



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, July 13th Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Selectmen's Message:

WHAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN?

Deliberative Session and Warrant Article Recap: This years' Deliberative Session, having been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was held on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club Pavilion. 54 registered voters gathered at the picturesque Country Club on a perfect summer day to address the 24 proposed Warrant Articles that will appear on the July ballot. The meeting commenced at 9:00 am and concluded shortly after 11:00 am; perhaps one of the shortest Deliberative Sessions in Rye history.

This years' operating budget was finalized at \$10,754,665, up \$434,179 or 4.21% from 2020 (\$10,320,486). Nearly all the increase over 2020 (\$381,790) is attributed to the following: Wages and Salaries \$183,379; Health Insurance \$91,297; and Retirement \$107,114.

A breakdown on the tax impact for money warrant articles based on our current valuation of \$2,189,628,400 is as follows:

WARRANT ARTICLES

| Article | Amount of Warrant Article | From Capital Reserve or Other Funds | Tax Impact Per \$1000 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Article #6 TAP Project | 1,040,000 | 740,000 | 0.14 |
| Article #7 Salt Shed | 350,000 | 92,000 | 0.12 |
| Article #8 Mini Pumper | 300,000 | 300,000 | No New Tax Impact |
| Article #9 Backhoe | 200,000 | 200,000 | No New Tax Impact |
| Article #10 Highway CRF | 100,000 | -0- | 0.05 |
| Article #11 Fire & Ambulance CRF | 100,000 | -0- | 0.05 |
| Article #12 Emp. Leave Trust | 50,000 | -0- | 0.02 |
| Article #13 Conservation Trust | 45,000 | -0- | 0.02 |
| Article #14 Municipal Bldg. Trust | 35,000 | -0- | 0.02 |
| Article #15 Revaluation CRF | 30,000 | -0- | 0.01 |
| Article #16 Library Leave Trust | 10,000 | -0- | 0.00 |
| Article #17 Library Bldg. Trust | 5,000 | -0- | 0.00 |
| Article #18 Grove Road Landfill | 3,000 | -0- | 0.00 |

This warrant contains 13 money articles (not including the operating budget). **Article #6** is for the Transportation Alternatives Program Project. The projects aim is to re-design the Town Center to include traffic calming measures, sidewalks and bike lanes; thereby ensuring the safety of residents and visitors to the Town Center. The original warrant article proposed mirrored that of 2020 which passed with overwhelming support however subsequent to the warrant being posted, the Department of Transportation announced that Rye would need a dedicated project manager if funding were awarded. That necessitated an increase in the total project cost to \$1,040,000. Conversely the Town was able to leverage an 80/20 split of the project and increase the State/Federal contribution to \$740,000 while keeping the local contribution at \$300,000 which is the same as 2020.

Article #7 is for the construction of a salt shed. This is the second phase of a 2-year project that began in 2020 with the leveling and development of the land to house the salt shed. **Article #8** is the next step in the Fire Department's 20-year capital plan. This article will be funded through a combination of special revenue funds and capital reserve funds and has no new tax impact. **Article #9** is for the purchase of a backhoe for the public works department, again following the department's long-term capital plan. **Article #'s 10, 11, 12, 14, 16 & 17** are the same as last year. These appropriations seek to replenish certain capital reserve accounts or expendable trust accounts in accordance with capital asset planning, long term liabilities or maintenance items. **Article #13** requests

TOWN REPORTS

AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, JULY 6TH

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2020 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, July 6th at the following locations: Town Hall, Rye Public Safety Building, Rye Public Library and the Recycling Center.

If you are unable to pick up your copy at one of these locations, please call the Selectmen's Office at 964-5523 to request that one be mailed to you.

Article #13 requests

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the establishment of a new fund for the benefit of maintaining Conservation buildings and land. This fund will initially be used for the necessary repairs at the Goss Farm Barn. **Article #15** seeks an appropriation to the Revaluation Reserve. This fund was established last year in an effort to spread the expense of the required revaluation over a 5-year period; thereby helping to keep the tax rate stable. **Article #18** is to replenish the funds withdrawn due to the ongoing post closure compliance of the Grove Road Landfill.

Trolley Barn Update: The Select Board has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell the Old Trolley Barn at 37 Central Road for the price of \$411,000 to Mr. Bruce Valley, a Rye native and current Rye resident. The closing on the property is planned for June 29, 2021.

Mr. Valley has indicated that he intends to renovate the current building on the premise and open a high end coffee and donut café with drive through service. The Select Board was authorized to sell the Trolley Barn per the 2018 Town Warrant which was voted in by a 84% plurality. The Board chose to sell the parcel via a closed RFP process that saved having to pay realtors fees or the buyer paying an auction fee. The Town also authorized the Select Board (per warrant article #9 of the 2020 Town election) to set up a Municipal Buildings and Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund and to place \$280,000 from the sale of the Trolley Barn into this fund. It further authorizes the Select Board to use the \$280,000 from this fund to renovate the newly acquired old TD Bank building at 500 Washington Road for use as Town offices. A true win win for all.

The State Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant: On May 31 and June 1, 2019, over one hundred citizens of Rye assembled with professional facilitators from Plan NH and the Select Board for visioning a 10-year view for the Rye Town Center. Arising from the findings of the Listening Sessions, the Select Board created an eight member Town Center Committee ["the TCC"].

Employing the recommendations of the Rye Community Design Charrette report from the Plan NH and Rye Charrette Team, the eight-member planning committee of the Select Board

began weekly meetings on October 1, 2019. The focus of the initial work of the TCC became streetscapes and traffic calming, including narrowing the travel lane through the center of town to provide safe bicycle lanes and sidewalks continuing from the Junior High School to the Library. After consultation with the Rye Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Department Head, as well as consultants from the Rockingham Planning Commission and CMA Engineering, the TCC engaged a surveyor for a preliminary survey of the Rye Town Center.

The TCC put forward a 2020 Warrant Article for an \$800,000 road and sidewalk project through the center of town, with the taxpayers' share being \$300,000. This Warrant Article passed 942/666. The opportunity to apply for this grant was delayed by a year because the Department of Transportation for the State of New Hampshire did not receive funding from the federal government for the bi-annual Transportation Alternative Program in 2020.

In January of 2021, the Select Board learned of the availability of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The TCC brought forward a new Warrant Article for 2021 for the same project as passed by a wide majority in 2020.

The urgency for the plan proposed by the TCC and the Select Board is described in the application for the TAP grant submitted:

The Rye Town Center area is a very highly stressed area; it was the number one priority town residents enumerated, and voiced, at the Plan NH Charette of 2019. Concerns were cogently made with regards to school children as well as other pedestrians and cyclists transiting this area. Traffic calming, safety of children, including sidewalks and bike lanes were specifically discussed. Washington Road is the "Main Street" of Rye. The Junior High School, the Town Library, Parson's Field, and the Congregational Church all are located on this road, and all are within the area of the "Town Center". In the middle of this confluence is Lang Road which is a perpendicular intersection to Washington Road. It is the main inlet/outlet of vehicular traffic to and from Route 1. There is no

contiguous sidewalk between the Junior High School and the Library. There are no bike lanes within the Town Center. School children utilize the Library, Parson's Field, and the Church for after school activities. Numerous school children ride bikes or walk to school. They are interacting with numerous vehicles at times of day where people are in a hurry to get to or from work. (READ AS – "TEXTING, SPEEDING, MIND ON SOMETHING ELSE"!)

This is exacerbated with truck traffic, some pulling long trailers.

After the deadline for submission of the Warrant Article, a training program sponsored by the Department of Transportation informed members of the TCC, the Town Administrator and one member of the Select Board who attended the program, that a full-time manager of the project would be required if the grant was awarded to the Town of Rye. The DOT representative acknowledged that this extra personnel commitment could present a substantial disincentive for a small town, such as Rye. As a solution, the DOT will provide such oversight of approved projects at the cost of 10% of the project cost.

The Warrant Article to be voted in July 2021 should reflect the increase in the total project to \$1,040,000. The **good news** is that the commitment from the taxpayers would remain at the same \$300,000 passed in 2020. The grant applied for in 2021 leveraged an 80/20% match of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to keep the local tax contribution level. The Select Board, with the able assistance of the TCC members, filed the application for the grant. In April our project was found eligible and was ranked well by the Rockingham Planning Commission. In May the competitive projects were given final rankings and submitted to the NHDOT Commissioner. In June the final approved list of awarded projects will be announced. Our voters will have the opportunity to approve the new Warrant Article on July 13, 2021, about the time we will learn if our needed safety project has been approved. If approved, it will go to the Governor and executive Council in August. When that process is complete, the NHDOT will submit an

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agreement to the Select Board for its approval. Funding to begin the phases of the project will be available after January of 2022.

Irrigation Restrictions Due to Drought conditions: In late fall of 2020, the Select Board voted unanimously to institute mandatory irrigation restrictions in Rye until November 30, 2020, due to the severity of the drought conditions in Rockingham County as identified by NHDES. Last years' extreme drought combined with a very mild winter, have led to abnormally dry conditions throughout much of NH this early in the Spring season. It is the Select Board's intention to approve an ordinance allowing the Board with proper notice to institute mandatory irrigation restrictions anytime that NHDES identifies drought conditions in Rye. Once the draft ordinance has been approved by Town counsel, the Select Board will hold a public hearing for public input.

