



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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## Selectmen's Message:

### TD Bank Building Acquired by the Town for Town Offices

**TD Building/Parsonage Property:** It became apparent, in late December of 2020, that the required closing date, in the contract for the Property Exchange/Swap of the Parsonage for the TD Bank, would not be met. In a discussion, at that time, Dan Philbrick told the Select Board that he might be open to selling the TD Bank property and not pursue his vision of an office on the Parsonage property if the Select Board thought that this was in the best interest of the Town. The Select Board felt that this offer would serve the Town well as it would finally allow the Town to obtain ownership of the TD Bank for Town Offices, allow the Library Trustees to control the Parsonage land adjoining the Library building, transfer ownership of the back 2.3 acres of the TD Bank property to the Conservation Commission and defuse the acrimony that had developed among several Town Boards. Following multiple meetings among the Select Board, Library Trustees and the Conservation Commission, in late January, the details of the plan were agreed to.

The Parsonage Property will remain owned by the Town, however, the Library, having paid \$400,000, has the right to control and maintain the property and will allow public access to it. The Conservation Commission paid \$300,000 and obtained 2.3 acres behind the Bank which will be merged into the Town Forest at a later date. Mr. Philbrick received the \$700,000 and everyone was released from the pending lawsuit. This allows the Town to sell the decrepit Trolley Barn and use the revenue to renovate the TD Bank building for Town office use. This is a big step forward in cost-effectively solving the space needs of the Town Hall employees that have plagued the Town for the past decade. It also will allow the second floor of the Town Hall to be opened up in the

future for much needed meeting room space. A mutual benefit for all.

**Trolley Barn:** In March of 2018, voters overwhelming approved Article 27, giving the Select Board the authority to sell the old trolley barn/old police station subject to obtaining an independent appraisal to assist with evaluating competitive proposal to be requested. Since that time, the sale of the trolley barn has been on hold pending the outcome of the space needs issue at Town Hall. In fall of 2020, when it looked like the space issue at Town Hall was going to be addressed by the acquisition of the TD Bank building, the Select Board took the first step to selling the old trolley barn and engaged the services of Stephen Bergeron to perform the appraisal of the property. Now, in the final stage of the TD Bank acquisition, the Select Board announced at their public meeting on February 22, 2021, the old trolley barn will be disposed of by sealed bid. Notification of the bid process and invitations to bid will be available by mid to late March.

**68 Port Way Cell Tower Progress:** The long-anticipated cell tower on 68 Port Way continues towards construction. We have received all the necessary engineering material including the Tower and Foundation Design floodplain permits. A building permit has been issued. The two carriers assigned at this point are Verizon and AT&T. Actual construction will begin as soon as the building schedule permits.

This tower is the first of the three towers needed to cover the entire Town. The Telecommunication Committee along with a paid consultant is continuing the process of identifying possible additional locations with priority towards town owned parcels. As a point of interest, the Grove Road tower produced \$63,900 in revenue for the town in 2020 and this tower is

projected to generate a minimum of \$24,000 in the first full year of service.

**Deliberative Session/Election:** The Select Board, in consort with the Rye School Board, under the guidance of the Town Moderator, Robert Eaton, grappled with the dilemma of balancing the public health risk of conducting the town Deliberative Session [Annual Meeting] and election in person with the challenge to the democratic process which was created by House Bill 1129. The Bill created a cumbersome procedure which would have been burdensome on the town workers and volunteers (with a March election held outside), empowered only the members of the Select Board to make amendments to the warrant, and threatened the viability of the warrant articles which would fail totally, unless the electorate voted to approve the procedure set forth in the Bill. Initially, the dilemma was resolved by a plan to schedule the Annual Meeting and Election dates for February and March respectively and postpone those dates continually until summertime when they could be scheduled outside with safety and warmer temperatures. On January 22, 2021, the Governor of New Hampshire solved the problem by Emergency Order which permits the Select Board and the School Board, because of concerns about conducting the annual meeting and election during the COVID-19 health emergency, to schedule the voting date to the second Tuesday of April, May, June or July. On January 25, 2021, the Select Board voted to schedule the election date for July 13, 2021 and the Annual Meeting date for June 5, 2021. This was agreeable to the School Board and the Town Moderator.

**Town Hall Staffing/Hours:** As the pandemic continues into 2021, we continue to look for ways to provide exceptional levels of customer service and support to our residents,

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while maintaining a safe work environment for our employees at Town Hall. Because space is an issue, especially in the Building Inspector's office and the Town Clerk's office, we have adjusted hours and staggered staffing. Below are the current department hours of operation. Any future changes will be updated on the Town website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us).

- **Town Clerk's Office** – Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. When the office closes, staff remain to continue processing transactions. Staff are also working in "teams." Monday and Tuesday the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector is in the office working with support staff. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and the assistant are working in the office. On the alternate days, staff are working remotely.
- **Building Inspector's Office** – Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Appointments are required to view files and to meet with the Building Inspector.
- **Planning/Zoning Office** - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Assessing Office** - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- **Selectmen's Office/Town Administrator** – Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

**2021 Proposed Operating Budget:** The goal for department heads, in submitting their budgets, was to continue to maintain services amidst the ongoing pandemic, while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. This year's operating budget saw a 4.21% overall increase from 2020. Almost all of this increase is attributed to a 2.75% Cost of Living Allowance for Town employees (COLA), a 5.33% increase in health insurance costs and an 11% increase in retirement of which \$107,331.00 was downshifted from the State. The

budget, as well as all other warrant articles will be discussed at the Deliberative Session on June 5, 2021 and voted on during the Town election on July 13, 2021.

