



To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham and in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rye Elementary School in said Rye on Tuesday, the 10th of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Rye under RSA 40:13.

As required under Senate Bill 2, the Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Rye Junior High to review and amend the 2015 Town Warrant.

Dedication

THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF RYE IS DEDICATED TO

LEON C. BLAISDELL

JANUARY 10, 1947 OCTOBER 25, 2014

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

FORTY THREE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF RYE



Town of Rye Treasurer Leon Blaisdell died on October 25, 2014. Leon was born on January 10, 1947, son of the late Scott R. and Elizabeth (Hickey) Blaisdell. Leon attended Saint Patrick School in Portsmouth and graduated from Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover with the Class of 1965. He later attended New Hampshire Technical School for two years.

Leon and his wife, Susan (Walker) Blaisdell made their home in Rye for more than forty years and it was here that they raised their family: Julia, Scott and Mary Anne.

Leon began his service to our community in 1971 as a volunteer call firefighter and fire department mechanic. He remained in that capacity for ten years until 1981. He became a permanent full-time firefighter in that year, continuing to serve the Town as a firefighter for the next nineteen years until he was named Rye Fire Chief in 2000. Leon served four years as Chief of the Rye Fire Department, until his retirement in 2004.

In 2006, Leon ran for the position of Town Treasurer and won as a write-in candidate. He served as Town Treasurer from 2006 until the time of his death on October 25, 2014.

From 1971 to 2014, a span of 43 years, Leon was also the devoted caretaker of Rye's 1931 Ford Model A. fire truck which has become a fixture in Rye parades.

Leon Blaisdell will be remembered for his lifelong dedication to the well-being of the Town and its residents through both his vocations and his avocation. He will be missed.



AN OFFICIAL TOWN OF RYE FLAG NOW FLIES

Dr. Michael Mittelman's dream of an official flag for the Town of Rye came to fruition in time for him to know that his goal had been accomplished.

Michael conducted a flag design contest during 2013 - 2014 and the design submission of then Rye Junior High School student Willem Gerrish of New Castle was selected the winner.

The flag design centers the recently corrected and updated Town of Rye seal in a field of blue. The seal provides important dates in our history: SETTLED 1623, PARISH OF RYE 1726 and INCORPORATED 1785. The seal is framed top and bottom by golden banners proclaiming Town of Rye, New Hampshire.

BELOW: Dr. Mittelman shared a moment with his wife, Geraldine, to enjoy the granite memorial bench sponsored at the Capt. John Smith Memorial at Ragged Neck, Rye Harbor State Park prior to the dedication of the 1614 monument on August 14, 2014.



A Special Remembrance

Dr. Michael A. Mittelman

March 24, 1939 September 29, 2014

2014 Recipient of the Louise Tallman Award

Michael Mittelman is the third recipient of the Rye Heritage Commission's Louise Tallman Award which annually recognizes a Rye resident who has demonstrated the values that Louise exemplified: community involvement, conservation and preservation of our heritage. This award was presented to Michael on August 14, 2014 during the dedication of the Captain John Smith Memorial at Rye Harbor State Park at Ragged Neck as follows:

Representative Campbell,
Commission members,
Participants and Invited Guests:

On behalf of the Rye Board of Selectmen and the Town of Rye, I welcome you to Sandy Beach as this area was known from shortly after settlement in 1623 until we became the Parish of Rye in 1726.

It is fitting that this promontory opposite Smith's Isles and near the center of the Rye coastline was selected as the site of the new Captain John Smith monument to commemorate the 400th anniversary of his expedition and mapping; and we are honored to be at the heart of the celebration.

I am also pleased, as part of this historic anniversary, to present the annual Louise Tallman Award of the Rye Heritage Commission. Each year, this award is presented to a Rye resident who, through his or her contributions to our community, exemplifies the conservation, preservation and heritage ideals that Louise demonstrated on a daily basis.

This year's recipient has worked to place our Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. He has continued the graveyard project initiated by Louise Tallman by photographing our 60 plus old graveyards in a continuing effort to restore and preserve this part of our early history. Most recently, he has conducted a community wide contest to design an official Town Flag. His dedication to the preservation of Rye's heritage is characterized by persistence and tenacity.

On behalf of the Rye Heritage Commission, it is with great pleasure that I present the 2014 Louise Tallman Award to Dr. Michael Mittelman who is present here today. His name will be added to the plaque on permanent display in our Town Hall.

Once again, welcome to Rye.

Priscilla Jenness, Vice-Chairman, Rye Board of Selectmen

August 14, 2014

Before Dr. Michael Mittelman died on September 29th, he was able to have and to hold a prototype of the official flag of the Town of Rye. The flag will serve the Town as a source of pride for many years to come. We are grateful to Dr. Mittelman for his devotion to preserving Rye's heritage.

In Memoriam

Harold B. Tucker

April 21, 1917 January 5, 2014

Harold Tucker, son of the late Ernest A. and Abbie K. (Schmidt) Tucker, was born April 21, 1917. He was a lifelong resident of Rye and a member of the Portsmouth High School Class of 1935. Harold served in the United State Navy Seabees during World War II.

Following discharge from the Navy in 1945, Harold joined his father in the contracting business. He was a well-known carpenter and cabinet maker; and he built many of the post war homes in Rye.

During his lifetime, Harold wore many hats in service to this community. Over time, he was elected to the Planning Board and served as a member of the Board of Adjustment. He was elected to the Board of Selectmen and, for many years, was the Towns Building Inspector.

Harold is survived by a daughter, Nancy Seesman, and a son, Philip, and their families. He was predeceased by his wife Doris, sister Arlene "Betty" Yeaton and brothers Joseph L. "Bail" Tucker and Ernest E. "Pete" Tucker.

Barbara J. Flynn

October 29, 1942 January 28, 2014



Barbara Flynn was born in Warwick, Rhode Island on October 29, 1942, the daughter of Robert and Katherine (Riley) Easdon. She was a 1960 graduate of Nashua High School.

Until moving to North Hampton recently, Barbara was a long time resident of Rye, living here for thirty eight years with her husband of forty seven years, William A. Flynn. Bill died in 2012.

Barbara was appointed Treasurer of the Town of Rye in 1982 and served in that position for twenty three years, retiring in 2005. At the time of her retirement, it was noted in the Proclamation declaring June 4, 2005 as Barbara J. Flynn Day throughout the Town that Barbara's books were kept with meticulous precision and she consistently saved Town finances through wise investment and guidance of timely expenditures.

Barbara is survived by two sons, William A. Flynn, Jr. of Cumberland, ME and Michael J. Flynn of Rye and a daughter, Katherine E. Briton of Singapore and their families.

Jane L. Hutchinson

November 15, 1922 August 7, 2014

Born on November 15, 1922, Jane Hutchinson was the daughter of Helmar and Jennie (Anson) Hall. She was raised in New York City where she attended public schools and graduated from Haaren High School in June of 1941. She resided in Manhattan and College Point, Queens until moving to Rye in 1986.

During World War II, Jane was employed in defense industries and, following the war, she worked as a telephone operator in New York City until her retirement from the Bell Telephone Company.

Once she and her husband, James, had established their home in Rye, Jane became involved in numerous local activities and community projects. Interested in history, Jane was a member of the Rye Historic District Commission from 2006 through 2011 resigning only when it became necessary for her to leave Rye. She was predeceased by her husband, her brother and her sister.

In Memoriam

Olga Mitchell

August 5, 1919 April 25, 2014

Olga Mitchell, born in South Boston August 5, 1919, was the daughter of the late Siman and Alexandra (Patapova) Udalay. She graduated from Girls High School in Boston at age 15 and resided in the city until moving to Rye in 1975.

Olga and her husband, Philip Mitchell, operated an appliance repair company where she was office manager and bookkeeper. Later, following her husband's death, she was employed for ten years at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Olga was an enthusiastic volunteer. She was a member of and driver for the Rye Volunteer Ambulance Corps. She also volunteered at Webster at Rye and was named Volunteer of the Year at Webster in 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura and Susan and two sons, Kenneth and Philip and their families.

Esther A. Woods

March 21, 1935 August 20, 2014

Daughter of the late Christopher Volkmann and Vivian (Jenness) Volkmann, Esther Woods was a lifelong Rye resident until ten years ago when she moved to her daughter's home in Concord, New Hampshire. She was a 1953 graduate of Portsmouth High School.

