staying in touch electronically became critical. The Rye School District Guidance Counselors and Nurses have written weekly newsletters to both parents and students discussing important topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics addressing both physical and mental health issues.

As the school year comes to a close, we are extremely disappointed that we will be unable to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating eighth graders and our rising fifth graders in typical fashion. A virtual ceremony for the eighth-grade class is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. The rising fifth graders will be experiencing a virtual step-up day at the Junior High to help them prepare for the fall. We wish them all the best as they transition into the next phase of their academic journey!

Finally, SAU 50 recently launched a *Continuity of Learning & Operations Team* made up of key members of our Administrative Council to guide the planning of instruction for the fall. Other key constituents such as School Board Members, School Leadership Teams, Crisis Teams, Facilities Personnel, Town Health Officials, Parents and Students will provide additional support and input. By working together, our goal is to provide the best learning opportunities for our students, despite not knowing if our school buildings will be accessible for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. Our initial planning for the fall is centered around three possible scenarios. 1. Buildings are open, school begins on time and remain open 2. Schools begin on time but are forced to close due to another outbreak 3. Buildings remain closed, school begins on time and remotely learning continues.

To stay up to date on these plans and more, the School Board continues to meet monthly, every third Wednesday. We encourage you to join us! Our agendas and meeting schedule can be found in the School Board section on the website for Rye Elementary School or Rye Junior High School ([res.sau50.org](http://res.sau50.org) or [rjh.sau50.org](http://rjh.sau50.org)).

Your Rye School Board  
Margaret Honda, Chair  
Scott Marion, Vice Chair  
Matt Curtin, Secretary  
Jeanne Moynahan  
Heather Reed

## Rye Historical Society News

Through special exhibits and regular programs and museum hours, the society aims 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.

We're all out walking more! Why not take a new route and learn about some historic homes and locations in our town? We have a walking tour on the **Izi Travel** app (available at the App Store.) Download the app and you can search for Rye Beach Block. Follow the instructions for a fantastic guided walking (not driving!) tour of the Rye Beach Precinct.

What's up at the RHS?

Thanks to a generous donation from the Lake Family Foundation, staining of the exterior of the Town Museum was completed this Spring. It feels good to take care of our historic building!

We have been having fun posting live readings from Parson's History of Rye on Facebook. Check out our Facebook page on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. for the latest chapter. If you have missed some, log on to our YouTube Channel to catch back episodes.

Thanks to Laurie Holbrook, Ginna Macdonald, and Debbi Toohey, we have a new look to our website.

**Upcoming Program Dates:**  
**PLEASE NOTE CANCELLATION/POSSIBLE RESCHEDULE OF MAY PROGRAM**

~~May 26 (1623 Series):~~  
~~Craig Mussleman Mills of Rye~~ We are working to reschedule this or to broadcast it via a webcast. Stay tuned to our newsletter/website for more information soon.

**FACEBOOK LIVE – Reading from Parson's History of Rye: Every Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.!**

**July 4: Rye History Trolley Tour -- Meet at Rye Town Museum.** Tickets available for purchase on the RHS website.

**July 16: 6:30 p.m. at the Rye Public Library:** Thomas Hubka -- *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn*

Through architecture unique to northern New England, this illustrated talk focuses on several case studies that show how farmers converted their typical separate house and barns into connected farmsteads. Thomas Hubka's research in his award-winning book, *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England*, demonstrates that average farmers were, in fact, motivated by competition with farmers in other regions of America, who had better soils and growing seasons and fewer rocks to clear. The connected farmstead organization, housing equal parts mixed-farming and home-industry, was one of the collective responses to the competitive threat.

**August 16: RHS Annual Meeting and Program for Members – Stay tuned for details!**

**September 7: Rye History Trolley Tour -- Meet at Rye Town Museum.** Tickets available for purchase on the RHS website.

**Interested in History? Join us as a program volunteer!**

We are working on an Old House Documentation Project and would love to have your assistance. Here are the tasks we need help with:

- Finding the numbered road addresses for many of the houses for which we have old photos
- Organizing and filing the photos and information on houses in the collection
- Crafting and distributing a letter to all old homeowners to seek info on their house

If you are interested in helping, please send an email to [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org).

## Announcing New Membership Levels and Benefits

We're excited to have updated our membership levels and benefits. Here's a summary of what members will receive beginning March 1, 2020. (Note the \$15 entrance level. If you are a member currently at the \$10 level, we will honor your current membership at the \$15 level for a two-year grace period if you prefer.) All programs will continue to be offered to members and non-members alike, although we will invite non-member attendees to make a \$5 donation if possible. Go to our website if you would like to join.

