



# Town of Rye Newsletter



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**Be Sure to Vote on Tuesday, March 10th  
Town and School Election, Rye Elementary School, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

## Selectmen's Message:

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN?

Warrant Article 7 calls for the Exchange of the Town owned Parsonage property for the TD Bank

**Check out the Seven Questions and Answers on the proposed exchange below:**

**Q1. What does the proposed exchange of the Town Owned Parsonage for the privately owned TD Bank mean when it is described as at par?**

A1: The Parsonage with its +- 0.4 acre of land, 8 parking spaces, and the small carriage house is appraised at highest and best use for \$390,000. This property will be exchanged for the TD Bank building (appraised at \$605,000) with its 3.71 acres of land and 21 parking spaces on an even basis with no money involved. (Pending approval by the voters, at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Town Election)

**Q2. What will the exchange ultimately end up costing the Town?**

A2: The exchange is to be made at *par* meaning that there will be no monetary exchange made at the time of transfer. However, there will be funds necessary for the transfer of title, survey and necessary fees due to change of ownership. As the trolley barn is now slated to be sold, a portion of the proceeds will be used for the renovation of the TD Bank. At this time the architectural firm of Barba & Wheelock is working on a layout of the TD Bank building as well as associated construction costs to renovate. However, prior to expending any of the proceeds from the sale of the trolley barn, in excess of \$25,000, the Board has committed to holding a joint public meeting with the Budget Committee in order to hear recommendations.

**Q3. Why is the exchange being brought to the voters?**

A3: The Parsonage is in disrepair and would cost the Town well over \$500,000 to bring up to safety standards. Mr. Philbrick, the current owner of the TD Bank, has contracted to invest \$850,000 in the Parsonage and has committed that if he invests less that he will donate the difference to the Rye Library. In addition, Mr. Philbrick will create up to 8 apartments at the Parsonage site which he will rent at market pricing. The Town is in need of an additional 6 to 8 offices to solve the Town Hall space needs issue that we have been working on for the past nine years. The TD Bank will provide the needed additional office space for Town Hall employees, as well as a drive up window which will allow residents with mobility issues or young parents with children the option to conduct their Town related business through the drive up window.

**Q4. How many Town employee offices can be housed at the TD Bank, what are the estimated refurbishing costs, and how will it be funded?**

A4: There are currently four offices in the Bank building and space for two desks in front of the drive up window. In addition, there is space to construct two additional offices in the areas where the bank vaults were

which will give us a total of eight office spaces. At this time the architectural firm of Barba & Wheelock is working on a layout of the TD Bank building as well as associated construction costs to renovate. Warrant Article # 9 calls for setting up a Municipal Buildings Construction & Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. The Trolley Barn is being appraised and will be sold with the proceeds going into this fund. The renovation for the TD Bank will be paid for out of this fund. However, prior to expending any of the proceeds from the sale of the trolley barn, in excess of

**TOWN REPORTS AVAILABLE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD**

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye for the year 2019 will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 3rd 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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\$25,000, the Board has committed to holding a joint public meeting with the Budget Committee in order to hear recommendations.

## **Q5. How will the shared septic system work? How will the usage be pro-rated? Will there be capital cost built into the formula to reserve for system upgrade/replacement?**

A5: The septic system is under the parking lot and is shared by the Parsonage and the Historic Society building on the north east corner of the parcel. The HS building is open for a short period of time during the week so the usage is minimal. Thus, the overarching use of the system will be from the Parsonage. Rates will be measured by the amount of water discharged into the septic tank. Likewise, if and when the system needs to be repaired or replaced the same ratio will be applied to the cost of the repairs.

## **Q6. What are the advantages/conveniences of having some critical offices located at the bank?**

A6: There are currently four offices in the Bank building and space for two desks in front of the drive-up window. In addition, there is space to construct two additional offices in the areas where the bank vaults were which will give us a total of eight office spaces. At this time the architectural firm of Barba & Wheelock is working on a layout of the TD Bank building as well as associated construction costs to renovate. Warrant Article # 9 calls for setting up a Municipal Buildings Construction & Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. The Trolley Barn is being appraised and will be sold with the proceeds going into this fund. The renovation for the TD Bank will be paid for out of this fund. However, prior to expending any of the proceeds from the sale of the trolley barn, in excess of \$25,000, the Board has committed to holding a joint public meeting with the Budget Committee in order to hear recommendations.

## **Q7. Are there plans for the remainder of the 3.71 acres of land behind the TD Bank building?**

A7: Following the Town Charrette conducted in 2019, the Selectmen chartered a Town Center Committee to look at all Town owned buildings and land in the center of Town. If the Parsonage/TD Bank exchange is passed by the voters, the Town Center Committee will be asked to work on recommendations for use of this land (Conservation, Rye Junior High playing fields, etc.)

**Town Hall Update:** The Architectural Design Firm of Barba & Wheelock, are currently working on a re-design of the Town Hall building to make the building ADA compliant and to develop cost estimates to do so. We are hoping to have both the proposed redesign and cost estimate in March. If the TD Bank is acquired by the Town, as part of warrant articles 7, 8, and 9, it appears that we can have eight separate offices available there for use by the Town. This will then allow us to vacate the second floor of the Town Hall where it can be used for meeting rooms, Town social functions, and Town presentations.

**Sewer Expansion Update:** As a follow up on the progress made toward the Washington Road sewer expansion, here is where we stand. The same group of owners of large properties have verbally pledged approximately \$1.250 million toward the estimated final expense of \$2.7 million. We are attempting to secure the remainder from others who own smaller properties and from Federal resources.

Preliminary plans have been coordinated through NH DOT and an engineering company. An inter-municipal agreement between the Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth has been presented to the newly elected Portsmouth City Council who is examining the feasibility of accepting the increase flow from the affected area. The Portsmouth city engineer is confident that there are no significant issues in this regard. The legal and engineering work is largely done.

The remaining financing is the most critical item that needs to be secured. This project is time critical and if the remaining issues cannot be resolved in the next few months then there will be a delay.

**Rye Day Update:** Annual town celebrations have a long history in New England. Rye is no stranger to such events, including harvest festivals of the 1700's and 1800's and those inspired by the Bi-Centennial in the 1970's and 80's. The last such festivity occurred early in this century, inspired by the Rye Junior High "Our Town" program.

For the last few years, several people in town have discussed reviving such an annual day to celebrate the town and with the success of the Goss Farm Day this past September, we are planning the following town wide Rye Day event.

Rye Day will be held on Sunday, September 27 (rain date Oct. 4). A beach-cleanup may be scheduled for the morning (let's see if we can make the paper and get a large group of residents to participate) followed by a parade in Rye Center at 11:15 AM followed by events in Parsons Field (11 AM – 3 PM) including food trucks and booths for all public (town and school) and non-profit groups in town. Departments, boards and commissions as well as the schools and various related groups and non-profit organizations will showcase what they do, share information and engage with the public. Groups and Rye businesses who have a physical location are strongly encouraged to participate at their own site with featured activities. The Rye Day Committee will prepare an "event card" listing all events throughout town. Several groups are already planning activities such as the historical society museum which will be open all day with demonstrations and activities as well as a special Rye history trolley tour. Goss Farm will be participating with a variety of possible activities that may include a farmer's market, barn and garden tours, artists and crafts people selling their creations, etc.

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If you belong to a town or school group, Rye volunteer group or Rye business and would like to participate, please contact the Rye Day Committee at [RyeDayNH@gmail.com](mailto:RyeDayNH@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The number and scope of events will depend on the interest of the group to plan and the volunteers they can muster. The Rye Day Committee will keep track of the overall plan and oversee the event and who is participating. Each group/organization is responsible for organizing and carrying out their own activity.

Follow the Town of Rye Facebook page (search for "Town of Rye, NH") for more details on Rye Day as it develops!

**Rye Harbor Dredging:** Following two years of work by the Town, users of the Harbor, and our Congressional Delegation the Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released their 2020 fiscal year work plan which includes \$4 million to complete dredging work for Rye Harbor. A formal work plan will be forthcoming, however all indications are that the dredging will begin in the fall of 2020 and be completed by March of 2021.

Rye Harbor was last dredged thirty years ago, in 1990, and has severe shoaling. The shoaling is negatively impacting our fisherman, lobstermen, whale watch tour boat, and recreational boater's access to the Harbor as well as the economic engine that the Harbor generates for the seacoast. Special thanks to Senator Shaheen and her staff for their work in obtaining the funding and obtaining the commitment from the Corps to make this happen.

**FACEBOOK:** Follow the Town of Rye on Facebook and stay current on town events and news. Search "Town of Rye, NH".

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

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Message

Thank you for all who came out to vote on February 11<sup>th</sup> for the Presidential Primary. Town Election will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rye Elementary School. Absentee Ballot applications can be printed off the Town Website or picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

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>. For 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.

First issue 2020 Property Tax bills will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is the taxpayers responsibility who escrow their taxes to forward a copy of the tax bill to their mortgage company. Property tax bills are perforated, if you are paying by mail and would like a paid receipt, please mail in the full bill along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. When mailing in your payment if 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 to drop tax payments. Payments can also be made online by going to the Town of Rye Website and clicking on the red icon and follow the instructions. We accept cash, check or credit card for payment. Remember when paying by credit card there is a fee of 2.79% which would reflect on your credit card statement.

First issue Sewer Bills have been mailed and are due on March 6<sup>th</sup>. 2020 Tax Liens for all unpaid 2019 Tax and Sewer bills will be placed on August 1, 2020. Please call my office for the interest due on any outstanding bills. Deeding for 2018 Tax Liens will be on October 1, 2020. If you have any questions, contact my office so we may assist you.

**PLEASE NOTE: JUNE 2, 2020 is the last day to change party affiliation and register to vote before the State Primary.** Please come by the Clerk's office. State Primary Election Day is September 8<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> is General Election Day.

Donna M. DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Message from the Police Chief

Warmer weather is approaching and people will be walking their dogs on the beach, riding bicycles and walking/running on our roads. Please be courteous and understanding. Our roads will be busier than normal on a great weather day/evening.

Thank you to the parents who drop off and pick up their children at the Junior High. They are driving past the school, turning around at Grange Park then entering the school parking lot. This has helped the morning and afternoon commute to keep moving without creating a traffic jam. Please check to make sure your child has his or her seatbelt buckled. Some children leave their backpacks on and are not connecting the seatbelt properly. Officers continue to find children not buckled.

As a reminder, please pick up after your dog. Thanks to the residents who remind others to clean up after their dogs.