Esther was the busy mother of six children which included a set of twins and, for much of her married life, she was a devoted caretaker to her husband, Bob, throughout his long battle with multiple sclerosis.

When her children were young, she was a 4-H leader and later she became a driver for the Rye Volunteer Ambulance Corps, serving fellow residents in that capacity for 15 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bob, and is survived by five daughters; Brenda, Virginia, Debora, Denise and Charlene and one son Robert Woods III and their families.



(l. to r.) Pete Smith, Betsi Greene, Donna Moriarty, Dave Hochschwender, Joe Moriarty, Esther Woods, MaryLou Carr and Dick Tompkins.

Eighteen strong in 1987, our ambulance service known then as The Rye Ambulance Corps, was staffed by unpaid volunteers, members of our community who served "on call" to help their neighbors in any medical emergency requiring transport. Missing from this photo are: David Allen, Cindy Berube, Bernard McDade, Laura Mitchell, John and Sue Moynahan, Tammy Remick, Allyn Stillman, Ann Truglia and Glen Whitehouse.

RYE REMEMBERS

MEMORIAL DAY WAS OBSERVED IN RYE ON MAY 26, 2014



The first thing I saw was his face, white as snow, and cold as the winter wind. As other men stood around, I said good bye to my friend one last time, and then carried on. He was strong, I kept thinking, and he died for our country, but it shouldn't have happened this way.

Memorial Day is a day to remember these people, the people who died in an unfair way. They had friends and a family like you and me. Imagine your best friend, your brother, your sister, your mother or father leaving for war and never coming home. These people fought their hardest and we honor them for that on Memorial Day. They might have been scared, wishing they could close their eyes and wake up at home. But they were brave, and on this day we will remember them and never forget who they were and why they died.

Nora Mitchell, Grade seven, RJHS

Recreation Department Memorial Day Writing Contest

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*****TOWN OFFICIALS***
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

MODERATOR

(2-year term)

Robert G. Eaton	2016
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SELECTMEN

(3-year term)

Craig N. Musselman	2015
Priscilla V. Jenness	2016
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	2017

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

(3-year term)

Elizabeth M. Yeaton	2015
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TREASURER

(3-year term)

Jane E. Ireland	2015
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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

(3-year term)

Kenneth Moynahan	2015
Frank Drake	2016
Roger O. Philbrick	2017

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

(6-year term)

Jane Holway	2016
Sally S. King	2018
Madeline Chichester	2020

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(3-year term)

Karen W. Oliver	2015
Philip Boynton	2015
Victor D. Azzi	2016
Karen Allen	2017
Brian Klinger	2017

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

(3-year term)

Kerry S. Pope	2015
Andrew J. Mahoney	2016
Jeffrey M. Balboni	2017

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(unlimited term)

Raymond Jarvis	Ned Paul	Jeanne Moynahan
Phil Winslow	Mae Bradshaw	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

Douglas Abrams	2015
Raymond Jarvis	2015
Shawn Crapo	2016
James G. Maheras	2016
Paul E. Goldman	2017
Jaci Grote	2017
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2015

PLANNING BOARD

(3-year term)

Melvin R. Low	2015
Raymond A. Tweedie	2015
G. W. (Bill) Epperson	2016
Phil Winslow	2016
Jerome Gittlein	2017
Keriann Roman	2017
Priscilla V. Jenness (Selectmen's Representative)	2016
Jeffrey A. Quinn (Alternate)	2015
Anne M. Crotty (Alternate)	2016
J. M. Lord (Alternate)	2017

REPRESENTATIVE TO ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Phil Winslow

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(3-year term)

Frank B. Dibble	2015
Patricia M. Weathersby	2015
Raymond Jarvis	2016
Shawn Crapo	2017
Paul Goldman	2017
Charles Hoyt (Alternate)	2016
Patrick Driscoll (Alternate)	2017
Gregg Mikolaitis (Alternate)	2017

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Mae Bradshaw	2015
Leo Axtin	2015
Karen Stewart	2016
Daryl Kent	2016
Philip D. Winslow	2017
Christine Remick	2017
Thomas King (Alternate)	2016
James Tegeder (Alternate)	2017
Joseph G. Mills, Jr. (Selectmen's Representative)	2017

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

Richard Davis	2015
Jane Holway	2016
Mae Bradshaw	2017
Peter White (Alternate)	2016
Alex Herlihy (Alternate)	2017

HERITAGE COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Richard F. Davis	2015
Sara Hall	2015
Peter White	2016
Mae Bradshaw	2017
Priscilla Jenness (Selectmen's Representative)	2016
Eleanor Barnes (Alternate)	2015
Jane Holway (Alternate)	2016
James Tegeder (Alternate)	2016
Alex Herlihy (Alternate)	2017
Beverly Giblin (Alternate)	2017

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

(3-year term)

(vacant)	2015
Timothy Sanborn	2016
Tom Aspinwall	2017
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2015

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Jeffrey Gardner	2015
Jacinthe Grote	2015
Suzanne McFarland	2016
Sally S. King	2016
F. Lawton Struble, III	2016
James Raynes	2017
Francis Garvan, II	2017

RECREATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Jim Sullivan	2015
Gregg Mikolaities	2015
(vacant)	2016
Maggie Duffy-Durkin	2016
Judy Scott	2016
Janet Stevens	2017
Stacey Brooks	2017

BEACH COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Peter Kane	2015
(vacant)	2016
(vacant)	2017

BEACH COMMITTEE

(1-year term)

Lori Carbajal	2015
Keper Connell	2015
Collin Drake	2015
Steve Hillman	2015
Larry Rocha	2015

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Leo Axtin

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR
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FINANCE DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
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FIRE CHIEF
Thomas Lambert

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Dennis McCarthy

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Thomas Lambert

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Kelley Gallant, Programs Supervisor
Victoria Loring, Admin. & Programs Assist.

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Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Clerk

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BUILDING/PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE
Kimberly M. Reed, Planning/Zoning Administrator
Rosalie Powell-Andrews, Planning/Zoning Secretary

TREASURER'S OFFICE
Constance Abell, Deputy Treasurer

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Susan Dunfey, Finance Assistant

NEW CASTLE-RYE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

It has been determined by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation that the bridge between New Castle and Rye is in need of replacement. Currently, this is a bascule lift bridge which opens between two and four times each year. During the planning for replacement, the discussion has become centered on whether the new bridge should replace the bascule lift type of bridge or become a fixed span bridge.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has sought input from both the officials and the public of the affected communities: New Castle, Rye and Portsmouth. Having considered the options in light of our community's needs, our response to NHDOT in a letter to Mr. L. Robert Landry, P.E. of the Bridge Design Division, dated January 26, 2015, reads in part as follows:

“The purpose of this letter is to indicate the support of the Rye Board of Selectmen of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) proposal to construct the New Castle-Rye bridge as a fixed span rather than as a bascule lift bridge. We support this proposal due to the facts that the fixed span will save money, facilitate water system improvements of benefit to Rye, and allow for continued maintenance dredging of the Back Channel by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) at less cost than with the current bascule lift bridge.”



The letter goes on to explain that the City of Portsmouth's anticipated new watermain feed to New Castle, to replace an old and ineffective existing crossing of Little Harbor to Odiorne's, will allow the proposed main to be hung from a fixed bridge which, in addition to saving money, will benefit water users in Rye by having a system that feeds from two directions thus increasing fire flows, peak hour water pressures, and security of the water supply in the event of outage of watermains in the system.

Also included with the letter were two recent photographs of Sagamore Creek and the Back Channel at extreme low tide which indicate that, even with maintenance dredging, these channels are very narrow and shallow as the land form and channels are shaped by bedrock on all sides.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Town Hall Renovation and Addition:

Town Hall renovation and addition planning was ongoing throughout the year as the result of voter approval of Article #8 on the 2014 March Warrant which provided funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the completion of schematic design, design development and preparation of construction documents to complete the project proposal.

Since 2010, this project has been moved forward by a Town Hall Committee composed of representation from appropriate Town boards, committees and commissions and included a builder and several engineers. This Committee has been ably chaired by Ned Paul, Victor Azzi and most recently Paul Goldman. Town Hall staff members have provided extraordinary support in the form of detailed minutes recorded by Beth Yeaton, financial information provided as needed by our Financial Administrator/Assist. Town Administrator Cyndi Gillespie and the day to day attention of Town Administrator Mike Magnant, who has coordinated the myriad of diverse activities required to achieve target dates.