**Return to School Donor Town Taxation in NH?:** The Commission to Study School Funding, chartered by the State, to recommend a more equitable means of providing for a statewide adequate means of providing for a statewide adequate education for NH students submitted their report on Dec 1, 2020. Their proposal included defining an adequate education statewide as well as the cost for doing so. The report included a recommendation to return to a donor town formula to provide statewide school funding. Currently State House Bill 504, under review at the time of writing this report, would provide the first level of proposed funding that if passed, would require Rye to pay adequacy school aid to the State on an annual basis of approximately \$2,362,847. This would mean a tax increase of approximately \$1000 per household for homes assessed at \$1 million (\$750 for \$750,000 assessed properties, etc.). In addition, proposals for funding are being discussed at the State level which include Rye paying additional taxes of up to \$10 million per year. Rye is among 46 other NH towns which would be required to pay additional funds to the State under the donor town proposal. We, like many of these towns, are not objecting to funding adequate education for children in NH however we are objecting to the cost being placed on the backs of the property owners. As such, we are working with a consortium of these towns, including Portsmouth, which are hiring a lobbyist to present our case to the State and to work toward finding a more equitable means of statewide school funding. The full Commission report can be found under the Select Board page on the Town website.

**Lang Road/US Route 1 Intersection construction:** The deeding of the easements by the Service Credit Union, necessary to allow for construction documents to

be completed and bidding of the project to take place, are being completed as this is being written. Construction is forecasted to begin this summer with completion in the fall. The project will result in westerly Lang Road traffic, planning to travel north on US Route 1, to intersect with US Route 1 at the current Lang Road/US Route 1 intersection. Westerly Lang Road traffic intending to take a left onto US Route 1 will travel behind the Service Credit Union onto Longmeadow Road and take a protected left onto US Route 1 directed by the traffic signal there. Traffic planning to travel west on Ocean Road will follow the same route. The rerouting of traffic through the current US Route 1/Ocean Road/Longmeadow Road traffic signal will substantially improve safe access onto US Route 1 south.

**Dredging of Rye Harbor Completed:** We are pleased to announce that after six years of preparation and multiple years of work to obtain federal funding, the Dredging of Rye Harbor has finally been completed. Working night and day since November 2020, the Corps of Engineers contractor, Prock Marine of Rockport Maine has moved a total of more than 50,000 cubic yards of sand and silty material and transported the material to the Isle of Shoals North dredge material deposit site. The work included dredging the 2,300 foot long by 100 foot wide main channel to a depth of 10 feet at the Harbor entrance and 8 feet for the remainder of the channel. The anchorage to the north has been dredged to 6 feet and the anchorage to the south is dredged to 8 feet. In addition, the State's commercial docking area has been also dredged to allow for ease of access by commercial fishing boats. Given the history of sediment flowage into the Harbor the next dredging will not have to occur until 2041. Thanks to all of the mooring holders and the residents abutting the Harbor for putting up with the past four months of 24-hour noise, nighttime lights, and mooring block removal. Special thanks to our Harbor Master Leo Axtin, the Corps of Engineers Mike

# Selectmen's Message

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Walsh, Senator Shaheen, Ex-Governor Judd Greg and Rye Resident Don Blouin for all that they did to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Rye Select Board,  
Phil Winslow  
Bill Epperson  
Mae Bradshaw

## Rye Fire & Rescue Update

**HEART SAFE COMMUNITY:** We here at Rye Fire & Rescue are proud to announce that Rye has qualified to be a NH Heart Saver Community! Heart Saver is a state and national program that encourages and recognizes communities for significant efforts to improve the survival rate of sudden cardiac arrest. Rye will be the 40<sup>th</sup> community in the state to attain the Heart Safe Community designation! Below are a few points of interest about the program.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a condition in which the heartbeat stops abruptly and unexpectedly. This usually is caused by ventricular fibrillation (VF), an abnormality in the heart's electrical system. When this happens, blood stops flowing to the brain the heart and the rest of the body, and the person collapses. In fact, the victim is clinically dead and will remain so unless someone helps immediately:

- A quick combination of CPR and defibrillation can restore life. If bystander CPR is not provided, a sudden cardiac arrest victim's chances of survival fall 7 percent to 10 percent for every minute of delay until defibrillation.
- DID YOU KNOW... 95% deaths from sudden cardiac arrest occur before a victim reaches the hospital and are often witnessed by a family member, friends, or coworkers.

- DID YOU KNOW... that if family, friends and co-workers learn and provide CPR and have quick access to an AED immediately after cardiac arrest, they can double a victim's chance of survival.

The requirements for a Heart Safe Community center around those activities that promote key factors in successful treatment of cardiac arrest patients such as:

- **CPR/AED Training:** Conduct community CPR/AED training sessions. Rye Fire & Rescue conducts CPR classes in the community both in-house and external.
- **Placement of AEDs:** Permanent placement of AEDs in public or private areas where many people congregate or may be at higher risk such as health clubs, schools, libraries, beaches, town halls, hotels, long-term care facilities etc.. Rye Fire & Rescue actively promotes and facilitates the placement of AED's in the community. We also help to maintain many of those installed.
- **Designated First Responders:** All EMS first response-designated vehicles will be equipped with AEDs and current CPR/AED trained personnel.
- **Advanced Life Support:** Available Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel (EMT-Intermediates or EMT-Paramedics) will be dispatched to all suspected cardiac emergencies. Rye Fire & Rescue takes pride in having an excellent advanced life support service!
- **Evaluation Process:** The community must have an ongoing process to evaluate and improve the "Chain of Survival". This involves describing the process by which a community will continue to recruit and train people for CPR/AED, monitor and maintain AEDs, possibly expand availability of training and AED locations, and ensure quality of original program by reviewing post-events. Rye Fire & Rescue acknowledges that the Heart Safe Community designation is more than an award.