### \$15

Newsletter  
10% Discount at the Museum Store  
Four Annual Programs  
Invitation to the annual meeting  
Invitation to the Spring Garden Party

### \$25

All of the above, plus  
Invitation to the December Holiday Party  
Invitation to the Winter Open House

### \$50

All of the above, plus  
Rye, NH Baseball Cap

### \$100

All of the above, plus  
Rye Mug

### \$250

All of the above, plus  
One complimentary Trolley Tour Ticket

### \$500

All of the \$100 level benefits, plus  
Two (total) complimentary Trolley Tour Tickets

### \$1000

All of the \$500 level benefits, plus  
Two (four total) complimentary Trolley Tour Tickets

**Check out our new website and follow us on social media!**

We have updated our website so that you can find out about

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programs and events more easily.  
[www.ryenhistoricalociety.org](http://www.ryenhistoricalociety.org).

Click on our YouTube channel to view virtual tours, readings, insights, and more:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ3Z4oZ6BY19dXCTGblMjow>.

Follow us on Facebook (Rye Historical Society – NH) and Instagram (@ryenhistoricalociety).

The Rye Town Museum houses a vast collection of regional and cultural information and items and features curated seasonal exhibits. Open Saturdays 10-12 May – October, or by appointment. Write to [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org) or call (603) 997-6742 for an appointment.

### Historic District Commission

The Rye Historic District Commission is pleased to announce that its application for a Certified Local Government Grant to fund the creation of comprehensive Design Guidelines for the town's Historic District was approved. We applied for \$8,000.00 for a \$20,000.00 project. The State of New Hampshire Historic Resources Commission granted the full \$20,000.00, instead, which is a significant endorsement of the plan we put forward for preservation of our quintessential historic town. The project will begin when the professionals are free to travel safely about the District. The District is comprised of the following four locations: the New Hampshire Isles of Shoals, the Brackett Road Massacre site, the Transatlantic Cable House on Old Beach Road and the Town Center on Washington Road

between the Veterans' Monument and the Grange Monument. The guidelines will provide clarity for residents of the town as to alterations of building exteriors and site features, such as plantings and fences. It will enhance the sense of protection for District residents that their neighborhoods will be preserved to a level of historic integrity – protecting property values in the District. These inventories may be read on the Historic District page on the Town of Rye Website. [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us).

The Rye Historic District Commission received a grant for a professional preparer of historic "inventories" to apply for state registration of the Second Parsonage and for federal registration of the Rye Town Hall to be designated as Historic Places. The competitively selected professional, Lisa Mausolf, has completed both "inventories" which have been submitted to the State of New Hampshire. The Second Parsonage was found not to qualify as an historic building because of the many alterations to or removal of historic features from it; however, the site of the building was determined to be historic by the State of New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources. The Town Hall has previously been determined an historic property by the State of New Hampshire. The inventory for the Town Hall will be recommended by the State to the Federal Register of Historic Places over the next few months.

The Commission has held six hearings on alterations in the District in the first six months of 2020. Most requests were granted with little debate or conditions placed on the applicants by the commissioners. One project involved exercise equipment and signage around the periphery of Star Island. After modifications and conditions for maintenance, the Commission voted to permit the structures and signs.

The opportunity to use the Town's Zoom facility is a new and

challenging meeting environment but has allowed for good attendance at meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mae Bradshaw, Chair

### Rye Water District

#### Rye Water District (RWD) 2020 Annual Meeting

The District's Annual Meeting, originally scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 was postpone due to issues associated with COVID-19 and the State of Emergency established by Governor Sununu. The meeting was rescheduled to Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, but that meeting date also had to be cancelled with a "to be determined (TBD)" follow-on date. At the time of drafting this article no follow-on date has been established. Hopefully by the time this Newsletter is issued the RWD will have been able to establish a new Annual Meeting date. Notice of a new date will be posted at various locations around town, e.g. RWD office building, Town Hall bulletin board, Transfer Station. We also will post a notice on our 4 sandwich boards stationed on various town roads. However, the best way to track the status of the Annual Meeting, and all other RWD activities, is to use the RWD's Website at [www.ryewaterdistrict.com](http://www.ryewaterdistrict.com).