Great effort has been made by the Town Hall Committee to engage residents in this process. Numerous open houses have been held at Town Hall to allow first hand observation of the crowded conditions and safety problems there. Public input has been encouraged at Town Hall Committee meetings and at special public discussion meetings with our architects, Sheerr, McCrystal & Palson (SMP). In addition to continuous updates in the Newsletter, detailed minutes of the Town Hall Committee meetings and their video streaming have been and continue to be available on the Town website. Also, a "fly around" video of the design concept has been shown continuously at both the Rye Public Library and in the lobby of Town Hall since last fall.

Beginning in 2009 with a walk through energy audit of Town Hall, numerous studies, surveys and investigations have been undertaken to answer long debated questions and lay the foundation for basic Town Hall Committee decisions. Among those decisions: Town Hall and the business operations of the Town should remain at the current site; Town Hall should be renovated (as opposed to restored) to reclaim the hall with its tin ceiling, wainscoting, stage and curvilinear stairs; a "separate yet connected" addition should be subservient in appearance to the Town Hall building and the addition should be simple in form: rectangular as opposed to ell shaped.

There are many advantages to the plan that is being proposed to voters. No land purchase is necessary. The plan is phased; no modular unit rentals will be required. A "connected yet separate" addition concept allows renovation of the upstairs hall plus some office space in the Town Hall building with the remaining offices in the addition thus enabling consolidation of the business operations of the Town to be retained.

The timing of this project proposal is also to our advantage as we retired 3 long term bonds in 2014 (Safety Building, Library Addition and the original Conservation bond) and 2 short term Public Works bonds.

Hutter, a construction firm from New Ipswich, NH, was selected from among three prequalified bidders and was approximately \$600,000 below either of the other two competitors. The Hutter proposal is aggressive in that, if voters approve the project, it will be completed by February of 2016. Robert Doyle, who conducted the study of the old Trolley Barn/Police Station, has been selected to serve as Clerk of the Works and Owner's Representative.

In March of 2015, voters will be presented with a well-designed, thoroughly vetted Town Hall renovation and addition plan at a cost of \$4,100,000 which is all inclusive.

Addressing Beach Problems:

In 1999, a three member Beach Commission was established. Not only was the position of Beach Supervisor never funded, but over the years the work of the Commission gradually fell upon one member. Meanwhile, several years ago at the suggestion of then Fire Chief Skip Sullivan, the Board of Selectmen placed the responsibility for the beach lifeguards under the Fire Department, an organizational change that has been adopted in many New Hampshire towns hiring seasonal lifeguards. This strategy has proven beneficial with regard to emergency response time, lifeguard training and program oversight.

Simultaneously, as summer beach crowds have expanded, associated problems have also grown. Meetings called by State Senator Nancy Stiles have brought State and local officials to the table and some progress has been made in areas of mutual responsibility; but there is no simple fix.

That said, 2014 became a year for gathering information which includes observations of the results of our newly approved Beach Ordinance, recommendations made by a five member ad hoc Beach Committee appointed by the Board (report received December 2014), data and suggested next steps presented via the Tighe & Bond Ocean Boulevard Corridor Parking Assessment Study (Final Report received January 8, 2015), data and input from our Police and Fire Chiefs with regard to beach enforcement issues and lifeguard oversight and consideration of next steps in addressing the ongoing pollution at Parsons Creek for which a grant has been submitted. This discussion cannot take place until after the March voting.

Decisions, based upon this information, require a wider perspective than some might think. None of the problems and their recommendations should be considered in isolation. For example, a request by the Beach Committee for more trash receptacles at the beach may generate far more trash there than anticipated if the SMART (Pay as you Throw) Warrant Article is approved in March. Similarly, striping and/or metered beach parking will reduce parking spaces along the Ocean Boulevard corridor by an unknown number and undoubtedly force parking further inland. We must take sufficient time to discover and explore the possible unintended consequences of any action considered.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

FEMA delivered its updated Preliminary Floodplain Maps to communities in 2014 and provided a 30 day comment period followed by a 90 day appeal period. Approximately 100 Rye properties, most between Concord Point and Wallis Sands State Park, have been added to the Floodplain Zone in Rye potentially affecting their insurance rates and construction requirements. One FEMA Floodplain Map appeal, a demanding process, was filed.

The National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP) administered by FEMA offers reasonably priced flood insurance. In September, the Board of Selectmen approved a request by Planning Administrator Kim Reed for Rye to participate in NFIPs Community Rating System (CRS) which recognizes communities that go beyond minimum standards resulting in the allowance of further flood insurance reductions. We congratulate Kim for going the extra mile on behalf of residents.

Massive Overhaul:

On July 14th, the Board of Selectmen approved a Records Retention Policy detailing a newly devised system which conforms to the RSAs governing retention of municipal records. King Information Systems, Inc. was retained to facilitate development of the system and assist with establishment of system management protocol. A Records Retention Committee was created in accordance with RSA 33-A-3. We are indebted to Cyndi Gillespie and our Town Hall Staff for investing themselves in the massive, time-consuming task of sorting, removing/shredding, saving/labeling and archiving records during this process.

Capital Improvements Plan:

Our thanks go to Capital Improvements Plan Committee Chairman Ray Jarvis and the members of the CIP Committee: Vice Chair Ned Paul, Clerk Mae Bradshaw, School Representative Jeanne Moynahan and Planning Board Representative Phil Winslow. The 2015-2020 CIP Plan was presented and accepted by the Board of Selectmen on October 15th. The time consuming preparation of the CIP document, which provides a snapshot in time of perceived future capital needs for the purposes of planning is “not to be considered authority to fund or proceed with projects”. This undertaking also requires the time and effort of staff members, department heads, and representatives of our boards, commissions and committees. The Town is indebted to many for this valuable planning tool.

Conservation Commission Acquisition Process:

On October 20th, the Board of Selectmen conducted a site walk of the 74 acre Rand property on Wallis Road as part of the new Conservation Commission Acquisition Process. This parcel is the first Conservation Commission land acquisition proposal to be considered under the new acquisition process developed and approved by the BOS earlier this year. The intent of the process is to ensure completeness of each acquisition transaction and provide easy access to the public record. Conservation Commission members diligently worked their way through the process requirements and on November 26, 2014 the Purchase and Sales Agreement was signed. Public access to this land has been provided through the developer of Sea Glass Lane, site of the former Rand Lumber Mill.

A Year of Gains and Losses:

On August 14th, the Board of Selectmen had the honor of presenting the Rye Boston Post Cane to our oldest resident, Robert Mitchell, shortly after his 104th birthday. The Boston Post Cane tradition began in 1909 when Boston Post publisher Edwin Grozier presented canes to 700 New England towns requesting that they be bestowed upon their oldest living males. In 1930, the rules were updated to “oldest living resident” making females eligible. We were delighted to share this tradition with Bob. Sadly, Robert Mitchell died just two months later on October 11th

Dedication of the 1614 monument commemorating the 400th anniversary of Captain John Smith’s expedition and mapping of the New England coast was held on August 14th at Rye Harbor State Park at Ragged Neck. As part of the celebration, the 2014 Louise Tallman Award of the Rye Heritage Commission was presented to Dr. Michael Mittelman by Selectman Priscilla Jenness. Dr. Mittelman was recognized for his efforts to place the Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places, his continuous work on the Graveyard Project initiated by Louise Tallman to restore and maintain our 60 plus old graveyards and for his determination to provide our town with an official flag, a goal which was achieved prior to his death on September 29th.

At the Selectmen’s meeting of December 8th and with Dr. Mittelman’s widow Geraldine and daughter Julie in attendance, BOS Chairman Craig Musselman presented a sample flag to former Rye Junior High student Willem Gerrish of New Castle whose flag contest submission inspired the winning flag design. Official Town of Rye flags may now be ordered through the Rye Historical Society.

Change:

Firefighter David Kornechuk retired from the Rye Fire Department in August having been associated with the department since 1973 as a call firefighter. He became a full time firefighter in 1992. David enjoyed community outreach, most recently organizing the 2013 Holiday Parade.