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## Police Chief's Message

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Beginning on the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 23, 2020), dogs are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 9:00AM -7:00PM Sunday through Friday and 9:00AM-9:00PM on Saturdays.

Beach permits for vehicles: Please get your 2020 permit and put it on the driver's side rear windshield in the lower, left hand corner. If heading to the beach in a convertible, make sure your top is up when you exit the vehicle so that your permit is displayed. If your rear windshield goes down, please make sure your permit is visible when you head to the beach. Parking is regulated May 1 through October 1 per town ordinance. Please remember that the beaches of Rye are dry - NO ALCOHOL. Town ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol (and glass bottles of any kind).

Do not leave electronic devices, wallets and/or purses in your vehicle. Theft reports are showing these are the items frequently being taken. Lock your vehicle, no matter where you park, and if your valuables are out of sight, your vehicle will likely not be targeted.

Scams are still very active! Most times we get reports of phone scams or computer scams. To report a scam or fraud, contact the Rye Police. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission at [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or 1-877-FTC-HELP, the internet Crime Complaint Center (if internet related) at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (if mail related) at [postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov) or 877-876-2455. You can also go to [stopfraud.gov](http://stopfraud.gov) for more information.

Kevin Walsh  
Police Chief

## Message From Rye Fire & Rescue

As we transition from the winter heating season, woodstoves and sweaters to warmer weather and outdoors it is important to shift our thinking to spring fire safety. Here are a few tips:

For most of us, cooking on the grill is a 3 season activity.

Please remember to:

- Thoroughly inspect all parts of your grill at the beginning of the season and periodically throughout the year. Replace parts as necessary.
- Use your grill away from buildings and decks. If your grill does malfunction you will be glad it is not near your house.
- Clean your grill regularly so the fats and grease won't catch fire. This will also help your food taste better.
- Finally, don't leave your grill unattended while cooking.

When performing the outside spring cleanup, remember to keep all dry/dead vegetation and leaves a good distance away from your house and out buildings. A wind-driven brush fire can move fast extending the fire to buildings if this dry fuel remains.

Outdoor burning includes burning brush, having a small cooking fire, portable fire pit or a small campfire on your property.

- In all of these circumstances you will need a permit from Rye Fire Rescue.
- Cooking fires, camp fires and fire pits qualify for a seasonal permit. This is a permit that is good for the year. Rye Fire Rescue may make a site visit as part of the permit process to help ensure the fire is in a safe location.
- Small beach fire permits are issued to Rye residents only. The fires must take place on the rocks and only in certain beach areas.

Other Rye Fire Rescue news:

- The pumper ladder ordered last year will be entering the assembly line soon with a planned May 2020 delivery date.
- Rye Fire Rescue received a \$173,333 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA-these are our air packs) federal grant last fall. This is allowing us to replace our current SCBA's which are nearing the end of their useful life. We will take delivery of our new equipment on March 3, 2020!
- In December, FF/Paramedic Mike Rivet traveled to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD for a 6-day incident command and control class. We are proud of Mike's accomplishment as only 2% of the nation's firefighters ever attend the NFA. FEMA covers most of the expense of such trips.



- In January, the Fire departments in Rye, North Hampton and Greenland began meeting for multi-town training sessions every other week. These in-service trainings are in addition to our current training and are a great way to develop proficiencies with our surrounding partners! Our first session (see photo) was on hydraulic friction loss followed by other sessions on chimney fires and propane/natural gas emergencies! We meet at Bethany Church which is optimally located to keep all departments in-service to their communities while training.



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A big thank you to Bethany Church for making this cooperative venture possible!

Mark Cotreau  
Fire Chief

## Message from Rye Senior SERVE

### Rye Senior SERVE Can Help You in Two Important Ways!

First, Rye Senior SERVE can help you manage your vital errands. Our friendly, caring drivers and volunteers will provide you with safe and dependable transportation. We will pick you up and drive you to:

- Shopping at Market Basket
- Breakfast at Hebert's
- Rite-AID
- TD BANK
- Medical appointments

Second, Rye Senior SERVE can also provide you with fun, social activities. Why sit at home when you can join us for:

- Lunch at local restaurants
- Current movies
- Trivia games
- Theatre outings
- Ice cream socials

Rye Senior SERVE also offers a daily wellness call program.

If you have questions about any of the programs or services provided by Rye Senior SERVE, please call one of the following numbers for more information.

- Rides to medical appointments, call 964-5633
- Rides for shopping, call 964-5523
- Rye Public Library visits, call 828-6669
- Daily wellness call service, call 964-5170

The Rye Senior SERVE volunteers who provide the services and programs listed above are all Rye residents.

Jim Delaney  
Rye Senior SERVE

## Empty Bowls at Rye Elementary School



### EMPTY BOWLS IS COMING TO RYE!

We hope the  
community will join us:

April 16, 2020  
6:00 PM

Rye Elementary School  
*Suggested donation:*  
\$10/per person  
\$40/per family

Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger. The concept of "Empty Bowls" was founded by a woman named Lisa Blackburn and an Art teacher named John Hartom in 1990 when they joined a drive to raise charitable funds in John's Michigan community. Hartom's students made ceramic bowls in art class which were used for a fundraising meal of soup and bread. People in attendance were able to keep the bowls. From this, the concept of "Empty Bowls" was created.

Rye Elementary is hosting our own Empty Bowls, and inviting the whole Rye community to our cafeteria to eat delicious soup out of handmade bowls - both created by students and community volunteers.

Local Artist in Residence, Amy Nolan, is volunteering her time to work with the Rye Elementary School Art teacher, Cindy Bean, to help students in grades 3-4 make pottery bowls for the event. Students in grades K-2 will be painting bowls that will be fired in the kiln.

### Can't attend but want to help?

Firefly Pottery located at 72 Mirona Rd in Portsmouth has offered to host anyone who would like to paint a bowl to donate to the event to stop by anytime. Grab some friends, coffee, favorite adult beverage and meet at Firefly

to paint and socialize with friends all for a GREAT CAUSE!

All proceeds from this event will go to Gather Food Pantry thanks to the generosity of the Rye Education Foundation along with the Rye PTA.

Rye Elementary  
Student Council

## Planning Board News

Two significant projects are before the Rye Planning Board (RPB): Conditional Use Permit and Major Site Development Application by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, with AT&T, for a wireless telecommunications facility at 68 Port Way, and a Major Site Development Plan by Altus Engineering for a 23 bed expansion of the nursing and assisted living facility, and expansions to the garage and activities room at Webster at Rye.

### Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, with AT&T

On February 18<sup>th</sup> a joint session with the Board of Adjustment will be held regarding the Cellco Partnership installation of a wireless telecommunications facility in the form of a 126' monopole and an equipment compound on property owned by the Town at 68 Port Way. A recent site walk on January 4<sup>th</sup> was well attended by abutters and residents; members of the Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Rye Conservation Commission, and the Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee; Town Attorney Michael Donovan, Planning Zone Administrator Kimberly Reed, and Verizon representatives.

Many facets of the project were discussed during the site walk including:

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- Location of wetlands and the 100' wetland buffer and the use of Best Management Practices for those resources
- Access to the site is via a limited easement access granted to the Town for the sole purpose of accessing the cell tower site. Such access over Port Way is for: forestry management, open space use of the lot by the owner, the Conservation Commission, and the cell tower site.
- Approximately 140' of the proposed roadway has been identified by the Building Inspector as being in the 100 year flood zone per 2005 maps
- Proposed tree cutting plan beyond the 50' by 50' equipment compound area. Trees protect the resource and the wetland buffer.
- Fencing and landscaping were discussed as methods to screen the view of the compound from Marsh Pond
- The location of the tower

Rannie Webster Foundation d/b/a Webster at Rye

The Webster at Rye Major Site Plan has been continued to March 10<sup>th</sup>. The project which includes three areas of expansion will include a 14,800 square foot one-story residential living addition to the west wing of the facility, the relocation of the activities room to a 2,420 square foot addition to the existing west wing, and an additional 1,120 square foot addition to the current garage. Important aspects of this project include a storm water management plan which will address practices to manage runoff to protect resources, and vigorous landscaping incorporated to reduce visual impacts to adjacent properties.

### Land Development Regulations

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Board approved the revised Land Development Regulations. The document has been reorganized for ease of use.

Updates to conform to current state and local requirements and EPA MS4 compliance have been incorporated. New content areas include Coastal Climate Adaptation and Resilience Standards, Landscaping Standards, Outdoor Lighting Standards, Post-Construction Storm Water Management, and Construction Site Runoff/Erosion and Sediment Control. Applicants for Preliminary Conceptual Consultations, Design Review Applications, and Subdivision and Site Plan Applications should review these important guidelines and seek guidance from the Planning Department. The Planning Board looks forward to working with applicants in connection with these improved standards.

Respectfully submitted  
Patricia Losik, Chairman  
Rye Planning Board

## **Message from the Public Works Director:**

### **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. It is anticipated that credit card payment will be established around the middle of the year. There is a great deal of work which must be performed prior to implementation, but it is anticipated the service will be available at some point this year. As we get closer to implementation additional information will be provided.

### **Salt Storage Facility Site Preparation**

The Public Works Department is once again putting forth a warrant article (#11) relative to the construction of a new salt storage facility. This year's proposal is to secure funding for the preparation of the site for the future construction of

the storage facility. The site preparation is fairly extensive and encompasses tree and root removal, stockpiling existing loam, excavating and removing six to eight feet of earth, leveling the future building platform, constructing drainage, water line installation, and perimeter fencing; to name but a few tasks. The area to be impacted is located to the right of the old salt shed, in the rear of the public works yard. It encompasses an area of approximately one acre. We anticipate the project cost to be approximately \$350,000, which is one half the full project cost.

The intent of the full project construction is to provide a facility to handle all road salt unloading, storage, loading and handling within a fabric structure, which would resist the effects of snow and rain water which can transport salt into the ground and eventually towards the town's drinking water supply, which is located downstream from the DPW site.

### **Spring Fertilization Practices**

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. Nitrates and phosphorus from fertilizers can contaminate ground and surface water. Practicing proper fertilizer application reduces the risk of surplus fertilizer being transported by stormwater to down-stream water courses and water bodies. Minimizing application rates by employing best management practices (BMP) for both the application and handling of fertilizer helps to eliminate a significant cause of stormwater pollution.

