



Town of Rye Newsletter



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Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 14th Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Selectmen's Message:

WHAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN?

Seventy-four registered voters attended the 2023 Deliberative Session that was held on Saturday, February 4th at the Rye Junior High School to review the articles on this year's warrant. The 2023 budget was finalized at \$11,985,910. The 2022 Tax Rate was lowered from \$10.22 to \$6.98 per \$1,000 of evaluation while the valuation was increased by 47% from \$2,204,844,000 to \$3,244,252,900.

A breakdown of the impact of money Warrant Articles is as follows:

WARRANT ARTICLES Article	Amount of Warrant Article	Tax Impact Per \$1000
Article #6 Collective Bargaining Agreement - Fire	50,023	0.02
Article #8 Collective Bargaining Agreement - Police	34,861	0.01
Article #10 Collective Bargaining Agreement - Town	52,875	0.02
Article #12 Fire Department purchase of new Ambulance	370,000	0.00
Article #13 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	200,000	0.06
Article #14 Public Works Dept. purchase of one ton dump truck	105,000	0.00
Article #15 Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve	100,000	0.03
Article #16 Town Employees Leave Expendable Trust	50,000	0.02
Article #17 Municipal Bldgs Maintenance Expendable Trust	35,000	0.01
Article #18 Emergency Management Capital Reserve	25,000	0.01
Article #19 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	15,000	0.00
Article #20 Recreation Building and Property Maintenance	10,000	0.00
Article #21 Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust	10,000	0.00
Article #22 Rye Public Library HVAC Capital Reserve	10,000	0.00
Article #23 Contingency Fund	10,000	0.00
Article #24 Records Restoration Capital Reserve	3,000	0.00

Articles 26 and 27 pertain to the Veteran's Tax Credit. **If these articles both pass, the Veteran's Tax Credit will remain at \$500. If these two articles do not pass, the Veteran's Tax Credit will be reduced from \$500 to \$50 as of April 1, 2023.** Why are these articles on the warrant? The New Hampshire Legislature passed, and Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 1667 (Chapter 121, Laws of 2022), amending eligibility criteria for certain veterans' property tax credits. Effective on

July 26, 2022, the bill amended RSA 72:28, the "Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit," and RSA 72:28-b, the "All Veterans' Tax Credit," to expand the eligibility requirements of the veterans' tax credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. Under RSA 72:27-a, IV amendments to tax credits and exemptions which require adoption will only apply "in a municipality which previously adopted the provision only after the municipality complies with the procedure" specified in RSA 72:27-a, II, unless otherwise expressly required by law. Unfortunately, nothing in HB1667 created an exception to this readoption requirement. As a result of the passage of HB1667, the Town of Rye has placed Articles 26 and 27 on the warrant for readoption consideration. Article 27 is contingent on the passage of Article 26. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 26, Article 27 shall also be null and void. Articles 26 and 27 are recommended by both the Select Board and the Budget Committee.

Town Hall Annex Update:

In February 2021, the Town of Rye acquired the former TD Bank building located at 500 Washington Road in Rye, NH. The acquisition was made to solve the decades long space needs issue of the Rye Town Hall. A Town Hall Facility Needs Assessment Committee was chartered in 2012. Since this time, over the span of more than ten years, there have been many different proposals and fourteen separate warrant articles that have attempted to address the space needs that have existed. Since this acquisition, the building has been renovated to accommodate the following offices: The Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Assessing, the Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator, and the Supervisors of the Checklist. Staff began moving into

TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2022 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 7th 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.

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the Town Hall Annex in December of 2022 and the Select Board held a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 1, 2023, after staff had moved in.

The building includes modern features that help support town employees and benefit the public. One of the most noticeable features of the Town Hall Annex is that all offices are at ground level and ADA compliant. The building also includes a drive-through to make it easier for many residents to conveniently perform transactions at the Town Clerk's Office. Transactions at the drive-through will be limited to: Simple vehicle renewals, sewer/tax payments, beach stickers, and absentee ballot drop offs. All other transactions will need to be completed inside the building. Please use the inner lane when using the drive-through and check the town's website for the Town Clerk's operating hours prior to visiting.

The Town Hall Annex budget, as approved by both the Select Board and Budget Committee, totaled \$650,000 which was funded through the following two sources: \$250,000 from the Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Account and \$400,000 from the ARPA funds received. We appreciate all the work and time spent on the project by Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator Becky Bergeron, who served as clerk of the works on the project. With only a few items left to complete phase one of the project, at the end of 2022, the project remains under budget and is on track to stay under budget. We also thank the Rye Department of Public Works, town staff, residents, and everyone else that has assisted with and contributed to the project. We also appreciate the input and guidance that the Rye Historic District Commission has provided on this project. The town will continue to work with the commission to ensure that the signage, the building, and the landscaping are in visual harmony with other properties in the Rye Historic District.

Community Power: Residents voted last March to authorize the Select Board to develop and implement Rye Community Power (RCP). RCP is set to launch this April. You will receive a mailing in March about RCP and there will be a public meeting about it on March 13 at the Town Hall. Read the Energy Committee article on pages 4

and 5 for the details.



Rye 400th Anniversary: As most residents know by now, the town of Rye is celebrating its 400th Anniversary since first settlement by English merchants in 1623. The Rye Select Board is partnering with the Rye Historical Society (RHS), under the leadership of Board President Ginna Macdonald, as the lead agency to help organize many events to celebrate this historic occasion. As an officially recognized non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, RHS can receive tax deductible donations. The RHS organized the Rye400 committee which created the logistical framework required to support sponsors and event partners. This committee, which is led by Rye resident Andy Stecher, also created a trademarked logo, an event website, marketing materials and embarked on a fundraising campaign. As of the day of this report, close to 45 different events have already been scheduled and a flyer with currently scheduled events has been mailed to all town residents.

The Rye400 fundraising committee has reached out to our community, both residents and businesses, for contributions to help pay for event expenses over and above the \$20,000 which became available due to the support of Rye residents via a warrant article in March of 2022. The Rye Select Board greatly appreciates the Rye Historical Society leading the 400th Anniversary celebration effort. This celebration is designed to be an inclusive effort. All community groups are invited to participate by creating, sponsoring, and partnering in events. We also challenged all town boards, committees, and commissions to become engaged. Our motto is "do what you do". We hope organizations, groups and individuals continue to step forward to create or include their events and activities under the Rye400 umbrella. All current information regarding past and forthcoming events can be found at www.RyeNH400.org. Let's celebrate!

Cell Tower Needs: Since the inception of cell service, Rye and the surrounding areas have been at a disadvantage. As recently as February 2022 however, Rye has constructed a new tower on Port Way, a town owned property. The result is that Verizon and AT&T customers have seen better reception along portions of the north and

west end of town. The reality is that other sections of town are still not receiving the service they need and deserve from any of the major carriers. While legacy towers are inexistence, dead spots are still too common. To that end, the Select Board will continue to seek out other parcels of land that are acceptable for cell towers, keeping in mind that towers by their nature can be unattractive and obtrusive. A telecommunication overlay district (Section 5.5 in our ordinances) exists but may not be the optimal locations. We will continue to explore and identify any possible locations, preferably on town owned land for at least two additional towers. The hoped for results are complete coverage for voice and data as well as safety.

TAP Grant Update: Rye's TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant received final approval last year. This project will construct sidewalks, bicycle lanes, road shoulder expansion, cross walks, and lighting for 1,900 linear feet of Washington Road in the center of Rye. It is designed to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety in Rye's center. This project begins just north of the Rye Junior High School and ends just past the Library. Rye's TAP proposal was approved by the voters in July of 2021 with a commitment of \$300,000 of Town funds along with \$740,000 funded by the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

The genesis for the Town Center sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and lighted cross walks proposal came from recommendations made during the Town wide Charrette held in May/June of 2019 on a comprehensive vision for the Town Center. Following the Charrette, the Select Board chartered a Rye Town Center Committee (RTCC) to take the input from the Charrette and to come up with a proposal that could be implemented in a timely fashion. Now that all approvals have been obtained, the Select Board split the duties of the RTCC and chartered a new committee, named the TAP Grant Committee, to plan and prepare for implementation of the project. It will advise on the technical aspects of, and contractor recommendations for, the initial engineering phase of the project. Meanwhile, the RTCC, as described above, will continue to focus on the strategic vision of the Town Center.

The Committee held its

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inaugural meeting in early February with membership consisting of Chair John Loftus, Vice Chair Lydia Tilsley and member Victor Azzi. There are two open positions remaining on this committee so please consider lending your expertise if you are interested. An initial meeting with DOT officials is scheduled for late in February to begin the process of creating the agreement between the Town and the DOT for program management, allowing the engineering phase to begin. We are excited to have this project finally underway!

Rye Town Center Committee:

The newly rechartered Rye Town Center Committee (RTCC) held its inaugural meeting in February to continue working on the "vision" for the Town Center. To recap recent history, in 2019 Rye sponsored a town wide Charrette to create a comprehensive vision for the Town Center. Recommendations were proposed to create sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and a lighted crosswalk. The Select Board chartered the RTCC to take these proposals and implement a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant application for funding, which was submitted in 2020. It took over two years for this grant to receive final approval and funding. In late 2022, the Select Board split these duties and chartered a new committee to advise on technical aspects of the project (TAP Grant Committee) and amended the RTCC charter to again focus on the overall vision of the Town Center as the TAP Grant project, Library Common, and other potential projects proceed to ensure harmonization and recommend potential improvements over the life of this project. Along with this change, long time members Karen Stewart, Funi Burdick, and Lydia Tilsley left the committee, while members Kaitlyn Coffey, John Loftus, Victor Azzi, and John Mitchell continue to serve with the new charter. This was a long, arduous endeavor and we thank them all for successfully obtaining state funding for this important project.

Two town residents attended this first meeting and have expressed interest in joining the Committee. One open position remains and residents who would like to contribute are encouraged to apply. We look forward to the Committees' input as the TAP Grant project begins to move forward.

Pease Cargo Facility: As you know the Procon Kane proposal to build

know the Procon Kane proposal to build approximately 750,000 sq ft of air cargo warehouses at Pease was withdrawn by them in 2022. That said, another development company, East West Aeronautical announced that they are committed to bring an air cargo proposal to the PDA Board. Per an interview by Roger Woods, associate publisher at "In Depth NH", with Eric Anderson President of East West Aeronautical, Mr. Anderson made it clear that his company was moving forward with a plan to create a Cargo Facility at Pease. As of this newsletter no further applications to construct a cargo facility have been presented. Your Select Board have continued to speak at PDA Board Meetings against any air cargo facility applications at Pease. The Select Board also continues to follow the PDA meeting agendas and application schedule closely and will update Rye residents on any plan to expand cargo facilities at Pease.