Early in the summer of 2014, Rye Fire Chief William “Skip” Sullivan notified the Board of Selectmen of his intention to resign effective September 1st. Thanks to his advance notice, the Board was afforded sufficient time to initiate the hiring process and select a candidate for his replacement in an efficient and seamless manner.

On July 28th, the BOS signed a contract with Thomas S. Lambert as part time interim Rye Fire Chief. Chief Lambert served the Town of North Hampton for 31 years, retiring in 2009 having served 14 years as Chief.

Remembrances:

Town employee Kenneth “Skip” Gaucher died April 26, 2014. Skip grew up in Rye, attended Rye schools and served four years in the United States Coast Guard following graduation from Portsmouth High School. He was both a fisherman and a mechanic. Employed by the Town since 2007, Skip was promoted to Rye Public Works Fleet Mechanic in 2008. Condolences, on behalf of the Town, were sent to Skip’s family.

Town Treasurer Leon Blaisdell died on October 25th. Leon’s entire career was in service to the Town of Rye and included 34 years with the Rye Fire Department, the last four as Fire Chief. Since his retirement from the Fire Department in 2004, he continued to maintain our 1931 Model A Ford fire truck which is seen frequently during Rye parades. Leon ran for the office of Town Treasurer in 2006 and served in that capacity until shortly before his death. We will continue to remember his dedication to our Town.

Board of Selectmen,

Craig N. Musselman, Chairman
Priscilla V. Jenness, Vice-Chairman
Joseph G. Mills, Selectman

PLANS FOR THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION AND ADDITION PRESENTED TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AUGUST 20, 2014

Warrant Article 8. was approved by voters on March 11, 2014 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of completing the design process, including Schematic Design, Design Development, the preparation of Construction Documents (including drawings and specifications and the solicitation and analysis of competing construction bids from the pre-qualified general contractors for the purpose of renovating the Town Hall 1839 building and building a separate, connected new Town Hall office space. This project is under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with the advice and concurrence of the Town Hall Building Committee.



Great effort has been made by the Town Hall Committee to engage residents and Town organizations in the design process through informational meetings with public input. Numerous open houses have been held at Town Hall to allow first hand observation of the crowded conditions and safety problems there. Public input has been encouraged at Town Hall Committee meetings and at special public discussion meetings with the architects, Sheerr, McCrystal & Palson (SMP). Detailed Town Hall Committee meeting minutes and video streaming have been and continue to be available on the Town website as well as a “fly around” video of the design concept.

ABOVE TOP: SMP Architect Jason LaCombe presents the Town Hall Renovation and Addition concept to the Historic District Commission on August 20, 2014.

BELOW (l to r): Town Hall Committee Chair Paul Goldman, Transcriptionist Dyana Ledger and HDC members Daryl Kent, Thomas King, Karen Stewart, HDC Chair Philip Winslow, Leo Axtin, Mae Bradshaw and Christine Remick.

Also present were Town Hall Committee members Victor Azzi and Priscilla Jenness and HDC Alternate James Tegeder.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Rye's current historic Town Hall building does not provide adequate office space for efficient provision of town services, for the present and for the future. Additionally, there are needed improvements in order to meet building code and public accessibility requirements.

The Rye Town Hall Committee is a committee appointed by the Rye Board of Selectmen for the purpose of investigating and recommending a solution for the above, with the following additional charge by the Rye Board of Selectmen. The original historic Town Hall building is to be preserved and updated, along with additional building space if necessary.

As a result of passage of a Town Warrant Article in March of 2014, the Town Hall Committee engaged the design services of Sheerr, McCrystal, and Palson Architecture (SMP) of Concord, NH, following a rigorous search and selection process among several architectural firms. The nature of the design project included both a new building as well as renovation of Rye's existing historic Town Hall building. SMP was chosen based on several criteria including design skills, experience with historic buildings, reputation, ability to meet the Town Hall Committee's schedule, and references. As of this writing, the Town Of Rye has received construction bids based on the final work product of SMP. Additionally, the information necessary for the formation of a Warrant Article for construction has been submitted to the Rye Board of Selectmen.

The high-level design criteria for the Town Hall Project include the following:

Renovate and update the existing historic Town Hall building to meet all code and legal requirements.

Restore the upstairs Meeting Hall for holding public events and meetings.

Ensure that an additional building remains subservient in size and appearance to the existing building.

Provide necessary efficient workspace for Town employees for the present and the future.

Incorporate as much energy-efficient design as possible.

Comply with the requirements of the Historic District Commission and the Rye Heritage Commission.

Over the course of 2014, there have been many long meetings to review design progress and sort through countless design details. Interspersed with these meetings were several public presentations on design progress, hosted by SMP. Special thanks to the Town Hall Committee members, and others, who dedicated their time and talent to this purpose.

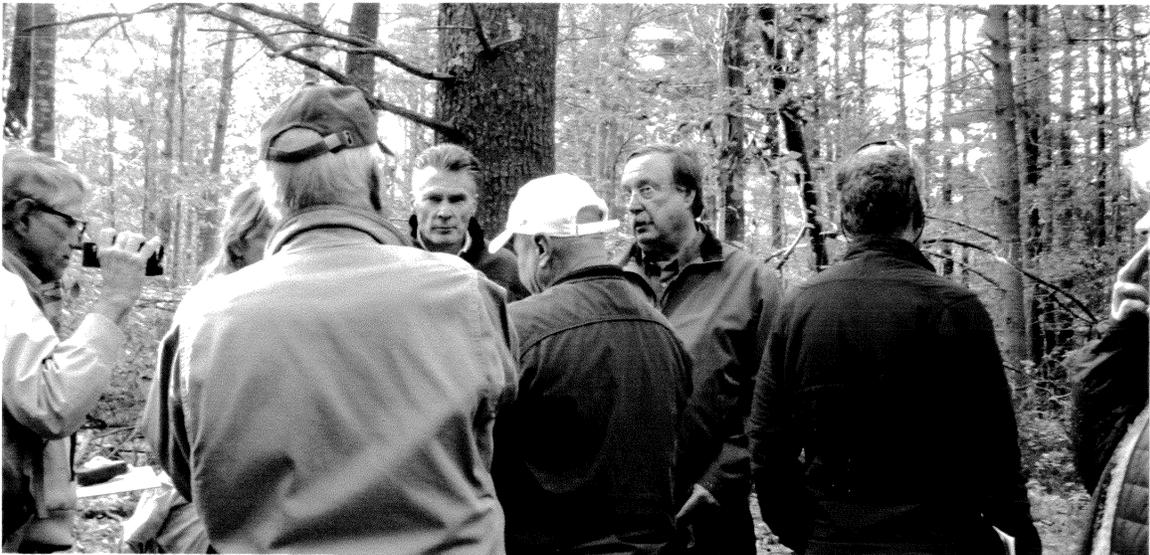
The members of the Town Hall Committee include Lucy Neiman – Vice Chairman, Beth Yeaton – Clerk, Peter Kasnet, Peter White, Victor Azzi, Mae Bradshaw, Craig Musselman, Priscilla Jenness, and myself. The Town Hall Committee has also been given tremendous support by Mike Magnant, Cyndi Gillespie, Kim Reed, and Janice Ireland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Goldman, Chairman – Rye Town Hall Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN HOLD SITE WALK

OCTOBER 20, 2014

REGARDING PROPOSED LAND PURCHASE BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF 74 ACRES OF THE FORMER RAND LUMBER COMPANY



The 74 acre Rand parcel is the first Conservation Commission land acquisition proposal to be considered since a new acquisition process was developed and approved by the Board of Selectmen earlier this year. The goal of the process is to create an easy to access complete public record for each purchase.

The Conservation Commission has diligently worked its way through the numerous requirements of the acquisition process. One of the final requirements is a site walk by the Board of Selectmen, if deemed necessary. By the end of the year, only the Purchase and Sales Agreement remained to be completed on this acquisition.

TOP PHOTO: Site walk participants composed of the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission members, owners, and interested members of the public gathered on Sea Glass Lane, formerly part of the Rand Lumber Mill property, on October 20, 2014.