Whenever possible, the use of slow release organic fertilizers should be employed. Slow release fertilizers release nutrients more slowly and contain lower concentration of nutrients, in addition they provide concentration of nutrients over a longer period of time.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**Town of Rye**  
**March 10, 2020**

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

**FOR SELECTMEN**  
for three years Vote for one  
PHILIP D. WINSLOW

**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  
TORAL COWEISON  
CHRISTINE LeBLOND  
MICHAEL MOODY

**FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**  
for six years Vote for one  
MADELINE L. CHICHESTER  
JOANNE MEYER

**FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
for three years Vote for one  
JEFFREY BALBONI

**FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
for three years Vote for two  
JACI GROTE  
JOHN LOFTUS  
JEFFREY ROSS

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

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**  
for two years Vote for one  
JEROME A. GITTLEIN  
KATY SHERMAN

**FOR PLANNING BOARD**  
for three years Vote for one  
J. MERRILL LORD

**FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
for three years Vote for two  
SHAWN CRAPO  
CHARLES HOYT

**FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER**  
for three years Vote for one  
DAVID KOHLHASE

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
QUESTIONS**

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

**A REMINDER**

If you study the ballot at home and fill in the checklist on the back page of this issue, you'll save yourself lots of time in the voting booth on March 10th! But don't forget to take your checklist with you. (And don't leave it in the voting booth!) If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's Office, 964-5523.

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

**Amendment 1.**

Re: Height

Amend Section 304.4 Height as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**Height:** Within the Coastal Area District, no building or structure shall exceed 28 feet in height **as measured from existing grade. If the building or structure is required to be elevated in accordance with the Floodplain Development & Building Ordinance, the overall height of the building or structure shall not exceed 30 feet as measured from the existing grade.** Wireless telecommunication towers are exempt from this limitation.

Explanation

The amendment defines the height limit within the Coastal Area District and Special Flood Hazard Zones.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 2.**

Re: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance (IDDE)

Adopt a new Section 507-A IDDE Ordinance?

Explanation

The ordinance regulates non-storm water discharges into the town's storm drainage system. It establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the storm drainage system in order to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NHDES) permit process. It regulates the contribution of pollutants to the storm water system by storm water discharges; prohibits illicit connections and discharges to the storm water system; and establishes legal authority to carry out inspection, monitoring and enforcement procedures necessary to assure compliance with the ordinance. The text of the entire ordinance is posted at the town hall and on the town website. Copies are available at the Planning Department.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 3.**

Re: Unnecessary Hardship

I. Amend Section 303.5 E Guidelines for Decisions on Appropriateness: as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~). Before a building or other structure is demolished or moved out of the District, the applicant shall in good faith prepare a detailed plan for the re-use of the site which the Commission determines will meet the requirements for a Certificate of Approval.

Such Certificate of Approval for demolition and re-use shall only be granted upon a showing by the applicant that to deny such Certificate would result in a **unnecessary** hardship unique to the property in question and that such **unnecessary** hardship is not common to neighboring properties within the District.

II. Amend Section 303.5 H Guidelines for Decisions on Appropriateness: as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~). Exceptions to the above, based on **unnecessary** hardship, may be considered and granted by the Commission. (Re-indexed 1997, 2007, 2013)

III. Add to the Definitions: Unnecessary Hardship means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (NH RSA 674:33 I(b)(1))

Explanation

The amendments add the word **“unnecessary”** before the word *hardship* throughout the zoning ordinance. *Unnecessary hardship* is defined by state statute to mean that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (NH RSA 674:33 I(b)(1)) and supported by case law. This change makes the ordinance consistent.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 4.**

Re: Demolition Review

Amend Section 509 Demolition Review to adopt several recommendations of the Demolition Review Committee including adding monuments, statutes, memorials and accessory buildings more than 50 years old to the ordinance and increasing the number of alternate members of the Demolition Review Committee from two to three? (The text of the entire amendment is posted at the town hall and on the town website. Copies are available at the Planning Department).

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 5.**

Re: Public Hearings on ZBA Applications

Amend Section 702.3: **Hearings and Notice:** as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**702.3 Hearings and Notice:** The Board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of appeal and give due notice thereof to the parties and decide the same ~~within twenty-one (21) days.~~ **Within forty-five (45) days.**

Notice of hearing shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Rye, and mailed by registered or certified mail, to the parties and all abutters not less than seven (7) days prior to such hearing.

Willful failure of the party filing such appeal to disclose in his notice of appeal the names of all abutting owners to the premises concerned shall be cause for denial of the appeal, or its continuation for new hearing on proper notice to all concerned at the option of the Board. Upon the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney. The Board shall hear all abutters desiring to submit testimony and all non-abutters who can demonstrate that they are affected directly by the proposal under consideration. The Board may hear such other persons as it deems appropriate.

Explanation

2019 HB 136 changed RSA 676:7 to require the public hearing on ZBA applications to be held within 45 days of receipt of the application.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 6.**

Re: Wetlands

IV. Amend Section 301.4 B: Wetlands Best Management Practices as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**301.4 Purpose:** In the interest of public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulations of this District are intended to guide the use of areas of land with extended periods of high-water tables. (Renumbered 1995 and 2012, Amended and renumbered 3/18/2017)

B. To reduce the impact on wetlands of uses, development and re- development by controlling the rate and volume of storm-water runoff and preserving the ability of wetlands to filter pollution, trap sediment, retain and absorb chemicals and nutrients, and produce oxygen by utilizing Best Management Practices – ~~Wetlands Conservation District (Appendix A) and Low Impact Development techniques (Appendix A).~~ **Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques: For Avoidance and Minimization, as amended.**

V. Amend Wetlands Definition as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**WETLANDS:** An area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas. (Adopted, 2012)

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) – Wetlands “Best Management Practice Techniques: For Avoidance and Minimization”, as amended <https://neiwpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Wetlands-BMP-Manual-2019.pdf>**



Explanation

To bring up to date the latest Best Management Practices for Wetlands.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 7.**

Re: Sound Level for Small Wind Energy Systems

Amend § 508.7, D. Criteria for Small Wind Energy Systems [§ 190-5.8, G(4) of new Town Code] as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

Sound Level. The small wind energy system shall not exceed **limits specified by rules of the state Site Evaluation Committee, 55** ~~decibels using the A scale (dBA), as measured at the property line,~~ except during short-term events such as severe wind storms and utility outages.

Explanation

In 2018 the legislature amended the statutes to prohibit municipalities from imposing noise levels on small wind energy systems lower than the state Site Evaluation Committee rules. The amendment makes the ordinance consistent with this legislative requirement.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 8.**

Definition of Wetland Scientist

I. Amend the Definition of "NH Certified Wetland Scientist" found in the Appendix of Definitions [Article 10 of the new Town Code] to delete the present definition and replace it with a new definition of "Certified Wetlands Scientist".

Present Definition. (NH Certified Wetland Scientist)

A NH State Certified Wetland Scientist is defined as: "a person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology acquired by course work and experience, as specified by RSA 310-A:84, RSA 301-A:76, II-a and II-b, is qualified to delineate wetland boundaries and prepare wetland maps in accordance with standards for identification of wetlands adopted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services or the United States Army Corps of Engineers or its successor, and who has been duly certified by the Board."

New Definition. (Certified Wetland Scientist). A person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology acquired by course work and experience, as specified by RSA 310-A:84, II-a and II-b, is qualified to delineate wetland boundaries and to prepare wetland maps; to classify wetlands; to prepare wetland function and value assessments; to design wetland mitigation; to implement wetland mitigation;

to monitor wetlands functions and values; and to prepare associated reports, all in accordance with standards for identification of wetlands adopted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental service or the United States Army Corps of Engineer or their successors, and who has been duly certified by the board.

II. Amend Sections 301.3 and 301.7, F.2 and F.3 as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**301.3 Disputes about Wetlands Boundaries:** Disputes about the locations of wetlands boundaries as determined by the Building Inspector or the Planning Board may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an administrative appeal pursuant to Section 701.1 of this ordinance. The zoning board of adjustment may call upon the services of an independent NH-a Certified Wetlands Scientist to examine said area and report his or her findings to the Board for their determination of the boundary. ~~NH Certified Wetlands Scientist is interpreted to mean a person qualified in wetlands delineation and who is licensed by the State of New Hampshire.~~

301.7 F. Special Exceptions may not be granted:

1. Unless it is essential to the productive use of land not so zoned.
2. Unless it can be shown by a NH Certified Wetland Scientist (definition Appendix A) that, to the maximum extent practicable, such construction shall have the least possible detrimental impact upon the wetland.
3. Unless it can be shown by a NH Certified Wetland Scientist (definition: Appendix A) that no alternative feasible route or area exists which does not cross or alter a wetland.
4. Economic advantage alone shall not be deemed sufficient reason for the above mentioned exceptions.

Explanation

The intent of the ordinance is to incorporate the state definition of "certified wetland scientist". That definition has changed since the present definition was placed in the ordinance. The amendment incorporates the updated state definition.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 9.**

Re: Converting Illegal Apartments to Legal Apartments

Adopt the "Ordinance Establishing a Procedure for Conversion to Legal Apartments" which adds a new Section 202.9-A Conversion to Legal Apartments to the Zoning Ordinance?

Explanation

The ordinance establishes a process by which owners of apartments which existed prior to March 10, 1998 may apply for a Certificate of Legality provided certain minimum housing standards are met.

The ordinance is intended to minimize disputes over the legal status of apartments established years ago when town record keeping was not as complete as it now is while concurrently bringing such apartments into compliance with minimum housing standards. The text of the entire amendment is posted at the town hall and on the town website. Copies are available at the Planning Department.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 10.**

Re: Adoption of Chapter 190 of Town Code  
Adopt Chapter 190 Zoning of the Code of the Town of Rye which will replace the present Zoning Ordinance?

Explanation

The new Town Code (if adopted pursuant to Article 28), organizes all of the Town's existing ordinances into a single, user friendly, searchable Town Code. This amendment places the present zoning ordinance in the new Town Code as Chapter 190. Copies of Amendment 10 and Chapter 190 are available for inspection and copying at the planning department office. The entire new Town Code is on the town website.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 11.**

Re: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities  
Replace Section 505 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities with an updated Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance?

Explanation

The present Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance was adopted in 1999. The new ordinance was prepared by the Wireless Telecommunications Committee established pursuant to Article 30 of the 2019 Town Meeting with the assistance of its consultant. The new ordinance comprehensively updates the 20+ year old ordinance to reflect changes in state and federal law and to establish upgraded standards for review and approval of wireless telecommunications facilities.

YES  NO

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

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

**Amendment 1.**

Re: Permits for Temporary Tents

Amend § 3.6 Permits for Temporary Structures [§ 35-5 F. of new Town Code] as follows.