An ironic experience occurred during the Rye Tree Lighting Ceremony this December which made it clear to everyone there what it would be like if an air cargo facility were to be built at Pease. Immediately following the tree lighting the choir began to sing "Silent Night" just as a C-17 aircraft, flying into Pease, flew directly over the ceremony at about 1,200 ft and completely drowned out the singing—all that you could hear and see were the roar of the aircraft engines and the mouths of the choir members opening and closing. Needless to say, it was not "a silent night" in Rye on that December evening. It was however a good example of what would happen multiple times a night and day if an air cargo facility was operating at Pease. 80% of all flights into and out of Pease follow runway 34 approach which bring the aircraft directly over the center of Rye at normally between 1,200 and 1,800 ft. Per Mr. Anderson's interview, cited above, he indicated that to be financially viable between a minimum of 8 to 10 flights a day would be required. Assuming that these flights will be coming and going an Air Cargo Facility at Pease would generate well over 5,000 flights per year. Most of which would fly directly over the center of Rye causing interrupted sleep and a disturbance in the quality of life that we enjoy in Rye.

Volunteering: Please consider volunteering for one of Rye's open

committee/commission positions. Doing so will allow you to assist the Town manage 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. This allows you to also meet new people and learn about new issues. Many of the committees/commissions only meet once a month.

The current open positions are:

- Beach Committee - 2 alternates
- Historic District Commission - 3 alternates
- Heritage Commission - 1 alternate
- Demolition Review Committee - 1 alternate
- Recycling Education Committee - 1 member position
- Recreation Commission - 2 member positions
- Rye Town Center Committee - 3 member positions
- TAP Grant Committee - 2 member positions

If you are interested in volunteering on any of these committees/commissions, please call Janice Ireland at 603-964-5523 or contact her by email at jireland2@ryenh.us to learn more about the positions. You can also simply attend a meeting and express your interest in joining to the members of the committee/commission (meeting dates & times are on the calendar on the front page of the Town website) and most meetings are held at the Town Hall.

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

**Town of Rye
MEMORIAL DAY
CEREMONY
Central Cemetery
(beside Town Hall)
Monday, May 29, 2023
9:00 a.m.**



Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

The day has finally come. On January 27, 2023 we moved to our new office space located at 500 Washington Road (former TD Bank). Our first official day was January 30, 2023. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are officially up and running. Our drive-thru opened on February 13th. Transactions are limited to simple vehicle renewals, sewer/tax payments, beach stickers and absentee ballot drop off. All other transactions need to be completed inside the building.

Beach Parking Permits are on sale at the Town Clerk's office, which go into effect May 1st. Each property parcel will be entitled to three (3) Beach Parking Permits. The cost of the first two Beach Parking Permits is \$30.00 each and a third can be purchased for \$35.00. Please bring in your vehicle registration for each permit requested. Beach Parking Permits are for property owners. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified at the Town Clerk's Office. Property owners who lease their properties year-round may opt to give 1, 2, or 3 of their allotted beach permits to the renters. Beach Parking Permit Letter of Release (found on the Town website and at the Town Clerk's Office) will need to be completed before a Beach Parking Permit is issued. Beach Parking Permits cannot be purchased online or by mail-in.

All dogs are required to be licensed between January 1st and April 30th. 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 records. For your convenience, payments can be made online (www.town.rye.nh.us), in person, or mail-in (please remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope).

First issue 2023 property tax bills will be due on July 1st. It is the taxpayers responsibility, who escrow their taxes, to forward a copy of the tax bill to their mortgage company. If you are paying your taxes by mail and would like a paid receipt returned, please mail in the full bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. When mailing in your payment and you 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 in the lobby 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 following 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.

2023 tax liens for all unpaid 2022 tax and sewer bills will be placed on August 1, 2023. Please call my office for the interest due on any outstanding bills. Deeding for 2021 tax liens will be on November 1, 2023. If you have any questions, contact my office so we may assist you.

PLEASE NOTE: The last day to register to vote will be March 4, 2023 for the Town Election; otherwise, you may register to vote on the day of Election on March 14, 2023 at the Rye Elementary School. Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. 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.

I would like at this time to especially thank Amy Thibodeau (Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector) and Lindsay Murphy (Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector), for all their team work to make the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office run efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna DeCotis
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Rye Energy Committee Update

Community Power is coming to Rye!

Rye Community Power (RCP) is launching this spring to lower electric rates for our residents and businesses, and to give our community greater choice over our energy future. As a member of the statewide Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), Rye will have more local control, can offer more choices to

consumers, and can develop local energy projects and/or programs in the future.

CPCNH is a member-owned, non-profit power agency established by NH cities and towns and governed by their representatives on its Board of Directors. CPCNH will ensure that the revenues from electricity sales benefit member communities through investments into the local economy to lower costs for all.

Exeter and seven other NH communities will also be launching community power programs with CPCNH this spring. Durham, Portsmouth, and Dover are among more communities that also hope to launch later this spring.

Keep an eye out for the mailer we'll be sending to all electric customers in March with more information on how to participate in RCP! In short, if you:

- ⚡ Are currently using Eversource default electric supply, you will automatically be enrolled and will pay a lower rate.
- ⚡ Are currently using a competitive supplier, you may opt-in to RCP if you would like to.
- ⚡ Would like to use more renewable energy, you may opt-up to choose one of several product choices that will offer a higher mix of renewable energy.
- ⚡ If you do not want to participate in RCP, you may opt-out and stay with Eversource or choose a different competitive supplier.

The Rye Energy Committee will hold a public information session at Rye Town Hall on March 13th at 5:15 p.m. to answer questions about Rye Community Power. Learn more on our webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/ryenhpc>.

The Town Hall Annex is now open, running an energy efficient heat pump to heat and cool the building with electricity. It also has propane as a backup heat source for the coldest days. Consultation between the Town and Energy Committee made these enhancements possible.

The Junior High School solar system went live in mid December. Since then, even with fewer hours of daylight, this system has produced over 6.5 MWh of electricity, equivalent to over 10 months of average home usage. Production will be many times that as the days get longer with more direct

Energy Committee Update

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sunshine. The plan is for an EV charging station to be installed this spring and for solar panels to be installed on the roof of the Elementary School this fall.

We also recently had two new committee members join the committee. Welcome to both Rob Spork and Silas Proft.

Rye Energy Committee,
Tom Pfau & Howard Kalet, Co-Chairmen
Lisa Sweet, Carl Nicolino, Silas Proft
Frank Melanson and Rob Spork



New Default Electric Supplier
for Rye residents
Launches in April

Public Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2023
5:15 PM
Rye Town Hall

Watch your mail in March for details
ryenhec@gmail.com
<https://tinyurl.com/ryenhcp>



POLICE CHIEF WARNS OF SCAMS

Remember: If it's too good to be true, it is! We continue to take reports of scams.

- If anyone calls and asks you to send money or gift card serial numbers, do not do it. The Police Department has been receiving reports of people receiving e-mails and/or phone calls saying a family member has been arrested and needs bail money. If a family member is really in need, you will know about it before the phone call or e-mail. If someone asks you to get a "green dot credit

card", DON'T. Make sure you verify anything like this before sending any money or gift cards.



Dog-walking at Town Beaches and Town Forest:

Warm weather is approaching, and more people will be walking their dogs on Town beaches and in the Town Forest. **Please pick up after your dog!** While most people adhere to the ordinance and pick up after their dogs, there are those who do not. We thank our law-abiding dog owners who gently remind those who forget they need to clean up. All dogs, when not on leash, shall be accompanied by the owner/custodian, and must be under verbal control. All walkers must leash their dogs where leash signs are posted.

Hours for Dogs on Town Beaches:

Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 27th 2023, 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 at any time during the operating season, and dogs are not allowed at Odiorne State Park any time during the year.**

Dog Registration: Remember, dog licenses must be renewed annually through the Town Clerk by April 30th. Failure to do so will result in a fine from Rye Police via Animal Control. Registrations help lost dogs find their way home and ensures up to date rabies vaccination.

Sharing the roads: Vehicles, bicyclists, runners, and walkers need to be courteous to each other. If your group is more than one, consider breaking up groups and distance to smaller group. Drivers remember there are others on the road. Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy.

It's time to get your 2023 Beach Parking Permits! *Attach your permit to the driver's side rear window as soon as you get it!* Parking Enforcement reports many residents come in to complain about receiving a ticket. They often use the excuse they forgot to get their sticker or forgot to put it on their vehicle.



Please remember, all Rye Beaches are strictly NO ALCOHOL. Town ordinance

prohibits open containers of alcohol, including alcoholic beverages in plastic cups.

Rye officers 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.

The April edition of Stroll magazine will feature the last Rye police officer. The officers and I have enjoyed writing about each officer. The Police Department wants to thank Stroll magazine staff for allowing the officers to be featured so each resident can learn something specific about each Rye police officer.

Thank you for your continued support. I sincerely appreciate everyone's encouragement.

Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

Heritage Commission Update

The Heritage Commission is continuing work on several projects. Following a very successful fund raising effort, our Historic Signage program is fully funded and the designs for the signs are very exciting. The seven signs recognizing significant themes and events in Rye's past will be installed this spring.

The Gazebo Project is alive and well, but being delayed by possible lead paint issues, which are being addressed, and work will resume soon.

We want to focus more on our Graveyard Adoption Program in 2023. The Commission is planning a specific effort to increase graveyard adoptions and also to elaborate on our information and reorganize our program, making it more detailed and accessible.

Work on renovating the Town Hall is always on our agenda. The window project will resume this spring and other projects will be forthcoming.

Bev Giblin, Chair
Rye Heritage Commission

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Town of Rye
March 14, 2023

FOR SELECTMAN

for three years Vote for one
 CATHY HODSON
 BOB MCGRATH
 BRUCE VALLEY

FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

for three years Vote for one
 DONNA DECOTIS

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for one
 ROGER O. PHILBRICK

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years Vote for two
 DANIA SEIGLIE
 MICHAEL MOODY

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years Vote for one
 JEFFREY BALBONI

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years Vote for two
 JEFFREY A. ROSS
 STEVEN BORNE

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for one year Vote for one
 KATHRYN A. GARCIA

FOR PLANNING BOARD

for three years Vote for one
 J.M. LORD

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

for three years Vote for two
 SHAWN CRAPO
 SANDRA CHOROROS

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER

for three years Vote for one
 DAVID KOHLHASE

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 14th! But don't forget to take your checklist with you. (And don't leave it in the voting booth!) If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

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

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

Amendment 1

Re: Article I Introduction

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend §190-1.2, related to the Introduction of the Zoning Ordinance, to identify that "protection of sensitive environs and natural resources" is a purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and to further identify that the proper use and conservation of natural resources is identified as a purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.

