



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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

### Selectmen's Message:

#### WHAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN?

The 2022 Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, February 5th at the Rye Junior High School to review the articles on this year's warrant. 56 registered voters attended the Deliberative Session. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. making it one of the shortest in recent history. The 2022 budget was finalized at \$11,151,534. The 2021 Tax Rate remained level from last year at \$10.22 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles based on our current valuation of \$2,204,844,000 is as follows:

#### WARRANT ARTICLES

Article	Amount of Warrant Article	Tax Impact Per \$1000
Article #5 DPW Front-End Loader	200,000	0.00
Article #6 Highway Equip Capital Reserve Fund	100,000	0.05
Article #7 Fire/Ambulance Vehicle Cap Res Fund	100,000	0.05
Article #8 Municipal Bldgs & Construction Cap Res	100,000	0.05
Article #9 Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund	100,000	0.05
Article #10 Municipal Bldgs Maint. Expendable Trust	35,000	0.02
Article #11 Wastewater Asset Management Plan	300	0.00
Article #12 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebration Expendable Trust	20,000	0.01
Article #13 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	15,000	0.01
Article #14 Goss Barn Maint. Expendable Trust	10,000	0.005
Article #15 Library Empl. Accumulated Leave Fund	10,000	0.005
Article #16 RPL Bldg Maint. Expendable Trust	10,000	0.005
Article #17 RPL HVAC Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	0.002
Article #18 Recreation Bldg & Prop Maint. Fund	5,000	0.002
Article #19 Grove Road Landfill Cap. Reserve Fund	3,000	0.001
Article #20 Records Restoration Capital Reserve	3,000	0.001

**Town-wide Revaluation:** In accordance with RSA 75:8a, the Town of Rye has contracted with Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) for the purpose of completing a town-wide revaluation. The purpose of such is to bring property assessments uniformly in line with market conditions as of April 1, 2022. The revaluation will happen over the course of 2022 in 3 phases. Phase I, Market Analysis and Valuation is currently underway. During this phase MRI is visiting properties that have sold between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2022. Taxpayers that purchased property during the 2-year analysis period are currently being notified about upcoming property inspections. Enclosed with this notification is a sale survey. The survey requests information such as sales price and interior details of the property. During the market analysis and valuation phase, building values will be determined by comparing each property to others with similar characteristics. Land values will be determined based on the desirability of locations throughout the Town as demonstrated by the real estate market. Phase II, Field Review will happen late spring/early summer. During this time properties will be viewed in the field by assessors to ensure accuracy and uniformity. Once the field review is complete, a notice of preliminary assessed values will be mailed to each property owner. The final phase, Informal Hearings will take place in mid/late summer. At that time property owners will have the opportunity to discuss questions relative to the revaluation process, assessed value and property details with MRI staff. If necessary, adjustments will be made and the assessments will be finalized and accepted by the Town.

**Cell Tower Update:** As of this article, the Verizon cell tower at 0 Port Way should be active. This has

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#### TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2021 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 1st 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.

# Selectmen's Message (continued from page 1)

been a long and sometimes complicated process but because of the cooperation of the abutters to the property and our legal team it has been accomplished. AT&T will be co-installed and will be active soon. Not only is it a convenience for the users it is a huge step toward safety as well. It is situated on Town owned land and therefore the town will be the recipients of the royalties it will generate. This is the second tower built in our town, the other is on Grove Rd. and has been in operation for several years. Last year it generated \$64,000 in revenue that went into our Fire & Ambulance Vehicle Special Revenue Fund. To complete coverage for the entire town, we will need two additional locations. A search is underway to find the additional sites, preferably on town owned land and not an intrusion to either the neighbors or the environment.

**Annex Renovation:** With the TD Bank secured by a partnership between the Town, Rye Public Library and Rye Conservation Commission, the next step is to complete the interior renovations necessary to transition staff from the existing Town Hall over to what will be known as the Town Hall Annex. A formal RFP has been issued and is due Monday, February 28, 2022. The bids will be opened in public session at the Town Hall at 3:30 pm on the 28<sup>th</sup>. An award of contract is anticipated by March 14, 2022 and the renovations should be substantially completed by the end of August. At that time the Town Clerks' office, the Assessing Office and the Treasurer's Office will transition to the Annex.

**Covid Update:** Because of Covid -19, the past two years have been challenging on several levels. All aspects of our lives were and still are being disrupted as never before. Covid-19 has caused a paradigm shift in our behaviors. The response has been calculated and executed with the goal of first containing the virus and then to return to what was "normal," pre-covid. The infection spikes early in the pandemic were alarming and precipitated drastic measures on all levels. Closed beaches, restaurants, churches, and any other locations where people could congregate. Relief came in the introduction of three effective vaccines and cases that were seemingly on the downside until the Omicron variant hit. Rye's response was to organize along with the State

vaccine clinics to vaccinate as many people as possible regardless of where they may live. To date we have conducted four clinics and have another scheduled. These will continue for the foreseeable future. A total of 1065 people have been vaccinated here at the Rye clinics. Others have been vaccinated in other locations but are counted in our overall vaccination rates. To date 80.3% of Rye residents have received at least one dose and 70.1% are fully vaccinated. This compares with the State which is 56.1%. We are way ahead of the curve but will not rest until this severe disease will become more manageable.

**New DPW Director:** With the retirement of Dennis McCarthy, the Select Board would like to welcome Jason Rucker as the new Public Works Director for the Town of Rye. Jason comes to Rye from the Town of Exeter where he was the Highway General Foreman for the Public Works, Highway Department. In addition to his 14+ years of experience in equipment operations, winter maintenance, solid waste disposal and general road maintenance, Jason is also a State certified Culvert Maintainer, Salt Applicator, and a Master Road Scholar. Prior to his municipal work, Jason spent 13 years as a wilderness guide in Alaska before opening his own outdoor center in Denali National Park. If you have questions or concerns about DPW activities or you just want to stop by and say hello, Jason's office is now on the second floor of Town Hall.

**New Recreation Director:** After a very long arduous search, the Recreation Commission and the Select Board are pleased to announce a new Recreation Director has been hired for the Town of Rye. Dyana Martin will officially join the Recreation department in March, having served as Hampton Recreation Director for 22 years. Although, she left Hampton in 2018 to pursue a career in Sales, her passion is Recreation and she is thrilled to be back in that profession. In addition to her 32 years as a member of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), she is also a 29 year member of NH Recreation and Parks Association, a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and a Lifeguard. Welcome Dyana!!! It is an understatement to say we are thrilled to have you.

**Regional Association Review Committee:** Did you know that the

Town receives requests for monetary donations annually from Regional Association organizations (i.e., Cross Roads House) that have been previously approved by warrant article? Once approved by town vote, these organizations stay on the approved list indefinitely, applying annually for a specific amount. Over several decades the number has increased to 21 organizations totaling approximately \$56,000 annually. The Select Board has determined that this is an appropriate time to review these requests to ensure our tax dollars are being spent appropriately and efficiently. Therefore, the Select Board has created a Regional Association Review Committee to analyze all funding requests received from Regional Association organizations and evaluate each request in terms of relevance, proportionality, and benefit to the residents of Rye. The Committee will provide a final report and recommendations to the Select Board by July 31, 2022.



**Volunteering:** Please consider volunteering for one of Rye's open committee/commission positions. Doing so will allow you to assist the Town in managing its myriad of obligations while at the same time providing you an opportunity to learn about the workings of the Town. Small Towns are dependent on citizen volunteers to keep their tax base low and to ensure a democratic process in managing its responsibilities. Volunteering allows you to also meet new people and learn about new issues. Many of the committees/commissions only meet once a month. Current open positions are: Historic District Commission—2 alternates, Recycling Education Committee—2 member positions, Energy Committee—2 member positions and Recreation Commission—1 member position. Please contact Executive Assistant, Janice Ireland either by phone at 603-964-5523 or by email at [jireland2@ryenh.us](mailto:jireland2@ryenh.us) to learn more about the positions or simply attend a meeting and express your interest in joining (meeting dates & times are on the Rye website) and most meetings are held at the Town Hall.

Rye Select Board,  
Bill Epperson, Chairman  
Phil Winslow, Vice-Chairman  
Tom King, Selectman

## Message from the Moderator

### Vote on March 8<sup>th</sup>!

As most of you know, the Town and School District election will be held on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The polls will be open at Rye Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are five contested races on the ballot – Select Board, School Board (2 seats), Supervisors of the Checklist, Library Trustee and Zoning Board of Adjustment – as well as 12 uncontested races. There are also 23 warrant articles on the Town ballot and 3 on the School Ballot. A sample ballot is posted on the Town website.

You can apply to the Town Clerk's office for an absentee ballot right up to the day before the election. Applications are available on the Town Clerk's page on the Town website under the "voting & elections" tab. You can also get one in person at Town Hall. If you apply in person, you can fill out your ballot and return it at the same time. Note that concern for COVID-19 qualifies as a basis for seeking an absentee ballot – it constitutes a "disability" within the meaning of the application. Also, if the National Weather Service issues a winter storm, blizzard or ice storm warning for election day, you can seek an absentee ballot on that basis, but **only on the day before the election.**

Don't forget that New Hampshire law calls for you to present a photo ID when checking in to vote. To speed up the check-in line, please have your photo ID out and ready to present to the ballot clerk. However, you will not be prohibited from voting if you do not have an ID – there is a very simple process to deal with that situation.