Cell Tower Update: As has been reported for the past two years, construction of the cell tower on Port Way is now scheduled to begin on or about June 15th. This has been a long and complicated process but will be a significant start to solve the cell service here in town. It is believed that an additional two towers will be necessary to cover the rest of Rye. Locations are now being explored to identify additional town owned locations suitable to provide the coverage necessary. Revenue generated by carriers goes into the ambulance fund to help keep our taxes as low as possible. The only other cell tower on town land generated approximately \$64,000 per year which can be seen in fund #14 in the 2021 budget. Based on the interest shown by the national carriers, the revenue will exceed this amount once the Port Way tower is operating at full capacity.

New Developments on US Route 1: Construction interest along the RT-1 section of Rye is at a level not seen in decades. From the North Hampton line to Portsmouth there are several properties that are either under construction or under agreement. The project at the junction of Washington Road and Rt-1 is well under way and contains 20 residential units including 6 designated as work force housing. Construction of the previously approved portion

of Airfield Drive purchased by the Housing Partnership is due to start this summer and contains 40 units 8 of which are work force. The remainder, including the skateboard building has changed ownership and the intended use is not known at this time. Further south to the North Hampton line, a parcel of land previously occupied by the Hector's restaurant is under agreement. This plan is for 30 units with 6 being work force. In addition to these parcels, there is still a parcel of 100 acres or so that has potential to develop either commercial or residential. It is for this reason we have been pursuing a source of funding to provide sewer service along this corridor.

Article 19 Amendment Background: Article 19 authorized the Select Board to sell the .4 +/- acre parcel which was the site of the former Second Parsonage to the highest bidder over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the parcel had not been exchanged for the TD Bank property by July 31, 2021. This article is moot because the Town has already acquired the bank property. An amendment to this article was passed, at the June 5, 2021 Deliberative Session.

Full-Time Building Inspector: In July of 2020, long time Building Inspector, Peter Rowell, retired from the Town for the second time. Prior to his most recent retirement, Peter had been working part-time, averaging 24 hours per week. After almost a year of trying unsuccessfully to fill the part-time position and with the enormous increase in workload in the Building Inspector's office, it became clear that we needed to move in a different direction. During their May 10, 2021 meeting, the Select Board discussed and approved upgrading the part-time position to full-time pending approval from the Budget Committee. On May 16, 2021, the Budget Committee approved the same. Although the 2021 operating budget only included wages for a part-time non-benefited position, the Board approved using the unexpended wages to fund the full-time position with benefits starting September 1, 2021. Once the job description has been finalized and approved, the position will be formally posted.

Lang Road/US1 Intersection Construction: The required deeding of

the easement by the Service Credit Union has been completed and final bid documents are in process. Due to the expected increase in construction costs DOT is working to find additional funds for the project. Construction will be scheduled once the bid is let and the additional funds are identified. The project will result in westerly Lang Road traffic, planning to travel north on Route 1, to intersect with Rte1 at the current Lang Road/US1 intersection. Westerly Lang Road traffic intending to take a left onto Route 1 will travel behind the Service Credit Union onto Longmeadow Road and take a protected left onto Route 1 as directed by the traffic signal. Traffic planning to travel west on Ocean Road will follow the same route. The rerouting of traffic through the current US1/Ocean Road/Longmeadow Road traffic signal will substantially improve safe access onto US1 south.

Thanks to Lee Arthur: It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Lee Arthur, our beloved Recreation Director, will be leaving her position on August 1st of this year. Lee has led our Recreation Department for the past 21 years and has developed it into one of the best Recreation Departments in the State. Lee has worked tirelessly, in many cases working 6 or 7 days a week, to ensure that Rye children and adults have a wide pallet of recreational opportunities throughout the year. Lee won't be leaving Rye however, as she is taking up the position as the Rye Sewer Director so you will be seeing her in Town as her office will be on the second floor of the Rye Beach Post Office building. Please join us in thanking Lee for her dedication to Rye over these many years.

Rye Select Board,
Phil Winslow, Chairman
Bill Epperson, Vice-Chairman
Mae Bradshaw, Selectwoman

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Website

www.town.rye.nh.us

For news and up to date
information about the Town,
including meeting notices,
agendas and minutes.

Message from the Police Chief

Rye Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Bob McGrath has started new processes to educate and make the public aware of Town of Rye ordinances. ACO McGrath has created a document stating the dog rules, after May 28th after 9AM until 7PM, Saturdays only & 7PM to 9PM no dogs on the beach. All dogs shall have a dog license and should be always wearing a collar. The document stating the rules has been distributed with a doggy bag containing treats and toys. The goal is to educate and make dog owners aware of the rules with the goal of voluntary compliance.

ACO McGrath is also developing programs on ways to educate and inform Rye property owners on the legal issues surrounding self-trapping and relocating wild life. The objective to inform people on ways of living with wild life by understanding motivations of animals and solutions to discourage unwanted behaviors. Example, if raccoons or other wild animals are getting into bird feeders and trash receptacles residents should be securing trash properly and removing bird feeders during overnights. During the spring months animals are not only feeding themselves but also their newly born offspring.

Beach Parking Advice: When you get your 2021 Beach Parking Permit sticker from the Town Clerk's office, immediately put it on the driver's side rear window. Parking enforcement will ticket vehicles without a sticker once the "Parking by Permit Only" signs are posted.

Beaches: Remember, Rye beaches are dry - **NO ALCOHOL.** Town Ordinance prohibits open containers of alcoholic beverages. Beaches are open from sunrise to midnight. Any permits for fires must be approved by the Fire Chief. The **Town of Rye property owner** obtaining the fire permit must extinguish the fire before leaving the beach. **NO FIRE SHALL BE BUILT ON THE SAND AREA OF ANY BEACH.**

Bicycles: All bicyclists shall ride single file. Rye has an ordinance



requiring bicyclists, runners and walkers to stay single file. Police Officers are asking people to speak up and say something when they see people riding

abreast. We also request parents speak with their children about skate boarding on roads. The main roads, Washington, Wallis and Central Roads are not the safest roads for skate boarding due to the high volume of traffic. Please remember, if your children are under the age of 16, they must wear a helmet.



Speed of Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Violations: The Town of Rye recognizes that traffic flow directly contributes to the quality of life with-

in our neighborhoods. Speeding is not simply about fines and endorsements upon a license, it is an aggravating factor in many road deaths, or serious injury collisions. Speeding is a neighborhood issue that has a direct effect on our children's ability to safely play in neighborhoods, in addition to our pets and our own safety. We all want to live in a calm, welcoming place where we know we'll be at ease during an evening stroll or an early morning run. Often, drivers who do speed through our neighborhoods are unaware of the impact that their actions could have on the peace and comfort of neighborhood streets and residents. Your anticipated assistance in keeping the Town of Rye safe is greatly appreciated. Help us help you by talking with family and friends about the speed and driving habits of vehicles on Rye roads.

June 7, 2021 Serena Schwartz starts as the Police Department Administrative Assistant. Serena holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Serena holds multiple public safety communications certificates, acquired over the course of her career. The officers and I are looking forward to new ideas from Serena on how we can provide the best police service to you.

Please stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Kevin Walsh,
Chief of Police

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

Finally, the sun is shining and summer is around the corner. Beach Parking Permits may be purchased for \$25.00 each at the Town Clerk's office. You can mail in your payment with a copy of your registration and a self-addressed stamped envelope for each vehicle. Permits are also available online at www.town.rye.nh.us or you may drop off your payment and copy of your registration in the black mailbox located in the lobby at the Town Hall. Beach Parking Permits are for property owners and full-time rentals. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified before the Beach Parking Permit is issued.

All dogs needed to be registered by April 30th. Any dog not registered after May 31st, a delinquent fee of \$1.00 will be added each month thereafter. When registering your dog, please make sure you have an updated rabies certificate. If your dog has passed, please inform our office.

First issue 2021 property tax bills have been mailed out and they are due by July 1st. After July 1st, 8% interest is applied. 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 with your payment. If you are mailing in your payment and do not want a receipt, mail in the bottom portion of the tax bill with your payment. For your convenience, we have a locked mailbox outside our window to drop tax payments. 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. Second issue sewer bills have gone out and are due on the 3rd of June.

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

Town Clerk's Message

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is a delay in processing if we can't figure out where it goes.

2021 Tax Lien for all unpaid 2020 Tax and Sewer bills will be placed on August 1, 2021. Please call my office for the interest due on any outstanding bills. Deeding for 2019 Tax Liens will be on October 30, 2021. If you have any questions, contact my office so we may assist you.

Once again, 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). The form must be completed and returned to the state no later than June 30, 2021. If you need assistance completing the form, help is available by calling this office at 964-8562.

Remember, we are here for you as residents. Donna and Amy are available if you have any questions or need assistance.