YES NO

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

Amendment 2

Re: Article II Use Districts

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article II of the Zoning Ordinance in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the limitations on yard lot areas, the number of principal dwellings per lot, expansion of non-conforming dwelling units;
- Eliminate references to "government uses," "municipal uses," and "apartment houses" throughout;
- Expand the definition of uses which constitute "noxious, unreasonable, or offensive" uses of property";
- Amend the process related to the conversion of illegal apartments; including amending the required criteria for such a conversion and eliminating the requirement for a renewal of "certificates of legality."
- Clarify standards for vegetative buffers between residential developments in residential districts abutting nonresidential districts and/or nonresidential uses on the same lot;
- Amend the process and standards for the conversion of seasonal dwelling units to year-round dwellings;
- Amend the permissible uses in the Single Residence District and the requirements for home occupations;
- Amend the uses allowed in the Single Residence District by special exception, the process for the establishment of a bed-and-breakfast facility and the criteria and requirements for the establishment of a home occupation;
- Clarify the permissibility of dwellings consisting of two single-family units in the General Residence District;
- Add agriculture as a permissible use in the Conservation District;
- Eliminate reference to the "Public Recreation District."
- Expand the type of permissible dining establishments allowed in the Business District and Commercial Districts;
- Alter the uses permitted by special exception and the standard for the grant of a "special exception" within the Commercial District;
- Eliminate the Industrial District; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file

YES NO

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

Amendment 3

Re: Article III Wetlands Conservation District
 As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article III, § 190-3.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, related to the Wetlands Conservation District, in the manner reflected in the

Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the types of resources for the delineation of wetlands;
- Expand the purpose of the Wetlands Conservation District;
- Require agricultural uses in the Wetlands Conservation District to comply with the Best Management Wetland Practices – Agriculture;
- Establish isolated non-bordering wetlands as a class of protected resources subject to the Wetlands Conservation District;
- Amend the buffer applicable to tidal lands, marshes, bays, estuaries, creeks, surface waters, and other water resources;
- Clarify the extent of tree removal within the Wetlands Conservation District; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

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

Amendment 4.

Re: Article III Overlay Districts

As part of the Town’s comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article III of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Overlay Districts (with the exception to the §190-3.1 addressed in Amendment 3), in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Identify the architectural features in the Historic District, insert reference to the Historic District Commission’s Design Guidelines, clarify how decisions of the Historic District Commission may be appealed, and amend the sign restrictions applicable to the Historic District to eliminate content-based distinctions.
- Identify that a special exception is needed to build on a pre-existing nonconforming lot in the Coastal Area District, identify the criteria for the issuance of a special exception, and identify the methodology to calculate lot yield for the redevelopment of Tourist Accommodations within the Coastal Area District;
- Replace references to “regulated substances” and “hazardous waste” with “toxic or hazardous material” in the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District;
- Clarify the applicability of the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District and amend the permissible uses and uses allowed by conditional use permit in the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District;
- Establish safeguards related to toxic and hazardous materials and prevent contact between precipitation/runoff and animal manure in the Aquifer Protection District;

- Clarify the types of structures permitted within the Multifamily Dwelling District by striking “housing” and replacing that phrase with “dwellings and/or developments”; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

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

Amendment 5.

Re: Article IV Planned Developments

As part of the Town’s comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Planned Developments, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the criteria needed for the issuance of a special exception for mobile home park or subdivisions and requirements related to access, siting, play areas, and bonding;
- Amend the calculation for maximum density for Retirement Community Developments, multifamily developments and Conservation Land Developments;
- Amend the standards by which density bonuses are allowed for Retirement Community Developments and clarify the applicable setbacks for such developments;
- Amend the road frontage limitations related to multifamily developments;
- Amend the requirements for the distribution of workforce housing for Conservation Land Developments, clarify the approval process for such developments, and amend the standards by which density bonuses are allowed for Conservation Land Developments; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

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

Amendment 6.

Re: Article V Special Regulations

As part of the Town’s comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article V of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Special Regulations, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Amend the requirements for off-street parking for home occupations and personal service establishments; amend and clarify the calculation for parking for mobile homes, hotels and motels, and health clubs/fitness centers; establish parking requirements for stationary food trucks;
- Amend sign regulations, to eliminate

content-based regulations and to make the same sign restrictions applicable to all signs regardless of type or content;

- Alter existing regulations associated with quarries, pits, and turf farms and establish regulations, restrictions, and standards for earth movement activities and excavations;
- Clarify the approval and appeal process for condominium conversions and the minimum standards and considerations for such conversions;
- Identify the approval process for tourist camps, motels, hotels, and lodging houses and amend waste disposal practice and the manner that occupancy limits are established;
- Amend the provisions related to wireless telecommunications facilities to allow for the expansion of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District when necessary to comply with Federal Law, amend required setbacks and lighting requirements for such facilities, amend the approval process and the requirements for approval for such facilities;
- Clarify that applicants for accessory dwelling units provide permits and approvals for the provision of water and sewerage/septic and must comply with all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance;
- Include excavation to the list of land disturbance activities which cannot increase surface water drainage flowing onto adjacent property;
- Eliminate references to the Town's Illicit Discharge and Elimination Ordinance from the Zoning Ordinance, contingent upon the Select Board enacting an Illicit Discharge and Elimination Ordinance pursuant to RSA 149-I:6-a;
- Amend the submittal requirements and approval criteria for applications for small wind energy systems and establish setbacks for such systems from occupied structures;
- Identify that retaining walls shall be considered structures and are subject to setback requirements, amongst other minor textual changes; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

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

Amendment 7

Re: Article VI Nonconforming Lots, Nonconforming Uses and Nonconforming Buildings and Structures

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Nonconforming Lots, Nonconforming Uses, and Nonconforming Buildings and Structures, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify the criteria necessary for the grant of a special exception to change from one

pre-existing non-conforming use to another non-conforming use, when a pre-existing, non-conforming use may be restored for "obsolescence," and the dimensional limitations on the reestablishment of a pre-existing non-conforming use;

- Identify the permissible expansions of non-conforming structures that do not increase the amount of non-conformity, when a pre-existing, non-conforming structure may be restored for "obsolescence," and the dimensional limitations on the reestablishment of a pre-existing non-conforming structure; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

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

Amendment 8

Re: Article VII Board of Adjustment

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance, related to the Board of Adjustment, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Identify that the ZBA may consider appeals related to the interpretation, application, or construction of the Zoning Ordinance;
- Eliminate the recitation of the variance criteria and replace that recitation by referencing the statute setting forth the criteria for a variance;
- Amend the criteria for the grant of a special exception to clarify that such criteria may be subject to other special exception criteria in other portions of the Zoning Ordinance;
- Eliminate the reference to the Zoning Board of Adjustment having authority to consider matters other than variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers, or administrative appeals.
- Amend the ZBA's procedural requirements in accordance with HB 1661 by altering the deadlines by which the ZBA must act on an application for appeal, the effect of the of an applicant's failure to provide the name of abutting property owners, and the ZBA's process when the ZBA does not have sufficient information to make a decision; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9, as follows:

Amendment 9

Re: Article VIII Administration and Enforcement

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Administration and Enforcement, in the manner reflected in the Zoning

Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarify when a building permit is not required and the ability of the Building Inspector's ability to revoke building permits;
- Establish a definition of "live loads," in relation to certificates of occupancy;
- Amend the means by which the Building Inspector and the Select Board may enforce the Zoning Ordinance;
- Establish a process by which the Planning and Land Use Administrator may issue decisions interpreting, applying, and constructing the Zoning Ordinance to allow for applicants to seek relief from the ZBA without submitting an application for a building permit; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10, as follows:

Amendment 10

Re: Article X Amendment, Conflicts, Severability and Effective Date

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend §190-10.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the jurisdiction of the Housing Appeals Board regarding determinations of legality of the Zoning Ordinance, amongst other textual changes.

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 11, as follows:

Amendment 11

As part of the Town's comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance, amend the provisions of Article XI of the Zoning Ordinance, related to Definitions, in the manner reflected in the Zoning Ordinance amendments posted at the Rye Town Hall and the Rye Town Website. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

Re: Article XI Definitions

- Incorporate the definitions of "Agriculture" under RSA 21:32-a, the definition of "Workforce Housing" reflected in RSA 674:58, and incorporate the variance criteria set forth in RSA 674:33 in the definition of "Variance";
- Expand the definition of "Apartment House" to include where the owner of the or principal of the owner lives in the structure;
- Add a definition for "Best Management Wetland Practices – Agriculture";
- Amend the definition of "Business";
- Expand the definition of "Development" to include clearing and site preparation;
- Clarify the definition of "Dwelling Unit" to exclude establishments allowing for "transient occupancies";
- Amend the definition of "Dwelling Unit, Seasonal" to identify "inadequate insulation" as a condition reflected in such structures;
- Add a definition for "Primary Dwelling";

- Expand the definition of "Earth Excavation" to include other types of activities associated with excavation and earth moving activities;
- Amend the definition of "Grade" to clarify the manner in which grade is calculated for structures set back in excess of 100 feet from streets;
- Add a definition for "Isolated Non-Bordering Wetlands";
- Amend the definition of "Junkyard";
- Alter the definition of "Living Space" to change the phrase "dead areas" to "areas that do not constitute living space";
- Reference the definition of "Earth Excavation" in the definition of "Mining of Land";
- Revise the definition of "Neighborhood" to allow for consideration of other factors beyond radius and include "traffic" as a consideration in determining neighborhood impacts;
- Clarify the definition of "Special Exception" and reference the need to satisfy established criteria;
- Identify that "retaining walls" less than 3 feet in height are not deemed "Structures";
- Expand the definition of "Toxic or Hazardous Materials";
- Expand the definition of "Upland Soils" to include slopes less than 20%; and
- Make such other changes as are reflected in the amendments on file.

YES NO

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

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

Amendment 1

Re: Back Flow Preventor

BC 2023-01 amends Section 35-5: Permits as follows (Note: New text ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted text struck through)

A. Application for permit. Every person or authorized agent of such person intending to erect, construct or move any building or structure, as defined in Chapter 190, Zoning, or parts thereof, including swimming pools and tennis courts of all types, within the Town of Rye, and every such person or agent intending to alter or restore any building or structure in any manner, shall, before proceeding with the work, obtain the required building permits (electrical, plumbing, and construction) from the Building Inspector. ***A back flow preventor shall be required for all new, expanded and/or replaced irrigation system(s) which shall be installed by a licensed New Hampshire plumber. The licensed New Hampshire plumber shall apply for a permit from the Building Inspector who shall insure that such back flow preventor is appropriate for the proposed irrigation system and will be installed in accordance with the New Hampshire Building Code and the requirements of the local water utility and established best practices.*** The application forms, furnished by the Building Inspector,

require: a description of the building; the site; the location thereof; the work contemplated, and every such person or agent intending to otherwise alter or restore any building or structure, including the interior, so as not to increase the floor or base area thereof, to the extent of \$1,500 or more in value, including the value of all labor and materials. The fees for permits are listed at the office of the Building Inspector. A careful record of the original of such application and the supporting plan and any specifications shall be kept in the Town offices by the Building Inspector

Explanation.