When this Newsletter went to press, it had not been decided whether face masks would be required for voters and/or poll workers as the coronavirus forecast is still very fluid. However, even if masks are not required, I encourage everyone to wear one in order to keep voters and election workers as safe as possible. In the event that masks are required, accommodations will be made so that people who cannot or opt not to wear a mask will still be able to vote.

I look forward to seeing you all on election day.

Respectfully,  
Bob Eaton  
Town Moderator

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

The Town has three elections this year. All elections will be held at the Rye Elementary School. Town Election will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, State Primary Election on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Absentee Ballot applications can be printed off the Town Website, picked up at the Town Clerk's office, or you may request one via email.

Beach Parking Permits are on sale, at the Town Clerk's office, which go into effect May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring in your vehicle registration and form of payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each permit requested. Beach stickers are for property owners and full-time rentals. Full-time renters need 'Beach Sticker Letter of Release' from the property owner. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified before the Beach Parking Permit is issued. Just a reminder, please take the time to read the new policy on Beach Stickers prior to purchase. Beach Stickers are still \$25.00 per current vehicle and motorcycle/moped registration. Beach Stickers can only be purchased at the Clerk's office with a valid registration and cannot be purchased online or mail-in.

All dogs are required to be licensed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. A current Rabies Certificate is needed for each dog. If you no longer have your dog, please notify our office so we can update our files. For your convenience, payments can be made online ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)), in person, or mail-in (please remember to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

First issue 2022 Property Tax Bills will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is the Taxpayers responsibility who escrow their taxes to forward a copy of the tax bill to their mortgage company. Property tax bills are perforated, if you are paying by mail and would like a paid receipt, please mail in the full bill along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. When 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. Reminder, first issue Sewer Bills have been mailed and were due on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

2022 Tax Liens for all unpaid 2021 Tax and Sewer bills will be placed on August 1, 2022. Please call my office for the interest due on any outstanding bills. Deeding for 2020 Tax Liens will be on November 1, 2022. If you have any questions, contact my office so we may assist you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The last day to register to vote will be February 26, 2022 for the Town Election; otherwise, you may register to vote on the day of Election. Please make sure you have a valid Driver's License/ID. If your Rye address is not on your driver's license, please bring in a proof of residency showing your Rye address. May 31, 2022 is the last day to change party affiliation and register to vote before State Primary. Only Undeclared voters may declare a party and vote on primary election day. All voters who have a declared party, on September 13, must vote in the party that they are affiliated with. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office.

Spring is around the corner,

Donna DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Message from the Police Chief

Warm weather is approaching, and people will be walking their dogs on the beach and town conservation land, riding bicycles, and walking/running on our roads. Please be courteous and understand our roads will be busier than normal on a good weather day/evening. As a reminder: Please pick up after your dog. Most people adhere to the ordinance; however, a few do not, and thanks to the residents who remind those people that they must clean up.

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## Police Chief's Message

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Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 28, 2022, dogs are not allowed on all Town of Rye beaches from 9:00 AM until after 7:00 PM, Sunday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. **As a reminder, no dogs are allowed on Jenness State Beach, Rye harbor State Park Ragged Neck or Wallis Sands State Beach during the operating season, and dogs are not allowed at Odiorne State Park any time.**

**Beach parking permits for vehicles:** Please get your 2022 permit and put it on the driver's side rear window. New this year, per parcel property, only two beach parking permits and one moped/motorcycle beach parking permit may be issued to the property owner listed on a tax bill. Parking enforcement has reported many residents to come in to complain about receiving a ticket. They almost always use the excuse that they forgot to get their sticker. Also, the beaches of Rye are dry - **NO ALCOHOL.** Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol.



We are asking residents not to leave wallets, purses, any electronic devices inside vehicles while parked in a driveway or at the beach. Your vehicle will be targeted by someone or people taking these items. The beach parking and State Parks parking lots are the most frequent theft from motor vehicle report the Rye officers take. Always lock your vehicle doors and private homes.

Rye residents and the police department are continuing to work together to make our town safe. Rye officers have been meeting with residents to talk about ID Fraud. To report a scam or fraud, contact the Rye Police. You can contact for more information, Federal Trade Commission at [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](https://ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or 1-877-FTC-HELP, the Internet Crime Complaint Center (if internet related) at [ic3.gov](https://ic3.gov). The U.S. Postal Inspection Service (if mailed related) at [postalinspectors.uspis.gov](https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov) or 877-876-2455. You can also go to [stopfraud.gov](https://stopfraud.gov) for more information.

The officers and I are coming up with ways we can get to know our residents. Starting in March of 2022 the Rye magazine, the social publication for the residents of Rye will be featuring an officer of the month. We look forward to you learning more about your police officers.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year. I sincerely appreciate everyone's encouragement as we navigate our way through these tough times.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Rye Fire & Rescue - Carbon Monoxide Refresher

The subject for this newsletter is a refresher on Carbon Monoxide and its hazards. Here at Rye Fire Rescue, we respond to many CO alarms each year and, while many are accidental or malfunctions, there are always some where we find elevated levels of CO. Below is some solid information about carbon Monoxide and it's hazards from your Fire Department and the NFPA.

Carbon Monoxide has always been around however over the past many years, as houses and buildings become more and more energy efficient, the incident of carbon monoxide poisoning has increased. Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. Warming up your automobile in the garage can also produce carbon monoxide in your home.

CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home so that when one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height. Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call Rye Fire Rescue for assistance. If the CO alarm sounds,

immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until the fire department declares that it is safe to re-enter the home.

If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow. During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up. A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings. Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

Should your CO alarm activate it is important to have everyone exit the building and call 911 and request the fire department respond. Given that CO is a colorless and odorless gas, the only way to confirm whether your detector is malfunctioning, or you have a critical life-threatening hazardous condition is to re-meter your buildings atmosphere to confirm the accurate reading. Rye Fire Rescue carries several modern gas meters that, among other gases, meter specifically for CO. Please call the station if you would like more information on this subject.

Be well,  
Mark Cotreau  
Fire Chief

## Public Works Update

Hello everyone! I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I am Jason Rucker the new Public Works Director. I am excited to join the beautiful community of Rye and look forward to serving all of you to the best of my ability. Thank you to all the Rye residents for being so supportive of the Department of Public Works, Highway, Buildings and Transfer Station. The Department of Public Works office has moved and is now located upstairs at the Town Hall.

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## Public Works Update

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With spring around the corner, the snow melting, and flowers emerging, we start to think about cleaning up our property and starting home improvement projects. With that in mind, please take note and remember this helpful information.

### Yard Waste

The Rye Transfer Station, located at 309 Grove Road, is open to receive yard waste and lawn clippings on Tuesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:45 pm. Yard waste consists of lawn clipping, leaves, dead plants, etc. There is no charge for depositing yard waste. Yard waste is then mulched at the Transfer Station and mulch is available at no charge to Town residents.

### Home Improvements

Construction debris can be brought in during regular transfer station hours of operation Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 am – 3:45 pm. There is a charge for construction debris. A rate and fee schedule can be found on the Town of Rye website. Residents and contractors planning to have driveways paved or resurfaced must obtain a paving permit from the Public Works Department office prior to starting work.

The Swap Shop is open again!

Swap Shop hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Staff permitting. Keep items out of the landfills. Consider bringing in your no longer needed or used items to be re used and repurposed. Items should be clean and in working condition. Are you a people person? Do you have some time to fill? Consider volunteering at the Swap Shop.

Congratulations on being such active recyclers! Your recycling efforts have had a positive impact on the environment and town expenditures. Here are some 2021 tonnages **YOU** recycled and some comparable positive environmental impacts.

- 14.59 tons of aluminum cans Rye recycled conserved enough energy to power 24.8 homes for a year.
- 30.35 tons of plastics [Rye](#) recycled saved 1,201 trash bags from ending up in landfills.
- 171.73 tons of glass Rye recycled conserved the equivalent of 4722 gallons of diesel being consumed.
- 96.53 tons of scrap metal Rye

recycled conserved enough energy to drive a car 1,064,987 miles.

- 237.45 tons of paper Rye recycled conserved enough energy to charge 96,760,161 cell phones.

The materials recycled were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products. Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less resources means fewer greenhouse gasses emitted into the atmosphere. Through your recycling of these materials and others you avoided about 1,168,479 tons of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing 254,017 passenger cars from the road for an entire year. \*  
\*Data was calculated using U.S. EPA Waste Reduction Model.

### Winter

So far this winter the Public Works staff has responded to 14 weather events. Either snowstorms, freezing rain or icing events. The DPW responded to one astronomical high tide event associated with high winds and rain, causing local flooding that resulted in an emergency road repair of Harbor Rd.

Thank you for giving our plow drivers room to operate. Remember to slow down as the plow approaches in the oncoming direction and don't crowd the plow. Plow operators make numerous stops and back frequently so use caution. The material spreaders which the DPW uses to treat the roads deposit salt out of the rear of the trucks so please keep back 50 feet.

Remember to remove snow and ice accumulation off vehicles before driving. Snow and ice falling from moving cars or trucks creates hazardous driving conditions and could result in fines. Early removal of snow after a snowstorm is the best way to prevent ice from accumulating and eliminate falling ice hazards.