Happy Summer.
Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Message From Rye Fire & Rescue

As our response as a community to the corona virus pandemic continues to wind down, we would like to thank our residents, other town departments, administration and Select Board for the strong support shown throughout the last 15 months! Although a victory lap is not yet in order, as of this writing the amount of area positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to decline. Percentage of the public vaccinated also continues to increase! I would also like to thank Rye Fire & Rescue members for the various efforts made to minimize transmission both internal and external to our organization. We will continue to be vigilant and prudent in our policies but are appreciative of the improving environment!

Staffing Assessment and Strategic Plan: On June 1st, Rye Fire & Rescue hosted a public Forum to discuss our recently completed Staffing

Assessment and Strategic Plan. Along with our capital plan, the strategic plan examines all aspects of our EMS and fire service delivery model from a data and customer driven perspective. The plan was developed from fall 2019 through November of 2020. The public forum presentation was live streamed and is available for viewing on Town Hall Streams through the town website www.town.rye.nh.us under the video streaming page. The entire strategic Plan is available on the Fire Department page on the Town website. Please contact the Fire Department or Janice Ireland in the Selectman's office if you need assistance in locating the files. We are proud of our plan and welcome any comments or questions!

Rye Lifeguards: Rye lifeguards are again guarding our beaches this year. What you may find interesting is that there is a national shortage of qualified lifeguards! A difficult recruitment was made more challenging this year because certification, recertification, and instructor classes were not held last year due to the pandemic. This leads to fewer qualified applicants. Rye has many returning veteran lifeguards and some newer guards. They are friendly capable folks who watch vigilantly for swimmer safety while they are on duty. Feel free to thank them for what they do as you see them this summer!

Be well,
Mark Cotreau
Fire Chief

Update from Rye Public Works

Stormwater Management: Rye is a great place to live, and your efforts are important to maintain it so. You can help by improving storm water quality. The storm drain system does not provide any treatment for the removal of pollutants; anything which enters the system eventually reaches our waterways. The cleaner the storm water is the less contaminants get flushed into our waterways and the ocean.

The Public Works Department performs a number of activities each year to reduce storm water pollution, such as catch basin cleaning, to remove

potentially contaminated materials and street sweeping to pick up sand and winter debris before it can enter the storm water collection system.

Cleaning up storm water pollution is a task that the whole community can assist with. Do not underestimate the impact you can have as a homeowner. Following are three activities which can help reduce pollution.

Collect & Harvest Rainwater:

A rain barrel is a simple system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise rapidly run off your property and into the storm drains and water courses. Rain barrels are relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under a residential gutter down spout.

Install Permeable Hardscape:

If you are considering a new patio, walkway or even driveway consider choosing permeable pavers or pavement, which allows the movement of storm water through the surface and into the ground. Permeable surfaces can capture contaminants that may be in the rainwater and keep pollutants in place in the soil.

Replace Part of your Lawn with a Rain Garden: Lawns have shallow roots and offer limited erosion control, in addition lawns require watering and mowing. Rain gardens are designed to hold or slow the runoff and use native, drought-resistant plants which have longer roots to pull water down from the surface. Rain gardens reduce pollution by slowing down the runoff, spreading it out and soaking it in.

2021 Road Paving Schedule:

This year the following roads will be repaved: Ahelson Street, Tehias Road, Berrys Brook Lane, Random Road, Old Beach Road, Washington Road (Lafayette to West), Sagamore Road (Berrys Brook to Morgan). Each road will be tack coated then have a shim course of asphalt applied, to restore the road profile. Upon completion of the shim course a one-inch overlay of asphalt will be applied to restore structural value, and finally the road shoulders will be leveled with crushed gravel.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection: Due to the Corona Virus, last year's HHW collection was canceled. **This year's collection is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2021.** Hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will be strictly adhered to.

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As in prior years, the collection will be held at the Brentwood DPW site on Middle Road, in Brentwood, NH.

The collection is paid for, and open to residents of the 53B Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District consortium. The six town's making up this consortium are Rye, North Hampton, Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, and Sandown.

This will be the only time this year that residents may dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). These wastes consist of domestic hazardous wastes in small quantities (less than five gallons), which are commonly purchased at a grocery or hardware store and used in your home. They do not consist of any industrial or commercial chemical products used outside the household.

Rye Recycling By the Numbers

- Tons Household Trash disposed of in landfill – 1,100
- Tons Plastic Recycled - 25
- Tons Bulky/Demo disposed of in landfill – 350
- Recycling rate percentage - 35
- Tons Kitchen Waste composted each year – 36
- Tons Metal Recycled – 200
- Tons Glass Recycled into Glass Insulation – 180
- Tons Newsprint Recycled – 60
- Tons Cardboard Recycled – 60
- Tons Loose Paper Recycled – 150
- Tons Aluminum Cans Recycled – 14
- Tires Collected – 350
- Refrigerators & Air Conditioners Collected – 100
- Revenue Collected - \$75,000

All numbers based upon historic information compiled from 2010 to 2020.

Dennis McCarthy
Public Works Director

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

FOR THE TOWNS OF KENSINGTON,
FREMONT, RYE, BRENTWOOD,
SANDOWN & NORTH HAMPTON

Saturday, July 31, 2021
9:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

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



**Driver's License Required as
Proof of Residency**

Planning Board - Rye Master Plan Survey 2021

The Town of Rye Planning Board is currently in the process of updating the Town's Master Plan and is seeking residents, property owners and business owners' opinions and input. The survey is the first step in the update process and will be coming out the end of June/early July, 2021.

A master plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form, growth, and development of a community. It describes how, why, where, and when to build or rebuild a city or town. It provides guidance to local officials when they are making decisions on zoning and subdivision matters, and other growth-related issues. A master plan also provides an opportunity for community leaders to look ahead, establish new visions and directions, set goals, and map out plans for the future. Properly done, a master plan should describe where, how, and at what pace a community desires to develop physically, economically, and socially. In short, a master plan functions much like a roadmap or a blueprint; it is a guide to the future.

Under state law (RSA 674), Planning Boards must adopt and amend master plans to guide the development of the municipality by having a set of statements and land use principles. Master plans are also required for a municipality to enact zoning regulations. The current Master Plan is available on the Town website at [Master Plan | Rye NH](#).

The survey will take about 10 minutes, and you are encouraged to leave additional comments. All comments will be published, and you may choose to comment anonymously or include your name with any comments. Survey results will be published as part of the Master Plan update. The survey will be coming out the end of June/early July, 2021. There will then be a Visioning Session held in September or October where residents, property owners and business owners' can offer further guidance regarding the Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Carter, Chairman
Long Range Planning Committee

Rye Zoning Board of Adjustment- Busy and Short Staffed

2021 is off to a busy start for the Rye Zoning Board of Adjustment (BOA) and new volunteer members are needed. The BOA is the board property owners appear before when their project does not conform to Rye's Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Ordinance or Building Code. Projects such as additions, tear-downs, septic systems, even sheds, could cause a property owner to seek relief from the BOA for their project.

The BOA recently lost two members who moved from Rye - Charles Hoyt and Robert Patton - who we thank for their years of service to the Town. We also thank alternate members Patrick Driscoll and Chris Piela for stepping in to fill those vacant seats. The BOA's other members are Patricia Weathersby, Shawn Crapo, and Burt Dibble, with Gregg Mikolaities as our only alternate member. We presently have four openings for alternate members. After our town elections in July, we will also be short one full member as Dr. Dibble is not seeking reelection. We urge anyone who may be interested in becoming a member/alternate to contact Zoning Administrator Kim Reed or any member of the BOA. No experience is necessary, just an open mind and a desire to assist fellow townspeople and to help determine appropriate development of our beautiful Town.

Patricia Weathersby, Chairman
Rye Zoning Board of Adjustment

Historic District Commission Update

Spring was a busy time for the Historic District Commission and the commission has many exciting new grant projects on the horizon. Recently, the Historic District Commission was informed that they were awarded a 2021 Certified Local Government ("CLG") grant to fund a communication workshop. CLG projects are funded by the federal government as part of the

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
July 13, 2021

FOR SELECTMAN
for three years Vote for one
MAE C. BRADSHAW
TOM KING

FOR TREASURER
for three years Vote for one
JANE IRELAND

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE
for three years Vote for one
KENNETH MOYNAHAN

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE
for three years Vote for two
ANNE DECKER PH.D
JOANN P. HODGDON
THOMAS MOULTON
JEFF ROSS
BRUCE VALLEY

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
for three years Vote for one
KERRY S. POPE

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE
for one year Vote for one
SUZANNE BARTON
KEVIN J. BRANDON

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE
for three years Vote for two
DOUG ABRAMS
DANIA SEIGLIE

FOR PLANNING BOARD
for one year Vote for one
JAMES FINN

FOR PLANNING BOARD
for three years Vote for two
KEVIN J. BRANDON
STEPHEN CARTER

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
for one year Vote for one
PATRICIA WEATHERSBY

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
for three years Vote for two
PATRICK DRISCOLL
CHRISTOPHER PIELA

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER
for three years Vote for one
SUSAN LABRIE

A REMINDER

If you study the ballot at home and fill in the checklist on the back page of this issue, you'll save yourself lots of time in the voting booth on July 13th! But don't forget to take your checklist with you. (And don't leave it in the voting booth!) If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

ARTICLE 03. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

Amendment 1.
Amend Section 190-5.9 (C) Demolition Review as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**.