We are committed to a continuing process of CPR/AED education, AED placement promotion and program quality control. We will not be satisfied until Rye is the *most* heart safe community in New Hampshire!

Rye's Heart Safe Community efforts are led by our in-house CPR instructor LT. Chuck Gallant. Anyone or any organization who would like to discuss how they can be more heart-safe can contact the fire station at 964-6411 or email LT Chuck Gallant at [cgallant@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:cgallant@town.rye.nh.us)! Thank you for your continued support!

Mark Cotreau  
Rye Fire Chief

## 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, *do not do so until you verify 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 or gift card", DON'T. *Make sure you verify anything like this before sending any money. Never respond to the IRS by phone. IRS never conducts IRS business by telephone.*
- If anyone calls about Covid-19 charging money for the Covid-19 vaccine, *do not continue the call*. All vaccinations are by appointment through the State of NH only. Verify all vaccination information with the Rye Fire Department, 603-964-6411 or 211.

# Police Chief's Message

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## **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.

**Hours for Dogs on Town Beaches:** Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 28, 2021, dogs are not allowed on the beaches from 9:00 AM until after 7:00 PM. Don't forget to license your dog, make sure the dog license is attached to its collar and your dog is wearing the collar. Dogs are not permitted on Town beaches on Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day, September 10, 2021. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiorne State Park.

**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 each smaller group. Drivers remember there are others on the road. Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy.

**It is time to get your 2021 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, Rye Beaches are strictly NO ALCOHOL.** Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol, including alcoholic beverages in plastic cups.



Remember if you start doing

what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible. The officers thank you everyone for supporting all town employees during these challenging times.

Kevin Walsh  
Chief of Police

## Public Works Update



### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection:

Due to the Corona Virus, last year's HHW collection was canceled. This year's collection is tentatively scheduled for the month of July, with additional operating hours on the day of the event.

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

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

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

### Road Pavement Condition

**Survey:** Rye Public Works recently contracted for a second study of the condition of every mile of town-maintained road pavement within the town limits. This was the second time a pavement condition survey has been conducted by Street Scan Inc. The survey was performed by driving a van equipped with cameras and sensors, which automatically photographs, measures, and analysis the pavement surface for cracks, potholes,

distortion, rutting, patches, rideability, weathering and raveling. All this information is analyzed and quantified by computer and a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is automatically calculated for each individual road segment, from cross street to cross street. The PCI index runs from a brand-new road surface of 100 to a broken up and failed pavement surface of 0.

The first survey was conducted in 2015 and determined the Town's average PCI was 76, a good solid C. The second survey conducted last year determined the average PCI is 69, a D+ or C- depending on what school you attended. This reflects a deterioration of 7 points over the last five years, during which the average yearly road paving expenditure was approximately \$300,000.

The next part of the road study is to manipulate the analysis system's software to determine what yearly expenditure it would require to meet the Select Board's tentative goal of obtaining a PCI of 85, a good solid B. This analysis will be conducted this year for future budgets.

After determining a yearly budget expenditure, the system software, utilizing the pavement condition survey, and traffic considerations will establish a multi-year road maintenance program which will identify which roads should receive improvement, what the improve strategy should be, and approximately when it should be implemented.

It is anticipated the revised road maintenance program will be ready for implementation in 2022. Until that time the Select Board has approved a 25% budget increase over prior year expenditures.

### 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; Pounds of Sand Applied per Lane Mile - 0; Average Yearly Snow Accumulation Anticipated - 68 inches; Average Yearly Number of Call Out Winter Events Anticipated - 21; Cost of Salt per Ton - \$55 Untreated / \$65 Treated; Average Tons of Salt Used Each Year

# Public Works

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

Dennis McCarthy  
Public Works Director

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector Update

Hope everyone is staying safe. Just a reminder, Town Clerk/Tax Collector's hours are Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Sorry for the inconvenience. We highly urge residents to use our online service at [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) click on the icon and follow the instructions. You may mail-in or drop off in our black mailbox located in the lobby of the Town Hall. Please enclose a stamp self-addressed envelope. We accept cash, check or credit card. When paying by credit or debit card, remember there is a 2.79% credit card fee; which goes to the credit card company.

Beach Parking Permits are on sale at the Town Clerk's office, which go into effect May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring in your vehicle registration and form of payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each permit requested. Beach stickers are for property owners and full-time rentals. Your status as a resident or property owner will be verified before the Beach Parking Permit is issued.

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

The Town Election has been postponed until July 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to vote absentee, forms are online or you may pick one up at the Town Clerk's office. To register to

vote or change your party affiliation you will have to come to the Town Clerk's office.

You will have to come to the Town Clerk's office for New Vehicle Registrations. Remember, it is winter and cold outside which we social distance and only allow two parties in the town hall. Make sure you bring all proper papers. If you purchased the vehicle from a NH Dealership you will need the Title Application, Private Sale you will need the Title (2000 and newer) and all owners must be present, 1999 and older will need a Bill of Sale with either a previous NH Registration or VIN verification. If you have any questions, please call the town clerk's office. Boat Registrations, which renewals are sent out by the State, may be renewed at our office for an additional \$5.00 fee.

Delinquent tax and sewer notice have been sent out. All 2000 unpaid tax or sewer, will be lien on August 1, 2021. All unpaid 2019 liens, which is for unpaid 2018 taxes, will be deeded on November 1, 2021. Please call our office if you have any questions and interest due on late payments.

Spring will soon be here. Take a walk on the beach, trails, or just walk or bike on the side of the road. Be careful and stay safe.