Jason Rucker  
Public Works Director

## Planning Board Update

**TOWN OF RYE MASTER PLAN: FORGING A PATH TOWARD AN UPDATE OF THE MASTER PLAN.**

## WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY?

### THE IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF MASTER PLANNING.

By NH statute RSA 674, municipal Planning Boards are charged with updating their Master Plan “from time to time” with updates recommended every 5-10 years. A Master Plan serves many functions and provides many benefits to a community including the following:

- An **enabling document** necessary to support municipal decision making, investments, zoning ordinances, land use regulations and resource protection.
- A **forward looking and aspirational vision** of how the town can improve its operations, management, services and respond to the needs of the community efficiently and effectively.
- A **living document** that can respond to changing conditions, emerging challenges, and address community and environmental priorities
- A **vehicle to clearly articulate** the town's future goals, objectives and desired outcomes.
- A **tool to advance support** from federal, state and regional agencies for grants and funding opportunities for capital improvements, resource protection and protection against coastal hazards.

### 2021 SUMMARY OF WORK BY YOUR LOCAL PLANNING BOARD

In 2021, the Planning Board (PB) appointed a Long Range Planning Sub-Committee (LRPC) to explore the idea of a comprehensive Master Plan Update through the lens of a “visioning” framework. The LRPC convened, accepted two ad-hoc committee members, and worked closely with Planning & Zoning Administrator Kim Reed to launch the project. Planning Consultant Julie LaBranche was contracted to help lead the Master Plan effort through 2021. The LRPC met monthly throughout the year, working with Ms. Reed and Ms. LaBranche to frame what a Master Plan update might look like, how an update might be crafted, and ways to gain input about priority issues from Rye residents. During 2021, extensive municipal and community outreach

# Planning Board Update

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was conducted through several surveys, a public workshop, and via email, all the while being diligent to protect public health and safety during COVID. The town’s Planning webpage and newsletters, Rye Civic League news, Planning Board and LRPC minutes, and Rye Magazine consistently informed the citizens.

By January 2022, the LRPC voted unanimously on a strategy to undertake a comprehensive update of the town’s Master Plan focused on a draft Vision Statement, and organizationally aligned with a themed based approach. A power point presentation, a draft Vision Framework, and data from the public workshop was shared with the Planning Board during their February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The preliminary Master Plan themes drafted by the LRPC include content focused on:

## DRAFT MASTER PLAN THEMES:

- COMMUNITY
- MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION
- LAND DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH
- ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY
- CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

The Planning Board will discuss the process of a comprehensive Master Plan update at their next meeting on March 15, 2022. Members of the public are welcome!

Pat Losik, Chair  
Rye Planning Board

## Heritage Commission News

We look forward to 2022 as we continue our roles as stewards of the town’s history and character.

**Welcome:** The Commission is pleased to welcome our newest members: Frank Lagana as a full-time member to the Board. We are grateful for Frank’s commitment to preservation and his thoughtful contributions to our

discussions and projects. The Commission welcomes back Mae Bradshaw, who as rejoined our Commission as an alternate. Mae’s preservations efforts and contributions to the Commission are limitless and we are fortunate to have her as a member of our Board.

Also joining us are Tim Durkin and Karin Nelson as two alternates. Both have a long history of community involvement, and we look forward to their contributions.

In 2021, the Rye Heritage Commission marked its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As we mark the decade here are some of our accomplishments:

- Championed the preservation of the Rye Town Hall including its exterior or woodwork and painting.
- Orchestrated the successful campaigns to have the Town Hall placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.
- Replaced the storm windows on Town Hall by partnering with the Friends of Rye Town Hall, the first public/private partnership in Rye’s civic history.
- Planning to oversee the restoration of the town’s monumental windows, another public private partnership.
- Taken over managing of the historic house plaque program from the historical society.
- Taken over management of the 60 historic farmstead graveyards and promoted their adoption for caretaking purposes.
- Taken on from the Rye Historical Society, the Historic House Plaque Program, ensuring its continuation in recognizing the storied homes in Rye.
- Working to restore the historic Ocean Wave Hotel gazebo RHC received in 2020.
- Rye Advocates – RHC supports this new ad hoc group which is documenting old houses.
- As part of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rye in 2023, RHC hopes to initiate a project of signage for historic places in Rye.

The Heritage Commission takes great pride in its continued role as stewards of the town’s history and culture. We thank you for your continued support.

Phil Walsh, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

## Historic District News

The Historic District Commission (HDC) is proud to announce that our new Design Guidelines are available on the Town’s website under the Historic District Commission’s page. This electronic publication is a “soft launch” for our group to obtain initial feedback on the new Design Guidelines. We welcome feedback from homeowners in the district as well as the public. We plan to make print copies of the Guidelines available to homeowners and businesses in the district later this year.

Another project the HDC is currently working on is streamlining our application process. In the process of updating our Design Guidelines, we realized the current ordinance was outdated and we have been working together on testing a new procedure that will be easier for homeowners to understand the process when coming before the HDC for approval on a project. We have set up a “Technical Review Committee”, a 3 person rotating group that serves as a first step to review applications for completeness. Due to proposed zoning ordinance changes, the application procedure updates will not take effective until 2023 after a ballot vote. This goes to show how much behind the scenes work and planning goes into updates.

Lastly the HDC is working on our 2022 CLG “Certified Local Government” grant intention letter. We hope to qualify this year for a preservation planning grant that would be 60% funded. The funds would be used to assist in the interior space planning at Town Hall. We hope to continue our momentum of projects this spring and we welcome the any members of the public to our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaitlyn Coffey, Chair  
Historic District Commission

Visit the Town Website

[www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

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

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**Town of Rye**  
**March 8, 2022**

**FOR TOWN MODERATOR**  
for two years                      Vote for one  
ROBERT G. EATON

**FOR SELECTMAN**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
BILL EPPERSON  
CATHY HODSON

**FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
FRANK DRAKE

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
VICTOR D. AZZI  
JOHN HART

**FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECK LIST**  
for six years                      Vote for one  
JOANNE MEYER  
KAREN OLIVER

**FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
CHRIS NEE

**FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
for three years                      Vote for two  
SUZANNE BARTON  
SCOTT MARION

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**  
for one year                      Vote for one  
JAMES FINN

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**  
for two years                      Vote for one  
ROBERT WRIGHT

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
PATRICIA A. LOSIK

**FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
for one year                      Vote for one  
JENNIFER MADDEN  
JOHN D. MITCHELL  
SANDRA CHOROROS

**FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
JOHN TUTTLE

**FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER**  
for three years                      Vote for one  
JOHN E. MCCUNE, JR.

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
QUESTIONS**

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

**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 March 8th! 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.**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 as follows?

**Amendment 1.**

Re: Multi-Family Developments

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

Amend Sections 190-4-2, C (4) to reduce the number of dwelling units allowed in a multi-family dwelling from eight (8) to five (5) as follows.

A multi-family dwelling shall not have more than ~~8~~ **5** dwelling units. A multi-family development shall not have more than 40 dwelling units. The subdivision of land shall not be used to circumvent the 40 unit limitation.

Explanation

*Limiting the number of dwelling units in a multi-family dwelling to five (5) rather than allowing up to eight (8) is more in keeping with the rural character of Rye. The NH Workforce Housing Act requires municipalities to provide reasonable opportunities for multi-family housing, which the Act defines as a building containing five or more dwelling units.*

YES     NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as follows?

**Amendment 2:**

Re: Multi-Family Developments

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

Amend Section 190-4-2, C (8) to increase the required ~~dwelling building~~ **dwelling** spacing from 25 ft. to 35 ft., as follows.

Dwelling Spacing. All ~~dwelling's building including parking structures and accessory buildings~~ **dwelling's** shall be separated by at least ~~25~~ **35** feet.

Explanation

*Increasing dwelling spacing will allow for more open space around dwellings thereby providing residents of multi-family developments with increased enjoyment of their environs.*

YES     NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3 as follows?

**Amendment 3:**

Re: Housing Appeals Board

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

Amend the following sections of the Rye Zoning Ordinance to indicate that appeals may be taken to the Housing Appeals Board, in addition to the superior court.



“§ 190-3.4, F. [13] ( Redevelopment of Tourist Accommodation Sites).

.... shall be taken to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board**, not to the Board of Adjustment.

§ 190-3.6, I. (Conditional Use Permits in Aquifer & Wellhead Protection District).

.... and then to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board** (but not to the Board of Adjustment).

§ 190-4.1, K. (Planning board decisions on Retirement Community Developments).

..... taken to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board**, not to the Board of Adjustment.

§ 190-4.2, I. (Planning board decisions on Multifamily Developments).

.... shall be taken to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board**, not to the Board of Adjustment.

§ 190-4.3, K. (Planning board decisions on Conservation Land Developments).

.... shall be taken to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board**, not to the Board of Adjustment.

§ 190-5.6, G. (Planning board decisions on accessory apartments).

.... may be filed with the Rockingham County Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board** within 30 days .....

§ 190-5.8, E. (3). (Planning board decisions on small wind energy systems).

..... may be taken to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board** as provided by statute ~~RSA 677:15~~.

§ 190-7.3 (Appeals of ZBA decisions).

...and to appeal to the Superior Court **or the Housing Appeals Board** in accordance ....

§ 190-9.3 (Severability of Growth Management Ordinance provisions).

Should any part of this ~~article~~ **chapter** be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court **or by the Housing Appeals Board**, such holding shall not.....