Deleted language ~~struck through~~).
190-5.9 C Demolition subject to review. Any demolition within the Town of Rye, **excluding the Historic District**, shall be subject to the requirements of this section where:

- (1) The demolition is:
(a) A building or part of a building greater than 500 square feet of gross floor area; or
(b) A monument, statue, or memorial; or
(c) An accessory building less than 500 square feet of historical or architectural interest; and

Explanation

To be consistent with the Demolition review language as contained in the Historic District, Section 190-3.3 (5).

YES NO

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

Amendment 2.
Amend Section 190-5.9 (E)(2)(b) Demolition Review as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

190-5.9 (E)(2)(b) If the Demolition Review Committee determines that the building is potentially significant, it shall schedule a public hearing within 12 business days of making that determination, and within three days of making that determination notify the Building Inspector of it. Notice of the public hearing shall be posted in two public places and published at least five days prior to the hearing, not including the day of the hearing or the day of posting. **Notice to abutters shall be made by certificate of mailing to all abutters not less than five calendar days before the date of the hearing.**

Explanation

To allow abutter notice when the Demolition Committee deems a building to be potentially significant and its demolition is subject to a public hearing.

YES NO

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

Amendment 3.
Re: Zoning Map Changes: Business Districts in Rye Harbor Area
Amend the ZONING MAP TOWN OF RYE to change the following parcels from Business (B) District to Single Residence (SR) District: Tax Map 9.2/Parcels 22, 22-1; Tax Map 8/Parcel 56; Tax Map 8/Parcels 73, 73-1.

Explanation

These parcels, which are all in the vicinity of Rye Harbor, were once the sites of businesses: Saunders Restaurant; Pilot House (later Hemmingway's) Restaurant; Rye Beach Motel. The parcels have been redeveloped for residential use in recent years. Thus, the planning board believes residential zoning more appropriately represents the current uses and the goals of the Master Plan.

YES NO

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

Amendment 4.

Re: Pervious

Add to Section **§190-11.1** Definitions Review as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

PERVIOUS COVERAGE OR PERVIOUS

Any surface, whether natural, man-made, or modified, that can effectively absorb or infiltrate water including, but not limited to, vegetated surface, such as woodlands, planted beds, and lawns, and those pavements specifically designed and maintained to effectively absorb and infiltrate water. (From NH RSA 483-B:4, Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.)

Explanation

Add the definition of pervious coverage or pervious which is consistent with NH RSA 483-B:4, Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.

YES NO

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

Amendment 5.

Amend Section 190-5.0 A. **Off-street parking and loading** as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

190-5.0 A. Size of parking spaces. All parking spaces required herein shall have a minimum size of **9 feet** ~~40 feet~~ in width by 18 feet in length.

Explanation

To make the parking size requirements consistent with surrounding towns size limits, compliant with the industry standards and it minimizes impervious paved surfaces

YES NO

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

Amendment 6.

Re: Disputes About Wetlands Boundaries

Amend § 190-3.1, C as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

Disputes about the locations of wetlands boundaries as determined by the Building Inspector or the Planning Board may be appealed **in the first instance to the Planning Board which may retain an independent Certified Soils Scientist to report his or her findings on the boundary to the Planning Board. The expense of such an investigation shall be paid by the party questioning the boundary. Decisions of the planning board may be appealed** to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an administrative appeal pursuant to Section 704.4 **Article VII** of this ordinance. ~~The zoning board of adjustment may call upon the services of an independent NH Certified Wetlands Scientist to examine said area and report his or her findings to the Board for their determination of the boundary. NH Certified Wetlands Scientist is interpreted to mean a person qualified in wetlands delineation and who is licensed by the State of New Hampshire.~~

Explanation

The amendment would require disputes about wetlands boundaries to be taken first to the planning board before being appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

YES NO

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

Amendment 7.

Re: Delineation of Wetlands

Amend § 190-3.1, B to add the following new Subparagraph (3) as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

(1) The precise location of wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the techniques outlined in the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1*, January 1987. The hydric soils component of delineations shall be determined in accordance with the manual *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England* (Version 3, April 2004), published by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

(2) Vernal pools shall be delineated based on the characteristics listed in the definition of vernal pools found in ~~Appendix A-§ 190-11.1.~~

3) Wetlands and vernal pools shall be identified by a Certified Wetlands Scientist based on field

investigation conducted within 10 years of the application being reviewed.

Explanation

The amendment requires wetlands and vernal pool delineations to be within 10 years because both wetland boundaries and professional standards of practice change over time.

YES NO

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

Amendment 8.

Re: Wetlands

(Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

I. Amend the Definition of Wetlands found at § 190-11.1 as follows:

WETLANDS: ~~As~~ **Those** areas that ~~is~~ **are** inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions ~~does~~ **do** support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands **generally** include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas.

Explanation

The present language of the present definition matches the NH statutory definition at RSA 482-A:2, X. The amendment would make the language match the federal definition at § 33 CFR 328.3.

II. Amend the Definition of Vernal Pool found at § 190-11.1 as follows:

VERNAL POOL: A surface water or wetland which provides breeding habitat for amphibians and invertebrates that have adapted to the unique environments provided by such pools and which typically has the following characteristics: (1) cycles annually from flooded to dry conditions, although the hydroperiod, size, and shape of the pool might vary from year to year; (2) forms in a shallow depression or basin; (3) has no permanently flowing outlet; (4) holds water for at least 2 continuous months following spring ice-out; (5) lacks a viable fish population; and (6) supports one or more primary vernal pool indicators, or 3 or more secondary vernal pool indicators as described in *Identification and Documentation of Vernal Pools in New Hampshire*, 2~~nd~~ **3rd** Ed., 2004 **2016** published by the NH Fish and Game Department.

Explanation

The amendment updates the reference to a technical publication.

III. Amend § 190-11.1190-3.1, B.(1). The precise location of wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the techniques outlined in the **Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual; Northcentral and Northeast Region Technical Report Y-87-1, January 1987**. The hydric soils component of delineations shall be determined in accordance with the manual *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England* (Version ~~3~~ **4**, April 2004 **2019**), published by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

Explanation

The amendment updates the references to technical publications.

YES NO

ARTICLE 04. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

Amendment 1.

Amend Section 35-16. **Mobile Homes** as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

§ 35-16. Mobile homes.

~~A. All mobile homes within Zone A on the Flood Hazard Boundary Maps shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement by providing over the top and frame times to ground anchors. Specific requirements shall be that:~~

~~(1) Over the top ties be provided at each of the four corners of the mobile home with two additional ties per side at intermediate locations and mobile homes less than 50 feet long requiring one additional tie per side;~~

~~(2) Frame ties be provided at each corner of the home with five additional ties per side at intermediate points and mobile homes less than 50 feet long requiring four additional ties per side;~~

~~(3) All components of the anchoring system be capable of carrying a force of 4,800 pounds; and~~

~~(4) Any additions to the mobile home be similarly anchored.~~

This section intentionally deleted.

B. See also Chapter, 60, Floodplain Management, for any additional requirements

Explanation

Delete Section A. It is redundant and already covered in the Floodplain Ordinance Section 60 of the Rye

YES NO

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 05

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling ten million seven hundred fifty-four thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$10,754,665)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred three dollars (\$10,189,303) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 06

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million forty thousand dollars (\$1,040,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road to the intersection of Central Road and Washington Road with seven hundred forty thousand dollars (\$740,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2025 or until the project is complete, whichever comes first. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground by erecting a salt storage handling and storage facility at the existing Public Works/Transfer Station property (309 Grove Road), and to authorize the withdrawal of ninety-two thousand dollars

A YES vote would raise \$10,754,665 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$10,189,303.

A YES vote allows the town to raise \$1,040,000 for Town Center safety improvements. \$740,000 of which to come from a NH DOT grant with \$300,000 to come from general taxation, a local match required for the grant.

A NO vote would not allow the raising of \$1,040,000 for Town Center safety improvements.

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$350,000 to erect a salt storage facility at the Transfer Station and to withdraw \$92,000 from the Salt Shed Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund

A NO vote disallows the funding of a salt storage facility at the Transfer Station .

(\$92,000) from the Salt Shed Storage Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purchase of a mini pumper to replace engine 1 and to authorize the withdrawal of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Ambulance and Fire Special Revenue Fund and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purchase of a backhoe, and to authorize the withdrawal of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$300,000 for a new mini pumper truck for the Fire Dept. and to withdraw \$200,000 from the Ambulance and Fire Vehicle Special Revenue Fund and \$100,000 from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new mini pumper truck.

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$200,000 for a new backhoe and to withdraw \$200,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new backhoe.

A YES vote would raise \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to be used to offset the future cost of purchasing of DPW heavy equipment.

A NO vote would not raise \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required).

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of creating a fund to repair and maintain land and buildings owned by the Town of Rye and managed by the Rye Conservation Commission and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Rye Conservation Commission as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

A YES vote would raise \$100,000 to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would not raise \$100,000 to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

A YES vote would add \$50,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund to fund town obligations for retiring employees.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$50,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund.