Stay safe and follow CDC guidelines.

Donna DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

### Planning Board Update

On the threshold of Spring, the Planning Board has been busy reviewing applications, and will be scheduling its first 2021 site walk in early March.

A minor 3-lot subdivision at 711 Long John Road by JAK Nadeau Revocable Trust is nearing the culmination of the approval process. The Applicants, and their team, have

aligned the project with the revised Land Development Regulations which include more extensive stormwater management standards to protect and safeguard the general health, safety, and welfare of the Town. Included are five bio-retention/rain gardens to collect, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff so that post development flows will not exceed those which now exist. While meeting the technical aspects of the development, the Applicants have committed to preserving the natural environment through voluntary buffers including a 10' wide "no tree cutting" buffer along its northern boundary, landscaping to include installation of over 160 trees, and reduction of impervious surfaces.

A major site development plan has been accepted for property at 33 Sagamore Road, by Bluestone Properties of Rye. A public hearing and site walk are expected for early March. Previously home to the Foye family farm, the plans incorporate building a historically accurate farmstead to house a farm-to-table program. The farm's land will support herb, vegetable and edible flower gardens, as well as native plants. In support of a food centric curriculum, the farm will house culinary resources, and serve as a site for small events such as farm-to-table dinners, lectures, and weddings. Key aspects of the plan include:

- Stormwater management through low impact development techniques including a wetland pollinator garden, a retention pond, and permeable pavers, to enhance infiltration.
- Dark sky friendly lighting
- A fire suppression system to reduce burden on emergency services, and municipal sewer and water services from City of Portsmouth

A major 4 lot subdivision is proposed at 850 Washington Road by Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc. for Michael Fecteau to subdivide the current lot. The property is in the Aquifer and Wellhead District and the Berry's Brook Watershed. The application which proposes 4 residential lots with a road, is not yet complete.





# JULY 4TH FACES OF RYE PHOTO CONTEST 2021

To celebrate Independence Day, the Town of Rye is hosting a photography contest. We want you to capture patriotic faces of Rye and the spirit of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Participation is our aim and selected photos will be shown in a Town of Rye July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

## OFFICIAL RULES

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

The entrant and subject(s) must be affiliated with the Town of Rye (resident, business, organization). The contest is free to enter and open to both amateur and professional photographers.

### 2. CONTEST DEADLINE

The contest commences on Monday, April 12, 2021 and ends on Sunday, May 9, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Submissions will not be accepted after the deadline.

### 3. ENTRY

The entry form is available on the Town of Rye Website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) If under the age of 18, the consent of guardian section of the entry form must be completed. Submit the entry form and photo via email to [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)



The photo can be taken by a cell phone or camera, but **must be taken horizontally and not vertically**, and the clarity must be 300 dpi or higher image quality. Selfies welcomed!

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, a model release form from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian is to be submitted to the Town of Rye (unless photographed in a public setting). The model release form is available on the Town of Rye Website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

Submission of an entry grants the Town of Rye and third parties authorized by sponsor the exclusive, royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual right to publish, use, edit, adapt, modify, excerpt, and/or copy the photograph(s) for any and all purposes in any and all media currently in existence or hereafter developed without compensation to the entrant, which includes, but is not limited to, the right to publish the photograph(s) in the Town of Rye July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Video on YouTube (including any other related websites and social media platforms).

If using the American flag in your photo, please use proper etiquette. Do not place an American flag on the subject, the ground, or any object and do not place anything on the flag.

### 4. AWARDS

First, second and third place awards will be chosen as well as honorable mention.

### 5. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information contact Lee Arthur at [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us) or (603) 964-6281.

# RYE RECREATION

## TENTATIVE SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS



Rye Recreation hopes to offer the following programs this spring and summer following the State of New Hampshire COVID-19 reopening guidance. At this time the programming has **not** been confirmed due to the inability to acquire the use of facilities and/or instructors. However, as time progresses it is anticipated that confirmation maybe acquired and we wanted you to be aware of our efforts as we try to reopen.

We do plan on releasing a completed program schedule by April 19, 2021 and holding our Spring and Summer Programs Sign-up Commencement on May 3, 2021 for most programs. By that time we hope to have made all adjustments to the preliminary offerings below and know if the programs can or can not be offered.

The **Summertime Horyezons Day Camp** is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. The tentative dates are June 28-August 13, 2021, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F. This year the camp will be open to full-day campers only.

The fee for week 2 is \$144/wk with no camp on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The fee for weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 is \$180/wk. The schedule is as follows: Week 1, June 28-July 2, Under the Sea; Week 2, July 6-9 with no camp on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Lego® Masters; Week 3, July 12-16, Over the Moon; Week 4, July 19-23, Down on the Farm; Week 5, July 26-30, Outdoor Discoveries; Week 6, August 2-6, Wet, Wild and Amusing!; Week 7, August 9-13, Games and Crafts Galore!

**Baseball Camp** is co-ed and held at the Rye Recreation Area. August 9-13, 2021, Gr. 2-6 Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: \$145/wk

### **Basketball Camp**

Week 1, June 28-July 2, 2021  
Gr. 1-2 Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Gr. 3-6 Boys, 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$115/wk  
Week 2, July 6-9, 2021 (no camp on July 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Gr. 3-6 Girls, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$92/wk

### **Lego® Robotics Programmer**

August 2-5, 2021, Gr. 1-6, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$95/wk (4 days)

### **Video Game Designer**

August 2-5, 2021, Gr. 3-6, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$95/wk (4 days)

**International Soccer Camp** is co-ed and held at the Rye Recreation Area.  
July 26-30, 2021, Gr. 1-8, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 4 yrs-K, 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Fee: 4 yrs-K: \$80/wk; Gr. 1-8: \$155/wk

**Youth Group Golf Lessons** are held at Pease Golf Course.

Week 1, July 12-16, 2021  
Week 2, August 9-13, 2021  
Gr. K-4, 8:00-8:45 a.m., and Gr. 5-12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$70/wk

### **Youth Group Surfing Lessons**

Gr. 6 and up, August 2-6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$225/wk

### **Group Tennis Lessons**

#### *Spring*

Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2021, Gr. K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Gr. 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Gr. 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$87 (6 lessons).