This will put the property owner on notice that they must get a permit for all new, expanded, and/or replaced irrigation systems and a back flow preventer shall be installed by a licensed New Hampshire plumber.

YES NO

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 05

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling eleven million, nine hundred eighty-five thousand, nine hundred ten and 00/100 dollars (\$11,985,910.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million, seven hundred thirteen thousand, four hundred twenty-six and 00/100 dollars (\$10,713,426.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 06

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Select Board and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters IAFF Local #4411, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimated Increase over prior Year
2023 \$50,023.00
2024 \$46,812.00

Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand and twenty-three and 00/100

A YES vote would raise \$11,985,910.00 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$10,713,426.00.

A YES vote would raise \$50,023 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Rye Select Board and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye.

A NO vote would disallow funding for the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Rye Select Board and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye.

dollars (\$50,023.00) for the 2023 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (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

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only?

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

YES NO

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 06 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 06 cost items.

ARTICLE 08

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Select Board and the Rye Police Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimated Increase over prior Year
2023 \$34,681.00
2024 \$36,304.00
2025 \$30,327.00

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-one and 00/100 dollars (\$34,681.00) for the 2023 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (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 raise \$34,681.00 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Rye Select Board and the Rye Police Association.

A NO vote would disallow funding for the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Rye Select Board and the Rye Police Association.

ARTICLE 09

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only?

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

YES NO

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 08 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 08 cost items.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Select Board and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimated Increase over prior Year
2023 \$52,875.00
2024 \$55,889.00
2025 \$34,850.00

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and 00/100 dollars (\$52,875.00) for the 2023 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated through the operating budget for current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (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.

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Select Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only?

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$370,000.00) to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 2008 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of the three hundred seventy thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$370,000.00) from 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. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment

A YES vote would raise \$52,875.00 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Rye Select Board and the Town Employees Association.

A NO vote would disallow funding for the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Rye Select Board and the Town Employees Association.

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 10 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 10 cost items.

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$370,000 for a new ambulance and to withdraw \$370,000 from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new ambulance.

A YES vote would raise \$200,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment CRF to be used to offset the future cost of purchasing DPW heavy equipment.

A NO vote would not raise \$200,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment CRF.

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. (8-0)

YES NO

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$105,000) to purchase a new one-ton truck with plows and material spreader and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$105,000.00) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. 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 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) 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. (8-0)

YES NO

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$105,000 for a new one-ton truck with plows and material spreader and to withdraw \$105,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a one-ton truck with plows and material spreader .

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

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

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

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

A YES vote would 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.

the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of emergency preparation and management, infrastructure repair, pollution mitigation, coastal hazard response, and all other costs and expenditures related to any disaster, critical incident, accident, fire, flood, public health concern, storm, or weather-related event and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in this fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said 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

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) 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 revaluation of the Town at least as often as every fifth year as required by RSA 75:8-a. 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 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Buildings and Property Maintenance Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 18 of the 2022 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 13 at the 2021 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 31:19-a to repair and maintain land and buildings 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 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Rye Public Library HVAC Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the 2016 Town meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of replacing the Rye Public Library's aging and inefficient current heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund pursuant to RSA 31:98-a for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to put in the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general 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

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$3,000.00) 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. (8-0)

YES NO

A YES vote would add \$10,000 to the Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$10,000 to the Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund .

A YES vote would add \$10,000 to the Rye Public Library HVAC Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would disallow the addition of \$10,000 to the Rye Public Library HVAC Capital Reserve Fund.

A YES vote would establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses and to raise \$10,000 to be placed in the fund.

A NO vote would disallow the establishment of a contingency 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 25

To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the special revenue fund known as the Beach Cleaning Fund, which was amended by Article 14 of the 2015 town warrant, such purpose to be amended as follows: to increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the fund from 50% to 75% of total beach permit revenues. Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (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 26

Shall the Town of Rye vote to re-adopt the provisions of **RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit** in the amount of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00)? If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined by RSA 21:50, and who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III. (Majority vote required.)

Note: If this Article does not pass the Optional Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veteran Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veteran Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veteran Tax Credit from \$500 to \$50 per year.

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town of Rye vote to re-adopt the provisions of **RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit**? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the state who is a veteran as defined in RSA 21:50, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer

A YES vote would amend the Beach Cleaning Fund to increase the beach parking permit revenue that goes into the fund from 50% to 75%.

A NO vote would not amend the Beach Cleaning Fund to increase the beach parking permit revenue that goes into the fund from 50% to 75%.

A YES vote would re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit of \$500.00.

A NO vote would not re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit of \$500.00 and would revert back to the standard tax credit of \$50.00.

A YES vote would re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit of \$500.00.

A NO vote would not re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit and would reduce the tax credit from \$500.00 to \$50.00.

who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. **This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 26. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 26, this Article shall be null and void.** (Majority vote required.)

Note: If this Article does not pass the All Veteran Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veteran Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veteran Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veteran Tax Credit from \$500 to \$50 per year.

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

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

YES NO

ARTICLE 28

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 2023.

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

Rye Senior SERVE Update

Our post-Covid rebound for senior transportation services in Rye has been made possible by the ongoing efforts of all our dedicated volunteer drivers. The Rye Senior SERVE van and its drivers and helpers continue to provide transportation for Rye seniors with weekly shopping trips to Market Basket plaza as well as our monthly luncheon outings. Additionally, fifteen individual drivers maintain their consistent schedule of providing timely trips to necessary medical appointments for our seniors. The Rye Senior SERVE Board of Directors greatly appreciates the time and effort our volunteers have, and continually put forth. We thank you.



If you are interested in volunteering with Rye Senior SERVE, please call me at 603-436-6041.

Jim Delaney
President



SPRING / SUMMER PROGRAMS

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2023



SPRING / SUMMER PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT Thursday, February 23, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH



Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023, except for the March 9, 2023 Lunch Program, Strength and Balance, and Chair Yoga. *** We are changing to a new, user-friendly recreation software. Unfortunately, online registration will not be up and running by February 23rd. We are very sorry for this inconvenience. Please come to the Rye Recreation office with your cash or check to register for programs. ***

THE WAVE LUNCH PROGRAMS AND DAY TRIPS The lunch programs are held at The Wave at the 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 the schedule.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAMS

MARINA FORBES-FABERGÉ EASTER EGGS

Program sponsored by NH Humanities and open to the public.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Lunch: Corned beef and cabbage, vegetables, salad and dessert

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 2, 2023

SOUTHERN MAINE LIGHTHOUSES w/MICHAEL PERRY

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Lunch: Stuffed shells, dinner roll, garden salad and dessert

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 6, 2023

FAMILY STORIES: HOW AND WHY TO REMEMBER AND TELL THEM

Program sponsored by NH Humanities and open to the public.

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Lunch: Meatloaf, potato, vegetables, garden salad and dessert

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 4, 2023

BANJOS, BONES AND BALLARDS WITH JEFF WARNER

Program sponsored by NH Humanities and open to the public.

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

Lunch: Lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad and dessert

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2023

SENIOR DAY TRIPS

STAYIN ALIVE — The Worlds #1 Tribute to the Bee Gees

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

Reservation Deadline: April 24, 2023 (space based on availability)

Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Danversport Yacht Club, MA

Fee: \$125 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$95 (includes admission and lunch)

THE GLEN CAMPBELL EXPERIENCE

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Meal Choice: Pan seared pork tenderloin w/apple mustard demis glaze or vegetarian lasagna, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee/tea

Reservation Deadline: June 19, 2023 (space based on availability)

Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Castleton in Windham, NH

Fee: \$115 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$85 (includes admission and lunch)

NEIL DIAMOND AND FRIENDS

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Meal Choice: Apple cranberry cornbread stuffed chicken or vegetarian lasagna, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee

Reservation Deadline: August 7, 2023 (space based on availability)

Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Castleton in Windham, NH

Fee: \$115 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$85 (includes admission and lunch)

SPLISH SPLASH—The Music of Bobby Darin

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Meal Choice: Apple cranberry cornbread stuffed chicken or vegetarian lasagna, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee

Reservation Deadline: September 19, 2023 (space based on availability)

Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Castleton in Windham, NH

Fee: \$115 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive for \$85 (includes admission and lunch)

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO ABBA

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Meal Choice: Thanksgiving dinner with the fixings and sides or vegetarian lasagna, dessert, coffee/tea.

Reservation Deadline: October 15, 2023 (space based on availability)

Departure Time: TBD **Location:** Danversport Yacht Club, MA

Fee: \$120 (includes transportation, admission and lunch) or self-drive \$90 (includes admission and lunch)

JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER!

MAKE YOUR OWN FABERGÉ EGG

This workshop is open to adults, teens and families with children 6 years and up.

Date and Time: Saturday, April 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

Fee: \$20.00 per person (includes wooden egg, wooden stand, as well as use of paints/brushes for painting on wood)

EASTER EGG HUNT @ WALLIS SANDS STATE BEACH

*****Rye/New Castle Residents Only*** Ages 2-5 and 6-9**

Date and Time: Saturday, April 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Location: 1050 Ocean Boulevard, Rye, NH

Fee: No charge

ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

STRENGTH & BALANCE

Classes are held on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Dates: February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023, (19 classes)

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

Fee: \$57 (prorated to start date)

CHAIR YOGA

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Dates: February 21, 23, 28, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 2023 (38 classes)

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

Fee: No cost (registration required and donations accepted)

ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION

Classes are held on Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Dates: May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023

Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

Fee: \$99.00 (6 classes)

ADULT SPORTS

GROUP GOLF LESSONS

Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH.

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-Recreational)

Session 1: Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2: Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$149 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Session 1: Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2: Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$149 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

TOWN OF RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

CENTRAL CEMETERY

(BESIDE RYE TOWN HALL)

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

CO-RECREATIONAL ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Dates: Wednesdays, February 22, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, May 3, 10, 2023, **7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Rye Elementary School and Sundays, February 19, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 16, May 7, 14, 2023, **9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** at Rye Junior High

ADULT LEARN-TO-PLAY PICKLEBALL

Session 1 Beginners: Saturday April 8, 2023, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Session 2 Advanced: Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$20 per session (8 participants per session)

YOUTH SPORTS

SPRING CO-REC BASEBALL CAMP WITH STEPHEN MCMANUS

Dates: April 24-28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Rye Recreation, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

Grades: Currently in grades 2-8

Fee: \$200

SPRING CO-RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Dates: May 3-June 10, 2023

Times: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Saturdays 11:00-12:00 noon

Location: Rye Recreation, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

Grades: Currently in grades 3-6

Fee: \$50/1st child and \$45/each additional child in same family

GRANITE STATE TRACK AND FIELD

Dates: April 3-June 5, 2023 (Practices);

June 10, 2023 (Regionals); June 17, 2023 (State)

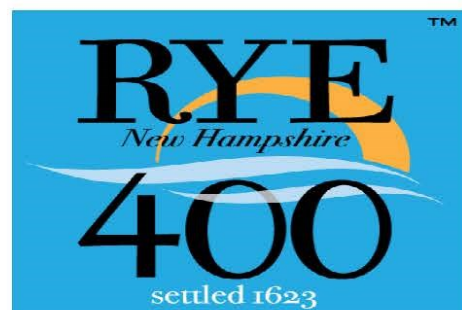
Times: Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Saturdays 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Locations: Rye Recreation Soccer Fields and Portsmouth High School Running Track (Practices)

Ages: Currently 9-14 years of age

Fee: \$20

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023,

11:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

**COME JOIN THE FUN AT RYE DAY AT
PARSONS FIELD AND HELP US CELEBRATE
THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF RYE
GAMES, VENDORS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

YOUTH DAY CAMPS

SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS DAY CAMP

Camp begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. This camp is for participants entering Grades K-6 in Fall 2023. Pre-Camp (8:00-8:30 a.m.) and Post-Camp (4:30-5:00 p.m.) will be offered for an additional \$25.00 per week and the participant(s) must be pre-registered for this option.