A YES vote would establish an expendable trust fund for costs to repair and maintain land and buildings managed by the Conservation Commission and to raise \$45,000 to be placed in the fund

A NO vote would not establish the Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

A YES vote would add \$35,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$35,000 to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 24 at the 2020 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future revaluation of the Town so that the assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 22 at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:91-a, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 11 at the 1994 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

A YES vote would add \$30,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund .

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$30,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund .

A YES vote would add \$10,000 to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund .

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$10,000 to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund.

A YES vote would add \$5,000 to the Library Building Maintenance Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$5,000 to the Library Building Maintenance Fund.

A YES vote would add \$3,000 to the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$3,000 to the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 0.4 +/- acre parcel which was the site of the former Second Parsonage to the highest bidder over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the parcel has not been exchanged for the former TD Bank property by July 31, 2021. **This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.**

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Select Board the authority to accept dedicated streets in accordance with RSA 674:40-a. This delegation would be limited to those roads that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision plan, site plan or street plat approval, and have received approval for dedication by the Planning Board and have been constructed and completed in accordance with Planning Board road construction regulations and have been recommended for acceptance by the Planning Board and Public Works Director. The Select Board may accept these roads after holding a public hearing. (Majority vote required.)

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 21 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a portion of the 0.407 acre Parsonage lot (said lot being Lot No. 1 on the survey plan filed in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-42497) and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel. **This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.**

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 22 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the town of Rye to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair

This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.

A YES vote authorizes Selectmen to accept dedicated streets that have Planning Board and the Public Works Director's approval and after holding a public hearing.

A NO vote prevents Selectmen from accepting dedicated streets as town streets.

This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.

and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Rye to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Rye's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2021.

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

YES NO

A YES vote will require the town to urge the NH General Court to ensure fair representation of NH voters w/o gerrymandering. Also, to be fair and transparent when redistricting. Also, for the town to petition the court for its own State Representative(s).

A NO vote would not require the town to urge the NH General Court to fair representation of NH voters w/o gerrymandering. Would not require the court to be fair and transparent when redistricting or require the town to petition the court for its own State Representative(s).

A YES vote authorizes Selectmen to dispose of surplus town equipment via public auction.

A NO vote prevents Selectmen from disposing of surplus town equipment via public auction.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING



Message from the Assessing Department

In our continued effort to maintain fair and equitable assessments, the Assessing Department will continue the process of completing cyclical inspections in 2021. This process will involve a house by house, neighborhood by neighborhood review to verify that the information listed on the Town's assessing records match what exists on the property. MRI staff will be wearing identification badges and will have signs adhered to their vehicles as well as welcome letters from the Town. The Assessing Department and the Town of Rye would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. For more detail of the process you can review the detailed information on the Assessing page of the Town's website or call the Assessing Department at 603-379-8270.

Historic District Update

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New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources' overall grant from the National Park Service.

The communication workshop is scheduled to take place September 2021 and coordination is currently underway for this exciting event. The presenter of the workshop will be Barbara MacLeod of CrossCurrent Communications in Portsmouth, NH. All members of the Rye Historic District Commission, Rye Heritage Commission, Rye Historical Society, and members of other town boards will be invited to attend.

The focus of the workshop will be effective communication and the presentation will provide support and education for board members. Participants will learn how to advocate for preservation efforts for historic buildings and educate citizens on how to preserve community character.

Barbara MacLeod will teach the group about the value of clear, concise, and positive messages. She will also share the essentials of a strong communication plan, as well as tips and strategies for various media including websites, press releases, social media, and public speaking.

The National Alliance shared citizens routinely come forward for help and advice with historic district issues, and this kind of training is not only much needed but also in demand. Constituents are eager to learn how to manage their processes with the public, in order to gain the widest support possible. During the workshop, members will be coached on new strategies and given resources to effectively communicate with applicants and other government officials.

Please let the Historic District Commission know if you are interested in more information about the workshop or if you have any future ideas for trainings. The board members are looking forward to participating in this strategic opportunity and to make the changes necessary to preserve historic properties throughout the Town of Rye.

Kaitlyn Coffey, Chair
Historic District Commission

Heritage Commission News

Happy Spring, and Early Summer.

We continue to encourage residents to adopt graveyards. Thank you to all who have volunteered thus far! Please reach out if you are interested in adopting a graveyard. Contact me with any questions or interest: Phil Walsh at walshrye@gmail.com. Please visit the town website www.town.rye.nh.us and go to the Heritage Commission page. There you will find a link on the left labeled Rye Graveyard Adoption List which will show you a complete list of town graveyards and which ones are available for adoption.

In a previous newsletter I acknowledged that Town Hall has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. On June 14th, the Commission presided over the dedication of a plaque, which was installed on the building by Director of Public Works Dennis McCarthy. For our town it is such an accomplishment having this distinction. I'm glad the Town Hall is recognized; it is a testament to its history and all the effort that has gone into preserving it.

Lastly, the Commission is taking over for the Historical Society on the commissioning of house plaques. If you would like a plaque to designate your home, an application can be found on the Heritage Commission page on the town website. Plaques are \$95.00, payable to the Rye Heritage Commission. House plaque applications can be filled out online, printed and mailed to: Rye Heritage Commission, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. You may pay for the plaque online through the Heritage Commission page. When you click on the symbol it brings you to the payment page, please select "heritage merchandise" in the drop down menu. Please remember to mail in your application and note under "payment enclosed" that you paid online.

The plaques are created and lettered at Timberline Signs located in Rye. Once the Heritage Commission receives your application and payment, we will send the order to Timberline. They will coordinate with you directly on plaque lettering and final approval. When it is done, you will be notified so you can pick it up at Timberline.

On behalf of the RHC I wish you a Healthy and Happy Summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Walsh, Chairman
Rye Heritage Commission

Conservation Commission Updates

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is an active town board whose charge is to protect town owned conservation land and wetlands throughout our town. More information about the RCC can be found on the RCC page on the town website www.town.rye.nh.us. Residents may be surprised to know how much of Rye is mapped wetlands. The RCC is in the process of obtaining a natural resource inventory (NRI) that will help with a final number. Stay tuned. In the meantime, we already know that our many marshes, estuaries and vernal pools make up various aquatic systems that serve a function in wildlife habitat and protect our aquifers. Their preservation is paramount to protect Rye's natural resource inventory. Specific wetland buffers and regulations serve that purpose and are the purview of the Building Inspector Office and the RCC.

Before renovations or improvements to a home or property in Rye, homeowners need to consider:

- All wetlands in Rye have either a 75' or 100' buffer, depending on the nature of the wetland. Any work in any buffer must be reviewed by the Rye Conservation Commission. The wetland buffer serves as a filtration system for water that enters the wetlands, whether it be natural such as rain or through private watering such as sprinklers and irrigation systems.
- All dumping is prohibited in the wetland and buffer, including grass clippings.
- There are regulations concerning any tree cutting in wetland buffers in Rye – notify the Building Inspector before cutting a tree on your property and complete a tree cutting permit, available at the Building

Conservation Commission

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Inspector's office or the Building Department page on the town website.

- All structures require review with the building inspector – whether permanent or not.

The RCC is here to help and is glad to answer any questions within its purview.

Karen Oliver,
Rye Conservation Commission

Beach Committee Update

The Rye Beach Committee has spent the last few months re-focusing and identifying key issues to pursue related to its mission of ensuring safe, sustainable access to all beach goers including Rye residents and the public.

The Committee is happy to report that it worked closely with NH DES, Surfriider NH and UNH's Jackson Laboratory to ensure water quality sampling continued during the shoulder season (non summer months) with no cost to the Town of Rye or its residents.

In the spirit of Earth Day, the Committee also partnered with Rye Junior High and the Rye Elementary School Fourth Grade to create unique, creative and artistic "Carry in / Carry out" signs. Special thanks to Dennis McCarthy and the Public Works Department in helping with the creation of the wooden sign backers and poles.

The Committee has been learning more about water quality concerns related to Parsons Creek and how it flows out into the ocean with the water quality sampling as a first step in our discovery process.

With the return of commercial activities to our beaches, the Committee is also examining these activities' impact as well as starting to explore everyone's favorite summer subject, beach parking. Taking an "it's a marathon not a sprint" philosophy, we will continue to be open to review a multitude of issues and concerns related to the beach

and the areas around the beach.

The Committee encourages all citizens of Rye to join one of our meetings or let us know if there is an issue that concerns you. Special thanks also go to Chief Walsh, Chief Cotreau, Lt MacGlashing and their staff for the continued assistance especially during these busy summer months.

Frank Hwang, Chairman
Rye Beach Committee

Rye Historical Society News

We are an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving the rich history of Rye, NH by engaging residents and visitors through our museum and programs.

Programs Update

Trolley Tours are back beginning July 4! Stay tuned to our newsletter and check out our website for more information about the popular Historical Trolley Tours around Rye.

Curious about **Genealogy**? Individuals who are interested in exploring their Rye roots are invited to meet with others on Zoom the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend – the link is on the calendar on our website. Do you have questions or wish to have a phone number to call in with? Email us at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org.