#### *Summer*

Wednesdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2021, Gr. K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Gr. 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Gr. 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$87 (6 lessons).

**Adult Group Golf Lessons (Co-ed)** are held at Pease Golf Course.

#### *Spring*

Session 1, Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Thursdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$140 (4 lessons).

**Women's Group Golf Lessons** are held at Pease Golf Course.

#### *Spring*

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Session 2, Tuesdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

#### *Summer*

Tuesdays, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2021, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$140 (4 lessons).

### **Adult Group Surfing Lessons**

Session 1, Tuesdays, June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2021, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Session 2, Tuesdays, July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2021, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons).

### **Adult Yoga & Meditation**

#### *Spring*

Tuesdays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2021, 10:30-12:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$82.50 (5 classes)

#### *Summer*

Tuesdays, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2021, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Fee: \$66 (4 classes).

**Fall Recreational Soccer League** is co-ed and open to 4 yrs – Gr. 4, Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 11 to October 16, 2021 at the Rye Recreation Area. The fee is \$50 for 1st registrant, \$45 for each additional registrant from the same family. Late fee of \$45 will apply to registrations received after the July 30, 2021 deadline.

For more information on spring and summer programming visit the Town of Rye website at [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us), call 964-6281 or e-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)

# Rye Public Library Events Spring 2021

*Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breath the air deeply again—Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)*

We are anxious to share outdoor space with the Rye community upon the return of Spring 2021! Between now and then, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our new catalog system. You can log in to search the catalog, place holds, and renew your materials from our website. Your library card number and last 4 digits of your phone # are your login and password. We'll continue to offer instruction and coaching—just call or e-mail the library. We'll also keep you updated on the exciting changes forthcoming next door to the RPL building!

## Ongoing Activities:

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

3/26 *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

4/30 *Shuggie* by Douglas Stuart

5/28 *The Devil and the Dark Water* by Stuart Turton

**Remote Access Programming:** via Zoom [or other platform as notified] watch for reservation details in our bi-weekly newsletter or on the RPL Website. Wednesdays at 6:30PM

3/21 *Virtual Tour of the Connecticut; New Hampshire's Greatest River*  
Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 PM

The largest river in New England rises in a small beaver pond near the Canadian border and flows over 400 miles through four states, falling 2,670 feet to the sea through America's only watershed-based national fish and wildlife refuge. Adair Mulligan leads an armchair tour of this great river in New Hampshire and Vermont, exploring its history and natural beauty through the seasons and among the communities that have sprung up along its banks.

## FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New members welcome!

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

Museum memberships supported by *The Friends*:

Children's Museum of NH, Dover

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester

Historic New England

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Museum of Science, Boston MA

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Ogunquit Museum of Art, ME

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Seacoast Science Center, Rye

NH State Parks parking pass

Woodman Museum, Dover

*Donated by the Friends of the Rye Public Library*

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



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

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

## **Rye Public Library Youth Department**

**Programming March – May 2021**

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

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

### **Youth Programs**

**Story Time for Toddlers & Preschoolers**

Thursdays 10:30am

**RPL Teen and Adult Writers' Group**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

6:00-8:00pm

**Chapter and Picture Book Bundles: request and pick-up! Call to request a curated collection on a favorite topic or by a favorite writer**

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month



# Planning Board Update

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Development resources before the PB include a range of development constraints such as soil conditions, geology and special considerations in the overall districts. Conditions of Approval (COAs) have been increasing over the years to address numerous factors such as those related to septic and environmental matters. This trend will not likely diminish. The COAs require intensive and ongoing oversight, review and reporting on the part of our Town resources including Planning, Building, DPW, Conservation and others. These integral and diligent efforts undertaken by Town staff provide a comprehensive benefit important to the well-being of our community. Thank you!

Patricia Losik, Chair  
Rye Planning Board

appointments. Working with our transportation coordinator, senior residents request either transportation to, from or both for medical appointments, Monday through Friday. Volunteer drivers pick the resident up at his or her home, drive to the appointment and then drive the resident home when the appointment is finished. Again the CDCs guidelines are always followed.

Hopefully we will be able to resume van service again in the near future. Until that time we will continue to be thankful to our dedicated volunteers for all the time and effort they have put forth to care for the seniors of our town. They have our gratitude.

If you are interested in volunteering with Rye Senior SERVE, please contact Jim Delaney at 603-436-6041 for more information.

Jim Delaney  
Rye Senior SERVE

from use to help create this important reserve area. Some of the unauthorized trails mentioned above are also in this area which is why we need to curtail their use and keep the reserve trail-free. It is important to wildlife to have undisturbed nesting areas in the spring and early summer. Consequently, it was decided to begin a one year trial program to require leashes on the Green Trail from March 15 to July 15 which is the prime nesting period. This should enable wildlife to have greater reproductive success. During that time there will be still miles of trails in the Town Forest where dogs can be off-leash as long as they are under control. Please respect the new rule. The RCC will evaluate the success of the program after this year.