BOTTOM: Exploring the 74 acre site allowed a firsthand view of wetlands and the species, overall age and condition of the forest. Facing are Town Administrator Michael Magnant, left, and Board of Selectmen Chair Craig Musselman. Also present were Selectmen Joe Mills and Priscilla Jenness, Conservation Commission Chair Sally King, Conservation Specialist for Rockingham County Tracy Degnan and Ed Hayes and John O'Neill of Wallis Road Properties. Public access to the parcel will be gained by way of Sea Glass Lane to a small parking area.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2014 marked another busy year for the Town's staff. All of your town departments worked hard to not only maintain the exemplary level of service you have come to expect, but in a number of ways moved the ball downfield. The new permitting software in the Building Inspectors' office is up and running and is a far cry from the old ledger book method we used previously.

The Police Department applied for and received grant monies for an early emergency notification system for both town schools. School staff is immediately and directly connected to the closest police officers in the event of an emergency. They also implemented a state sponsored "reverse 9-1-1" system which sends out automated phone calls to landlines, cell phones, emails and text messages, in the event of an emergency.

The Department of Public Works concluded its GIS mapping of all road culverts in the town and finalized the public facility site review conducted by Weston and Sampson Engineering.

Both Chief Walsh and Public Works Director McCarthy worked with Tighe and Bond Engineers on the Ocean Boulevard parking study. A copy of this study can be found on the Town's website. The Selectmen have budgeted \$25,000 to implement road striping to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic along the Boulevard.

The Public Works Director, Assessor and Planning Administrator worked hard this year to implement the new online GIS software. If you haven't seen it, it can be accessed from the Town's webpage. It has a mapping function, satellite view feature, parcel maps and allows you to print abutter's notices from your home computer, just to name a few of the features.

Both the Planning Administrator and Building Inspector worked with FEMA to review and offer comment on the new proposed Floodplain maps. They conducted an informational meeting for the public at the library that was well attended. It's appropriate to mention and thank Jennifer Gilbert, NFIP Coordinator for NH for her assistance in this project. After all was said and done, we received one appeal from a town homeowner.

I'd like to also mention that both the Recreation Department and Town Clerk are now accepting credit cards. We are hoping to expand this service to other departments in the near future.

The Town concluded collective bargaining negotiations with the Rye Professional Fire Fighter Association. This was the one union in town that did not have a contract as both Police and the Employees settled their contracts last year. The agreement will fund a cost of living increase commencing on October 1, 2014, rather than the full fiscal year. For future years, it will continue cost of living increases while also increasing the health insurance premium co-pays for all new employees from 20 to 25 percent. Current single rate premiums will be increased from 10 to 15 percent over the life of the contracts. Blue Cross Comp 2500 (one of the Town's more expensive health insurance plans) will be closed to new employees upon approval of the contracts. The Town now offers a more economical Mathew Thornton health care plan. Caps will be placed on vacation leave buy outs and sick leave accruals to minimize the Town's legacy costs in future years.

Town staff continues to support and work with the various commissions and committees. Perhaps one of the busiest was the Town Hall Committee. Throughout the year, they met repeatedly with the architects on the project, revised the plans, developed a set of construction plans and a budget, pre-qualified construction firms and selected one, as well as holding a number of public informational sessions. All of their hard work has culminated in the warrant article requesting funding to renovate the town hall and to build a smaller building, creating additional space on the same site. View the Committee's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RyeTownHall>.

Once again, thanks to the employees, boards, committees, commissions and volunteers for all they do to make Rye a wonderful community in which to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Magnant, Town Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2014 Tax Rate Calculation

Sgt. W. Fink
11/10/14

TOWN/CITY: RYE

Gross Appropriations	13,212,719
Less: Revenues	6,865,240
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	70,042
War Service Credits	173,000

Net Town Appropriation	6,590,521
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	6,590,521
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TOWN RATE
3.68

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	13,213,843	1,213,233	12,000,610
Regional School Apportionment			0
Less: Education Grant			0

Education Tax (from below)	(4,505,379)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	7,495,231

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
4.20

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.480
1,816,685,109	4,505,379
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
1,780,644,200	

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.53

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	2,029,139
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	2,029,139
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COUNTY RATE
1.14

TOTAL RATE
11.55

Total Property Taxes Assessed	20,620,270
Less: War Service Credits	(173,000)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	791,989
Total Property Tax Commitment	21,239,259

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	1,780,644,200	2.53	4,505,379
All Other Taxes	1,786,611,900	9.02	16,114,891
			20,620,270

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division

2014 Tax Rate Calculation Cont.

Dept. Revenue Admin.
11/10/14

TOWN/CITY: RYE

Name	Net * Appropriation	Valuation	Tax Rate	Commitment
Jenness Beach	91,800	395,211,900	0.24	94,851
0				
Rye Beach Village	89,753	222,715,300	0.41	91,313
Rye Water District	597,512	1,121,898,700	0.54	605,825
0				
0	0	0	0.00	0
0	0	0	0.00	0
0	0	0	0.00	0
0	0	0	0.00	0
0	0	0	0.00	0

Total Village District Commitment

791,989

*Net Appropriation = Gross Appropriations - Revenues

TRC#
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TOWN OF RYE
TAX RATE HISTORY

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
TOWN	3.68	3.12	3.44	3.24	2.88	2.87	2.74	2.25	2.31	2.58	3.24
LOCAL SCHOOL RATE	4.20	4.29	4.27	3.90	3.74	3.65	3.64	3.54	3.14	2.82	5.64
STATE SCHOOL RATE	2.53	2.44	2.44	2.42	2.33	2.34	2.27	2.22	2.36	2.39	4.02
COUNTY	1.14	1.12	1.07	1.04	1.04	0.96	0.97	0.90	0.85	0.87	1.32
TOTAL RATE	11.55	10.97	11.22	10.60	9.99	9.82	9.62	8.91	8.66	8.66	14.22
PRECINCTS:											
2-RYE BEACH VILLAGE	0.41	0.30	0.40	0.21	0.49	0.22	0.31	0.43	0.59	0.30	0.38
3-JENNESS BEACH	0.24	0.23	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.25
4-RYE WATER DISTRICT	0.54	0.62	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.45	0.42	0.66
Amount of Surplus used to reduce Taxes	268,722	818,648	651,503	673,549	865,000	562,571	600,000	875,000	700,000	-	-
Estimated Amount of taxes to be raised (from MS7)	6,621,476	6,032,620	6,101,505	5,821,512	5,438,019	4,981,465	5,213,888	5,232,947	4,258,913	4,346,473	3,218,073
Valuation MS1	1,786,611,900	1,769,621,290	1,752,828,590	1,763,314,935	1,782,279,290	1,826,836,300	1,815,653,900	1,806,142,300	1,790,774,300	1,774,525,400	1,128,543,020
Revenue Above Estimated (including recovery of delinquent taxes)	(27,754)	304,491	547,824	363,634	324,479	427,292	301,305	199,740	309,599	429,950	525,181
Surplus from Operating Budget	780,173	132,051	248,663	187,563	188,392	624,960	45,291	247,357	209,331	284,064	(286,086)