§ 190-10.2 (Severability of all zoning ordinance provisions).

Should any part of this ~~article~~ **chapter** be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court **or by the Housing Appeals Board** or authority of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not....

Explanation

*The Legislature amended the statutes to establish the Housing Appeals Board effective July 1, 2020. Appeals of land use board decisions involving housing development may now be taken to the superior court or to the Housing Appeals Board.*

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 4.**

Re: Driveway Setbacks

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

Amend Section 190-11.1 Word usage and definitions in the zoning ordinance so users are made aware that driveways are subject to a 10 ft. setback from an abutting property line, as follows:

STRUCTURE: Any temporary or permanently constructed, erected or placed material or combination of materials in or upon the ground, including, but not limited to buildings, mobile homes, radio towers, sheds and storage bins, storage tanks, portable carports, swimming pools, tennis courts and parking lots. The following are structures but are exempt from the dimensional requirements unless covered in other parts of the ordinance and codes.

[Amended 2001; 3-12-2013]

(1) Subsurface waste disposal facilities (see §190-2.2E and Building Code, §35-15B);

(2) Fences and stonewalls (see§190-5.10);

(3) Driveways (**But see Chapter 202, Land Development Regulations, Appendix E: Driveway Regulations. Driveways may not be constructed within 10 ft. of an abutting property line.**); and

(4) Fuel storage tanks (see NFPA requirements).

DRIVEWAY: A private way for vehicles which provides entrance, exit, access to or from land in Rye to/from a public street. **Driveways are regulated by the Rye Planning Board Land Development Regulations. A permit is required. Driveways may not be constructed within 10 feet of an abutting property line.**

Explanation

*The amendment puts users of the zoning ordinance on notice that driveways are regulated by the separate planning board land development regulations and that driveways may not be located within 10 feet of an abutting property line.*

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 5.**

Re: Stone Walls, Retaining Walls and Fences

Amend Section 190-11.1B Word usage and definitions and Section 190-5.10 Fences as follows:



1. Amend the Definition of Structure found at § 190-11.1.B. as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

STRUCTURE: Any temporary or permanent-ly constructed, erected or placed material or combination of materials in or upon the ground, including but not limited to buildings, mobile homes, radio towers, **retaining walls**, sheds and storage bins, storage tanks, portable carports, swimming pools, tennis courts and parking lots. The following are structures but are exempt from the di-mensional requirements unless covered in other parts of the ordinance and codes:

- (1) Subsurface waste disposal facilities (see § 190-2.2E and Building Code, § 35-15B);
  - (2) Fences and stone walls (see 190-5.10);
  - (3) Driveways (see Chapter 202, Land De-velopment Regulations); and
  - (5) Fuel storage tanks (see NFPA require-ments).
- (6) Retaining walls less than 6 feet in height.**

2. Add the following three definitions to Section § 190-11.1.B:

STONE WALL: a structure built of rough stones, which may or may not be filled to-gether with mortar.

RETAINING WALL: A structure for holding in place a mass of earth or the like, as at the edge of a terrace or excavation. A retaining wall is designed, and constructed, to resist the lateral pressure of soil or other material, when there is a desired change in ground elevation.

FENCE: a barrier, railing, or other upright structure, typically of wood or wire, enclosing an area of ground to mark a boundary, control access, or prevent escape.

3. Change the title of Section 5.10 from Fences to **Fences and Walls** and amend the section as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted lan-guage ~~struck through~~).

All fences, walls, and similar enclosures, except trees, shrubs and natural vegetation, are subject to the restrictions of this section.

A. ~~Fence p~~**Permits**. No fence **or wall** shall be erected or replaced prior to obtaining a permit from the Building Inspector, except wire or rail fencing for agricultural use, which is exempt from the permit requirement.

B. Common boundary line fence **and wall** permits. Common boundary line fences **and walls** are those placed along the common boundary line of properties. A common boundary line fence **or wall** permit applica-tion shall be signed by all property owners of the land involved. The permit shall hold the Town harmless from any disputes which may arise concerning such ~~fences~~ **struc-tures**.

C. Height. Fences and walls **other than**

**retaining walls** shall not exceed six feet in height.

D. Setback. All fences **and walls**, except common boundary line fences **and walls**, shall be located at least one foot from the property line. The applicant is responsible for establishing the boundary with a survey by a licensed New Hampshire surveyor.

E. Finished side. Any fence within 10 feet of a lot line shall have the finished side face the abutting properties, and the side of a fence containing the posts and other bracing appurtenances shall face inward to the prop-erty on which the fence is located. For com-mon boundary line fences, the finished side (s) shall be as designated by the property owners in the application.

F. Sight distance. All fences and walls shall comply with the corner clearance require-ments of Article II of this chapter.

G. Town rights-of-way. Erection of fences **and walls** within Town rights-of-way is pro-hibited. Fences **and walls** abutting a right-of -way shall be set back at least one foot from the right-of-way line.

H. Applicability. This section shall apply to all fences **and walls** erected or replaced after January 2, 2001.

Explanation

*The amendment adds definitions which clarify the distinctions among fences, stone walls and retaining walls. The amendment also allows retaining walls less than 6 feet in height to occupy required yard setbacks.*

YES  NO

**ARTICLES**

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**ARTICLE 04**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropri-ations 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 there-in totaling eleven million one hundred fifty-one thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars (\$11,151,534)? Should this article be de-feated, the default budget shall be ten million six hundred eighty-five thousand eight hun-dred fifty-one dollars (\$10,685,851) which is the same as last year, with certain adjust-ments 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)**

9 **This article is recommended by the Budg-et Committee. (9-0)**

YES  NO

A YES vote would raise \$11,151,534 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$10,685,851.

**ARTICLE 05**

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 front-end loader 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. (8-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 06**

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. (9-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 07**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 08**

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 Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 9 at the 2020 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction or renovation of town owned 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

**ARTICLE 09**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town

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

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new front-end loader.

A YES vote would raise \$100,000 to be added to the Highway 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.

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 raise \$100,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would not raise \$100,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 10**

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

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 11.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of developing a Wastewater Asset Management Plan to authorize the Sewer Commission to borrow thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Clean Water Revolving Fund and to appropriate the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) for interest payments during 2022. This DES program includes principal forgiveness, thus there is no cost to the town other than a small amount of interest. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 12.**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a 400th Anniversary Celebration Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19 -a for the purpose of creating a fund to support activities in conjunction with the Town's 400th anniversary and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

A YES vote would add \$100,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund to fund town obligations for retiring employees.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$100,000 to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave 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.

A YES vote would raise \$30,000 for development of a Wastewater Asset Management Plan. This is a NH DES program with no cost to the town except \$300 in interest.

A NO vote disallows the funds for development of a Wastewater Asset Management Plan.

A YES vote would establish an Expendable Trust Fund to support the planning of the Town's 400th anniversary and to raise \$20,000 to be placed in the fund.

A NO vote would disallow the establishment of a 400th anniversary Expendable Trust Fund.

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) 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. (9-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Goss Barn Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 13 at the 2021 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the maintenance of the Goss Barn owned by the Town of Rye and managed by the Rye Conservation Commission. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 15**

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. (9-0)**

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 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 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. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to change the name and the purpose of the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 of the 1996 Town Meeting to the Recreation Buildings and Property Maintenance Fund for the purpose of creating a maintenance fund for all Recreation buildings and associated land and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (2/3 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 19**

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. (9-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Records Restoration established by Article 16 of the 1990 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

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 change the name & purpose of the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund to encompass all recreation buildings and property and add \$5000 to the fund.

A NO vote would disallow the change in name & purpose and the addition of funds.

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.

A YES vote would add \$3,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for Records Restoration.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$3,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for Records Restoration.

**ARTICLE 21**

Shall the Town modify the elderly exemptions for property tax in the Town of Rye, pursuant to N.H. RSA 72:27-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

- For a person 65 years of age up to 74 years an increase in exemption to \$140,000 (currently \$75,000);
- For a person 75 years of age up to 79 years an increase in exemption to \$170,000 (currently \$90,000);
- For a person 80 years of age or older increase to \$200,000 (currently \$105,000).

A YES vote would modify the exemption for the elderly due to the current 2022 revaluation of the Town.

A NO vote would not modify the exemption for the elderly.

To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) consecutive years preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year exemption is claimed, must own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his or her spouse, they must have been married and living together for at least five (5) years, in addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 if single, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$59,900, and own net assets not in excess of \$199,000 excluding the value of the person's primary residence. (Majority vote required)

The purpose of this article is to modify the exemption for the elderly due to the current 2022 revaluation of the Town in order for the exemption to keep pace with the general or average increase in property values so as to leave no elderly persons behind because of these value changes.

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

YES NO

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Rye Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, finalized on January 4, 2022 by the Rye Energy Committee, and to further authorize the Select Board to develop and implement Rye Community Power, and to take all action in furtherance of, the Rye Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, pursuant to RSA 53-E, provided that the Selectmen establish a specific account to track all costs related to the Plan (including attorney fees) with all such costs to be recovered from electric rates established by the Plan, if possible.

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

YES NO

**ARTICLE 23 (By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to ban the use of voting machines in all local, state and federal elections.

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

YES NO

A YES vote would adopt the Rye Community Power Electric aggregation Plan & implement Rye Community Power.

A NO vote would not adopt the Rye Community Power Electric aggregation Plan.