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

3.6 Permits for temporary structures. No temporary structures, ~~including platforms, stands, observation or circus seats and tents for assembly purposes,~~ shall be erected unless Fire Department approval has been obtained and a permit therefor has been issued by the Building Inspector. Such structure may be maintained only for the period of time stated on the permit, and in no case for a longer period than one week unless otherwise specified in this code or the zoning ordinance. There is no fee for a temporary structure permit.

***Any event tent erected on public or private property shall comply with applicable provisions of the state building code and state fire code. A building permit is not required for a tent of any size erected as an accessory structure on property that is an owner occupied one or two-family dwelling.***

Explanation

The amendment makes the building code compliant with legislation enacted in 2018 relative to municipal regulation of tents.

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 2.**

Re: International Property Maintenance Code  
Amend § 7.4 Building Regulations. [§ 35-9 D. of new Town Code] as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~.)

Sections 105, 108, 202, 304.1, 305.1, 308, 403.1, 404, 502.1, 505.4, and 602.3 of the ~~2009~~ **2018** International Property Maintenance Code published by the International Code Council are incorporated by reference into the Rye Building Code. **Notes:** **(1)** These provisions are adopted only for units which are not owner-occupied. An owner shall not rent or let a dwelling unit, a motel or hotel unit, a tourist camp unit, a rooming house or boardinghouse unit or a dormitory unit to another person unless such unit complies with these provisions. These provisions may be enforced against both owners and occupants of units. **(2)** Exempted from Section 404, Occupancy Limitations, are units occupied by the same renter(s) for 14 consecutive days or less. **(3)** The heat supply requirements of Section 602.3 apply only from September 1 to May 31. **(4)** A copy of the ~~2009~~ **2018** International Property Maintenance Code is available for inspection at the office of the Building Inspector.

Explanation

The amendment updates the reference to the International Property Maintenance Code to incorporate the recently established 2018 code rather than the ten year old code

YES  NO

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

**Amendment 3.**

Re: Adoption of Chapter 35 of Town Code

Adopt Chapter 35 Building Code of the Code of the Town of Rye which will replace the present Building Code?

Explanation

*The new Town Code (if adopted pursuant to Article 28), organizes all of the Town's existing ordinances into a single, user friendly, searchable Town Code. This amendment places the present building code in the new Town Code as Chapter 35. Copies of Amendment 3 and Chapter 35 are available for inspection and copying at the planning department office. The entire new Town Code is on the town website.*

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 05.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Floodplain 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: Adoption of Chapter 60 of Town Code

Adopt Chapter 60 Floodplain Management of the Code of the Town of Rye which will replace and supersede the present Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance?

Explanation

*The new Town Code (if adopted pursuant to Article 28), organizes all of the Town's existing ordinances into a single, user friendly, searchable Town Code. This amendment places the present Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance in the new Town Code as Chapter 60. Copies of Amendment 1 and Chapter 60 are available for inspection and copying at the planning department office. The entire new Town Code is on the town website.*

YES  NO

**ARTICLES**

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**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate underdeveloped land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to act on behalf of the town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands (subject to the hearing and procedural requirements of NH RSA Chapter 36-A) and to further authorize the issuance of not more than

A YES vote allows Conservation Commission to continue acquisition of easements and open space.

A NO vote prevents Conservation Commission from continuing to acquire easements and open space.

three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Parsonage and ±0.4 acres to 500 Washington Road, LLC and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel pursuant to a Contract for Property Exchange/Swap signed by the Selectmen and Daniel Philbrick, AND FURTHER, to authorize the Selectmen to grant a septic system easement to 500 Washington Road, LLC as set forth in said Contract. (Majority vote required.)

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$15,600) for the surveying, engineering and other expenses required to subdivide a ±0.4 acre parcel around the Parsonage and Carriage House from the larger 1.9 acre town parcel and to obtain NH Department of Environmental Services approval of the septic system easement allowing the Parsonage and Carriage House to continue to use the existing septic system located on town property. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction of, or renovations to, town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$280,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund with \$280,000 to be offset from the sales proceeds from the Old Trolley Barn. (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 allow the town to swap the Parsonage and ±0.4 acres to 500 Washington Road, LLC in an exchange at par for the former TD Bank Building and its 3.7 acre parcel. It would also allow the selectmen to grant a septic easement to 500 Washington Road, LLC.

A NO vote would not allow the exchange or the septic easement.

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$15,600 for the surveying, engineering and other expenses to subdivide a ±0.4 acre parcel around the Parsonage and Carriage House and obtain NH DES approval of the septic system easement.

A NO vote would not raise the needed \$15, 600.

A YES vote would create a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund and to raise \$280,000, which will be offset from the sale proceeds from the Old Trolley Barn and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

A NO vote would not establish the Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 10**

To See if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road to the intersection of Central Road and Washington Road with five hundred thousand (\$500,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-2-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground by preparing a site at the existing Public Works/ Transfer Station property (309 Grove Road), for a future salt handling and storage facility. 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. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 12**

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 Board of Selectmen 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	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	\$17,778
2021 (12 mos.)	\$23,242
2022 (12 mos.)	\$20,189

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,778 for the 2020 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 the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

A YES vote allows the town to raise \$800,000 for Town Center safety improvements. \$500,000 of which to come from a NH DOT grant with \$300,000 to come from general taxation, a local match required for the grant.

A NO vote would not allow the raising of \$800,000 for Town Center safety improvements.

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$350,000 to prepare a site for future salt handling and storage facility at the Transfer Station to minimize the amount of salt seeping into the ground.

A NO vote disallows the funding of a site at the Transfer Station for a future salt facility.

A YES vote would raise \$17,778 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen 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 Board of Selectmen and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye.

**ARTICLE 13**

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 12 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 12 cost items only?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 14**

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 Board of Selectmen 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	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	\$18,241
2021 (12 mos.)	\$21,130
2022 (12 mos.)	\$22,590

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,241 for the 2020 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 the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 15**

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 16**

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 Board of Selectmen 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	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	\$21,331
2021 (12 mos.)	\$25,155
2022 (12 mos.)	\$25,826

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,331 for the 2020 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

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 12 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 12 cost items.

A YES vote would raise \$18,241 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Town Employees Association.

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

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 14 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 14 cost items.

A YES vote would raise \$21,331 to fund the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Police Association.

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

bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 17**

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 16 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 16 cost items only?

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 18**

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

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 19**

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

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new one ton truck to replace an older one ton dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the

A YES vote authorizes a Special Meeting to address Article 16 cost items.

A NO vote disallows authorization for a Special Meeting to address Article 16 cost items.

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

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

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

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

A YES vote would allow the town to raise \$70,000 to purchase a new one ton dump truck to replace an older one and would authorize the withdrawal of \$70,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

A NO vote would not raise \$70,000 to purchase a new one ton dump truck.

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. (9-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 22**

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

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to purchase a new Jaws of Life tool for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future revaluation of the Town at least as often as every fifth year as required by RSA 75:8-a and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

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

A YES vote would allow the purchase of a new Jaws of Life tool for the Fire Dept. for \$35,000. With the \$35,000 to come from the Ambulance and Fire Vehicle Special Revenue Fund.

A NO vote disallows the purchase of a new Jaws of Life tool.

A YES vote would establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and add \$30,000 to the fund for future revaluation of the town. It would also appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

A NO vote would not establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.



**ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 22 at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 26**

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

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

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 27**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling ten million three hundred twenty thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$10,320,486)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be nine million five hundred ninety-eight thousand seven hundred forty-four dollars (\$9,598,744) 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. (10-0)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the ordinance prepared by General Code, Inc. which revises, consolidates, amends, supplements and codifies all of the present ordinances of the town into one user friendly Town Code.

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

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

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

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

A YES vote would raise \$10,320,486 to fund the Town Operating Budget.

A NO vote would raise a default operating budget amount of \$9,598,744.

A YES vote allows the town to adopt one user friendly Town Code, prepared by General Code, Inc.

A NO vote does not allow the adoption of a user friendly Town Code. 14

A copy of the code is available for inspection at the Selectmen's office. A link to the code is available on the town website. (Majority vote required.)

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE to make it consistent with current practice by adding in Section 2. Rye Beach Precinct the following public ways where no parking has been enforced for many years. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized.**) (Majority vote required.)

2. Rye Beach Precinct:

***1. No parking from Ocean Blvd. to number One Church Road***

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 30**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 3. Jeness Beach Precinct the following public way where no parking on pavement has been enforced for many years, and to authorize permit parking only from Ocean Blvd. to #16 Cable Road. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized.**) (Majority vote required.)

3. Jeness Beach Precinct:

q. Cable Road – South side from Ocean Blvd. to #16 Cable Road – No parking on pavement **and permit parking only;** thereafter, no parking.

This article, that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study or the existing study by Tighe & Bond, or the recommendation of the Police Chief. This study shall be commissioned to address the existing parking conditions along the Ocean BLVD corridor and side-streets from May 15 - September 15th, on peak and non-peak days. All recommended changes to existing parking must equally weigh the impact on resident and non-resident parking, and the effect on all surrounding side-streets.

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 31**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 4. Rye Water District, no parking north bound side of Ocean Blvd. from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized.**) (Majority vote required.)

A YES vote would amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 2. Rye Beach Precinct, l. No parking from Ocean Blvd. to number One Church Road

A NO vote would not amend Section 2. of the Parking Ordinance

A YES vote would amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 3. Jeness Beach Precinct subsection q: "and permit parking only;"

A NO vote would not amend Section 3. of the Parking Ordinance.

A YES vote would amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 4. Rye Water District "q. North bound side of Ocean Blvd. no parking from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd."

A NO vote would not amend Section 4. of the Parking Ordinance

4. Rye Water District  
**q. North bound side of Ocean Blvd. no parking from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd.**  
This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 32**

To see if the Town will vote to amend section #3. Jenness Beach Precinct, of Ordinance #4, the Parking Ordinance, as currently in place since June 10, 2019 as a temporary Selectman's Ordinance, by adding new subsection c as proposed by the Selectmen. Current subsection c and all other current subsections will be re-lettered accordingly. (Note: New language emboldened and italicized.) (Majority vote required.)

4. Jenness Beach Precinct:  
a. Right angle parking at the beach in **front** of the Sand Piper.  
b. No parking on the north side of Perkins Road from Ocean Boulevard to Big Rock Road.  
**c. No Parking on south side of Perkins Road at specific driveways, house number 12, 18, map 5 lot 51-1 house number 22, boxes shall begin at the end of specified driveways and be outlined with 4-inch white painted lines. Boxes shall extend 10 feet to the left of a driveway when facing the roadway and 10 feet to the right of a driveway when facing the roadway. The white fog line shall be the outer most line of the "No Parking" box. The words "NO PARKING" shall be painted in white paint within the box. This change shall not become permanent until a professional parking study is done.**  
This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 33**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding new Section 14 as proposed by the Selectmen as follows: (Majority vote required.)