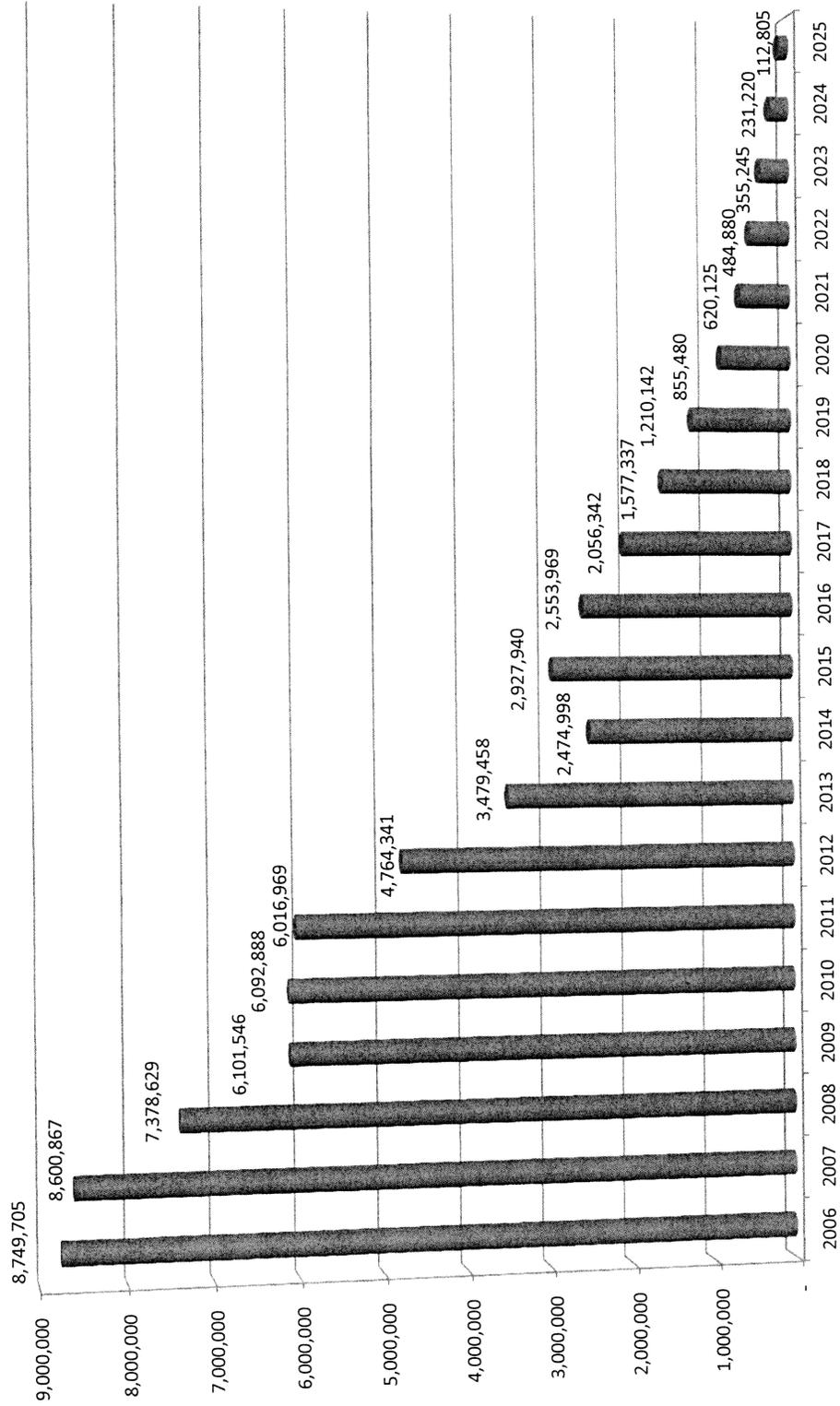
EQUALIZATION RATIO HISTORY

2004	67.90%
2005	100.00% Town Wide Update
2006	95.70%
2007	97.00%
2008	96.40%
2009	101.20%
2010	99.00% Town Wide Update
2011	97.30%
2012	95.70% Town Wide Update
2013	94.11%