A YES vote would ban the use of voting machines in all elections in Rye.

A NO vote would not ban the use of voting machines in all elections in Rye.

**ARTICLE 24 (By Petition)**

To see if the town will go on record opposing the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores in the town. This resolution is necessary because the majority of dogs and cats sold in pet stores are sourced from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities commonly called "puppy mills". The record of this vote shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire.

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

YES NO

A YES vote would have the Selectmen write the town's state legislators and the Governor that Rye opposes retail puppy mill pet stores in town.

A NO vote would not have the Selectmen write the town's state legislators and the Governor opposing retail puppy mill pet stores in town.

**ARTICLE 25 (By Petition)**

Shall the town cease from referring to the holiday on the second Monday of each October as Columbus Day and instead refer to it as Indigenous Peoples' Day? However, if HB1173 is signed into law to proclaim Indigenous Peoples' Day a separately recognized holiday, then this warrant article shall become null and void.

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

YES NO

A YES vote will change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day, unless HB1173 passes the house to make Indigenous Peoples' Day its own holiday then the holiday would remain Columbus Day.

A NO vote would not change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**ARTICLE 26**

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 2022.

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

YES NO

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**





## Conservation Commission Update

After six years, the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is pleased to report that it has secured the funding in 2020 to conserve the Brown Property, accessible from West Road. Located in the Rye Wellhead Protection Area between Garland, South and West Roads, this newly protected property is important to our town's ecosystem. It protects and enhances significant aquatic resources that affect the health of the watershed. This conservation purchase also provides the possibility for rich educational opportunities for Rye students and passive recreational activities. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Wetland Reserve Easement program is the easement holder for this parcel. Included in the easement is funding for freshwater wetland resource protection and property restoration that will improve the health of Rye's wetlands.

The Brown Property is an almost 80-acre tract of land located in the Bailey Brook Watershed, a swath of mostly unfragmented forest and freshwater wetlands extending into North Hampton. The property borders three other protected lands: the Independence Farm easement in Rye, the Rand Forest protected by South East Land Trust (SELT), and the Metalious easement in North Hampton.

The majority of this site provides wildlife habitat that is crucial to our town's biodiversity. By protecting this parcel, we are enhancing a rare orchid species in the region, the dragon's mouth. This species is found in peatland habitats. Peat soil, prevalent in our marshlands, mainly consists of partially decomposed organic plant matter that has accumulated under conditions of waterlogging, oxygen deficiency, high acidity, and nutrient deficiency.

Additionally, three productive vernal pools were found on the property. Vernal pools are seasonal depression wetlands, meaning they are covered by shallow water at variable times from winter to spring and are typically dry from summer and fall. They provide crucial breeding habitats for a myriad of wildlife species—including many amphibian species. These amphibians act as food sources for larger carnivores,

illustrating the ecological importance of these vernal pools in supporting our wetland ecosystems.

Since this property directly connects to abutting SELT trails, the acquisition of the Brown Property will allow Rye citizens to access approximately 173 contiguous acres of land with trails spanning from South to West Roads. The Rye Conservation Commission is dedicated to providing additional funds for managing and monitoring this parcel to preserve these rich resources. The Rye Conservation Commission is confident the town will enjoy the Brown Property for years to come. Watch for the date and time of a "trailgate" gathering to be hosted by the RCC at the Brown property.

In other news, RCC drove the process by which the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) was completed. This 104-page document compiled information on naturally occurring resources within Rye including cultural resources, such as historic, scenic, and recreational assets. The NRI consists of maps, data, and a report that describes the resources, project goals and recommendations for next steps. RCC recommends that the NRI be integrated into the master, conservation, and watershed plans as it provides a strong foundation for informed land-use planning and decision-making.

Finally, the RCC would like to take this opportunity to thank former DPW Director Dennis McCarthy and the DPW crew for all their help with conservation projects over the years. Recently, DPW helped with marking the Whitehorse and Airfield entrances as shown by the photos, below.

Rye Conservation Commission,  
Suzanne McFarland, Chair; Sally King, Vice-Chair; Francis "Mike" Garvan, Clerk  
Members: Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed, Danna Truslow  
Alternates: Karen Oliver and Jeff Gardner



## Beach Committee Update

For 2022, the Beach Committee will be focused on building upon the solid foundation of the last few years and examining issues that have come to a head due to a myriad of micro and macro-factors. A priority for the Committee will continue to be public education and awareness for all beach goers whether residents or visitors. This will include:

- The continued sponsorship and organization of the Rye Elementary and Rye Junior High poster program, highlighting key beach concerns for the busy summer season
- Partnership with local, ocean-focused organizations for beach clean ups
- Promotion of safe and positive beach activities for all ages
- Support, assessment and recommendations for the parking regulations at Rye Beaches
- Support the ongoing Safety efforts of Rye Police, Rye Fire and local organizations in relation to beach activities and beach use especially during the continued busy summer season
- Ensuring continued, year round water-testing and analysis to create a suitable benchmark as we see increases in water quality concerns. We will also provide a recommendation to the Town of Rye.

We invite all comments and feedback via our town email address especially from the residents of the Town of Rye at: [beachcommittee@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:beachcommittee@town.rye.nh.us).



# SPRING PROGRAMS

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2022



## SPRING PROGRAMS

### SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

and Online [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, except for the March 10, 2022 Lunch Program; Strength and Balance; and Chair Yoga.



## COMING SOON!

### RYE RECREATION

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

For up to date information contact

(603) 964-6281 or visit [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

**THE WAVE LUNCH PROGRAMS AND DAY TRIPS** The lunch programs are held at The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH the second Thursday of each month. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$15 for a complete lunch or \$5 for a beverage and dessert only. If you are not having lunch, you can still attend, but we ask that you notify us in advance. Space is limited for the day trips, so it is important to register early. No refunds will be given unless funds can be recovered from the contract provider. Prior to the trip, you will receive correspondence confirming the departure time and location as well as schedule.

### LUNCH PROGRAMS



#### THAT REMINDS ME OF A FUNNY STORY

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. She'll tell some of those stories - her favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own.

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Lunch: Stuffed shells, dinner roll, garden salad and pie.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 3, 2022



#### SONGS OF YESTERYEAR

Singing guitarist Howie Newman plays classic songs of yesteryear, including Sinatra, Dean Martin, old rock 'n' roll (Elvis, Beatles, Drifters, etc.), some show tunes, Neil Diamond and a bunch of popular tunes and standards from the '60s and earlier. It's a sing-along, toe-tapping musical journey from the early 1900s up through the 1960s. Howie also adds trivia, background stories about the songs and a little G-rated humor here and there.

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, spinach salad and strawberry short cake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 7, 2022



#### THE POLLINATORS OF RYE

Join us for a presentation by SeaBee Honey based in Rye with the mission to preserve both pollinators and farmland in the Seacoast area. Joe Marttila will give you a fascinating glimpse

into the world of honey bees and other New England native pollinators, and explain why pollinators play such a critical role in the ecosystem. Joe will take questions and will bring an observation hive from one of the local apiaries for viewing.

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Lunch: Lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad and mini cheese cakes.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 5, 2022



#### TWO DANISH TREASURES

##### EXPLORING COPENHAGEN AND

**GREENLAND** Join Freeport, Maine's Michael Perry for cross country skiing above the Arctic Circle in Greenland's second largest town, Sisimiut, and

sightseeing in Copenhagen, Denmark. Experience the Arctic Circle Race billed as the toughest ski race in the world and come see why Denmark is touted to be, "The Happiest Country in the World."

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022

Lunch: Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, dinner roll, and whoopie pie with ice cream.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, June 2, 2022

### DAY TRIPS



#### THE ATLANTIC CITY BOYS

Get ready for an exciting mix of world class vocals and interactive comedy featuring the rock-n-roll harmonies of the Beach Boys, Drifters, the

BeeGees, and of course, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons at the Castleton Banquet & Conference Center in Windham, NH.

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Meal Choice: Apple Cranberry Cornbread Stuffed Chicken or Vegetarian Option, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: March 22, 2022 (space based on availability)

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$105 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)



#### ORLANDO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The music of Chicago spans more than four decades and includes Five #1 Albums and 20 Top-Ten Hits. Experience their timeless classics "Hard To Say I'm Sorry", "Stay The Night" and many more by Orlando Transit Authority, a talented group of musicians. Enjoy this high-energy show at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA.

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: April 19, 2022 (space based on availability)

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$105 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)





**THE MCCARTNEY YEARS** This tribute show is like travelling back in time and seeing Paul McCartney at the height of his career. Experience hits from the sixties and seventies, from the Beatles to Wings...from "Yesterday" to "Live and Let Die". Catch the band at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA.

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022  
Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.  
Reservation Deadline: May 11, 2022 (space based on availability)  
Departure Time and Location: TBD  
Fee: \$105 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)



**STRENGTH & BALANCE** is instructed by Kim Rivest. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups using weights and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed standing

or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. Classes are held on Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022, (17 classes)  
Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH  
Fee: \$51 (Prorated to start date)



**CHAIR YOGA** is instructed by Amelia McKenney. Rye resident, volunteer and life-long athlete. This gentle form of yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Build inner and outer strength

while relaxing and centering the mind. Have fun with others while learning postures that help you build strength, flexibility and balance. Focusing on the relaxation response to reduce stress and promote health. Please wear comfortable clothing. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Dates: March 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, 2022 (35 classes)  
Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH  
Fee: No cost (Registration required)



**ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION** is instructed by nationally-certified classical yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Build core strength, flexibility and balance while gaining relaxation tools and

healthy living tips. Learn the ancient practice of combining yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Please bring a yoga mat as they are not provided. Classes are held on Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2022 at The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH  
Fee: \$82.50 (5 classes)



**TOWN OF RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Central Cemetery (beside Rye Town Hall)  
Monday, May 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.