Pricing: Weeks 1, 4, 6, 7 Full-day only @ \$190/week
Weeks 3, 5, 8 Full-day @ \$190/week and half-day (morning or afternoon) @ \$95/week
Week 2 (no camp 7/4/23) Full-day @ \$152/week and half-day (morning or afternoon) @ \$76/week

Week One: **Wild Wild West** (Rye Recreation) June 26-30, 2023

Week Two: **Patriotic** (Rye Recreation) July 3, 5-7, 2023

Week Three: **Hollywood Stars** (New Castle) July 10-14, 2023

Week Four: **New England Sports** (New Castle) July 17-21, 2023

Week Five: **Outer Space** (Rye Recreation) July 24-28, 2023

Week Six: **Detectives and Spies** (Rye Recreation) July 31-August 4, 2023

Week Seven: **Animals** (Rye Recreation) August 7-11, 2023

Week Eight: **Science and Nature** (Rye Recreation) August 14-18, 2023

Please see the 2023 Rye Recreation Summertime HoRYEZons detailed flyer to see a description of each week on the fourth page of our newsletter or contact Rye Recreation for more information.

WIZARDS CAMP WITH FRANK DELMEDICO

Date and Time: July 10-14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Location: Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
Grades: 3-5 Fall 2023
Fee: \$140

LEGO® REACTIONS CAMP WITH FRANK DELMEDICO

Date and Time: July 17-21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Location: Rye Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
Grades: 3-5 Fall 2023
Fee: \$140

UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF MAGIC WITH SAGES ENTERTAINMENT

Date and Time: August 14-18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Location: The Wave at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH
Ages: 7-12
Fee: \$470 (includes magic kit, online vault, and fun)

YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

CO-RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL CAMP WITH COACH PETE

Grades 2-6, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Grades 7-8, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dates: July 10-13, 2023 (Monday-Thursday)
Location: Rye Junior High, 501 Washington Road, Rye, NH
Fee: \$140

GOLF

Session 1: July 10-14, 2023

Session 2: August 14-18, 2023

Grades K-4, 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Grades 5-12, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Location: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$80 (clubs available if needed)

CO-REC BASEBALL CAMP WITH STEPHEN MCMANUS

Date and Time: June 19-23, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Rye Recreation, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

Grades: 2-8 in Fall 2023

Fee: \$200

CO-REC ALL-STAR PICKLEBALL CAMP WITH COACH PETE

Date and Time: July 6, 7, 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth

Grades: 3-8 Fall 2023 (broken into groups by age and ability)

Fee: \$80 (equipment provided)

ADULT SPORTS

GROUP GOLF LESSONS

ADULT GROUP GOLF LESSONS (Co-Recreational)

Dates and Time: July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$149

WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS

Dates and Time: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

Fee: \$149

FALL RECREATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE Co-recreational and open to 4 yrs.– grades 5; Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 9 to October 14, 2023. 4 year olds meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:15 a.m. Grade K meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 meet twice a week to practice and play a game each day: Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Grades 3-5 meet twice a week to practice and play a game each day: Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Location: Rye Recreation Fields, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
Fee: \$50 for 1st registrant, \$45 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). **Late fee** of \$45 will apply to registrations received after the **July 28, 2023 deadline**. The above schedule and age groupings are subject to change based on registrations received.

RYE SENIOR'S STRAWBERRY FEST

Come join Rye Recreation, Rye Fire Department, Rye Police Department, and Rye Public Library for strawberry shortcake on the Common.



Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMON
581 Washington Road, Rye

This event is free to Rye Seniors; registration is required and seating is limited. Please contact Rye Recreation at 603.964.6281 to register.



2023 RYE RECREATION SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS



Welcome back campers! Summer is almost here and we are very excited to announce this year's Summertime HoRYEZons week themes and dates! We have lots of fun activities, trips and entertainers lined up for everyone this year and cannot wait for camp to start! The first week of camp is June 26th and the last week of camp will be August 14th. Camp begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. This camp is for participants entering Grades K-6 Fall 2023. **Pre-Camp (8:00-8:30 a.m.) and Post-Camp (4:30-5:00 p.m.) will be offered for an additional \$25.00 per week and the participant(s) must be pre-registered for this option.**

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Weeks 3, 5, 8 Full-day @ \$190.00 and Half-day (morning or afternoon) @ \$95.00

Week 2 (no camp 7/4/23) Full-day @ \$152.00 and Half-day @ \$76.00

Week One: Wild Wild West (Rye Recreation) June 26-30, 2023

Saddle up kids! Let's put on our cowboy/cowgirl hats and kick off Summer by riding into adventure during Wild Wild West Week! Field Trip: TBA

Week Two: Patriotic (Rye Recreation) July 3-7, 2023; no Camp July 4th

Let's get into a patriotic swing just in time for the 4th of July! Put on your best stars and/or stripes and let's celebrate! Join us for a Morning "Foam Party" with Sages Entertainment.

Week Three: Hollywood Stars (New Castle) July 10-14, 2023

Get starstruck by this week's theme! We're bringing Hollywood to Rye Recreation with a fun filled week of exploring the land of dreams and a Bubble Party with Sages Entertainment.

Week Four: New England Sports (New Castle) July 17-21, 2023

Play ball! Put on your favorite New England sports team gear and let's play some sports! There will be a trip to see the Portland Sea Dogs play the NH Fisher Cats.

Week Five: Outer Space (Rye Recreation) July 24-28, 2023

Step into your space suits and let's blast off into Outer Space week! This week is going to be out of this world as we shoot rockets off with Frank DelMedico!

Week Six: Detective and Spies (Rye Recreation) July 31-August 4, 2023

Get your magnifying glass and spy gear ready as there's mysteries to be solved including our very own mystery at camp. Enjoy a hiking trip to Mt. Major as well.

Week Seven: Animals (Rye Recreation) August 7-11, 2023

Calling all animal enthusiasts! Come and join us for a week all about our fuzzy/scaly friends and visit the Stone Zoo on Thursday.

Week Eight: Science and Nature (Rye Recreation) August 14-18, 2023

Become a mad scientist or a nature enthusiast (or both!) for this final week of camp! Get your science goggles ready, this might get messy! An Afternoon Magic Show with Sages Entertainment will round out this week.



Rye Public Library Events: Spring 2023

“In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.” — William Blake.

Rye Reads!

We kicked off the 2023 Rye 400th Celebration with a town-wide reading of the book *Tuck Everlasting!* [Copies are still available] and will round out the read with a book discussion on Wednesday March 8 at 6:45PM [live or zoom] If you plan on coming in, you can view the *Tuck Everlasting* film in advance of the discussion [film starts at 5:00PM]

Ongoing Activities:

Adult Book Discussion: Please sign up to join these lively discussion groups.

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 pm!

3/22 *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbit

4/26 *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone* by Lori Gottlieb

5/24 *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy

Coloring for Adults: 11am on Mondays! Materials provided.	Military Book Discussions: First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 3/2, 4/6, 5/4
RPL Knitters: By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	

Monday Movie Matinees – shown in the Community Meeting Room on the second Monday of every month at 1:00 pm

Mar 13 <i>TILL</i> PG-13 130 min	Apr 10 <i>Where The Crawdads Sing</i> PG-13 125 min
May 8 <i>The Good House</i> R 104 min	

FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

The FRPL meet monthly on Third Tuesdays at 6:00PM

Museum memberships supported by *The Friends*:

Children’s Museum of NH, Dover	Museum of Science, Boston MA
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester	Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth
Historic New England	Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA	Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME	Seacoast Science Center, Rye
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA	Woodman Museum, Dover

Museum Passes Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library

ASK A LIBRARIAN about Technology – If you have questions about your computer or how-to on your device [phone or tablet] call RPL at 603-964-8401 to set up a tech help session. These sessions are process oriented and not meant to troubleshoot device functionality. If you wonder how to download books and other library 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 2023
More details at ryepubliclibrary.org or (603) 964-9551**

<u>Youth Programs</u>	
<p>Middle Grade Book Boxes Available the 1st Wednesday of the month</p> <p>Teen Book Boxes Available the 2nd Wednesday of the month</p> <p>Playtime Party (18m – Pre-K) Mondays 10:30am</p> <p>Games and Snacks (Grades 6+) Tuesdays After school - 4:00pm</p> <p>Anime Club (Grades 6+) 1st Wednesday of the month After school – 4:00pm</p> <p>Teen Afternoons (Grades 6+) Every Wednesday After school - 4:00pm</p> <p>Crafternoon (Grades 5+) 1st Thursdays of the month After school – 4:00pm</p> <p>Story Time Fridays 10:30am</p>	<p>Saturday Story Times 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am</p> <p>Pokémon Night 1st Tuesday of the month 5:00 - 6:00pm</p> <p>Lego Night 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 5:00- 6:00pm</p> <p>Minecraft Night 4th Tuesday of the month 5:00 - 6:00pm</p> <p>K - 3 Book Club <i>Check website for book titles</i> 3rd Saturday of the month 11:00am – 12:00pm</p> <p>Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 4-6) <i>Check website for book titles</i> 3rd Thursday of the month 4:00 - 5:00pm</p> <p>After-Hours Hide and Seek (Grades 6+) Friday, March 31st 5:30-7:30pm</p>

Rye Ocean Rescue - Lifeguards

With spring quickly approaching, Rye Ocean Rescue is working hard to improve its program. In the past five years the town of Rye has always struggled to hire enough certified lifeguards to meet its needs. This has not only been a town issue but a state and national shortage with numbers dropping out of the sky. This year Rye Fire has sent two of its own to become lifeguard instructors and will be holding certification classes in the months to come. This will allow them to not only train uncertified candidates to become lifeguards, but also allow them to hold a re-certification process that has to happen every two years. These classes include first aid, water rescue skills, CPR, trauma assessment and numerous other lifesaving techniques.