Section 14. "Posted Parking – it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked on any public way in the Town of Rye where signs have been posted restricting parking.

a. No vehicle shall be parked in areas designated as "No Parking" by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Rye and/or by signs and/or paint on road surfaces indicating a "No Parking" area.

b. Central Road - "No Parking" areas are at 787 Central Road, 799 Central Road, 805 Central Road, 815 Central Road, 825 Central Road, 833 Central Road between Midnight Saturday to Sunday at Midnight."

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 34**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11 of the Beach Ordinance as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized.**) (Majority vote required.)

Section 11. Dogs are not permitted on Town Beaches before 7:00 p.m. or after 9:00 a.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiome State Park, where dogs and people are allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12 midnight.

**4. 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. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiome State Park.**

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

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 35 (By Petition)**

The Town of Rye has a long history of holding land in trust for the general public to promote the use and enjoyment of public lands, including beaches, in and about the Town of Rye. To uphold this tradition and transfer accessibility to future generations, this warrant article outlines protocols for conserving public access to the Town of Rye's beaches. Accordingly, we ask the citizens of Rye to reaffirm their commitment to open access for visitors and residents alike. When possible, Rye shall preserve, maintain, and create parking spaces for residents and nonresidents alike on all roads, streets, and public ways where motor vehicles are operated.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 36 (By Petition)**

To vote to ask the selectmen to study the need and consequences of reallocating parking along the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road and on the east side of Old Beach Road from general parking to Resident Only Beach Permitted Parking in accordance with the existing Beach Parking Ordinance for the Town.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0-1)**

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 37**

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 2020.

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

YES  NO

A YES vote would amend the Beach Ordinance by adding a section to restrict dogs from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Town beaches on Saturdays during the summer.

A NO vote would not amend the Beach Ordinance.

A YES vote would outline protocols for conserving public access to town beaches.

A NO vote would not outline protocols for conserving public access to town beaches.

A YES vote would study the need and consequences of reallocating parking along the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road and on the east side of Old Beach Road from general parking to Resident Only Beach Permitted Parking

A NO vote would not authorize a study.

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.

## Public Works

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There are a number of alternatives to the use of chemical fertilizers. Rather than mowing and collecting grass clippings the use of a **mulching** mower will break down clippings adding material to the soil. **Aeration** of compacted soils facilitates air, water and nutrients to more effectively reach the root systems. Application of a thin layer (¼" or less) of **compost** will provide additional natural nutrients and water retention.

### The following guidelines or BMP's should be followed when handling and applying fertilizer.

- Have the soil tested prior to application to determine optimum application rate.
- Avoid application over impervious surfaces, i.e. pavement, concrete, brick, etc.
- Sweep fertilizer off impervious surfaces back onto lawn to prevent stormwater runoff.
- Apply when weather is calm and dry to prevent drift and wash off.
- Consider application in the fall rather than spring to optimize root growth.
- Only treat trees and shrubs in late fall or early spring when plants are dormant.
- Do not apply to bare or eroded soil.
- Do not apply near or adjacent to water courses or wells.
- Do Not Over Fertilize.
- Healthy trees and shrubs do not require annual treatment.
- Determine soil pH to ensure optimum fertilizer release at minimum application rate.
- Consider alternatives.

Dennis McCarthy  
DPW Director

## Conservation Commission Explains Warrant Article 6

True to the Rye Conservation Commission's mission is the continued commitment to Open Space and the protection of our watersheds and wetlands. The remaining funds from the 2014 Bond will soon be fully committed and we are requesting townspeople to support Warrant Article 6 in the March 10<sup>th</sup> election. Warrant Article 6 asks voters for 3 million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the permanent protection of appropriate land in Rye.

In Rye, outright land donations have dwindled. High real estate prices driven by scarcity of land have made conservation opportunities very competitive. Without bond funds in place there is little opportunity to negotiate with land owners or to be in a position to apply for state and federal funds. In order to engage with a landowner, a conservation entity must have the funds available to commit to the full purchase price. With this supplemental funding in place, the opportunity is then available to apply for funds from federal and state entities. Any funds provided by these agencies directly offset the amount paid by the conservation entity and can be reallocated for future land purchases.

An unsung and necessary component in the land conservation process is the extremely patient landowner who is committed to the conservation of their property, as this process can take several years. Our most recent example is illustrative: We are currently closing on a 70+/- acre parcel, including passive recreational opportunities and water rights, for \$625,000. This project has taken several years but we now have matching federal funds committed for \$550,000, resulting in expenditure from the town of only approximately \$75,000. The remaining \$550,000 of committed town funds can then be reallocated to conserving

other worthy lands. While this example of achieving 88% matching funds is not the norm, it does illustrate what can be realized with conservation funds in place.

Additionally, our current water supply wells off Garland Road are impacted by natural mineral content and could be threatened by surrounding land use. The Coakley landfill and Berry's Brook watershed have received coverage for the PFAS compounds that have been detected in groundwater and the brook, and the negative health effects associated with this group of chemicals. Well before this was headline news, the RCC was acquiring properties with water development rights to proactively explore possibilities for new well sites in town. We commit to continuing this practice with the approval of a new bond fund. Conservation properties are currently being explored and surveyed for possible town water supply use.

An additional focus of our land acquisitions has always been the preservation of Rye's important wetlands. Besides the intrinsic value these areas provide for wildlife and habitat protection, they protect water quality by slowing and filtering runoff. They are also a key asset for the absorption of flood waters and rising sea level and protect against costly manmade infrastructure expenditures.

The Budget Committee is unanimously recommending Warrant Article 6 for two reasons. Firstly, the timing is favorable considering other town capital outlays and secondly, there is no tax impact until the money is actually spent, which has historically been spread over many years. The Selectmen also unanimously endorsed Warrant Article 6. All RCC land purchases are explicitly preapproved by the Selectmen and undergo a defined process, which includes public hearings. Additionally, the Selectmen support the RCC's acquisition strategy of focusing on open space for passive recreation, habitat, and water resource protection.



# SPRING PROGRAMS

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

Mailing Address: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

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## SPRING PROGRAMS SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020, 8:00 A.M.**

Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH  
and Online [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

Programs are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020, except for Active, Alive and Over 55 Programs. Non-resident registrations will be accepted on March 16, 2020.

**2019-2020 ACTIVE, ALIVE AND OVER 55 CLUB** meets September - May on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch programs are held at Rye Congregational Church with lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00 p.m. Members have the opportunity to participate in other programming, including day and overnight trips and fitness classes. Additional fees may apply. The annual dues are \$15. Reservations for lunch are required and the cost is \$11 for a complete lunch or \$3 for a beverage and dessert only. Non-residents and individuals younger than 55 years old are welcome to join. For more information, contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281, visit [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us) or e-mail [larthur@town.rye.nh.us](mailto:larthur@town.rye.nh.us)

## LUNCH PROGRAMS



**STORYTELLING FOR GROWNUPS** Pat Spalding lives her life and take notes to discover stories. In "Gladys and the Boyfriend" she struggles to figure out a post-divorce relationship. "Mother of the Band" describes learning to twirl a baton at 62 in order to join an activist street band. "Ballroom Dance Lessons" recounts the steps taken to follow her father's lead on that final dance floor.

Experience these and other stories that explores the ups, the downs, and upside-downs of aging playfully. *Membership required.*

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Lunch: Baked haddock, mashed potatoes, corn, roll and brownie sundae.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 5, 2020



**NATURES NIGHT SHIFT: NOCTURNAL ANIMALS** Focusing on creatures of the night, Katie Brodeur of the Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, Maine, will provide answers to the following

questions. How does a bat find thousands of tiny mosquitoes in the dark? Why would an opossum choose to lumber around at night? How can an owl see its way through the forest? Using live animals and hands-on materials find out how nocturnal mammals utilize all of their senses to find food and shelter at night.

*Membership required.*

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020

Lunch: Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, roll and butter cupcakes.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2020



**CELTIC MUSIC BY PENHALLOW** Musicians Jeff Murdock, Lloyd Allen, Ramona Connelly, and Joseph Fuller of the Portsmouth-based Celtic band "Penhallow" will play a medley of Irish instrumental and vocal music. These veteran session players perform several local concerts each year and host a regular weekly music session at a local brewery. Come and enjoy this toe-tapping show.

*Membership required.*

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, spinach salad, biscuit and strawberry shortcake.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 7, 2020



## TOWN OF RYE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Central Cemetery (beside Rye Town Hall)

**Monday, May 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

**RYE ART IN BLOOM** Join Rye Recreation and Webster at Rye for Rye's own Art in Bloom. This will be the 20th year for this spectacular display of flower arrangements interpreting selected works of art. Held in the Activity Room at Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Road, Rye, on Friday, April 17, 2020, 5:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, 2020, 1:00-4:00 p.m. No charge to the public and open to all ages.



## DAY TRIPS



**THE HOME AGAIN CAROLE KING TRIBUTE** Deb De Lucca, joined by her band of seasoned musicians, take the audience on a journey through Carole's impressive and expansive repertoire. Home

Again is a true celebration of Carole King's anthology and captures the beautiful spirit of a unique time in music history. Join us at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA for an outstanding show. *Membership required.*

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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

Reservation Deadline: April 29, 2020

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)



**COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW** Are you ready for one of the funniest shows you will ever see? Richard Barker is a world-renowned professional hypnotist, comedy

stage hypnotist, television personality, author and keynote speaker. He has entertained audiences all over the world with his dazzling hypnosis show. Prepare to be amazed at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA. *Membership required.*

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

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

Reservation Deadline: May 26, 2020

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Fee: \$99 (Includes transportation, admission and lunch)

## OVERNIGHT TRIPS



**BOOTHBAY HARBOR & CABBAGE ISLAND**

**LOBSTER BAKE** Visit Boothbay Harbor, Freeport Outlets and the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, then top off the trip with a famous "Cabbage Island" Lobster

Bake. See what Maine is all about! *Membership required.*

Date: Thursday-Friday, July 23-24, 2020

Departure Time and Location: TBD

Reservation Deadline: June 25, 2020

Fee: \$399 pp double, \$489 pp single, includes transportation, 1 night lodging at Boothbay Harbor Inn, 3 meals (breakfast, lunch-lobster bake and dinner), and touring.