**MEMORIES OF PATSY** Patsy Cline comes to life once again in this national touring tribute show. Her songs are woven into the very fabric of American music. Some of the great tunes you can expect to hear are: Crazy, Walkin' After Midnight, I

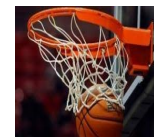
Fall to Pieces, She's Got You, Sweet Dreams and many more. Enjoy these classics at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA.  
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022  
Meal Choice: Stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea.  
Reservation Deadline: May 18, 2022 (space based on availability)  
Departure Time and Location: TBD  
Fee: \$105 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)



**GYROKINESIS** is instructed by certified Gyrokinesis® and Gyrotonic® Joni Day. This class will introduce the principles of Gyrokinesis® Method of Movement. Some benefits include healthier, more supple spine;

increased range of motion; greater joint stability; improved agility; and deep internal strength. The Gyrokinesis® method can accommodate all levels of fitness and age groups. Classes are conducted on a mat and stool. (Stools are provided) Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat and water. Classes are held on Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Free introductory classes March 31 and April 7, 2022, registration required.

Spring Session 1, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2022  
Spring Session 2, May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022  
Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH  
Fee: \$75 per session (5 classes)



**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL**

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2022, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High, 501 Washington Road, Rye,

NH. There is no charge; however, participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.



**GROUP GOLF LESSONS** are provided by Timothy Riese, PGA Head Professional. Each session will cover set-up, full swing and short game. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH.

**ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-ed)**

Session 1, Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$149 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

**WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS**

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$149 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.



**2021-2022 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

is open to grades K-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$17.50/day with a minimum of two days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family. Space in the program is limited. Contact Rye Recreation at (603) 964-6281 regarding availability.

## Rye Public Library Events: Spring 2022

*Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer.*

—Anita Krizzan

We are anxious to share outdoor space on the Library Common with the return of Spring 2022!

### Ongoing Activities:

**Adult Book Discussion:** Please sign up to join these lively discussion groups.  
Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 pm!

3/23 *Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia

4/27 *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah

5/25 *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

**March Programming:** Join us live [max. capacity 17] or click to watch a live stream at our website. Call for room reservations @ 964-8401

**Author Deb Cross:** “*Remember When We...Wallis Sands Beach Revisited*”  
Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm

In the 2nd edition of her book *Remember When We... Wallis Sands Beach Revisited*, author Deborah Cross illustrates scenes of what life was like on Wallis Sands Beach in the “good old days.” The book is comprised of stories and photographs from families who lived on, or visited Wallis Sands beach from the 1920’s to the mid 1980’s. Deborah Cross is a published author, and professional film maker. Ms. Cross will sign her books and present a short film during this entertaining program! Seating is limited. Sign up in advance or view a live stream of the program at the Rye Public Library website.

### FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

Zoom meetings resume in September. Third Tuesdays at 6:00PM

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

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

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



**ASK A LIBRARIAN about Technology** – If you have questions about your computer or how-to on your device [phone or tablet] call Rye Public Library at 603-964-8401 or email Lisa Breton at [tech@ryepubliclibrary.org](mailto:tech@ryepubliclibrary.org). to set up a tech help session for a Tuesday evening or Thursday afternoon slot. These sessions are process oriented and not meant 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.

## Rye Public Library Youth Department Programming March – May 2022

**More details at [ryepubliclibrary.org](http://ryepubliclibrary.org) or (603) 964 – 9551**

<b><i>Youth Programs:</i></b> <b>Toddler Sensory Kits*</b> Available 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month	<b>Saturday Story Time</b> Saturday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:30
<b>Story Time*</b> Thursdays 10:30am	<b>Shamrock Scavenger Hunt</b> Runs March 14 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Open to all ages
<b>March Messy Art*</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month 1:00-1:45pm	<b>Games and Take Home Snacks</b> Monday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> 3:00-4:00pm Grades 5-8
<b>Middle Grade Book Boxes*</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month	<b>April Messy Art*</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month 1:00-1:45pm
<b>Teen Book Boxes*</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	<b>Saturday Story Time*</b> Saturday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:30am
<b>Youth and Teen Take &amp; Makes</b> Available starting the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month while supplies last.	<b>April Scavenger Hunt</b> Runs April 11 <sup>th</sup> – April 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>YAttitudes Book Club*</b> <i>Check website for book titles</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month via Zoom 6:00-6:45pm	<b>Outdoor Games and Snacks</b> Monday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:00pm Grades 5-8
<b>Writers' Group*</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month via Zoom 6:30-8:00pm Ages 16+	<b>Outside May Messy Art</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month 1:00-1:45pm
<b>Paper Bag Book Club*</b> <i>Check website for book titles</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of the month 4:30-5:15pm Grades K-3	<b>Outside Midweek Mouthfuls</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in April and May 3:15-3:45 Grades 3+
<b>Graphic Novel Book Club*</b> <i>Check website for book titles</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 4:30-5:15pm Grades 5-8	<b>Outside Turn the Page Café</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays in April and May 3:00-4:00pm Grades 3+
<b>May Scavenger Hunt</b> Runs May 9 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	
<b><u>*Asterisked programs require signing up! Please visit our website to register.</u></b>	

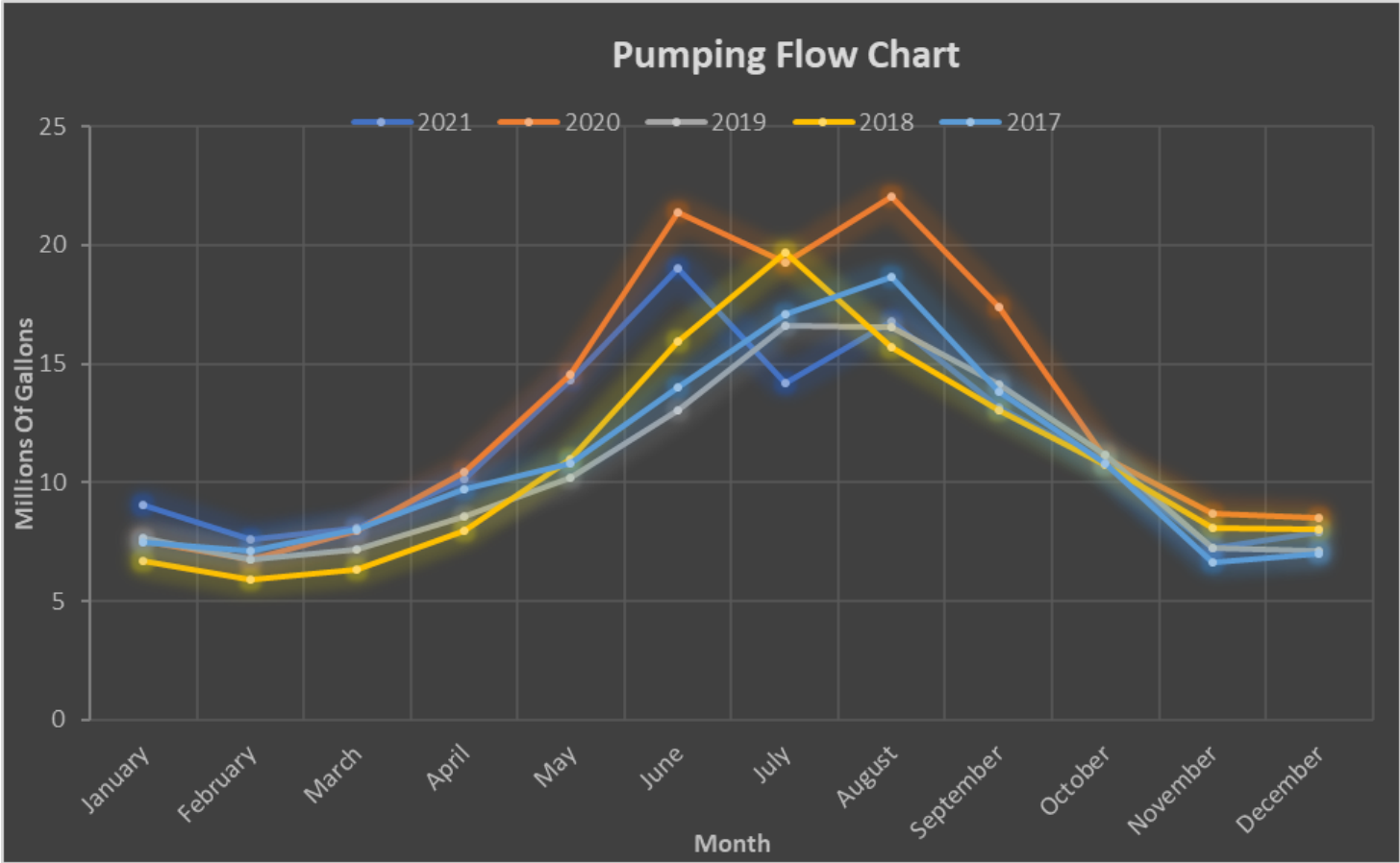
# Rye Water District News



**Garland Well Project:** Since June of 2021 our Garland Well station (our main water supply) at 71 Garland Road has been under construction for purpose of upgrading its very aged high voltage electrical, instrumentation, process control systems and general electrical system. At this time, in January 2022, we have reached a substantial completion point. The station was offline for a very limited time, December 6-20. Special thanks to our vigilant and efficient contractors, engineering company and RWD staff. The station is now fully operational. A change of electrical supply and controls has also improved reliability, decreased our electrical consumption and reduced our carbon footprint. Loan funds provided by NHDES-Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund. Further questions:

contact Supt. Arik Jones (603) 817-1344.