Many thanks to Craig Musselman for the program *The Mills of Rye* – it was a terrific presentation and participants gave rave reviews – even all the way from Germany!

Museum Visits

If you would like to visit the Town Museum please email us at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org. We'll have someone meet you there!

Collection Update

The Board is hard at work sorting, cataloguing, and organizing our collection. Keep your eye out for an invitation to a grand re-opening in the Spring of 2022! A Very Special Thanks to Mi-Box for the temporary storage space arriving in July.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have an object, documents, or photo-

graphs you would like for us to consider adding to our collection, please email info@ryenhistoricalociety.org, attention Janet Davis. We will be in touch to discuss your item.

Special Project

We are working with our sister organizations on an **Old House Documentation Project** including the following activities:

- 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 information on their houses

If you have a house that was built before 1900, please send us an email – we'd like to know more about your house!

This month in Rye History:

June 18, 1871.

Destruction of the Sagamore House at Frost Point by Fire.

About 15 minutes after 10 o'clock, our citizens were startled by the appearance of Mr. Bart Holland, who dashed about Market Square, hatless, his hair streaming in the wind, shouting "Fire" with all the strength of his lungs. He had ridden from the Sagamore House, where the fire was discovered. The bells were rung and the firemen quickly responded; Mr. R.H. Beacham at once hitched a pair of horses to steamer No. 3, which was immediately turned back by orders of the Chief Engineer on the grounds that persons on the roofs of the highest buildings in town declared that the Sagamore House had burned to the ground. – Portsmouth Chronicle

Submitted by,
Janet Clarkson Davis, President

Rye Energy Committee Update

The LED lighting upgrade project for the Public Safety Building has been approved and should be completed in the coming months. The lighting upgrades at the Schools, Library and Town Garage have already been completed.

(See Energy Committee Update, page 20)

2021 Rye Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday, May 31, 2021 the Town of Rye released a video of this year's Memorial Day Ceremony on the Town of Rye, NH website www.town.rye.nh.us, Town of Rye, NH Facebook Page and on YouTube. There was no in person gathering. The Master of Ceremony and Guest Speaker was Bill Epperson, Selectman, Rye, NH. Patriotic songs were sung by Karrie Burnett with a special performance by Stacy Howe and Dan Gildea of the New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums, with Taps performed by Amitay Hay Tene. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Epperson and a wreath donated by the Rye Lions was placed at Central Cemetery by Rye Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Rye Fire Chief Mark Co-treau in memory of our Veterans.

Philip Winslow, Selectman on behalf of the Select Board including Bill Epperson and Mae Bradshaw acknowledged the recipients of the Rye Recreation Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest who attend Rye Elementary School, Rye Junior High School and are home schooled. The Poster Contest Award recipients were: Grade K, Griffin Abood; Grade 2,



Molly Kreycik; Grade 3, Elsie Uliano. The Writing Contest Award recipients were: Grade 4, Max Deneen and Amelia Weeks; Grade 6, Tiana Demers and Eliana Rae Labovitz; Grade 8, Estella Piela and AJ Struble. The recipients are featured in the video displaying their artwork and reading their writings. Reverend Ronald Lavoie of Rye Congregational Church gave the invocation and Reverend Boniface Agbata of Saint Theresa Church, Rye Beach, NH provided 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 Town of Rye is grateful to Kevin Schladenhauffen for providing the sound system for the ceremony, and Priscilla Jenness for assisting with the Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest. The 2021 Rye Memorial Day Ceremony Video was filmed and edited by Bob Glowacky, Rye Resident and produced by Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

Rye Senior SERVE Update

During the pandemic Rye Senior SERVE strived to meet the needs of Rye seniors in grocery shopping assistance and transportation to necessary medical appointments. Many of our SERVE volunteers went above and beyond to assure that continued services were provided. They have our gratitude.

Effective June 1st, the Rye Senior SERVE van will resume shopping trips to Market Basket. If you are interested in joining our weekly shopping group, please call me at 603.436.6041. If you require transportation to medical appointments, please contact Claudia Hackett at 603.964.5633.

Jim Delaney, President
Rye Sr. SERVE





SUMMER PROGRAMS

Physical Address: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870, Tel. 964-6281, Fax 964-1516

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

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

2021

FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE is co-ed and open to 4 yrs - grade 4, Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 11 to October 16, 2021. 4 yrs 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 to 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 to 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, NH. Fee: \$50 for 1st registrant, \$45 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). Late fee of \$45 will apply to registrations received after the July 30, 2021 deadline. *The above schedule and age groupings are subject to change based on registrations received.*



ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION is instructed by nationally-certified yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Gain inner peace while harmonizing the mind, body and spirit through the ancient practice of yoga meditation. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Held at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Tuesdays, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2021, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$66 (4 classes)



BASKETBALL CAMP instruction is provided by Anne Haky, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and Physical Education Teacher for Windham High and former player for Wilmington College in Ohio. Emphasis will be placed on skill work and individual development. Held at Rye Elementary School, 461 Sagamore Road, Rye, NH. Participants should bring a snack and drink each day.



Week 1, June 28-July 2, 2021
Entering Grades 1-2 Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Entering Grades 3-6 Boys, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$135/wk, includes t-shirt & participation award.
Week 2, July 6-9, 2021 (No Camp July 5, 2021)
Entering Grades 3-6 Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$108/wk (4 Days), includes t-shirt & award.

YOUTH GROUP GOLF LESSONS are focused on introducing the fundamentals of golf, including putting, chipping, sand play, full swing and golf etiquette. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH, rain or shine.



Week 1, July 12-16, 2021; Week 2, August 9-13, 2021
Entering Grades K-4, 8:00-8:45 a.m.;
Entering Grades 5-12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$70/wk, clubs available if needed.

BASEBALL CAMP instruction is provided by Stephen McManus, former coach at the University of Rhode Island and pro player in Europe. Learn basic skills for the beginner to advanced player. Players will be broken out into groups based on age and ability. This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH. Participants should bring a glove, a snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.
Week 1, August 9-13, 2021; Week 2, August 16-20, 2021
Entering Grades 2-7, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$140/wk



CHALLENGER INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMP is staffed by coaches from Europe, Brazil and the United States. Participants will be taught a fun, technical, and tactical based curriculum, revolving around five of the world's leading soccer nations. This camp is co-ed and held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH, rain or shine. Participants should bring a snack and drink each day. Full-day campers will need to bring two snacks, drinks, and a lunch each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen. *Host a coach to gain a cultural experience to remember.*



July 26-30, 2021
4yrs - Entering K, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Fee: \$75/wk, includes t-shirt and soccer ball.
Entering Grades 1-8, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$155/wk, includes t-shirt and soccer ball.
Entering Grades 1-8, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$225/wk, includes t-shirt and soccer ball.

LEGO® ROBOTICS MASTER instruction is provided by Kevin Husson and held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Do you have what it takes to be a LEGO® Master? Through daily LEGO® robotics challenges participants will have access to thousands of specialized LEGO® bricks including motors, sensors, and much more! Using a laptop and kid friendly LEGO® WeDo 2.0 software teams will create programs to bring their creations to life! *Participants do not take projects home.*



August 2-5, 2021, Entering Grades 1-5, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$92/wk (4 days)

LEGO® ROBOTICS JURASSIC BRICKS instruction is provided by Kevin Husson and held at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Young LEGO® enthusiasts and budding paleontologists will learn all about dinosaurs by constructing a dozen different species including triceratops, sauropod, stegosaurus, and of course a t-rex! Using LEGO® WeDo 2.0 robotics kits participants will build their way through the Jurassic period! Using laptops and special drag-and-drop software the dinosaurs will be brought to life. *Participants do not take projects home.*
August 2-5, 2021, Entering Grades 1-5, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$92/wk (4 Days)



Credit cards are now accepted and you can register online.



**THE WAVE COMMUNITY CENTER
RECEIVES A GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTION FROM
THE RYE LIONS
AND STAPLES OF STRATHAM**



(Alan Gould, Vice President, Rye Lions; Randy Tompkins, President, Rye Lions; Lee Arthur, Rye Recreation Director; Shawn Rogers, Sales Manager, Staples Stratham; and Chris Blaisdell, General Manager, Staples Stratham.)

Rye Recreation has acquired and renovated space at Rye Congregational Church for a multi-generational community center “The Wave” that will be opening soon. Space has been specifically designated for seniors and middle school students in response to an expressed need in our community. We expect that the space will be an active and vibrant destination for all ages to gather and compliment the Town center.

Where there is a need the Rye Lions are there! They generously donated twenty comfortable armchairs for the activity room on the second floor and also brokered a relationship with Staples of Stratham. Who in turn assisted in outfitting the center with numerous desks, filing cabinets, office chairs, Chromebooks, computers, bookcases, dry erase boards, carts and supplies.