**LIVE LONG & STRONG** is instructed by Alexis Mason. This 'on your feet' fitness program is designed for ages 55+. Low impact, moderately paced aerobic/cardio exercises paired with light strength training... All set to music of 'bygone eras. **No experience necessary!** Do what you can do and take breaks when you need them. The only expectation is the one you set for yourself. Please wear sneakers and breathable clothing. We love to laugh - come join us! Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday. Participants must sign-up for both days, although attendance is not required. *Membership required.*  
 Dates: March 2, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, 30, April 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 2020, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye  
 Fee: \$43.50 (Prorated to start date)



**STRENGTH & BALANCE** is instructed by Kim Rivest. This group fitness class will help you strengthen major muscle groups using weights and work on balance. A combination of exercises performed standing or seated will challenge you and allow you to work at your own pace. Class begins with a warm-up and finishes with a series of stretches to leave you feeling refreshed and energized. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Membership required.*  
 Dates: Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye  
 Fee: \$25.50 (Prorated to start date)



**CHAIR YOGA** is instructed by Kim Rivest. This gentle form of yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Build inner and outer strength while relaxing and centering the mind. Have fun with others. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. *Membership required.*

Dates: Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2020, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye  
 Fee: \$24 (Prorated to start date)



**ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION** is instructed by nationally-certified classical yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Build core strength, flexibility and balance while gaining relaxation tools and healthy living tips. Learn the ancient practice of combining yoga and meditation to harmonize the mind, body and spirit. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Held at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye.

Session 1, Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23, May 7, 14, 2020, 8:45-10:15 a.m.  
 Fee: \$82.50 (5 classes)

Session 2, Thursdays, May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2020, 8:45-10:15 a.m.  
 Fee: \$66 (4 classes)



**GROUP TENNIS LESSONS** are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional. Participants will need to bring a racket and drink.

Session 1, Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, May 6, 13, 2020; K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Session 2, Wednesdays, May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2020; K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$68.75 per session (5 lessons)



**2020-2021 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM  
 SIGN-UP COMMENCEMENT**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020, 7:00 A.M.**

**Rye Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH  
 and Online [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)**

The After School program is open to grades K-2 and 3-5, 2:40-5:50 p.m., M-F at Rye Elementary School. The cost of the program is \$16.50/day with a minimum of two days required. There is a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family.

Registrations will not be accepted prior to 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020. All registrations received on Monday, May 11, 2020 will be accepted. Registrations received after May 11, 2020 will be accepted based on availability. The Recreation Office will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020. Online registration will be open 7:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. For information on how to register online and the After School Program Registration Form please contact Rye Recreation at 964-6281. Priority will be given to registrations in the order they are received in the event space becomes limited. (Rye and New Castle Residents Only)



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

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

Session 1, Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2, Thursdays, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

**WOMEN'S GOLF LESSONS**

Session 1, Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.



**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL** Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020, 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. at Rye Elementary School. Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

2020, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rye Junior High. There is no charge;

however, participants are requested to sign-up with Rye Recreation in advance so they can be notified of any schedule changes.



**BABYSITTER COURSE** provides you with the skills and confidence you need to be a great babysitter. Hands-on activities, video, plus discussion on decision making skills

and solutions for real-life problems. Participants earn American Red Cross Certification. For ages 11 and up. Participants should bring lunch, a snack and drink. Held at Rye Public Library, Rye.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$95



**FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE** is co-ed and open to 4 yrs - grade 4, Rye and New Castle residents only. Held September 12 to October 17, 2020. 4 yrs meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group

8:30-9:15 a.m. Grade K meet once a week on Saturday to practice and play as a group 8:30-9:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 meets twice a week and practice and play a game each day, Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Grades 3-4 meets twice a week and practice and play a game each day, Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye.

Fee: \$45 for 1st registrant, \$40 for each additional registrant from the same family (includes uniform shirt). Late fee of \$40 will apply to registrations received after the July 31, 2020 deadline.

*The above schedule and age groupings are subject to change based on registrations.*





# SUMMER PROGRAMS

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**JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020**  
**PARSONS FIELD**  
**7:00 p.m., Live Band**

*Karrie Burnett and Friends, Dance Party and Patriotic Sing-along*  
**At dusk (9:00 p.m.) fireworks by Jack Tobey & Crew**  
WEATHER PERMITTING - NO RAIN DATE



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## SUMMERTIME HORYEZONS DAY CAMP

is a thematically based day camp for youth entering grades K-6. This year's camp runs June 22-August 14, 2020. The first two weeks will be held in the New Castle Recreation Building located at the entrance of the Great Island Common and the remainder six weeks will be held at the Recreation House, 55 Recreation Road, Rye. Weeks four, six and seven will be open to full-day campers only as two day trips are planned each week. Full-day campers will need to bring two snacks, drinks, and a lunch each day while half-day campers only need a snack and a drink. Prior to arrival, please apply bug spray, sunscreen, and label all belongings. *Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a t-shirt.*

### Hours:

Full-Day: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.;  
Half-Day: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.;  
Pre-Camp: 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Post-Camp: 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
(No additional charge).

Fees include t-shirt:

Weeks 1, 3, 5, 8; Full-Day: \$145/wk;

Half-Day: \$80/wk.

Week 2, Full-Day: \$116/wk; Half-Day: \$64/wk,

(No Camp July 3rd).

Weeks 4, 6 and 7, Full-Day Only: \$185/wk includes day trips.

## GREAT ISLAND COMMON

### Week 1, June 22-26, Under the Sea

Dive into the deep blue sea and discover the beauty below! Explore sea creatures, build sand castles, create sea art and play ocean-themed games this week.



### Week 2, June 29-July 2, Lego® Masters

Enter the wonderful world of Legos®. Build pre-designed projects and develop your own creations. Tower competitions, daily challenges, games and crafts will be based around your favorite building block. (No camp July 3rd)



## RYE RECREATION AREA

### Week 3, July 6-10, Over the Moon

Take a trip to the moon and back in just one week. Play cool games, design your own rocket, make astronaut food and much more.



## RYE RECREATION AREA & DAY TRIPS

### Week 4, July 13-17, Down on the Farm

It's time for a hoe-down! Saddle-up for galloping fun games and hay bales of creative crafts. Visit Charmingfare Farm and Great Island Common.



## RYE RECREATION AREA

### Week 5, July 20-24, Outdoor Discoveries

There is nothing better than getting outside to play fun games, create forts and uncover the creatures that live there! Come and learn more about our environment this week.



## RYE RECREATION AREA & DAY TRIPS

### Week 6, July 27-31, Wet, Wild and Amusing!

Summer is hot, but you'll stay cool with water sponge games, relays, slip 'n slides and more. Be entertained as we visit Hilltop Fun Center and Great Island Common.



### Week 7, August 3-7, Games Galore

Who likes to play games? Play your favorites like Capture the Flag, Dr. Dodge Ball, Tail Tag, Water Cannons, and learn some more. Take in a Fisher Cats Baseball Game and visit Great Island Common.



## RYE RECREATION AREA

### Week 8, August 10-14, Scissors, Glitter and Glue, Oh My!

If you like to build, cut, glue, paint, tape and create, then this week of arts and crafts is for you!



## FALL RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

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



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

## ADULT YOGA & MEDITATION

is instructed by nationally-certified yoga teacher Jeanie Ryan. Gain inner peace while harmonizing the mind, body and spirit through the ancient practice of yoga meditation. Physically improve strength, flexibility and balance while learning stress reduction and healthy-living tips. This is a multi-level class. Beginners welcome. Held at the Rye Congregational Church.



Thursdays, July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$66 (4 classes)

**YOUTH GROUP GOLF LESSONS** are provided by Pease Golf Course. These co-ed lessons are focused on the fundamentals of golf to young, aspiring players. Learn golf etiquette, putting, chipping, pitching, full swing and course management. Held at Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH, rain or shine.



Week 1, July 13-17, 2020

Week 2, August 10-14, 2020

Entering Grades K-4, 8:00-8:45 a.m.; Entering Grades 5-12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$70/wk, clubs available if needed.

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



Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$140 (4 lessons), clubs available if needed.

**YOUTH GROUP SURFING LESSONS** are provided by Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Company. Learn the fundamentals of surfing and ocean safety. These co-ed lessons are for youth entering grades 6 and up. Held at Jenness Beach, in Rye, weather permitting.



July 27-31, 2020, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$225/wk, equipment provided.

**ADULT GROUP SURFING LESSONS** are provided by Summer Sessions Surf Shop. Learn the fundamentals of surfing in a fun and inviting environment. Meet at Summer Sessions Surf Shop, 2281 Ocean Boulevard, Rye (across from Jenness Beach), weather permitting.

Session 1, Tuesdays, June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2020, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2020, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), equipment provided.

**GROUP STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD LESSONS** are provided by Summer Sessions Surf Shop for individuals entering grade 6 to adult. Learn the fundamentals of paddle-boarding and see our beautiful coastline from a unique perspective. Meet at Summer Sessions Surf Shop, 2281 Ocean Boulevard (across from Jenness Beach), Rye, weather permitting.



Session 1, Tuesdays, June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2020, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Session 2, Tuesdays, July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2020, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$140 per session (4 lessons), equipment provided.

**GROUP TENNIS LESSONS** are co-ed and will be held indoors at the New Castle Recreation Facility. Instruction is provided by Mark Moulton, USPTA Professional.



Participants will need to bring a racket and drink.

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2020

Entering Grades K-2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Entering Grades 3-5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.;

Entering Grades 6-8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m.;

Entering HS, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$68.75 (5 lessons)

**SKATEBOARD CAMP** are provided by Rye Airfield. These co-ed lessons are taught by RAMP CAMP instructors. Held at Rye Airfield, 170 Lafayette Road, Rye. Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads and board required (rentals are available for an additional fee). The registration deadline is one week prior to each camp.



Week 1, June 22-26; Week 2, July 6-10; Week 3, July 13-17; Week 4,

July 20-24; Week 5, July 27-31; Week 6, August 3-7; Week 7, August

10-14; and Week 8, August 17-21, 2020. Entering Grades 3-8,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$250/wk

**LEGO® ROBOTICS PROGRAMMER** instruction is provided by Kevin Husson and held at Rye Congregational Church. This exciting LEGO® robotics program is the perfect introduction to the world of robotics and computer programming. LEGO® WeDo 2.0 and



LEGO® Mindstorms is a hands-on STEM program that

combines LEGO® bricks, early child friendly software, engaging projects and a discovery based approach. Each day participants will learn computational thinking and engineering principles in a fun and collaborative way to build a variety of robotic projects. *Participants do not take projects home.*

August 10-14, 2020, Entering Grades 1-6, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$95/wk

**VIDEO GAME DESIGNER** instruction is provided by Kevin Husson and held at Rye Congregational Church. Stop playing video games and start creating them! In this introductory class participants will learn how to program and create their own video games.