Last year the Conservation Commission adopted rules concerning tree stands that are on the conservation properties that allow hunting. The rules are basically the same as the rules on New Hampshire Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Tree stands must be identified with the owner's name, address and telephone number. They must be temporary and not bolted or nailed to the tree. And finally, portable tree stands and blinds shall be erected only between August 1 and January 31. The RCC wishes to thank hunters for their compliance and remind them that their stands must be removed by January 31. If you haven't already, please remove your stands in February.

Francis "Mike" Garvan, Clerk  
Rye Conservation Commission

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## Rye Senior SERVE Update

While you may not have seen the Rye Senior SERVE van during the pandemic, that does not mean we have ceased all services to Rye seniors. Yes the protocols put in place to help mitigate the spread of the virus have curtailed some of our services, but our volunteers are still finding ways to help our senior residents during this difficult time.

Distancing guidelines required us to temporarily discontinue our traditional weekly van service for grocery and pharmacy shopping. In order to ensure that those seniors who relied on this service still were able to obtain the groceries they needed, our volunteers have been shopping for them on an individual basis. Working one on one, they compile shopping lists, purchase needed items and deliver those items to the senior's residence, always adhering to the CDCs guidelines on social distancing.

Additionally, our individual driving volunteers are still providing transportation to and from medical

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## Conservation Commission Update

The Rye Town Forest has seen increased use during the pandemic as people enjoyed getting out of the house and spending time outdoors. However, some people are venturing off the designated trails and creating their own paths in the forest. The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) would like to remind everyone that they must stay on the authorized trails. There are over 3 ½ miles of designated trails in the Town Forest which provide an extensive variety of hikes to choose from.

The recently updated forest management plan for the Town Forest calls for the recognition of a 60 acre trail-free area in the interior of the Green Trail. This area will be managed with the primary goal of allowing wildlife to flourish without disturbance from humans and their pets. We are fortunate to have such an expanse of land within the forest. The RCC has retired the old "middle trail"

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## Historic District Commission Update

The Historic District Commission [HDC] has been entrusted with the stewardship of the historic properties in the Rye Town Center. Outside of the District, it is true that property owners may demolish historic houses, scattered all over Rye, unless there is zoning which prevents the demolition. It is also true that one of the great

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appeals of this community is its distinguished architecture. Those who care about historic preservation recognize that not all such buildings can be saved. In 2009, community concerns, about the growing trend of demolition of historic properties in Rye, led to voters' authorization of a Demolition Review Committee to review all applications for demolition and conduct a public hearing if the structure is deemed historically significant. The Rye Demolition Review Committee can delay and document historic features, but cannot prevent demolition. The HDC serves the same function in the District but can not only delay but also can prevent demolition. The latter authority was challenged by the law suit brought against the Town of Rye to prevent the Select Board from demolishing the Second Parsonage, in the District. The Court ruled that the Select Board could proceed under the state law which gives the Select Board authority beyond the scope of local land use boards. It turns out that the lawsuit, although expensive for the town, was serendipitous.

The HDC in 2019 applied for and received a grant to fund a preservation expert to prepare an inventory of the history and condition of the Second Parsonage for state and eventual federal recognition. The New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources determined that the Second Parsonage building had been altered and neglected over the past century and the building could not qualify as historic, although the site could. As this finding was consistent with professional appraisals that it was the land, not the building, which had any value, the building was taken down. The open space created the first-time opportunity for the HDC to consider the requirements for approval of new construction in the District. The members of the Commission, particularly guided by member-builder, Daryl Kent, on construction details held two Public Hearings on the application for construction on the former parsonage

site. Public input and member suggestions were well-received by the applicant, Dan Philbrick. Ultimately a unanimous approval was granted.

The HDC approval of the new construction was not the end of the story because it was not the end of the litigation. The compromise which evolved was a confluence of interests. The Town acquired the TD bank building with an acre+ of land to provide a safer workplace for some of its employees and to provide its residents with easier access to town services. The decade-long struggle to find a solution to the space needs of the Town Hall is resolved. The Town Hall will be made ADA compliant for the employees there and those who have business with the town. The Town Hall will be enhanced with greater meeting space, so needed in our community. The Conservation Commission acquired land to merge with the Town Forrest for community enjoyment. The Library obtained an enhanced viewing quarter and open space for library and public use and events. The HDC retains stewardship over the open space created in our Town Center, to be developed in cooperation with the Library Trustees and the members of the Town Center Committee and the Select Board.

Alex Herlihy, Chairman  
Rye Historic District Commission

Mae Bradshaw  
Select Board Representative

## Rye Heritage Commission Update

One of the roles of the Heritage Commission is the management and preservation of historic structures and properties in the town. In keeping with this objective, we are undertaking an effort to refurbish a gazebo, which originally sat on what was the property of the Ocean Wave Hotel. The gazebo was donated to the town by the current owner, Doug Palardy. The gazebo is now placed on the grassed area behind the Town Hall,

where it remains.

Continuing the subject on preservation, the Commission again, submitted a grant proposal to The New Hampshire Land Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), aimed at restoring the monumental windows in the Town Hall. While, the proposal was unaccepted, the Commission remains committed to working with the town to maintain and preserve the building.

In addition to Town Hall projects, the Commission completed a record of the town graveyards, and it is now posted on the Town website. We continue to encourage residents to adopt graveyards. Thank you to all who have volunteered thus far! Please reach out if you are interested in adopting a graveyard. Feel free to contact me, Phil Walsh, with any questions or interest you may have, by email at [walshrye@gmail.com](mailto:walshrye@gmail.com).