The Rye Ocean rescue team works to cover the three main beaches in Rye, Sawyers beach, Cable beach and Wallis beach “pirates cove”. Every day the beaches are covered by a minimum of 6 guards, two at each beach. On busy weekends the number of guards can increase in order to adequately staff with the overwhelming popularity of these beaches. On any given day the guards are required to stay vigilant and scan for multiple types of emergencies that can happen from rip tides sweeping swimmers out to unexperienced paddle boarders being pushed out because of strong offshore winds.

Our lifeguards work closely with Rye Fire to aid in water rescue operations. Rye Fire has had an ocean rescue jet ski program that has been very successful since 2019. The town of Rye is running three lifeguard classes over the next three months. Please see dates and info in the flyer to sign up to get your lifeguard certification for this summer.

Lt. Jake MacGlashing
Rye Fire Department



PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARD COURSES AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INFO AND SWIM NIGHT
7pm-8:30pm
Monday Feb. 6th 2023
Location: Portsmouth YMCA

COURSE DATES

Friday 2/24/23 to Sunday 2/26/23
Friday 3/17/23 to Sunday 3/19/23
Friday 4/21/23 to Sunday 4/23/23

CLASS TIMES TBD
Location: Portsmouth YMCA
558 Peverly Hill Rd. Portsmouth, NH

COST: \$200 per person
WE HIRE LIFEGUARDS FROM OUR CLASSES

Prerequisite swim skills will be tested on the first day of the class.
Online learning content is required to be completed before the start of the weekend course.

Rye Fire Rescue is offering **lifeguard courses** and **job opportunities** to interested applicants



Applications for classes and lifeguard job opportunities can be found at:
town.rye.nh.us/fire-department/pages/lifeguards

Applications can be emailed to:
Jmacglashing@town.rye.nh.us

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
LT. MACGLASHING AT 603-724-5878

Beach Committee Update



Community members often ask how they can help protect our beaches.

Here are some suggestions:

- ⇒ Participate in a beach cleanup
- ⇒ Support Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation
- ⇒ Join the NH Chapter of Surfrider & the Blue Water Task Force
- ⇒ Visit the Seacoast Science Center
- ⇒ Learn about Marine Mammal Rescue & the hotline 603-997-9448
- ⇒ Come help us put up Student Eco-Posters in May
- ⇒ Walk or ride your bike to the beach. A few bike racks are coming soon
- ⇒ Remind folks to carry out trash and

- dispose of dog waste at home or use dog waste bins at Cable and Foss, when available
- ⇒ Consider becoming an alternate on the Beach Committee
- ⇒ Contact our members by email at: beachcommittee@town.rye.nh.us

REMINDER: Come celebrate Rye’s 400th Anniversary during Earth Month, April 2023. Join one or all of the 4 for 400 Beach Cleanups with the invaluable support of the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation. Thanks to **Andy Stecher and the Rye 400th Committee**, you can put your name in a “hat” to win one of two \$50.00 gift certificates to use at **Common Roots**. The drawing will be held after the 4th cleanup.

4 for 400 2023 Beach Cleanup Schedule (The dates and times are based on tides)

- Monday, April 3rd, 4-5:30 pm - Foss North & South
- Saturday, April 8th, 9-10:30 am - Pirates North & South
- Thursday, April 20th, 4:30-6:00 pm (Earth Week) - Jenness to Cable
- Friday, April 28th, 10:30m-Noon

(Vacation Week) - Sawyers to Philibricks.

- Rye Beach Committee,
- Mary-Ann Sullivan, Chair
- Mary Connolly Mitchell, Vice-Chair
- Bill Epperson, Select Board Rep
- Anne Robert Baker
- Cybele Grier
- Joan Zofnass

Public Works Update

Best Management Practices (BMP) for Lawn Care: Before we know it, another spring growing season will be upon us. As such, it is a good time to discuss appropriate fertilizing practices. Depending on the fertilizer’s chemical characteristics they can have unintended harmful effects on plants, animals and water quality. A number of common lawn care practices can have an adverse effect on ground and surface

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water quality. Excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorous found in fertilizers) that run off lawns into local waterbodies can trigger algal blooms that cloud the water and rob it of oxygen. The following are several easy BMP's for creating and maintaining healthy lawns that are both attractive and safe for the environment.

- **Choose the Right Grass Seed:** Choose varieties that require less maintenance. In New England mixes should have a high percentage of turf type grasses such as tall, compact, and fine leaf fescues. Mixes should have low percentages of Kentucky Bluegrass and/or perennial ryegrass. Up to 10% of total seed mix can be white clover.
- **Don't Overwater:** One inch of water per week is typically enough. Overwatering can lead to runoff and leaching of contaminants into the groundwater
- **Test Your Soil:** Many times, adjusting the soil pH with lime or organics are the only treatment needed. To have your soil tested contact extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services.
- **Mow Smart:** Mow grass to a three-inch height or higher. Never cut more than one third of the blade length. Leave clippings on the lawn to provide a slow-release nutrient and never dispose of clippings in drainage areas, storm drains, wetland or water bodies.
- **Determine How Much to Apply:** Measure the area to be treated with fertilizer and only apply the amount recommended. Save remaining fertilizer in a water and airtight container or share excess with others. Apply less than four times per year.
- **Know When and Where to Apply:** Apply no earlier than spring green-up and no later than mid-September. Avoid applying fertilizers mid-summer when growth is dormant or before a heavy rain when much will be washed away.
- **Choose the Right Fertilizer:** Select fertilizers recommended by your soil test, and select brands with low or no phosphorus unless your soil test indicates otherwise. Slow-release formulations (greater than 50% water insoluble nitrogen) are

generally preferred. Organic fertilizers are typically slow release and contain micronutrients that are beneficial to soil.

New Payment Option at Transfer Station: The staff at the Transfer Station will be offering the residents of the town a new means of paying for facility services. **Credit card payments are now being accepted.** The current honor box system for cash and checks for disposal of material remains available and active but will be phased out to a strictly credit/debit card payment only system by May 1, 2023. An added transaction fee of \$1.50 or 2.79% (whichever is greater) will be assessed per credit card transaction. Please see a Transfer Station Attendant prior to disposal of any materials for payment assessment and inspection.

Brush Dump Hours Extended: The new hours for depositing brush, leaves and grass clippings are the open hours of the Transfer Station: 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday. Please see a Transfer Station Attendant prior to disposal of any materials for inspection and permit verification. All contractors are required to possess and display a valid contractor permit prior to use of the facility.

RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS: **Congratulations on being such active recyclers!** Your recycling efforts have had a positive impact on the environment and town expenditure. Here are some 2022 tonnages YOU recycled and some comparable positive environmental impacts.

- * 15.4 tons of aluminum cans Rye recycled conserved enough energy to power 26 homes for a year.
- * 30.34 tons of plastics Rye recycled saved 1,222 trash bags from ending up in landfills.
- * 125.8 tons of glass Rye recycled conserved the equivalent of 3459 gallons of diesel being consumed.
- * 109 tons of scrap metal Rye recycled conserved enough energy to drive a car 1,188,644 miles.
- * 255.5 tons of paper Rye recycled conserved enough energy to charge 104,139,836 cell phones.
- * 6825 pounds of tires Rye recycled conserved the equivalent of 1433 pounds of coal being burned.

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 gases emitted into the atmosphere. Through your recycling of these materials and others you avoided about 3,586,598 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing 353 passenger cars from the road for an entire year. **Data was calculated using U.S. EPA Waste Reduction Model.

Handling and Disposal of Used Oil: The Transfer Station is approved by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services to accept used oil from residents, under very strict guidelines. In order to accept the waste oil, it must meet a number of criteria. Only Motor Oil, Transmission Fluid, Differential Oil, Brake Fluid, Power Steering Fluid, and Gear Oil is acceptable. All accepted oils must not be contaminated by any unacceptable fluids such as gasoline, antifreeze, brake cleaner, parts washer fluids, solvents, etc. Only used oil from non-commercial uses may be accepted, such as from homeowner's personal vehicles and resident hobbyists.

Used oil should be stored and delivered in sturdy, clean, clear or translucent containers with a closable lid or cap. Plastic milk jugs with screw lids are ideal. Do not use containers which have previously contained household cleaners or chemicals, such as bleach. Label the container as "Used Oil" with your name and/or address also. Never mix with any other waste.

Filled containers should be carefully transported to the transfer station and presented to one of the attendants.

The majority of the used oil received is burned in the highway garage's waste oil burner to heat the garage and offset the cost of heating the garage.

Rye Snow Plowing by the Numbers:

- Plow Routes - 7
- Miles of Road - 45
- Average Tons of Salt Used Each Storm - 40
- Pounds of Salt Applied per Lane Mile - 450
- Average Yearly Number of Call Out Winter Events Anticipated - 21
- Cost of Salt per Ton - \$ 72 Untreated / \$87 Treated
- Average Tons of Salt Used Each Year - 1200

All numbers based upon historic information compiled from 2010 to 2022.

Public Works Update

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I apologize to any residents who have had their mailboxes damaged. Although it might appear the operators are targeting them, that is never the case. Since I came to work for the Town of Rye, I have been pleased to find a very high caliber of public servant. All the staff take their jobs extremely seriously, are all proficient in the operation of the Town's equipment and vehicles, and take great pride in their work. None of them want to be told they have damaged a resident's property.

Jason Rucker
Public Works Director

Mosquito Control Spray Notice

The Mosquito Control program begins the week of April 10, 2023 in the Town of Rye. Crews from Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. will check swamps, salt marshes, woodland pools, ditches, catch basins, storm drains and other shallow, stagnant water for mosquito larvae. When mosquito larvae are found, treatment may occur using one of the following insecticides:

VectoBac (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis 2.8%)
VectoMax FG (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis 4.5% & Bacillus sphaericus 2.7%)
Natular (spinosad 2.5%)
BVA 2 Mosquito Larvicide Oil (mineral oil 97.0%)

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use our No-Spray Registry online at www.dragonmosquito.com/no-spray-registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc., P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, house color and acreage. Residents may email help@dragonmosquito.com or call 603-734-4144 for further information.

Sewer Commission Update: Embracing the Challenge

Having a strong plan for upgrading Rye's vertical and lateral sewer assets as well as mitigating potential hazards is important. Challenges facing our wastewater system include climate change, aging infrastructure, stricter industry regulations and the lack of funding. Which is all made more difficult because our system is small, with limited financial and staff capacity as well as located in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. In recent years we have experienced increased severe and frequent storms; groundwater table and sea level rise; warmer temperatures; and drought.

PUMP STATIONS AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPACTS			
Increased Severe and Frequent Storms	Groundwater Table and Sea Level Rise	Warmer Temperatures	Drought
Increased risk of break-ages, blockages and Sanitary Sewer Overflows	Increased risk of infrastructure damage due to corrosion, erosion and inundation.	Increased risk of odors and behavior changes	Increased risk of corrosion, odor, blockages, deposition and root intrusion.