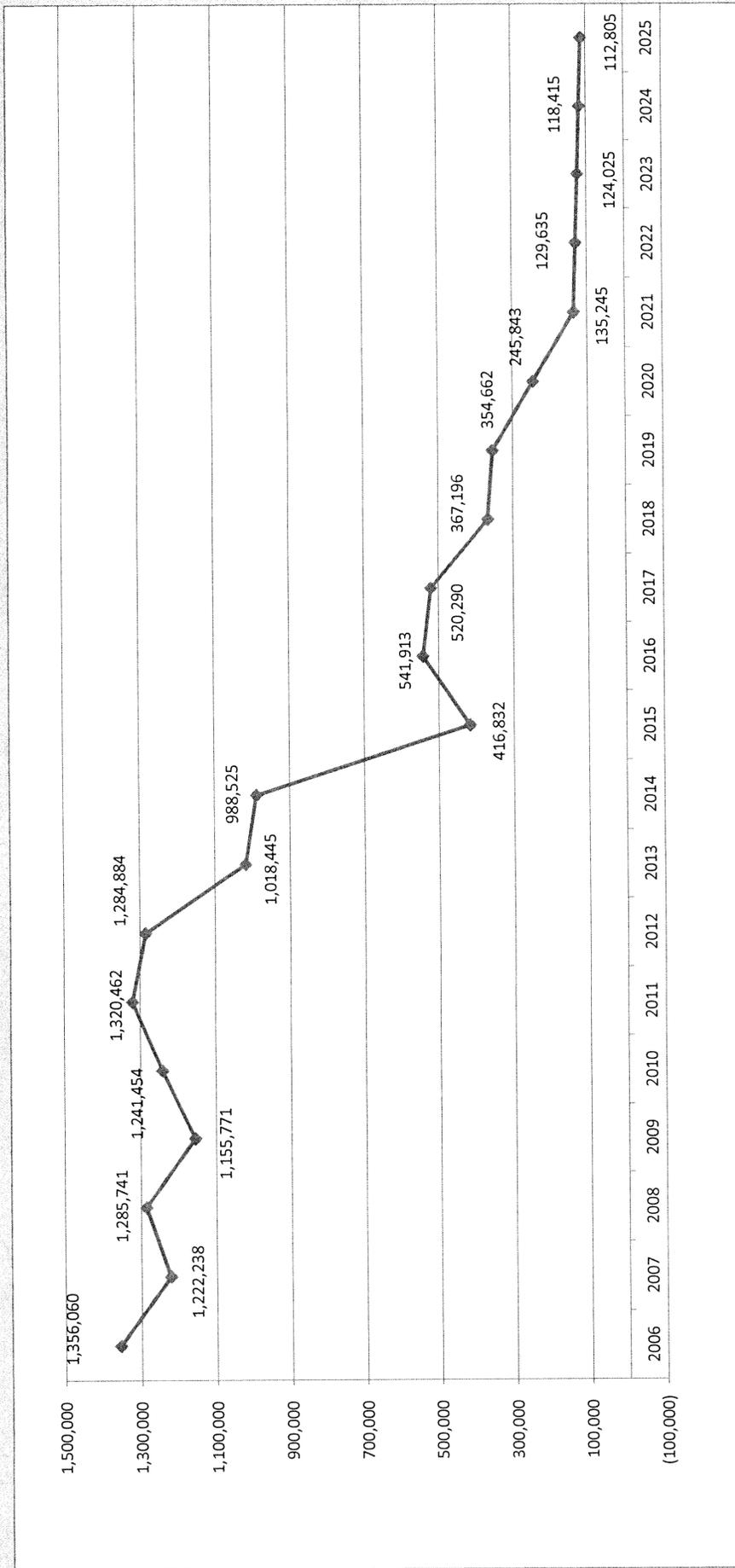
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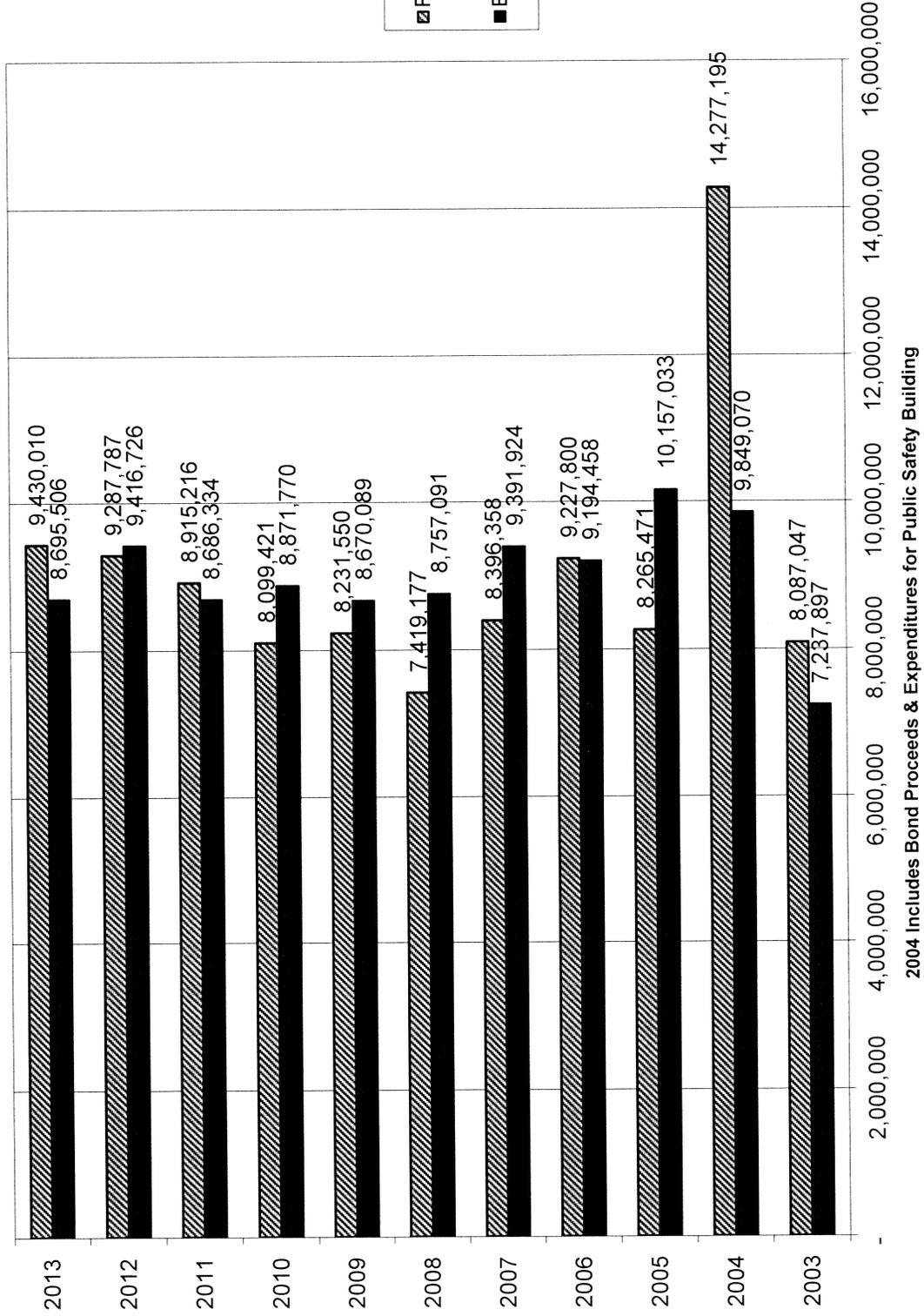
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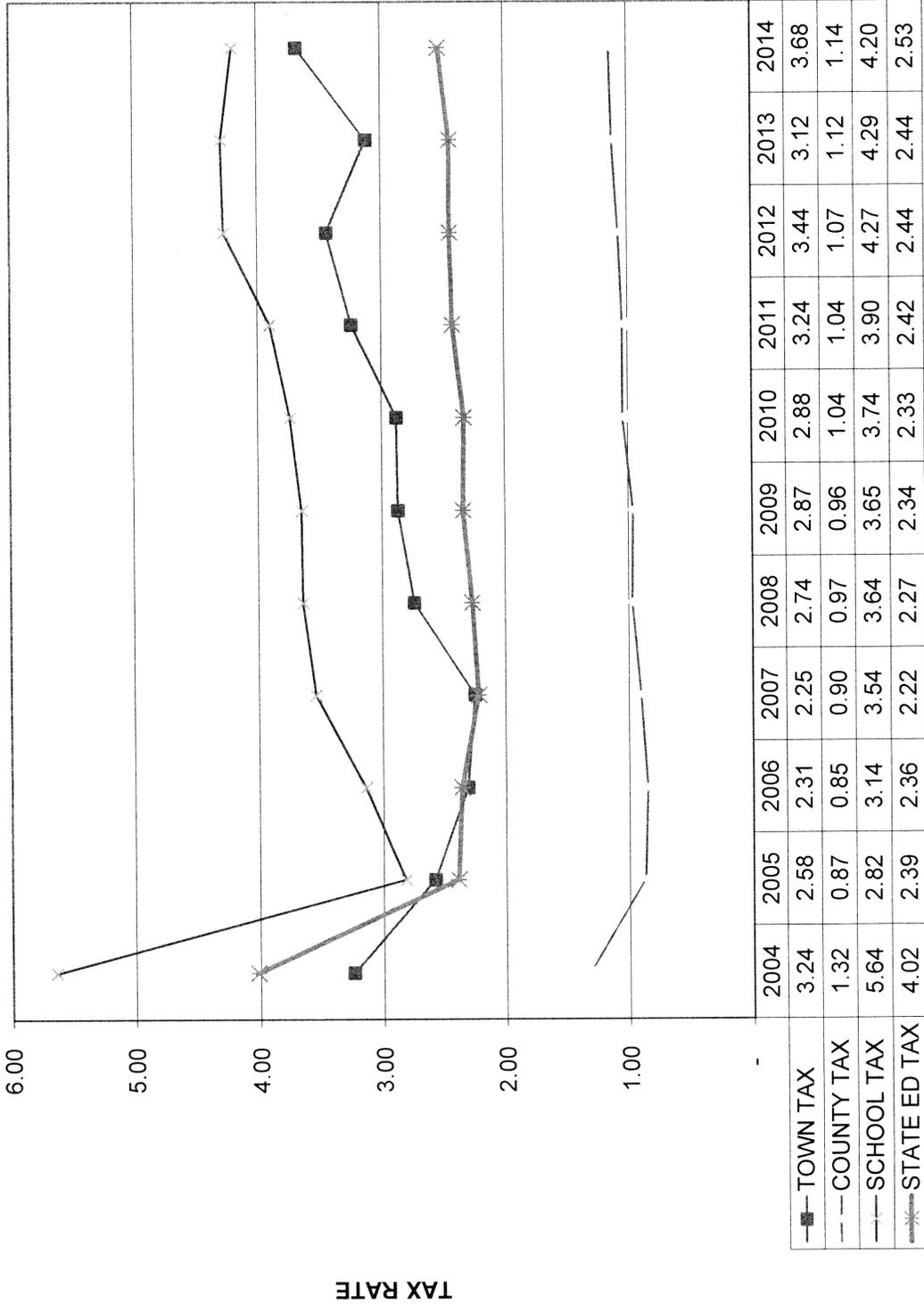
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2006 - 2025**