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

“Sea” you at The Wave,
Lee Arthur
Recreation Director

**TOWN OF RYE
JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

The Town of Rye
will release a
Patriotic Video on the
Town of Rye Website
www.town.rye.nh.us
on Sunday, July 4, 2021.
**There will be no
in person gathering.**

**Town of Rye Sewer
Commission
Pump Station
Upgrades**

The Rye Sewer System is 30 years old and showing its age. Recently Pump 1 at Church Road Pump Station was replaced with a new Gorman-Rupp Super T6A3S-B/F Complete Pump. This has resulted in an immediate savings due to energy efficiency. It utilizes 30 minutes less of electricity daily than Pump 2. The plan is to also replace the second pump.

While inspecting the pumps at Abeniqui Pump Station, Pump 1 failed. A temporary pump has been installed. A full upgrade to the station is needed including pumps, control panel and generator. This upgrade will take place soon.

For questions regarding your sewer service and/or the Rye Sewer System please feel free to contact us at (603) 964-6815 or sewer@town.rye.nh.us.

The Rye Sewer Commission consists of David Kohlhase, Chairman; David Adams, Commissioner; and Susan Labrie, Commissioner.



Lee Arthur,
Sewer Administrator

Rye Public Library Events Spring 2021

Summer is the time when it is too hot to do the job that it was too cold to do last winter—
Mark Twain (1835-1910)

June 1st brought the return of the full staff at RPL allowing us to return to broader browsing hours: 9-4 Mondays and Fridays, 9-7 Tues., Wed., and Thurs., and 9-2 on Saturdays! Returning to other pre-COVID activities will take further time and planning. Watch for ongoing announcements as we sort out the new realities of library life. Thanks for your continued support!

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! All titles are available on our Hoopla app!

June *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder

July *Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan

August *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

Summer Music Programming: Live on the RPL Campus!

Wednesday 6/23 @ 3PM Wendy Nottonson and Band – Returning by popular demand!

Wednesday 7/7 @ 3PM Seasmoke – Classic Jazz!

Wednesday 8/11 @ 3PM Islandside – Summer vibe!

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

Zoom meetings resume in September. Second Tuesdays at 6:00PM [call RPL for details]

Museum memberships supported by *The Friends*:

Children's Museum of NH, Dover

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Historic New England

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Museum of Science, Boston MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

NH State Parks parking pass

Woodman Museum, Dover

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.

ASK A LIBRARIAN about Technology – If you have questions about our new catalog, or how-to on your device [computer, phone, or tablet] call RPL at 603-964-8401 or email Lisa Breton tech@ryepubliclibrary.org to set up a Chat or Zoom session for a Thursday afternoon slot. These sessions are process oriented rather than to troubleshoot device functionality. If you wonder how to download books and other materials to your device, create an e-mail account or manage storage, etc. this session is for you. If your device just crashed or won't boot up, that's beyond the scope here.

We were unable to export your borrowing history into our new catalog system, but we recorded and saved it all. If you would like a file of your checkout history from our previous system, please email tech@ryepubliclibrary.org with the specific email you would like the file send to (this should be a private e-mail accessible only to the requestor).

Rye Public Library Youth Department

Programming June – August 2021

more details at ryepubliclibrary.org (603) 964 – 8401

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

Youth Programs

Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers
Thursdays 10:30am

RPL Teen and Adult Writers' Group,
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month
6:00-8:00pm

Summer Reading Challenge!*
Monday, June 28 - Tuesday, August 3rd

Chalk Art & Popsicles
Tuesdays 1:00-1:45pm, runs June 29 - August 3

Outdoor Tie Dye
Wednesday, July 7 12:00-1:00pm

Wildlife Encounters Presentation
Tuesday, August 3 6:00-7:00pm

Youth & Teen Take and Make Kits
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month
Summer change: available every week June 28 - August 3

Teen Book Box Subscriptions Available
2nd Wednesday of the month

Chapter and Picture Book Bundles: request and pick-up! Visit the RPL website to request a curated collection on a favorite topic or by a favorite writer

***We're raffling off two Kindle Fire tablets for our summer reading grand prizes. For more information and registration links, please visit our website!**

Energy Committee Update

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These upgrades improve lighting, reduce energy use and emissions as well. The cost of the upgrade is paid for by a 50% subsidy from Eversource with the remainder paid on the monthly bill over the next three years.

The Committee hosted an online public forum for residents to learn more about the school solar project. Scott Marion, Vice Chair of the School Board and Ned Raynolds of ReVision Energy spoke during the forum and answered questions about the project. You can view a recording at <https://tinyurl.com/yj4y2dhh>.

The schools plan is to install solar panels on the roofs of the elementary and middle school to provide most of electricity required to run the schools. The project will be financed through a Purchase Power Agreement which means the installation will be completed at no cost to the schools.

The Rye School Board unanimously approved the solar project warrant article which will appear on the ballot July 13. The Energy Committee favors this project proceeding and recommends voters approve School Warrant Article 4 which you can read here <https://tinyurl.com/yv6twevr>.

At the request of the Energy Committee, the Select Board addressed a letter to the NH House Science, Technology and Energy Committee opposing passage of House Bill 315. This bill proposed to significantly weaken electric aggregation law RSA 53-E passed in 2019. The good news is HB 315 was amended to remove the objectionable provisions and the ST&E Committee voted to approve it. This means the Energy Committee will ask the Select Board to join a coalition of other NH cities and towns to study what is commonly referred to as Community Power. Community Power could potentially lead to the Town purchasing electricity in bulk for all residents. This would give us better rates and more control over how and where our power is made including from renewable energy sources.

The Energy Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month and has two positions open for interested residents.



Rye Energy Committee,
Howard Kalet, Tom Pfau,
Carl Nicolino, Lisa Sweet
and Nancy Siopes

Rye Recycling – Let's do it the "Rye-ght" way!

A lot of people are planting their vegetable gardens now or have them in already. In this issue, we want to talk about recycling your garden plants containers & water conservation. A few things to remember when you are planting your gardens. All the containers that plants come in can be recycled. Ask your local garden centers if they will take back the empty containers. Most garden centers will. That way the containers can be used again for another crop and kept out of the landfills.

Keep in mind to conserve water when we are in a drought. Here are a couple of ways to conserve water for your gardens. If you have a dehumidifier running in your basement, you can use the water from the dehumidifier for your garden. Another idea is having a rain barrel. Place the rain barrel under the downspout and each time it rains you will have some rain water for your garden. Every little bit helps.

If you have old clay flower pots that have been broken, don't throw them away. Place the broken pieces in the bottom of new flower pots for drainage.

Remember Mr. Fox Composting barrels are at the Transfer Station for everyone in Rye to throw their compostable material in. Please take advantage of this wonderful program. Some of those items are:

- All food scraps from plates
- Sugar packets
- Eggshells
- Paper napkins, plates, & towels
- Bread
- All meats & all seafood including bones & shells
- Wax Paper liners & muffin wax wrappers
- Fruits & vegetables (remove stickers)
- Teabags & tea (no staples please)
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Some cardboard boxes
- All plant-based cups & utensils (compostable)
- Wooden Stirrers & corks

We will keep you posted as to when the Swap Shop will reopen. We are looking for volunteers to help keep

the Swap Shop in tip top shape.

I would like to welcome our newest member Alex Herlihy to the Rye Recycling Education Committee. We are looking forward to working with him and all that he brings to the table.

The Rye Recycling Education Committee still has openings for more members. We are hoping to meet at the Rye Public Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the very near future. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.



Joan Provencher,
Senior member

Rye Mosquito Control Commission Update

Dragon Mosquito, the Town's mosquito control contractor, began field work in April checking larval habitats. Many sites are rechecked throughout the season and treated as needed. Sites are prioritized according to their potential production of disease carrying mosquitoes. Not all species of mosquitoes are a public health nuisance. Many spring mosquito species hatch from shallow stagnant water in May and fly off in search of a blood meal. Most are active at dusk and dawn but a few species will fly during the day. Anyone living in the seacoast may have experienced the aggressive daytime pursuit of the summer salt marsh mosquito. This mosquito loves to rest on lush green lawns and will bite in full sun which surprises newcomers to the area. That's why we focus our control efforts on the salt marshes during mosquito season.

When mosquito larvae are found, the stagnant water is treated with a naturally occurring bacterium called *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* or Bti for short. Bti breaks down quickly in sunlight and does not harm people or pets, birds or mammals, amphibians, reptiles, beneficial insects, including honeybees.

Monitoring mosquitoes found in

Mosquito Control Update

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catch basin begins in late spring. These mosquitoes are known to carry West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Treatment occurs when mosquito larvae are found using spinosad, an organic larvicide.

Ticks are being monitored at high use sites such as the Recreation Area and Parsons Field and the trails between the two sites. Tick encounters happen most often in tall grass, the woods and near the woods edge. Ticks have rebounded after last season's plunge. More people are complaining about ticks this year. Ticks require us to be vigilant while we're outside and once we get back indoors a thorough tick check is advised. Wearing light colored clothing, tucking your shirt into your pants and pants into your socks makes it easier to spot these despicable creatures. It's a good idea to wear repellent too. Find the right repellent for your family at <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you>.

This spring, Dragon built 16 new greenhead fly traps adding to the inventory of 170 traps for Rye. Traps are set out on salt marshes before the greenhead flies hatch in early July and removed when the short greenhead fly season is over. The traps capture flies which then dehydrate and die inside the trap. No insecticides are used. You can also build your own trap. We have the plans available.