**Water Use:** The Rye Water District would like to remind our customers as summer approaches that our water is a valuable resource not only for daily domestic use for purpose of personal hygiene, cooking and drinking, etc. but also for fire protection. This resource is not an endless supply and comes with limits of availability. RWD would like to remind you to conserve and limit essential and non-essential usage. Irrigation and poor usage management has put a huge strain on our system especially in the past few years most notably during the summer months. Please visit our website for water conservation tips and or call our office (603) 436-2596 for more information. The following graph shows the substantial usage increase by month over the year during the summer months.



**Water Usage and Meter Readings:** Presently the Rye Water District is conducting monthly meter readings to better manage and learn overall system usage. Performing monthly meter readings will assist us with critical water conservation and help our customers identify possible leaks and or problem areas within their home. This will also help our customers financially with unnecessary water bills and potential costly septic system repairs from excessive usage. If we notice an unusually high usage, we will contact you as soon as possible and work with you to identify the cause and or the resolve. If you have recently changed phone numbers, please contact our office at (603) 436-2596 to update your contact information. For more information on your water usage, questions or concerns please contact Greg Vaillancourt at (603) 957-2350 during normal business hours 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you for your help conserving our water and protecting our valuable resource.

**NHDES: Manganese Ruling:** The Rye Water District (RWD) has been advised that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau will be putting a new drinking

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water standard for manganese into effect. NHDES is proposing to adopt rules to establish procedures for administering an existing enforceable drinking water standard for manganese of 0.3 mg/L. NHDES expects these rules will be adopted with an effective date July 1, 2022.

NHDES is proposing to re-adopted Env-Dw 700 with amendments in order to incorporate the ambient groundwater quality standard (AGQS) for manganese, specified in Env-Or 603.03(c), Table 600-1. The manganese AQGS was lowered from 0.84 mg/L to 0.30 mg/L, effective January 1, 2021. The US Environmental Protection Agency has a long-standing Federal Advisory of 0.3 mg/L for manganese. Furthermore, health studies performed by the NH Department of Environmental Services show that short-term exposure to levels as low as 0.1 mg/L are a health concern for infants.

Additionally, NHDES is proposing Env-Dw 800 be readopted with amendments to require public notification to water system consumers where manganese is detected at levels greater than 0.1 mg/L.

The RWD notes that these pending new standards for manganese, once in place, have the potential to impact one of our wells, specifically the Cedar Run Well. The Cedar Run Well does have manganese levels that approach the 0.30 mg/L value so it may be required that the RWD provide public notification to our system consumers that manganese has been detected at levels greater than 0.1 mg/L. This action will depend upon where the point of compliance sampling must be taken. If any future manganese sampling values do exceed the 0.30 mg/L at the established point of compliance it may be necessary to take Cedar Run Well off line. This could be problematic during times of heavy water use periods (summer) impacting our ability to provide unrestricted use of water during peak demand periods.

The RWD will continue to monitor this new requirement and its implementation and advise our District water consumers as maybe necessary. If there any questions on the subject please feel free to contact us at (603) 436-2596.

### Annual Meeting & Public

**Hearing:** The Rye Water District will be holding a public hearing to discuss plans for the replacement of 1,165ft of water main, from the intersection of Wallis Road and Ocean Boulevard to the intersection of Wallis Road and Odiorne Drive, at the Rye Junior High School, 501 Washington Road, on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (Rain date March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.)

A warrant article to authorize the funding of the water main replacement through a loan of not more than \$852,000 from the New Hampshire Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Fund will be presented at the District's annual meeting on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rye Jr. High. This warrant article supersedes Warrant Article #04 passed by the voters at the Rye Water District Annual Meeting on July 11, 2020.

**Commissioner Positions:** The current three commissioners have been leading the Rye Water District (RWD) for quite a few years; Ralph Hickson since 2006, Art Ditto since 2009, and Tom Clifford since 2015. It has been our honor to be of service to the constituent of the RWD for these many years; however, time is drawing near to pass the leadership of the RWD on to new community members. Mr. Clifford, whose term expired at the end of 2021, has advised that he will not seek reelection for another term. Both Mr. Ditto and Mr. Hickson, whose terms expire in 2022 and 2023 respectfully, have indicated that they intend to end their service by these dates, if not sooner.

In response to these future open positions, the Commissioners request that any individual interested in serving as a RWD commissioner to express their interest to the RWD at this time, or a convenient time in the near future. Contact can be by phone at 603-436-2596 or the Commissioners' e-mail at [commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net](mailto:commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net).

**Commissioner's Email:** If you have any issues or concerns with the water system operations feel free to email the Commissioners directly at: [commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net](mailto:commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net).

Rye Water District Commissioners,  
Ralph Hickson  
Art Ditto  
Tom Clifford

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

### Spring is on its way!

Time to think about your garden. If you plant a whole garden or just plant in pots, think about using recycled materials. Some people start their own plants indoors. Remember a lot of recycled containers can be used to get your seeds started, such as egg cartons, various plastic liquid containers and also used K-cups. Use the coffee grounds mixed in the soil and start the seeds in the cups. Used K-cups already have a hole for drainage.

We might be in the mind set to do some spring cleaning and doing that process, you might have some batteries and light bulbs to be recycled. At the Rye Transfer Station, they take:

- Lead Acid Batteries (CAR BATTERIES). They get shipped to HARDING METAL for recycling and we receive income from those batteries.
- NiMH, NiCAD, and any rechargeable batteries are collected and shipped to a processing facility at no cost to us. This includes hearing aid & tool batteries etc.
- We recycle all light bulbs except (incandescent, those can be discarded in household trash.)
- All light bulbs are sent to URT for recycling, we sort them by type, pack them and ship them off with electronic components.

Another place to recycle your batteries and light bulbs is at Batteries Plus Bulbs in Newington NH. (433-1677) They take many light bulbs and batteries, but there is usually a fee.

At the Fox Run Mall there is an ecoATM Kisok (858-255-4111). They recycle tablets, cell phones, and mp3 players and you receive cash.

### Remember Earth Day

April 22, 2022 is Earth Day. Please think about planting a tree to celebrate and help our Earth. Lowe's had a program last year where they gave away 500,000 tree saplings in honor of Earth Day. Hopefully they will continue the give-away this year. Keep checking on line to register if not there maybe others will do the same. It would be great if we could all adopt a tree. Remember if you cut a tree down, plant a tree in its place!

## Recycling Committee Message

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### We need your help!

The Rye Recycling Education Committee still has openings for more members plus needs more volunteers for the Swap Shop. We meet at the Rye Public Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Happy Spring to all,  
Joan Provencher, Senior Member  
Rye Recycling Education Committee  
ryenhrecyclers@gmail.com

## Rye Senior SERVE Update

Rye Senior SERVE was incorporated on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as a non-for-profit organization for the purpose of providing needed transportation services to the senior residents of Rye. Rye Senior SERVE is run completely by volunteers and relies solely on donations to continue its operations.

Rye Senior SERVE volunteers consist of dedicated van drivers and helpers that take Rye seniors on a weekly trip to Market Basket Plaza for breakfast at Hebert's Restaurant and shopping at Market Basket. Additionally, Rye Senior SERVE has volunteers that provide transportation on an individual basis for necessary medical appointments.

Requests for transportation to medical appointments should be directed to Claudia Hackett at (603) 964.5633. If you are interested in joining us for weekly shopping trips, please call Janice Ireland at (603) 964.5523.

Jim Delaney, President  
Rye Senior SERVE



## Rye Historical Society News

Rye Historical Society (RHS) is pleased to announce the Historical Society Board of Directors for 2022:

GINNA MACDONALD, President  
JAN OLNSTEAD, Vice President  
STEVE CASH, Treasurer  
LEW KARABATSOS, Secretary  
JEAN BRIGGS BADGER  
ALEX HERLIHY, Museum Director  
BECKY MARDEN  
ANDY STECHER  
JAMES TEGEDER  
DEBBI TOOHEY

New board members are Jan Olmstead, Jean Briggs Badger, and Andy Stecher. Each of these members brings unique knowledge and experience that will help us fulfill our mission of "collecting and preserving the rich history of Rye, NH by engaging residents and visitors through our museum and programs." Upcoming newsletters will highlight each of these individuals so our members can get to know them better. People can view prior newsletters and sign up for our mailing list at [RyeNHHistoricalSociety.org](http://RyeNHHistoricalSociety.org).

Interested in board service? We have room to expand and appreciate people to help with marketing, technology, legal, collections management, program development, facilities maintenance, and finance. If interested, please reach out to us by email at [info@RyeNHHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@RyeNHHistoricalSociety.org), or leave a voicemail at (603) 436-9278.