Representatives from the various Rye preservation committees and organizations (i.e., the Rye Heritage Commission, the Historic District Commission, the Demolition Review Committee and the Rye Historical Society) have begun meeting informally under the moniker of the "Historic Structures Task Force" for the purpose of trying to accomplish the following short and long term goals:

- Identifying and cataloging structures of historical significance built from 1900-1950+/-.
- Digitizing and providing access to the voluminous information already available about pre-1900 structures.
- Providing basic historical information (or where to find such information) to homeowners of all periods about their home so that they will take a greater interest in preserving that history and perhaps even recognizing it with a plaque, a listing on the State or National Historic Registers or by other means meant to highlight the importance of so many of the structures in Rye.
- Exploring financial incentives that might be available (or that are worth trying to get implemented)

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which will encourage owners to preserve the historic nature of their homes/buildings instead of demolition and/or period altering renovations.

This is viewed as a long term project, but one which everyone on the task force feels is critically important if Rye is to retain its small town character and historic fabric that have attracted people to our town for generations. All ideas are welcome and you can email them to David Choate at [david.choate@colliers.com](mailto:david.choate@colliers.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

Last, but certainly not least, we are excited to announce the Town Hall has been placed on The National Register of Historic Places. Having this distinction opens the door for future grants aimed at preserving the building; as well as serves as a wonderful recognition of the building's historic significance.

Best wishes that 2021 is a healthy and prosperous new year!

Philip Walsh, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

### Rye Energy Committee Update

The Energy Committee met with the Select Board on February 8th to discuss developments in Community Power and pending state legislative bills regarding energy. Specifically House Bill 315 proposes significant changes to the electric aggregation law, RSA 53-E, passed in 2019. If HB 315 were to pass it would eliminate many of the advantages the law offers. The Committee asked, and the Select Board agreed, to sign a letter opposing the bill addressed to the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee.

Based on the outcome of this bill, the Energy Committee plans to offer an opportunity for Rye residents to vote on a Community Power warrant article in 2022. Community

Power would allow the Town to aggregate the electric use of all residents to purchase electricity in bulk. This would allow us to obtain better rates and have more control over how and where our power is made.

The LED lighting upgrade projects are underway. These upgrades improve lighting and reduce energy use with a payback of 3-4 years. The Library lighting upgrade was completed on February 5. The Garage and Recycling Building upgrades should be complete by the time you read this. The Committee will be asking to upgrade the Public Safety Building lighting next.

Eversource reduced its electric supply rate by 6% in January from 7.068 to 6.627 cents per kWh. This is their second reduction in a year and will be in place until July when it will likely change again. There are still some Town buildings, street lights, water and sewer facilities that use competitive suppliers charging more than Eversource. The Committee asked if these accounts could be switched to Eversource.

If you find you pay more than the Eversource rate, first call your current supplier listed on your bill to confirm there would be no penalty to switch, then call Eversource to ask them to switch your service. You can compare electric rates from all suppliers on this NH PUC webpage <https://tinyurl.com/y77ux45e>. You may find there are lower rates offered to residential customers. Be sure to read the fine print as some are for short terms and may have cancellation fees.

There will be a warrant article on the ballot in July for the Rye school solar project. The plan is to install solar panels on the roofs of the elementary and middle schools. The Energy Committee plans to offer an on-line presentation for residents to learn more about the project. The tentative date for the presentation is Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 PM. Check our Facebook page closer to the date for the details.

There is some good news for those who are considering installing solar panels. Part of the

federal spending package signed at the end of 2020 included an extension of the solar investment tax credit (ITC). It had been scheduled to drop from 26% to 22% in 2021, but now will stay at 26% for two more years.

There is still another committee position open so if you're interested in joining please contact us from the Town website.

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

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

Life is slowly coming back and with spring coming everyone will want to be outside (at a safe distance) and cleaning up the yard, the garage, and sprucing up the house. Anything that is still usable after cleaning out the garage and house can be brought to a number of recycling center in the area such as Good Will, Salvation Army, Restore, Saver, etc... But please call first to any of these places to see what they are taking at that time.

Any yard work such as leaves, brushes, and road salt can be brought to the Transfer Station and disposed of there. There are sections out in the back for leaves, grass clippings, and branches. If you have any questions about where to put waste ask one of the attendants at the Transfer Station.

Here are a couple of ideas for starting a garden indoors using 2-liter bottles, before the ground is warm enough for planting outdoors. Cut the bottom third off 2-liter plastic bottles fill with dirt and start seeds in the bottle bottoms. It's a good way of showing kids how to start a garden. Try making a vertical garden by using 2-liter plastic bottles. Put the bottles on their side, take a section out of the bottle (so it looks like a dugout canoe), drill holes towards both ends, slide strong twine or thin rope through, fill with dirt, and hang on the wall. These ideas can be found on the internet by typing "20 Ways to Reuse and Recycle Empty Plastic Bottles."

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One more idea is to use recycled glass jars (such as spaghetti sauce, pickles, salsa, etc.) to build terrariums or for refrigerating herbs.

### We need your help!

The Rye Recycling Education Committee still has openings for more members. We will be meeting at the Rye Public Library once it's safe to have in person meetings again. All interested residents will be encouraged to attend.



John Provencher, Co-Chairman  
Rye Recycling Education Committee

## Sewer Department - Important Sewer System Notice



*(Roger Philbrick at Church Road Pump Station 2/12/2021)*

The Town of Rye Sewer Department experiences operational problems with the sewage pumping stations when products and materials are discharged from property owners to the Town of Rye public sewer mains. We recently experienced this at Church Road Pump Station. Rags caused damage to one of the pumps and the wet well needed to be pumped and cleaned prematurely, ultimately financially impacting users.

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

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

household to follow proper grease handling steps.

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

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

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

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



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There is an easy way to prevent sewer problems and it boils down to one main effort: Do NOT put things down your pipes that should not go down them. For more information contact the Sewer Department by phone at 964-6815 or by email at [sewer@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:sewer@town.rye.nh.us).