Learn how to create sprites, objects, levels, backgrounds, sound effects and much more. Produce several games that can be shared with family and friends! Create games with fire-breathing dragons, a game with spaceships and asteroids, as well as a multi-level, customized adventure game complete with zombies, potions, coins, trap doors, and so much more! *Students must bring a flash drive to class each day.*

August 10-14, 2020, Entering Grades 3-6, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$95/wk

**BASEBALL CAMP** instruction is provided by David Adam, 10 year pro pitcher. Learn basic skills for the beginner to advanced player. This co-ed camp will be held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55



Recreation Road, Rye. Participants should bring glove, a snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.

August 10-14, 2020, Entering Grades 2-6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$145/wk

**BASKETBALL CAMP** instruction is provided by Brett Mulvey, former Portsmouth High School Coach and Player. Emphasis will be placed on skill work, individual development and players will be broken out into groups based on ability. Held at Rye Elementary School. Participants should bring a snack and drink each day. *Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a t-shirt.*



Week 1, July 6-10, 2020

Entering Grades 1-2 Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Entering Grades 3-6 Girls, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Week 2, July 13-17, 2020

Entering Grades 3-6 Boys, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$115/wk, includes t-shirt & participation award

**INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMP** instruction is provided by Challenger Sports. They have combined the most popular elements of their British Soccer and TetraBrazil programs, to provide players with a variety of coaching styles, practices, fun games and cultural education. Held at the Rye Recreation Area, 55 Recreation Road, Rye,



rain or shine. Participants should bring a snack and drink each day. Prior to arrival each day, apply bug spray and sunscreen.

*Registrations received after June 1st are not guaranteed a t-shirt and ball. Host a coach to gain a cultural experience to remember and an \$80 reimbursement.*

July 20-24, 2020

Entering Grades 1-8, Co-ed, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 4 yrs - Entering K,

Co-ed, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Fee: 4 yrs - Entering K: \$80/wk, includes t-shirt and soccer ball

Entering Grades 1-8: \$155/wk, includes t-shirt and soccer ball

# Rye Public Library Spring Events 2020

“It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.”  
—Rainer Maria Rilke

## RPL Wednesday Matinee Series

**Movies and popcorn on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. State of the art projection system!**

3/4 <i>Last Christmas</i> 102 min PG-13	4/15 <i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i> 109 min PG
3/11 <i>Harriet</i> 125 min PG-13	4/22 <i>Ford vs Ferrari</i> 152 min R
3/18 <i>Operation Finale</i> 124 min PG-13	4/29 <i>The Chaparone</i> 103 min
3/25 <i>The Good Liar</i> 109 min R	5/6 <i>Little Women</i> 135 min PG
4/1 <i>Official Secrets</i> 112 min R	5/13 <i>Knives Out</i> 131 min PG-13
4/8 <i>The Current War</i> 102 min PG-13	5/20 <i>Bombshell</i> 109 min R
This schedule is subject to change due to film availability, please check our website to confirm	

## Ongoing Activities:

**Adult Book Discussion: All are welcome to join these lively discussion groups here at RPL**  
**Now offering afternoon and evening sessions: Third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm and 6:30 pm!**

3/17 <i>The Second Mr. Hockaday</i> by Susan Rivers	5/18 <i>Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk</i> by Kathleen Rooney
4/21 <i>Wild</i> by Cheryl Strayed	6/15 <i>The Stranger Diaries</i> by Elly Griffiths
<b>Coloring for Adults:</b> 11am on Thursdays! Materials provided. <b>Drawing Together Sketchbook Group:</b> Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Pressure-free art practice.	<b>Mah Jongg Club:</b> American style Mah Jongg each Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm. <b>Military Book Discussions:</b> First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. 3/5, 4/2, 5/7
<b>Knitting with Mary:</b> By the Fireplace at 10 am on Thursdays! All skill levels are invited to join this welcoming group.	<b>Chair Yoga with Amelia:</b> Supported stretch & breath practice. Monday mornings at 9:30 am*
<b>Senior Trivia and Social Hour:</b> second and fourth Mondays from 1-2pm. Call 964-8401 for SeniorSERVE van transport. 3/9&23; 4/13 & 27, 5/11 & 25	

## FRIENDS OF THE RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**New members welcome! Monthly meetings resume in September**

**Discounted Museum Passes: borrow passes for reduced or free entry to the following:**

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

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

### Friends’ Spring Programming at Rye Public Library

**Tuesday March 24 @ 6:30 PM “Learn to cook Vietnamese Cuisine” with Rose V. Nickell, Chef**

**Thursday April 23 @ 6:30PM “Piloting the Piscataqua” with Captain Richard C. Holt Jr.**

**ASK A LIBRARIAN** - Call to schedule a free training session and bring in your specific computer or device-related questions. Sessions are scheduled on a Thurs eve or Fri morning.

## Rye Public Library Youth Department

Programming March – May 2020

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

<b>Youth Programs</b>	
<b>Mother Goose Story Time (Birth to 24 Months)</b> Fridays 9:30am	<b>Mid-Week Mouthfuls</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 3:00 – 3:30pm
<b>Story Time for Toddlers &amp; Preschoolers</b> Thursdays and Fridays 10:30am	<b>Teen Advisory Board</b> Tuesday, March 24 and Tuesday, April 21 6:30 – 7:30pm
<b>Gamers Club*</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month 3:15 – 4:30pm	<b>Dumbledore’s Army</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 5:30 – 6:15pm
<b>Friday Flicks</b> <i>Check website for Featured Films</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays each month 3:10pm	<b>Hogwarts Students</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
<b>Graphic Novel Book Club</b> <i>Check website for book titles</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 4:15 – 5:00pm Grades 3+	<b>Teen Music Trivia*</b> Tuesday, March 3 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
<b>YAttitudes Book Club</b> <i>Check website for book titles</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+	<b>Children’s Author Night</b> Tuesday, March 31 6:00 – 7:00pm
<b>Crafting Club</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 3:15 – 4:00pm	<b>Zine Creation</b> Thursday, March 19 6:30 – 7:30pm
<b>Turn the Page Café</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 3:00 – 3:30pm	<b>Teen Trivia*</b> Tuesday, April 3 6:30 – 7:30pm Grades 6+
<b>RPL Teen &amp; Adult Writers’ Group*</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month 6:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Drop-In Legos – All Ages</b> Thursday, April 16 and Thursday April 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30pm
<b>Reader Theater</b> Thursday, May 21 6:30 – 7:30pm	
<i>*Asterisked programs require signing up!</i>	



## Conservation

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The RCC and townspeople have united to conserve approximately 1,000 acres of land in our community, making Rye a uniquely desirable place to live. That is an impressive legacy. We are once again asking for your support to continue protecting our valued and natural resources together.

Please support the Rye Conservation Commission's Warrant Article 6 on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Sally King, Chair  
Conservation Commission

## 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.

### Upcoming Program Dates

**March 26, 2020:** D. Allan Kerr--*Surfmen of the Seacoast*  
The brave surfmen who kept mariners safe in the days before the US Coast Guard

**April 30, 2020:** Glenn Knoblock--*New Hampshire on High: Historic and Unusual Weathervanes of the Granite State (NH Humanities)*  
A look at weathervanes on churches, town halls, and other public buildings

**May 26 (1623 Series):** Craig Mussleman -- *Mills of Rye*

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

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

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

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

### Announcing New Membership Levels and Benefits

We're excited to have updated our membership levels and benefits.

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

\$15

Newsletter

10% Discount at the Museum Store

Four Annual Programs

Invitation to the annual meeting

Invitation to the Spring Garden Party

\$25

All of the above, plus

Invitation to the December Holiday Party

Invitation to the Winter Open House

\$50

All of the above, plus

Rye, NH Baseball Cap

\$100

All of the above, plus

Rye Mug

\$250

All of the above, plus

One complimentary Trolley Tour Ticket

\$500+

All of the \$100 level benefits, plus

Two (total) complimentary Trolley Tour Tickets

### Check out our new website!

We have updated our website so that you can find out about programs and events more easily. [www.ryenhistoricalociety.org](http://www.ryenhistoricalociety.org).

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

## Heritage Commission News

I am pleased to write my first article for the spring newsletter, as the new chair of the Heritage Commission. On behalf of the commission we thank Bev Giblin for her leadership over the past four years as chair and her continued support and involvement with the commission. She is an asset and valued member!

Presently, The Rye Heritage Commission finds itself working on a plan to repair the windows of the town hall. The building already looks rejuvenated with a fresh coat of paint and will look even more revitalized with the windows restored and replaced! For the building is more than a place of town business, but a landmark of our heritage – past, present and future.

In addition to work on the town hall, the Commission is excited to tackle other projects related to our town heritage. We are undertaking a digitization of the historic graveyard records. These records are currently in two binders at the town museum. Digitization will allow for greater access to these valuable records!



## Heritage Commission

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Beginning in 2012, the Selectmen tasked the commission with the management of the graveyards. Historic family graveyards are not private property, per state law and cannot be disturbed. Care of graveyards has fallen to the responsibility of descendants or abutters. In recent years, the Heritage Commission has put out a notice for people interested in adopting a graveyard. Most graveyards remain available for care across Rye. If you are interested in adopting a graveyard, please contact the Commission for more information!

There are sixty-six graveyards scattered around the town and in 2020 we will be producing a map of the graveyard locations. In the past we have undertaken cleanup exercises at various locations, and I anticipate we will be doing so again this Fall.

Another area of interest on our horizon is preservation of the Pulpit Rock Tower, a watchtower-built during World War II and one of fourteen in New Hampshire.

Today, it remains the only one left in original condition. The Commission believes this treasure should not be lost and will be pursuing options to ensure its endurance as a World War II landmark.

All of these – town hall, graveyards, Pulpit Rock Tower – are treasures and inheritance of our town. These are more than simple landmarks or markers of history, but culture items which define the town of Rye and are part of the fabric of what makes Rye so unique.

I invite you to join us at our monthly meetings (the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall).

This is OUR town – and we all have a voice and role in preserving its charm and character.

Phil Walsh, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

### Rye Energy Committee Update

During December the Energy Committee presented a municipal solar proposal from ReVision Energy to the Board of Selectmen, the School Board and the Water District. The Water District expressed willingness to let the Town use Water District land for a ground-mounted solar array and the School Board expressed strong interest in proceeding with the proposal. The Board of Selectmen had a positive reaction, but felt there was too little time to adequately evaluate it prior to the Deliberative Session. They asked the REC to continue with their due diligence of the proposal. For those interested in learning more about it there will be a public listening session with ReVision Energy at 5:30 on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Town Hall.