An exhibit on 19<sup>th</sup>-century life in Rye titled *Rye Family Connections: People, Home, Work* will open at the town museum in late Spring/early Summer of 2022. In addition to the physical exhibit which will feature some historic quilts with over 400 names on it, a link has been added to our home webpage where people can access this list to see if their relatives from the 1890s are on it. We are hoping to collect some personal stories about the people who made the quilt.

Submitted by,  
GINNA MACDONALD, President  
Rye Historical Society

## Rye Energy Committee Update

The Energy Committee has spent the last few months focused on Community Power. We wrote a Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan and warrant article that were approved by the Select Board. Warrant Article 22 will appear on the March 8 Town election ballot. If voters approve the Warrant Article, there are a number of key steps that will need to be taken prior to starting up the program. Public Utilities Commission plan approval would be the first on the list.

As the Town's representative to the Community Power Coalition of NH Board of Directors, committee member Lisa Sweet, has been busy attending Board and Committee meetings, as has alternate representative, Howard Kalet.

On December 9 and January 20, we hosted Public Forums for residents to learn more about Community Power and the Electric Aggregation Plan. If you would like more information about Community Power and Warrant Article 22, visit the Community Power web page at <https://tinyurl.com/ryehcp> or email us at [ryenhec@gmail.com](mailto:ryenhec@gmail.com).

You may have noticed that your Eversource bill went up in February. If you're wondering why, it's because the Public Utilities Commission approved an electric rate increase from 8 cents per kWh to 10 cents. Last February the rate was only 6 cents per kWh, so this is a big increase. (6 cents per kWh was a decade low by the way.) There are a number of reasons for the increase, but the short explanation is it is due to the increasing cost of natural gas. One of the goals of a community power program is to smooth out big fluctuations in energy prices.

The LED lighting upgrade at the Public Safety Building is complete except for a few minor punch list items. This means the library, schools, recycling center, garage and public safety building have now all been upgraded! Upgrading the Town Hall lighting will be reviewed once the Town Hall Annex is complete and renovations of the Town Hall begin. These lighting upgrades reduce energy usage by roughly 20% and provide improved light quality. Half the cost of the projects was paid for by Eversource, the other half is paid through savings over a three-year period.

(See Energy Committee Update, page 21)



## Energy Committee Update

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The Energy Committee has also supplied guidance on potential energy savings and rebates for the Town Hall Annex. We recommended LED lighting and an electric heat pump for heating and cooling. The renovation proposal for the building is currently out for bid to contractors.

There are open positions on the committee if anyone has any interest in joining. Visitors are welcome too! We meet at 3:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at Town Hall. Please join us!

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



## 2022 Revaluation Update

The 2022 Revaluation Update is underway, Municipal Resources, Inc. assessors are conducting field inspections, reviewing sale properties, and conducting a drive-by review of the entire town. Assessors will also be conducting building permit inspections to estimate completion for the April 1<sup>st</sup> tax assessment date. Assessing staff will have yellow vests, identification, and information on their vehicles.

The assessing office has sent several mailings in recent weeks. Sale surveys and income and expense questionnaires have been mailed to specific properties to gather information for the 2022 Revaluation Update. Veterans' exemption renewal letters and applications have been mailed as part of the 5-year cycle assessment review cycle. Elderly exemption renewal letters, also part of the 5-year cycle, will be mailed shortly. The deadline for all personal exemptions is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on recent mailings or questions about the applications, please contact the assessing office at 603-379-8270.

## Sewer Commission Update



The Sewer Commission has identified funding opportunities to assist with the operations and maintenance of its infrastructure. With support from The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) an energy evaluation of each pump station is currently underway at no cost to the town. Understanding our energy consumption will assist us in becoming more energy efficient, result in minimizing environmental impacts and reduce our cost.

The NHDES – Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program is currently offering loan forgiveness on loans made for the development of an Asset Management Program (AMP) for wastewater assets. Access to this funding would allow the Sewer Department to address all vertical (pump stations) and horizontal assets (piping, manholes etc.) and cover the cost of software, equipment purchases, and contractor services. Allowing the department to integrate existing horizontal collection system data into a software platform; inventory assets; determine the value of the assets owned; prioritize assets based on a condition assessment; conduct a life cycle analysis on each critical asset; develop a funding strategy for asset maintenance and replacement; establish and implement an AMP as well as communicate to the public. These deliverables are much needed as our system ages. This would be at no cost to the town other than a small amount of interest.

In order to apply for this opportunity, the Sewer Commission must have the authority to borrow the full amount of loan including the principal to be forgiven and interest incurred. Therefore, the following warrant article has been placed on the official ballot of the Annual Town Election to be held on March 8, 2022. “Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of developing a Wastewater Asset Management Plan to authorize the Sewer Commission to borrow thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Clean Water Revolving Fund and to appropriate the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) for interest payments during 2022. This DES program includes principal forgiveness, thus there is no cost to the town other than a small amount of interest. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (3/5 vote required).” This warrant article is supported by both the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

The Sewer Commission has obtained engineering services to conduct an assessment and evaluation of each pump station, to address flow capacity concerns and identify necessary improvements. This in combination with the above initiatives will allow the department to favorably position itself for future funding opportunities and assist in the appropriate use of previously allocated American Rescue Plan Funds (\$166,200).



This year after serving the Sewer Commission for 15 years since 2007 and being re-elected 5 consecutive times, David Adams has decided to retire from the commission. David contributed greatly to the day-to-day operations of the Sewer Department. He shared his knowledge generously and worked in the best interest of the community. His great sense of humor, positive attitude and spontaneous laugh made our meetings that much more enjoyable. We want to thank his wife Annie and children Cole, Hunter, Jamie and Logan for supporting and sharing David's time with us.

The current Sewer Commission consists of David Kohlhase, Chairman, David Adams and Susan Labrie, Commissioners and Lee Arthur, Director. The Sewer Office is located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH.

Lee Arthur,  
Sewer Director

## LIFEGUARDS – TOWN OF RYE – SUMMER 2022

The Town of Rye is seeking responsible individuals to join its Ocean Rescue Team of Certified Lifeguards for the 2022 summer season. Applicants must be certified in lifeguarding and CPR by Memorial Day. Must be able to pass a background check and be able to pass a physical agility test. Start June through Labor Day. Part-time and full-time 5 days a week, including weekends. Competitive hourly rate. Depending on funding, reimbursement for certification courses may be available. Applications available online at [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) under “employment opportunities” or call (603) 964-6411 to request one.



Please send application with current certifications to the Town of Rye Fire & Rescue, Attn: Lt. MacGlashing, 555 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870, or email: [jmacglashing@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:jmacglashing@town.rye.nh.us).



### Rye Recreation is hiring for Part Time After School Program Counselors!

2:15 – 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, 2-5 days a week. For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 603-964-6281 or by email at [dmartin@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:dmartin@town.rye.nh.us)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Rye Historic District Commission  
Rye Recycling Education Committee  
Energy Committee  
Recreation Commission

2 Alternate Vacancies  
2 Member Vacancies  
2 Member Vacancies  
1 Member Vacancy

## 2022 Town of Rye Memorial Day Ceremony

*Central Cemetery (beside Rye Town Hall)  
Monday, May 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.*

*Rye Recreation*

### Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest



Calling on all young artist and writers to participate in the 2022 Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest. Design a Memorial Day Poster, on what Memorial Day means to you, using a pencil, colored pencil, crayon and/or marker (participants must currently be in grades K, 1, 2, or 3) or compose an original poem or essay, 20 lines or fewer, in any style on what Memorial Day means to you (participants must currently be in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8). One prize will be awarded per grade. Submit drawings, poems or essays by Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m. in the form of an e-mail or attachment to [dmartin@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:dmartin@town.rye.nh.us) (include your name, phone number, address, grade, age and teacher) or mail to Rye Recreation, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. For more information contact (603) 964-6281.

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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

<b>March 2022</b>		<b>1</b> 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee	<b>2</b> 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	<b>3</b> 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	<b>8</b> 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. <b>Town Election</b> Rye Elementary School</div>	<b>9</b> 5:30 p.m. Historic District Commission	<b>10</b> 6:30 p.m. Conservation Commission	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. Select Board	<b>15</b> 6:00 p.m. Planning Board	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Beach Committee	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> First Day of Spring	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. RWD Annual Meeting
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 p.m. Select Board	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	<b>31</b>		
<b>April 2022</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	<b>5</b> 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee	<b>6</b> 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	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> Easter	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:00 p.m. Mosquito Control Commission	<b>20</b> 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 p.m. Beach Committee	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Select Board	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>May 2022</b>						
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	<b>3</b> 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee	<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b> 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. Select Board	<b>10</b> 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 6:00 p.m. Planning Board	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Historic District Commission	<b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. Conservation Commission	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. Select Board	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Town Offices Closed	<b>31</b>				

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

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

**My Voting Notes**

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 years (1)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 1 year (1)

Planning Board, 2 years (1)

Planning Board, 3 years (1)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1 year (1)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 years (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

Article 4. 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

Article 24. Yes No

Article 25. Yes No

Article 26. Yes No

**SCHOOL ELECTION**

School Board Member, 3 years (2)

School District Treasurer, 3 years (1)

School District Clerk, 2 years (1)

Article 1. Yes No

Article 2. Yes No

Article 3. Yes No

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

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