Lee Arthur  
Sewer Administrator

## Rye Historical Society News

Through special exhibits and regular programs and museum hours, the society aims to engage people in the vital aspects of Rye's history so that current issues may be better understood, and future plans respect the natural and human history of the town.

**Programs Update:** Join us weekly for **History Happy Hour** on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. on our YouTube Channel! Information on the website. Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming 2021 virtual programming.

Curious about **Genealogy**? Individuals who are interested in exploring their Rye roots are invited to meet with others on Zoom the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend – the link is on the calendar on our website. Questions or wish to have a phone number to call in with? Contact us by email at [info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org).

**Museum Visits:** If you'd like to visit the **Town Museum**, email us at [info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org). We'll have someone meet you there!

**Collection Update:** Great progress is being made on our project to catalogue our collection. Thanks to Lew Karabatsos, Debbi Toohey, Linda Lemelin and Mary Beth Clifford for the hard work!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you have an object, documents or photographs you would like us to

consider adding to our collection, please send an email to [info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalssociety.org), attn Lew Karabatsos. We will be in touch to discuss your item!

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

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

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

Janet Clarkson Davis, President  
Rye Historical Society

## Rye Water District News

**Annual Meeting Date Change:** The district annual meeting date has been changed from the last Saturday in March to Saturday May 22. The place for the meeting has not been determined at this time. Further information will be available on the RWD website.

**Drought Conditions Update:** Rye and most of the state of NH has been in some type of drought condition since the latter part of last spring. To compound the issue the RWD has seen record water usage over the past year. Even at this time of year, the Rye area remains in a moderate drought condition. We encourage residents to continue to monitor usage and to be mindful of water conservation.

**Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects:** The RWD is moving forward with two system improvement projects; the Garland Road pump house refurbishment and Wallis Road waterline replacement. The Garland Road pump house project consists of

providing for system improvements focusing on electrical modifications and updates, safety improvements, and energy efficient components. Work on the project started with anticipated construction to start in early spring. The Wallis Road waterline replacement project starts at the intersection of Ocean Boulevard running west up Wallis Road approximately 1000 feet to the vicinity of Park Ridge Drive. This project will address several issues in this area; valves at the Wallis Rd/Ocean Blvd connection are in need of replacement, the waterline runs close to the Red Roof market building (within several feet of the foundation) and needs to be moved further away for safety reasons, iron waterline through the marsh needs to be replaced with HDPE material for better corrosion resistance, and the water line size needs to be increased from 8 inch dia. to 12 inch dia. to improve water flow in the area. Work for this project is anticipated to begin either this spring or fall, to avoid the summer traffic impacts.

**Water Rates:** Beginning in April 2021, water rates will increase by an average of 2.75% for water usage over the basic annual 50,000-gallon allotment for each home/unit. The basic allotment rate (first 50,000 gallons) will not be increased. For current rates, please visit [RyeWaterDistrict.com](http://RyeWaterDistrict.com) or call the business office at 436-2596 for a rate sheet.

**RWD Office Access:** Due to the continuing issues associated with Covid-19 the RWD Commissioners ask that patrons minimize accessing the RWD office located on Sagamore Road. If it is necessary to talk to District personal, we ask that you please call or e-mail first to try to address any questions or concerns. If it becomes necessary to visit the office, we ask that you please wear a mask.

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

Rye Water District Commissioners,  
Tom Clifford  
Art Ditto  
Ralph Hickson

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

**Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday**

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

## March 2021

	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>2</b> 3:00 pm Energy Committee	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Select Board	<b>9</b> 8:00 am Sewer Commission 6:00 pm Planning Board	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 3:30 pm Heritage Commission 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Beach Committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Select Board	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road			

## April 2021

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<b>4</b> Easter	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>6</b> 3:00 pm Energy Committee	<b>7</b> 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>8</b> 3:30 pm Heritage Commission 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Recreation Commission	<b>4</b> 3:00 pm Energy Committee	<b>5</b> 9:00am Rye Water District 60 Sagamore Road 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Mother's Day	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Select Board	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Sewer Commission 6:00 pm Planning Board	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:30 pm Heritage Commission 7:00 pm Conservation Commission	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Rye Water District Work Session 60 Sagamore Road	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Rye Water District Annual Meeting 10:00 am
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Select Board	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day Town Offices Closed					

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, 7 pm at the Library

## Rye Deliberative Session & Election Update

The Town of Rye Deliberative Session, that was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2021, was POSTPONED, in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order No. 83, to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at a location to be determined.

The Town of Rye Election and the Rye School District Election, currently scheduled for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, has been POSTPONED, in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order No. 83, to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at the Rye Elementary School.

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# 2021 Town of Rye Memorial Day Ceremony

*In observance of 2021 Memorial Day, the Town of Rye will release a video on the Town of Rye Website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) on Monday, May 31, 2021. There will be no in person gathering.*



*Rye Recreation*

### **Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest**

Calling on all young artist and writers to participate in the 2021 Memorial Day Poster and Writing Contest. Design a Memorial Day Poster, on what Memorial Day means to you, using a pencil, colored pencil, crayon and/or marker (participants must currently be in grades K, 1, 2, or 3) or compose an original poem or essay, 20 lines or fewer, in any style on what Memorial Day means to you (participants must currently be in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8). One prize will be awarded per grade. Submit drawings, poems or essays by Sunday, April 4, 2021, 11:59 p.m. in the form of an e-mail or attachment to [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us) (include your name, phone number, address, grade, age and teacher) or mail to Rye Recreation, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. For more information contact 964-6281.

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