Beginning in mid-June, adult mosquitoes are monitored at five fixed sites throughout Rye. Mosquitoes are trapped, identified to species and select species are sent to the State Lab in Concord (beginning July 1st and ending in October) to be tested for EEE and West Nile Virus.

Another mosquito borne disease of concern to NH residents is Jamestown Canyon Virus or JCV. This disease circulates between deer and mosquitoes with human cases increasing in our state over the past eight years. Symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches. More serious disease symptoms can occur including meningitis or encephalitis. Most cases caused by JCV are mild, but severe cases requiring hospitalization have occurred and the death of a Derry man was reported in 2018. The State will

begin limited testing of mosquitoes for JCV this year.

Eliminating mosquito larvae in the water is easier than getting rid of mosquitoes flying in the air. We humans provide the water that mosquitoes need for their lifecycle. To reduce the mosquitoes on your property, remove standing water. Dump out water or move under cover all buckets, kiddie pools, tarps, wheelbarrows, canoes, boats, flowerpots, trash cans, pool covers and tires that may collect standing water. Now that we have had a few days of rain, the mosquito lifecycle will begin again. It's a good time to check your yard for containers holding water.

The CDC website provides additional information on preventing mosquito bites at <https://www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/>.

Timothy E. Sanborn, Chairman
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

Rye Water District News

The District's annual Meeting was held on Saturday, May 22nd, at the Rye Junior High School. Three positions were elected: Ralph Hickson was re-elected as commissioner, Joshua Scott was re-elected as moderator, and Donna DeCotis was re-elected as clerk. A warrant article to purchase a replacement truck for \$75,000., with funds up to \$60,000 coming from capital reserve (i.e., no impact to tax rate) with the remaining \$15,000 coming from taxation, was passed. Two warrant articles that add funds to the District's Capital Reserve Funds totaling \$45,000 were passed. The voters also supported the District's proposed 2021 Budget in the amount of \$1,722,325 for general operations and to defray water district charges for the ensuing year. The RWD Commissioners would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the Annual Meeting. They would also like to thank the SAU 50 School District Staff for making the meeting possible by providing the necessary equipment to ensure compliance with social distancing guidelines.

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. RWD thanks everyone for their 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 a.m. and evenings after 6:00 p.m. Watering midday, during the heat of the summer's day, results in most of the water simply evaporating before it can penetrate the soil where it is needed. RWD is presently working on drought restrictions with the Town and is monitoring well levels, along with system usage. RWD staff is also performing monthly readings in an effort to address unknown preventable water loss on all commercial and residential properties.

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 the meetings are open to the public and residents' attendance is encouraged. Meetings are held at the RWD office, 60 Sagamore Road.

RWD website: Residents may visit RWD's website for announcements, upcoming activities, minutes of meetings, sampling results and other important information about the water district. The website also offers easy and convenient online bill paying options. The site may be found at: www.ryewaterdistrict.com

Commissioners' email: If you have any questions, issues or concerns with the water system operations, please feel free to contact the Rye Water District Commissioners via email at: commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net

Rye Water District Commissioners
Thomas Clifford
Arthur Ditto
Ralph Hickson

Rye Public Library Board of Trustees Message

Since the resolution of the Parsonage parcel issues, the Rye Public Library Board of Trustees would like to update you and the public on our progress toward the ultimate goal of creating a public space in the Town Center.

At present, the Trustees are in the process of planning to plan. You will recall that prior to the pandemic and the March 2020 vote, the Trustees had engaged in a planning process for the potential expansion of the library building to address library programming and employee needs. The Trustees decided that the pandemic would necessarily sideline (hopefully temporarily) any library expansion. With the Parsonage lot now added to the Trustees' custody and management, we asked the architect who did the schematic design for the proposed library expansion to provide us with options for the Parsonage space. The Trustees have seen a few architectural drawings for proposals and have asked for a few more. The architect is also a licensed trained landscape architect, and we are looking forward to working with him to come up with a design that dovetails with any expansion of the library building and makes the space as welcoming as the library itself.

We plan to form a subcommittee of sorts to engage in exploration and to gather community input on the best long-term function and design of the space. Toward that end, we have reached out to the Town Center Committee for the benefit of their members' perspectives and work on the town center. The town museum is also an obvious and necessary participant in the planning process. And we have a vibrant and resourceful Friends group we hope will lean into the process. In mid-June a wider invitation will be extended to all in Rye who might be interested in participating in this ongoing advisory committee. Our hope is to form and lead a group of interested citizens in a public, transparent, planning endeavor that will withstand the test of time.

For now, the Trustees have engaged our contractor to level and seed the lot, not only in preparation for whatever is decided to be installed, but also to provide public and programming space for the length of the planning

process. The Trustees intend to create a blank slate that is visually pleasing and can be used by the public and the library as soon as this summer, while allowing the planning process some breathing room.

We welcome your input and questions at any time.

Thank you,

Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

Rye School District: Year in Reflection

Throughout the summer of 2020, the Rye School Board, Rye School District administration, and staff worked tirelessly to create three scenarios for our return to school in the fall. Once COVID-19 guidance was received from the state related to things like safe distances for student inside a school building and mask wearing, the school community was surveyed to better understand how many families intended to send their students into the buildings for in-person instruction or opt for remote learning. Simultaneously, staff was surveyed to better understand anticipated staffing levels. Based on these results and the configurations of the various classrooms and common spaces in each building, it was decided the Rye School District could safely return to in-person instruction in the fall of 2020.

To accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions and guidance, many changes to the school day schedule and composition of classes were made. Protocols related to things like morning drop-off and dismissal, and lunch and recess were created. The nurses and administrators developed COVID-19 health protocols based on CDC and New Hampshire DHHS guidelines, detailing how the schools intended to triage potential COVID-19 cases, engage with the state for tracking and tracing of cases, and communicate positive cases with the school community.

The district developed guidance on the number of students that would be allowed in each classroom in order adhere to safe physical distancing. As a result, the number of classes increased

leading to the need to distribute staff in different ways throughout a school day. Due to this change, the district operated in a 4-day a week in person instruction model with one remote learning day for students. This approach allowed for the staff to have one day dedicated to activities like team planning time, meeting with students on a one-on-one basis, and attend required staff or special education meetings. Additionally, accommodations were made to ensure students who opted to learn remotely, received an education on par with those students in the building. Teachers leveraged a variety of technologies to deliver their lessons allowing all students to access materials and learnings regardless of where they were physically located. This approach also provided us with the ability to shift to a full-remote instruction model should that be required.

We are pleased to report that we have completed the entire 2020-2021 academic year offering in-person learning for those who opted for this option. It is with deep gratitude that we thank our students, staff, and leadership teams for the incredible efforts they collectively gave to ensure the success of this incredibly challenging year.

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

NO SPRAY

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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 for up-to-date information.

| June 2021 | | 1 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee | 2 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment | 3 | 4 | 5 9:00 a.m. Deliberative Session Wentworth by the Sea CC Pavilion |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 6:00 p.m. Planning Board | 9 5:30 p.m. Historic District Commission | 10 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 6:30 p.m. Select Board | 15 | 16 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road 5:00 p.m. Mosquito Control Commission 7:00 p.m. Beach Committee | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Father's Day | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 6:30 p.m. Select Board | 29 | 30 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road | | | |
| July 2021 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Independence Day  | 5 Independence Day (Observed) Town Offices Closed | 6 6:30 p.m. Energy Committee | 7 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 5:30 p.m. Town Center Committee 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment | 8 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 6:30 p.m. Select Board | 13 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Town Election Rye Elementary School 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 7:00 p.m. Planning Board | 14 5:30 p.m. Historic District Commission | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 5:00 p.m. Mosquito Control Commission | 21 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Beach Committee | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 6:30 p.m. Select Board | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| August 2021 | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission | 3 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee | 4 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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

My Voting Notes

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Treasurer, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (2)

Library Trustee, 3 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Budget Committee, 1 year (1)

Planning Board, 1 year (1)

Planning Board, 3 years (2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 years (2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1 year (1)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years (1)

Article 3.

Amendment 1. Yes No

Amendment 2. Yes No

Amendment 3. Yes No

Amendment 4. Yes No

Amendment 5. Yes No

Amendment 6. Yes No

Amendment 7. Yes No

Amendment 8. Yes No

Article 4.

Amendment 1. Yes No

Article 5. Yes No

Article 6. Yes No

Article 7. Yes No

Article 8. Yes No

Article 9. Yes No

Article 10. Yes No

Article 11. Yes No

Article 12. Yes No

Article 13. Yes No

Article 14. Yes No

Article 15. Yes No

Article 16. Yes No

Article 17. Yes No

Article 18. Yes No

Article 19. Yes No

Article 20. Yes No

Article 21. Yes No

Article 22. Yes No

Article 23. Yes No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, 3 years (1)

School District Moderator, 3 years (1)

School District Clerk, 3 years (1)

Article 1. Yes No

Article 2. Yes No

Article 3. Yes No

Article 4. Yes No

ELECTION DAY, July 13th
Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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RYE, NH 03870

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