The LED lighting upgrade project for the Town buildings will begin in the coming month. These upgrades are projected to reduce electric greenhouse gas emissions from the upgraded Town buildings by 30% annually.

The Committee welcomed our newest member Lisa Sweet who joined in December. The Committee is seeking additional members. Those interested can attend our next meeting at 6:30 PM, Tue, Mar 3 at the Rye Library.

If you have any questions please contact Tom Pfau at [ryeenergycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ryeenergycommittee@gmail.com).



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

### Historic District Commission:

Historic charm, new sidewalks, bike lanes and lighting are among the things that will be coming to the Rye Town Center with a vote in favor of Article 10 at the town election and awarding of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant to the Town of Rye. The Historic District Commission is happy to share that the Rye Town Center Committee has been hard at work to bring connectivity and safety to the Washington Road corridor in the town center.

The Rye Town Center Committee was formed after several community listening circles gave feedback and visions for the town at the charrette in Spring 2019. From information gathered at the charrette, a report was generated by experts at Plan NH that explored the possibilities based on the recommendations given by the community. The Rye Town Center Committee was tasked by the Board of Selectman to bring forth a warrant article from the recommendations in the Plan NH report.



**Town of Rye  
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY  
Central Cemetery (beside Town Hall)  
Monday, May 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**



## Historic District

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After meeting with town officials and experts from Plan NH in the early fall, the RTCC began designing a plan to bring sidewalks and safer means of travel for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in the town center. These experts shared information with the RTCC on grants available to help fund some of the improvements needed. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) offers matching grants every two years to various communities in NH.

The RTCC is applying for the town center project which total improvement project is estimated at \$800,000. If Article 10 passes and the TAP grant is approved, the town would pay \$300,000 and the grant could cover the remaining \$500,000 costs.

Over 25-30 children walk or bike from Rye Junior High and Rye Public Library each day, and more walk to Parsons Field for sports and afterschool activities. Currently without a full sidewalk path the children share the road with vehicles. A yes vote on Article 10 will help to bring sidewalks and historically appropriate lighting and bring a sense of charm to create a "downtown feel" to Rye. Please stop by the library to see a schematic of the plan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaitlyn Coffey, Member  
Historic District Commission

## Recycling Reconsidered

*With the exit of China from the global market for used plastics and other materials, does it still make sense to recycle at home?*

At the end of 2017, China exited the global market for bulk used plastics, throwing the US

domestic market for these materials into disarray. At the same time, increasing public awareness of the environmental damage caused by improperly discarded plastics created a heightened sense of urgency to reduce the use of plastics and to increase recycling. But, with the exit of the Chinese and the ensuing changes in the domestic market for used materials, many people are wondering: "won't my recycling just end up getting thrown away anyway?"

According to Dennis McCarthy, Director of Public Works for the Town of Rye, the answer is a resounding "NO!"

In a recent interview with McCarthy, he explained: "the changes in the global markets for used bulk plastics have had a major impact on the price for these materials. In fact, in many cases where recycling companies once purchased these materials, towns and municipalities now find that they must pay to have them taken and recycled." That is a big shift, but there is more to the story.

McCarthy continued, "even so, the total cost to the Town of Rye of recycling these materials is still less than the cost of having them hauled away to a landfill. Rye works cooperatively with municipalities throughout the state via the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, a nonprofit cooperative that aggregates used materials and finds bulk buyers. So, the materials the residents of Rye bring to the Town Transfer Station do get recycled, and it still saves the Town money in the process."

While plastics have gotten a lot of attention recently, the markets for other used materials often go through similar changes but the result is the same. In the case of newspaper, loose paper, cardboard, aluminum and tin cans, and a variety of other used materials that are accepted at the Transfer Station, the Town saves money as a result of recycling and residents who

recycle ensure these materials are reused to the maximum extent possible and don't end up in a landfill.

So, if you are wondering if home recycling still makes sense in 2020, the answer is "YES!"

Please join the Rye Recycling Education Committee (RREC) in avoiding single use containers, reusing materials whenever possible, and recycling. You can learn more about the recycling services available at Transfer Station on the Town website.

Please follow the RREC on Facebook. Search "Rye NH Recyclers" for upcoming events and programs in Rye. Thanks to Dennis McCarthy and the Rye Transfer Station team for their great work.

Wyatt Davis  
Rye Recycling  
Education Committee

## Town of Rye Sewer Commission

### *Sewer Moratorium*

The Sewer Commission has implemented a moratorium, not to accept any connections/additional wastewater flow from outside the existing sewer service area/sewer collection system until further notice. This is in response to a Pump Station Capacity Study that was recently conducted. It concluded that there is not enough capacity during estimated peak flow events at Jenness Beach and Church Road Pump Stations and that there is significant remaining capacity at Abeniqui Pump Station. Currently next steps are being developed to resolve the matter.

### *Sewer User Ordinance*

Section 401, 601, and 602 of The Sewer User Ordinance has been updated to reflect the change that the sewer bond was paid off in 2012

# Sewer Commission

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and the capital recovery was eliminated.

## Proposed Route 1 Sewer Expansion

In 2019, the Town voted in favor of the following warrant article: "To see if the town will vote in favor of the expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer system (at no cost to the Town of Rye and pursuant to an inter-municipal agreement to be negotiated between the Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth) in order to provide public sewer service by the City of Portsmouth from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Route 1 ending at the Route 1/Washington Road intersection." A draft inter-municipal agreement has been presented to the Portsmouth City Council and negotiations are ongoing.

## Town Code

The Sewer Commission has recently approved the adoption of the codification of the Sewer Use Ordinance and the Sewer User Charge Ordinance. The two ordinances have not changed in substance but will be incorporated into the new user-friendly Town Code as Chapter 129 if the town voters adopt the new code at the March 10, 2020 Town Meeting.

## Sewer Commission

The current Sewer Commission consists of David W. Kohlhasse, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; and David M. Adams, Commissioner, Lee Arthur is the Sewer Administrator.



For more information contact the Town of Rye Sewer Department at (603) 964-6815. The Sewer Commission Office is located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH, above the U.S. Post Office. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and meetings are held there the second Tuesday of each month.

Lee Arthur  
Sewer Administrator

## Rye Water District News

Rye Water District 2020 Annual Meeting: The District's Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10:00 AM, at the Rye Junior High School. Two positions will be elected: Commissioner and Treasurer. There is one warrant article that adds \$30,000 to the District's Storage Tank Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Two bond warrant articles, one for \$315,000 for the replacement of approximately 1,165 feet of water line on Wallace Road starting at the intersection with Ocean Boulevard running to Odiorne Drive and the other for \$800,000 for the refurbishment of the Garland Road Pump House. Lastly, a warrant article for the District's operating budget for \$1,498,091.

RWD Website: The Rye Water District's Website, [www.ryewaterdistrict.com](http://www.ryewaterdistrict.com), provides information on: Customer Service, Forms & Reports, News and Notices. It also provides for online account review and bill paying. Most recently we have added a water meter reading guide. This guide provides information on how your meter operates, how to interpret its readings, and how to view the meter to determine if water is flowing through it. In preparation for our Annual Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>,

we have posted the District's 2020 Budget and 2020 Warrant articles on the website.

Water Main Flushing: The semi-annual maintenance activity of flushing and chlorinating the water system will begin in the April/May time period. Specific information on dates will be posted on the RWD website once established. Flushing is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and to introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. Thank you for your patience during this activity.

Backflow Prevention & Lawn Irrigation: This is our annual reminder. When you have your irrigation system activated, please have your contractor check that your backflow device is operating properly. It's important that your irrigation system's backflow preventer is installed correctly and tested at least once a year. If you're not sure a backflow device is present or installed correctly, please feel free to contact our office at 436-2596 to schedule an evaluation.

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

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

Rye Water District Commissioners  
Arthur Ditto  
Ralph Hickson  
Thomas Clifford

**ELECTION DAY, March 10th**  
**Vote at the Elementary**  
**School on Sagamore Road.**  
**Polls are open from**  
**8 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

# Town of Rye Board Meetings

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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

## March 2020

1	2 6:00 p.m. <b>Recreation Commission</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	3 6:30 p.m. <b>Energy Committee</b> Rye Library	4 7:00 p.m. <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	5 5:30 p.m. <b>Heritage Commission</b>	6	7
8	9 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	10 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. <b>Town Election</b> Rye Elementary School 8:00 a.m. <b>Sewer Commission</b> 830 Central Rd 6:00 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b> Rye Library	11	12 6:30 p.m. <b>Conservation Commission</b>	13	14
15	16	17 5:00 p.m. <b>Mosquito Control Commission</b>	18 7:00 p.m. <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	19	20	21
22	23 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	24	25	26	27	28

## April 2020

			1	2 6:30 p.m. <b>Heritage Commission</b>	3	4
5	6 6:00 p.m. <b>Recreation Commission</b>	7 5:00 p.m. <b>Historic District Commission</b>	8	9 7:00 p.m. <b>Conservation Commission</b>	10	11
12	13 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	14 8:00 a.m. <b>Sewer Commission</b> 830 Central Rd 6:00 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b> Rye Library	15	16	17	18
19	20 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## May 2020

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3	4 6:00 p.m. <b>Recreation Commission</b>	5	6	7 6:30 p.m. <b>Heritage Commission</b>	8	9
10	11 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	12 8:00 a.m. <b>Sewer Commission</b> 830 Central Rd 6:00 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b> Rye Library	13	14 7:00 p.m. <b>Conservation Commission</b>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day - Town Offices Closed	26 6:30 p.m. <b>Board of Selectmen</b>	27	28	29	30
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Library Trustees, first Thursday every month  
5:30 pm at the Library

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

# My Voting Notes

Moderator, 2 years (1)

Selectman, 3 years (1)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3 years (1)

Cemetery Trustee, 3 years (1)

Library Trustees, 3 years (2)

Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 years (1)

Trustee of the Trust Fund, 3 years (1)

Budget Committee Members, 3 years (2)

Planning Board Member, 1 year (1)

Planning Board Member, 2 years (1)

Planning Board Member, 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

Amendment 2. Yes No

Amendment 3. Yes No

Article 5.

Amendment 1. 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

Article 29. Yes No

Article 30. Yes No

Article 31. Yes No

Article 32. Yes No

Article 33. Yes No

Article 34. Yes No

Article 35. Yes No

Article 36. Yes No

Article 37. Yes No

Article 38. 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

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