The consequences of these impacts to our system over time can include increased operation and maintenance spending, increased energy cost as well as infrastructure repairs and replacements. That is why the Sewer Commission is actively working to become further educated on best practices in our industry and identify outside funding sources in the quest to becoming more resilient.

We received a Flood Smart Seacoast Non-Financial Technical Assistance Grant that assisted us recently in preparing two FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Funding Applications. One was for a Sewer Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment and the other for a new generator at Church Road Pump Station and three pump station external hook-up connections.

Our pre-application to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for up to \$30,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to develop a wastewater asset management program was approved and we are currently in the process of filing the final application. This will allow us to determine the value of our assets, prioritize them based on condition, conduct a life cycle analysis and develop funding strategies for asset maintenance and replacement.

The Sewer Commission was allocated American Rescue Plan Funds to conduct pump station upgrades. The contract for improvements to Abeniqui Pump Station was awarded to United Compressor and Pump Services Inc. and are currently underway.

The Sewer Commissioners are David Kohlhase, Chairman, Susan Labrie, and John McCune, and the Sewer Director is Lee Arthur. The Sewer Office is located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop in or contact us at (603) 964-6815.



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 PLAN-NING: 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.

The funds for a Master Plan updated have been approved by the Select Board and the Budget Committee for \$90,000 for a 24-month period to hire a consultant. The Select Board and Budget Committee also approved \$23,000 to hire a firm to do a Build Out Analysis for 2023. These funds are in the Capital Outlay portion of the budget. The Master Plan Committee requests that you approve the budget for Rye to include these items.

Q. It sounds like a lot of money and wanted to know what we were getting for the price?

A. This is going to cost only \$20 per resident for a 5 year

plan! That's \$4 per year per resident! Our current plan is very outdated. The reason Rye is a nice place to live is because we have continually updated the plan to reflect the needs of the town as they change over time!

Other questions and answers were:

Q. Is the amount enough for the Master Plan?

A. The Long-Range Planning Committee and the Planning Board hired a consultant in 2021 and the committee/board looked at many other towns and what they spent and the end product they received, and the amount was derived from those reviews.

Q. Are we required to have a Master Plan and if so, are we required to update it?

A. The Master Plan is mandated by the State of NH. NHRSA 674:1 Duties of the Planning Board. – I. It shall be the duty of every planning board established under RSA 673:1 to prepare and amend from time to time a master plan to guide the development of the municipality. 674:2 Master Plan; Purpose and Description. – I. The purpose of the master plan is to set down as clearly and practically as possible the best and most appropriate future development of the area under the jurisdiction of the planning board, to aid the board in designing ordinances that result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of NH, and to guide the board in the performance of its other duties in a manner that achieves the principles of smart growth, sound planning, and wise resource protection.

Q. Where can I view the current Master Plan?

A. **The current Master Plan is per chapter and may be viewed on the Planning Department page of the Town Website.**

Q. What is wrong with the current plan we have, why update it?

A. The Plan is adequate, but it needs to be updated and be more fluid as a working document to create a road map of where the Town would like to be in the future. We need to define what the Town is going to look like to avoid unintentional consequences and start to seek understanding of items important to the townspeople of Rye such as: roads, beaches, safe water resources, infrastructure, growth, affordability and schools just to mention a few.

Q. What is a build out analysis and why are we doing that in addition to the Master Plan?

A. The Building Out Analysis is a look at what exists currently in Rye and what can be built upon with the current available land that is left based on our zoning. You can not plan for the future Land Use without knowing what you currently have.

Q. Why is it important to put so much time and effort into updating the Master Plan?

When we invest time to analyze our current town resources and know what is important to the people of Rye (ie, land use, water, roads, beaches, town buildings, town center, housing, extreme weather/climate change effects, etc.), we can update the Master Plan to thoughtfully prepare for the next ten years in a way that helps us plan the town of Rye to incorporate what we value. Examples include land use that is thoughtfully developed and/or conserved; safe drinking water; beaches and roads that are in good shape and uncrowded; recreation facilities that meet the needs of the citizens; thoughtful development of business, center of town and homes.

A comprehensive Master Plan ensures that the town can create laws regarding land use that represent those values of the people of Rye.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Master Plan Steering Committee

Conservation Commission Update

Rye Conservation (RCC) would like to remind hunters that it is past time to remove tree stands or blinds on the conservation properties which allow hunting.

Three years ago, the RCC instituted rules governing the use of tree stands and blinds on conservation properties which allow hunting. In an effort to be consistent with other New Hampshire hunting rules, the RCC mirrored the regulations that NH Fish and Game uses on its Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) regarding tree stands and blinds. The Rye rules are:

- Only portable tree stands and blinds that do not damage trees are allowed

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on Rye conservation land. Stands and blinds must have the owner's identification (name, address, and phone number) on them.

- Stands and blinds may be installed after August 1 and must be removed by January 31. Stands and blinds are prohibited on conservation properties at all other times of the year.

These rules are posted at the entrances to the properties which allow hunting. They are intended to a) promote safety; and b) allow all hunters equal access to the land such that no hunter may secure a hunting spot forever by never removing their stand. Stands and blinds which do not conform to these rules are subject to removal. The RCC thanks hunters for their cooperation.

RCC works to protect wetlands and town-owned conservation land throughout Rye to because these resources serve a critical function in protecting wildlife habitat, coastal resources, and our aquifers, the source of much of Rye's water supply. Thus, Rye has specific wetland and wetland buffer rules and regulations that serve to protect these important assets. Any project, including those that involve these rules, must first head to the Rye's Building Inspector, Milon (Chuck) Marsden. If you have any questions about what conservation rules to consider in planning a home improvement, feel free to contact any member of the Conservation Commission. The application for RCC input can be found on the Conservation Commission page on the Town website.

Finally, many thanks to Matt, Murphy and the afternoon crew (you know who you are!) for clearing the very large blowdown on the green trail in the Town Forest. Thanks to Kathy for getting the bog bridge passable and for other work. Volunteers like you are the best! To volunteer with the RCC for trail work, contact any Commission member: Mike Garvan, Jaci Grote, Sally King, Suzanne McFarland, Susan Shepcaro, Danna Truslow and alternates Jeff Gardner and Karen Oliver; or email the RCC Chair, Suzanne McFarland at Suzanne.ryeconservation@gmail.com.

Karen Oliver,
Conservation Commission Alternate

Rye Historical Society - Letter to Rye Residents

When the RHS was asked to be the fiscal sponsor for the Rye 400 celebrations, we had to really think about it. We are a small non-profit organization that is run by an all-volunteer board of directors, having been somewhat dormant during the worst of the pandemic. But the chance to let our community spirit shine was strong and board member Andy Stecher volunteered to head the Rye 400 committee - a combination of town entities, community members, businesses, and RHS board members. Former CPA Cathy Hodson stepped up to provide the financial oversight, becoming a 'pro tem' member of the RHS board until Rye 400 activities have concluded.

I wanted to write this to you because as the fiscal sponsor, we are accepting donations on behalf of Rye 400 to allow donors to take a tax deduction at the end of the year. As a non-profit, we have a legal and ethical obligation to our constituents and the public to conduct our activities with accountability and transparency. We want to regularly and openly convey information about our activities, finances, accomplishments, and decision-making processes. We are proud to be supporting our community during this celebratory year and supporting Rye 400. Many of our programs are falling under the umbrella of Rye 400 this year. Our own fundraising and sponsorships have taken a back seat so we are not competing with the 400th. Instead, we are directing our energy to look at our infrastructure, policies, and procedures so that after all the increased interest in Rye history during 2023, we will emerge stronger.

I'm not a surfer, but enjoy watching them at the beach, paddling out, waiting for just the right wave, and riding it toward shore. I see this 400th year as a big wave. RHS has paddled out, we're on our feet and focused on having a really great time until we arrive at the shore. While we have the community's attention, we hope we can entice you to ride this wave with us. We set a Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal to increase our membership to 400 during the 400th. You will see our table at all

Rye 400 events where you can become a member or renew an existing membership. You can also become a member online at ryehistoricalociety.org. We have some member only events coming up and we'd love to see you there and talk history with you. I even bought a gift membership for family members who do not live in Rye to keep them connected through the monthly newsletter.

This is a fun community. Let's Ride This Wave Together!

Sincerely,
Ginna Macdonald
President, Board of Directors

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

New to Recycling?: The Rye Recycling Committee is here to help! Visit the Rye DPW page on the Town website to view our 3 minute video on what can be recycled: <https://www.town.rye.nh.us/public-works>. One big tip is to buy ALUMINUM over plastic when you have the opportunity. Aluminum can be recycled indefinitely, whereas plastic cannot. Also, aluminum brings more income to the town. For example, if you are buying seltzer, choose aluminum containers instead of plastic.

Plastic bags cannot be recycled in Rye unfortunately, however places like Market Basket and Walmart have containers at their entryway to accept plastic bags. Please try to bring your own reusable bags when shopping to avoid plastic bags all together.

Transfer Station Updates: The Transfer station is now accepting credit cards for payment when using the bulky, wood or metal bins. Please see an attendant before discarding any items in these bins and they will gladly assist you.

Swap Shop: The Swap Shop has been a busy place the last few months! We thank the town for their continued support in keeping the shop free from bulky items and electronics. As a reminder, clothing can be folded and placed on the shelves, or hung. Any ripped or damaged clothing can be

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placed outside in the Helpsy Bin where it is accepted in clean condition. The swap shop will continue to be open limited hours. If the shop is closed, there are bins outside where you can place clothing, books and shoes. Please do not put anything on the ground outside the shop.

Ideas: Before buying anything new, consider visiting stores like the Salvation Army, Goodwill and Savers. Spring is right around the corner! It's a great time to pick up baseball cleats and gear! Play it Again Sports in Portsmouth has a great variety of used sports equipment as well and you can also turn in your old equipment for cash or store credit.

Doing some home remodeling? Don't throw away your used furniture or cabinets! Donate to places like ReStore in Newington, where you can also purchase home building supplies, furniture, tools and light fixtures. Sell them on places like Facebook Marketplace or give away on Facebook "Seacoast Buy Nothing" page. We took down an old cabinet that we almost threw away. After posting online as "free," someone came the next day to pick it up. Remember you will be charged for large items discarded at the Transfer Station. It is worth trying to give away first to someone who may need it, versus it going in the landfill.

Avoid "Fast Fashion" if possible, which is considered low-quality clothing made of polyester and nylon fibers. Not only do these items not last as long, they shed microfibers into our oceans and water supply. You can find quality used clothing at the stores mentioned above, also on Seacoast Marketplace and Ebay.

Turnkey Landfill: Do you know where our trash goes? It is taken to Turnkey landfill in Rochester. They offer limited educational tours for the general public. We are hoping to organize a trip for interested residents, stay tuned for more information.