As a refresher for the Annual Meeting: Two positions will be elected, a Commissioner and a Treasurer. There is one warrant article that adds \$30,000 to the District's Storage Tank Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. [Two bond warrant articles, one for \\$315,000](#) for the replace approximately 1,165 feet of water line on Wallace Road starting at the intersection with Ocean Boulevard running to Odiome Drive and the other for \$800,000 for the refurbishment of the Garland

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Road Pump House. Lastly, a warrant article for the District's operating budget for \$1,498,091.

RWD Website: As noted above, the Rye Water District's Website, [www.ryewaterdistrict.com](http://www.ryewaterdistrict.com), will provide information about the rescheduled Annual Meeting. Additionally, the website provides information on: Customer Service, Forms & Reports, News and Notices. It also provides for on-line account review and bill paying.

Water Main Flushing: The semi-annual (spring) maintenance activity of flushing and chlorinating the water system has been completed. Flushing is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and to introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. The RWD thanks everyone for your patience during this work effort.

Water Conservation: RWD reminds water users to be water wise and use water in a sensible manner. We recommend that lawn and garden watering be done early morning before 8:00 AM and evenings after 6:00 PM. Watering mid-day during the heat of the summer's day results in most of the water to simply evaporate before it can penetrate the soil where it is needed.

Scheduled Meetings: The water commissioners' monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month and work sessions are conducted on the third (and fifth) Wednesdays. All these meetings are open to the public and residents' attendance is encouraged.

Commissioners' email: If you have any questions, issues, or concerns with the water system operations, feel free to contact the commissioners via email at: [commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net](mailto:commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net)

Rye Water District Commissioners:  
Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford

## 2020 Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday, May 25, 2020 the Town of Rye released a video of this year's Memorial Day Ceremony on the Town of Rye Website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). The Master of Ceremony and Guest Speaker is Bill Epperson, Selectman, Rye, NH. Patriotic songs are sung by Karrie Burnett with a special performance by the New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums. The Pledge of Allegiance is led by Bill Epperson and a wreath donated by the Rye Lions is placed at Central Cemetery by Rye Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Rye Fire Chief Mark Cotreau in memory of our Veterans.

Philip Winslow, Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectman including Keriann Roman and Bill Epperson acknowledges the recipients of the Rye Recreation Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest who attend Rye Elementary School and Rye Junior High School. The Poster Contest Award recipients are: Grade K, Claire Medros; Grade 1, Julian Dumas; Grade 2, Griffin Birr. The Writing Contest Award recipients are: Grade 4, Hunter De-deus, Shoal Panek, Liam Saunders, and Brody Tynan; Grade 5, Aidan Piela; Grade 7, Stella Piela. The recipients are featured in the video displaying their artwork and reading their writings. Reverend Ronald Lavoie of Rye Congregational Church gives the invocation and Reverend Boniface Agbata of Saint Theresa Church, Rye Beach, NH provides the benediction.



The Town of Rye has lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and merchant seamen in armed conflicts and the American Revolution. The Town also remembers on this occasion those firemen and police officers who were lost in the line of duty. The 2020 Rye Memorial Day Ceremony video is produced by Bob Glowacky, Rye Resident and Lee Arthur, Rye Recreation Director.

## Helping Those in Need

In light of the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Rye Emergency Management team, to include Rye Library and Rye Recreation, have developed a service to aid and assist Rye's most at-risk population, including our elderly residents and residents with compromised immune systems, to encourage them to stay at home. Due to the stress already put on our community, this service should be used for essential needs only. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Some examples of services that the team can accommodate are:

- Prescription pick-up/drop-off
- Grocery shopping

If you or someone you know meets the above criteria and is in desperate need of this limited service, please call 603-379-8800 or e-mail [COVID19SupportTeam@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:COVID19SupportTeam@town.rye.nh.us).

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

FOR THE TOWNS OF KENSINGTON, FREMONT, RYE, BRENTWOOD, SANDOWN & NORTH HAMPTON  
Will take place in September 2020.

Day TBD

Place: Highway Garage, Route 111A  
207 Middle Road  
Brentwood, NH

Driver's License Required as  
Proof of Residency

# 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 Rd., 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](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) for up-to-date information.

## June 2020

	<b>1</b> 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	<b>2</b> 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	<b>9</b> 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 6:00 p.m. Planning Board	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:00 p.m. Mosquito Control Commission	<b>17</b> 5:00 p.m. School Board	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Father's Day	<b>22</b> 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

## July 2020

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## August 2020

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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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



**TOWN OF RYE  
JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION  
CANCELLED**

Visit the Town of Rye Website ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us))  
on Saturday, July 4, 2020, to view the  
Town of Rye July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Video

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