Get Involved!: The Rye Recycling Education Committee has openings for new members! We meet at the Rye Public Library, NH Room, on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Please feel free to contact the committee with any questions by email at ryenhrecyclers@gmail.com.

School Board News

Did you grow up in Rye? If so, your elementary school playground is still there. It's time for a new playground in Rye!

Playgrounds are a critical component in a child's physical, intellectual, creative and social development. Through active play, children gain first-hand information about themselves, their bodies, their peers, and their environment.

Play also develops increasingly complex behaviors as children grow and socialize, preparing them to function as healthy, confident adults.

Finally, a community play space provides a meeting area where caregivers and children can gather. These shared play spaces add to strengthening communities. Because of this, Rye Elementary School is looking to build a new playground.

The current playground, for students in preschool through Grade Two, was built almost 30 years ago and is very much in need of an update to be more inclusive, welcoming, and fun for all children in the Rye community.

In order to meet our goal of having a new playground for the 2023-2024 school year, we need the community's help. We are seeking donations to help us meet our goal of \$200,000. Through a partnership with the Rye PTA we have already raised over \$80,000, but we still need your help.

Donate to the Rye Playground Fund

<https://rye-elementary-school-playground-fundraiser-16047.cheddarup.com>

If you have any further questions regarding a donation, please contact Allison Salzer, Rye PTA president and Playground Committee member at allison.brownell@gmail.com.

QR code below for quick and easy Playground Donation!



Celebrating Rye400!



Join us! Mark your calendars now and let's see you at these upcoming, community-wide Rye400 programs and events. Be sure to check the Rye400 website — www.ryenh400.org

— for the latest details!

- March 8: Discussion & Film of "Rye Reads" book selection, *Tuck Everlasting*, Rye Public Library, 5:00-7:30pm.
- March 15: Poet Mimi White at Rye Public Library, 6:30-7:30pm.
- March 25: View "People, Places, and Things" Art Show at the Rye Congregational Church, 11:00am - 3:00pm.
- April 3: Beach Clean-up at Foss Beach, 4:00-5:30pm.
- April 8: Beach Clean-up at Pirate's Cove Beach, 9:00-10:30am.
- April 20: Beach Clean-up at Jenness Beach to Cable Road, 4:30-6:00pm.
- April 20: Author Lisa Moll at the Rye Congregational Church, speaking on Rye's Battle with Onassis Oil, 6:30-7:30pm.
- April 22: Rescue Marine Mammal Run at Seacoast Science Center, 9:00am.
- April 26: Lecture by Joe Marttila on Sea Bee Honey at the Rye Public Library, 6:30-7:30pm.
- April 28: Beach Clean-up at Sawyers Beach to Philbricks, 10:30am-12:00pm.
- April 30: Wallis Sands Half Marathon, Wallis Sands State Park, 9:00-11:00am.
- May 20: Rye History Walk at Odiorne State Park, focusing on the 1623 First Settlement at Odiorne Point, 1:00-2:30pm.
- May 24: Lecture by Skip Lockwood on Rye Sports, History and Update at the Rye Public Library, 6:30-7:30pm.
- May 29, 2023: Rye History Trolley Tour, starting at the Rye Town Museum, 10:00am-12:00pm. Sponsored by the Madden Group | Re/Max Rising Tide.

Rye Water District News

As everyone in Rye knows, 2022 was an unusually busy year for the Rye Water District. We are already planning for a busy and productive 2023, which we highlight below.

Annual Meeting: The Rye Water District Annual Meeting will be held on March 25, 2023, starting at 10:00 AM at Rye Junior High School. Unlike the Town and School District, all Rye Water District business is conducted via the Annual Meeting. Only those attending the meeting have a vote on the District budget, proposed rules, and other matters. Please attend so you can have a say in how RWD operates.

This year, there are eight total warrant articles (the 8th just allows for the potential of addressing additional business as needed). The first three deal with electing commissioners and other officers of the district. Importantly, Art Ditto, the current chair of the District, has decided to step down (not seek reelection) after many years of dedicated service to our town. Those interested in becoming a commissioner must attend the annual meeting to be nominated (self-nominations are fine).

Articles 4, 5, & 6 ask the members of the District to raise and appropriate between \$15,000-\$30,000 (depending on the article) to place money into various reserve funds for the purposes of maintaining and enhancing the District's equipment and facilities.

Article 7 is the District's proposed budget for 2023, which is \$2,159,446. This budget represents an approximately 20% increase from last year's budget. The proposed budget increase is due to several drivers, the increase in capital outlay and the addition of one new staff member. As a result of the chlorination requirement, our cost of chemicals has increased considerably.

The capital outlay increase is due to the purchase of a new vehicle, upgrading the pump at our Sagamore Road station to allow for more efficient interconnections with Portsmouth in case of a water emergency, and the construction of a point-of-entry (POE) chlorination process control building. Additionally, we are upgrading the pumps at the Cedar and Bailey wells to variable flow device pumps, which should improve the efficiency of the overall system.

The boil water emergency

highlighted the lack of redundancy in our staff capacity. The emergency required everyone to work extraordinary hours, which could have left us vulnerable to the next emergency. Therefore, the commissioners propose adding one operational staff member to the District. Further, the commissioners propose increasing the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for our staff from 2.5% to 5.0% to match what the Town is proposing for Town employees and to help our staff deal with inflationary pressures.

The commissioners believe the increased budget addresses some long-overdue aspects of the operation of RWD, and we look forward to your support on March 25th.

Level of Service: The Rye Water District commissioners are conducting a "level of service" study so we can better understand the needs of the District. We invited all users to complete a short survey by March 1st, and we will be holding a public workshop on March 9th at 6:30 at Rye Junior High School. This meeting is being held to discuss the results of the survey and provide additional information to the public on the District's Level of Service goals and performance.

Water Conservation: One of the biggest challenges the RWD commissioners and staff had to deal with this past year was the drought, causing us to institute voluntary and eventually mandatory irrigation restrictions. Even in normal summers, irrigation by district users puts extensive pressure on the system. The RWD will be instituting two related policies to enhance our water conservation efforts.

First, the RWD will be instituting an Irrigation and Watering Policy to promote and enhance water conservation by establishing efficiency requirements for new and replacement irrigation and watering systems. This policy is consistent with the objectives of the RWD's Water Conservation Plan. More details about the policy and requirements will be forthcoming this spring.

Most RWD users are not aware, but in 2021, for example, approximately 20% of our customers accounted for almost 60% of our usage. Therefore, the second part of our conservation strategy is implementing a new rate structure to reward our most conservative users and incentivize some of our heaviest users to be more conservative. Again, more

details on the latest rate structure will be distributed shortly.

Water Treatment: As everyone knows, Rye water is now chlorinated due to fecal coliform contamination last fall. Chlorinating a system that has never been chlorinated leads to issues such as precipitating iron and other metals from pipes and natural formations into the system. This is addressed through regular flushing, the next of which will begin on or about April 1, 2023.

Manganese is a heavy metal found in many water systems. It is also a necessary element for normal human physiological function. See this [article](#) for additional information. The allowable amount of manganese in a system is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES). The RWD has successfully delivered water below minimum requirements since the District's inception.

However, the EPA has developed a health advisory level for manganese in drinking water of **0.3** milligrams/liter of water (mg/L), which is intended to be protective against lifetime exposure for the general population. Further, NH DES recommends that all public water systems notify their customers when levels exceed 0.1 mg/L. NH DES is in the process of issuing regulations to reflect these advisory levels. We expect these regulations to be implemented sometime in late 2023 or early 2024.

Therefore, the staff, commissioners, and consultants for the RWD have begun planning for a water treatment plant to remove manganese from our water because our system cannot meet these new levels without such treatment.

We aim to build a treatment plant that can address manganese and iron in the water. Still, we intend to develop a system that can address perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate—commonly referred to as PFOA and PFOS, as new requirements are established.

Connecting with RWD: The Rye Water District meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 9:00 at 60 Sagamore Road. The public is welcome at all meetings. Additionally, you can keep updated about RWD at: <https://www.ryewaterdistrict.com/>.

Town of Rye Board Meetings

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

March 2023

			1 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	2 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission		4
5	6 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	7 1:00 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee	8 5:30 p.m. Historic District Commission	9 1:00 p.m. TAP Grant Committee 6:30 p.m. Conservation Commission	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13 5:15 p.m. Energy Committee 6:30 p.m. Select Board	14 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Town Election Rye Elementary School	15 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	16	17	18
19	20 7:00 p.m. Beach Committee First Day of Spring	21 6:00 p.m. Planning Board 6:30 p.m. Recycling Education Committee	22	23	24	25 10:00 a.m. RWD Annual Meeting
26	27 6:30 p.m. Select Board	28	29 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	30	31	

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May 2023

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	1 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission	2 1:00 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee 3:00 p.m. Energy Committee	3 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	4 5:30 p.m. Heritage Commission	5	6
7 Mother's Day	8 6:30 p.m. Select Board	9 8:00 a.m. Sewer Commission	10 5:30 p.m. Historic District Commission	11 6:30 p.m. Conservation Commission	12	13
14	15 1:00 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee 7:00 p.m. Beach Committee	16 5:00 p.m. Mosquito Control Commission 6:00 p.m. Planning Board 6:30 p.m. Recycling Education Committee	17 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	18	19	20
21	22 6:30 p.m. Select Board	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Town Offices Closed	30	31 9:00 a.m. Rye Water District			

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

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

My Voting Notes

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustee, 3 years (2)

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee, 3 years (2)

Planning Board, 1 year (1)

Planning Board, 3 years (1)

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 years (2)

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years (1)

Article 3.
Amendment 1. Yes No
Amendment 2. Yes No
Amendment 3. Yes No
Amendment 4. Yes No
Amendment 5. Yes No
Amendment 6. Yes No
Amendment 7. Yes No
Amendment 8. Yes No
Amendment 9. Yes No
Amendment 10. Yes No
Amendment 11. Yes No
Article 4.
Amendment 1. Yes No
Article 5. Yes No
Article 6. Yes No
Article 7. Yes No
Article 8. Yes No
Article 9. Yes No
Article 10. Yes No
Article 11. Yes No
Article 12. Yes No
Article 13. Yes No
Article 14. Yes No
Article 15. Yes No
Article 16. Yes No
Article 17. Yes No
Article 18. Yes No

Article 19. Yes No
Article 20. Yes No
Article 21. Yes No
Article 22. Yes No
Article 23. Yes No
Article 24. Yes No
Article 25. Yes No
Article 26. Yes No
Article 27. Yes No
Article 28. Yes No

SCHOOL ELECTION

School Board Member, 3 years (2)

Article 1. Yes No
Article 2. Yes No
Article 3. Yes No
Article 4. Yes No
Article 5. Yes No
Article 6. Yes No

ELECTION DAY, March 14th
Vote at the Elementary
School on Sagamore Road.
Polls are open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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