TOWN OF RYE, NH REVENUES & EXPENDITURES 2003 - 2013

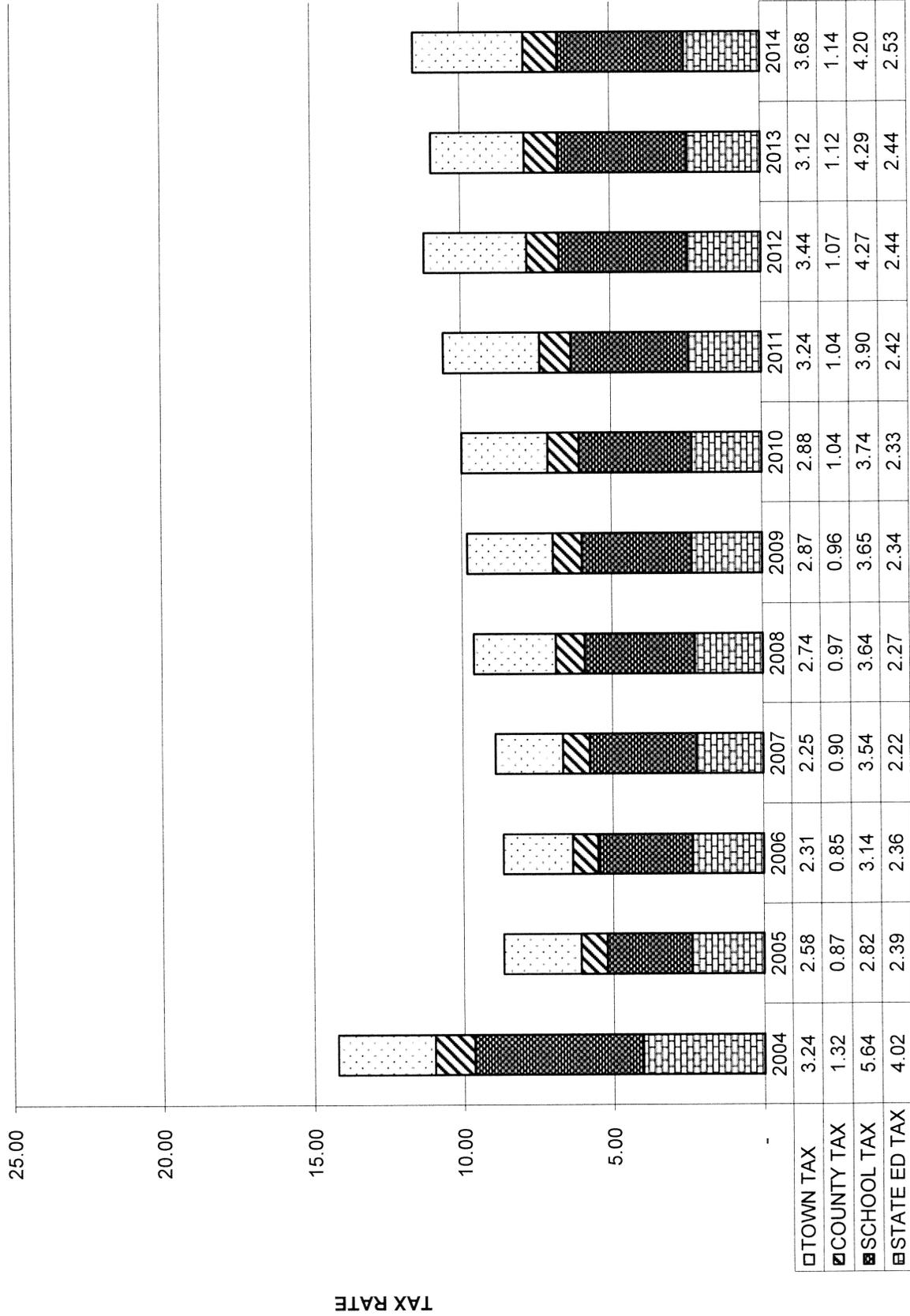


**TOWN OF RYE, NH
2004-2014 TAX RATE ANALYSIS**



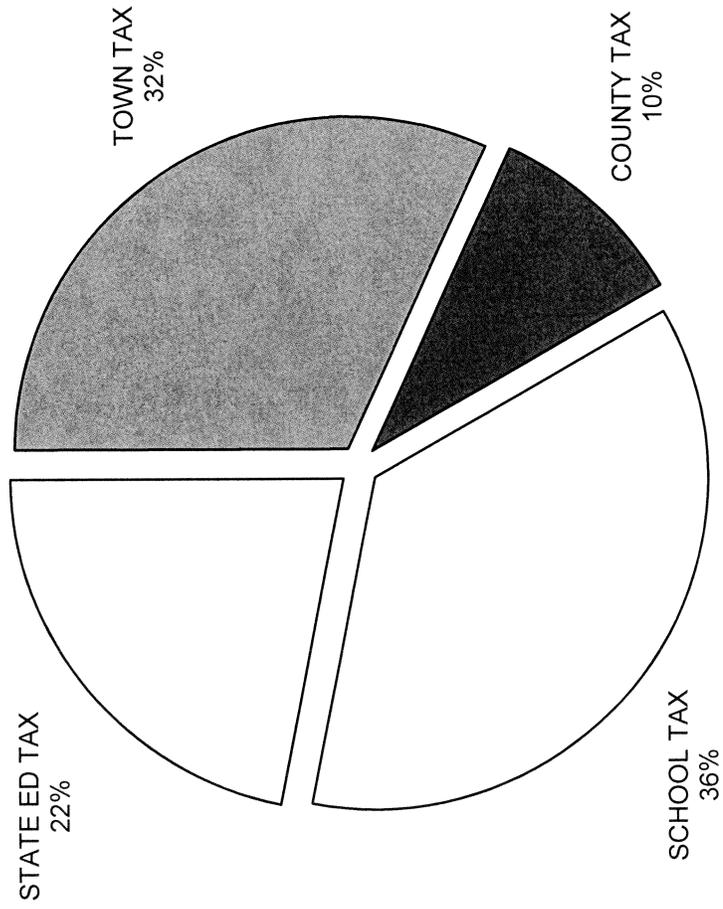
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TOWN OF RYE, NH
TAX RATE COMPONENTS
2004-2014



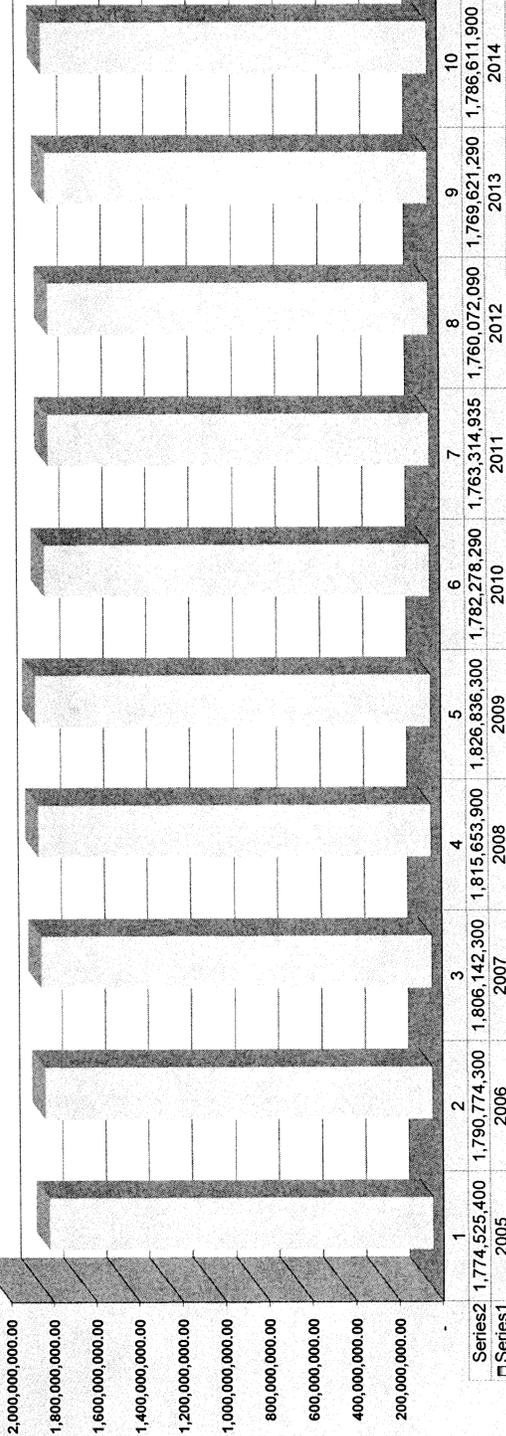
**TOWN OF RYE, NH
2014 TAX RATE**

\$11.55 PER \$1000 OF ASSESSMENT



- TOWN TAX
- COUNTY TAX
- SCHOOL TAX
- STATE ED TAX

TOWN OF RYE, NH
ASSESSED VALUATION 2005-2014



TOP TEN TAXPAYERS
2014

NAME	ASSESSMENT	TAXES LEVIED	TAX RATE
RYE CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC	\$4,112,500.00	\$49,185.50	11.96
BLUNTS ISLAND TRUST	\$4,597,500.00	\$55,583.78	12.09
ZYGALA MARY J	\$4,748,600.00	\$53,516.72	11.96
NEW CASTLE AVE REALTY TR	\$4,874,300.00	\$57,468.00	11.96
ANNETTE DEMAURO	\$4,959,100.00	\$59,310.84	11.96
CONDON CLARE K	\$5,143,500.00	\$60,641.87	11.96
20 CHURCH ROAD LLC	\$5,191,400.00	\$620,479.58	11.96
ISLE OF LANGDONIA REALTY TR	\$5,308,500.00	\$63,489.66	11.96
ABENAKI COUNTRY CLUB INC	\$6,216,800.00	\$74,352.93	11.96
WBTS CC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	\$9,157,200.00	\$110,710.55	12.09
TOTAL	\$54,309,400.00	\$1,204,739.43	

**Town of Rye, NH
2014 Legal Expenditures**

Boutin & Altieri		1,809.25	Beliveau Mediation
Michael Donovan			
General Legal		4,986.98	BTLA Cases
		12,776.86	Jesurme V Rye
		5,801.28	FEMA
		1,987.36	McKinney V Rye
		37,687.91	General Legal Counsel
		17,677.25	Personnel
Code Enforcement		2,054.12	General Legal Counsel
		3,763.88	32 Cable
		6,166.98	Duke
Planning Board		8,717.83	Planning Services
Zoning Board			
		137.90	Rules & Procedures Review
		2,554.34	General Legal Counsel
		16,593.95	Beliveau V Rye
		2,196.05	Simpson V Rye
		3,403.66	3 Love Lane - Dirago
Sewer Issues		69.47	General Counsel
Robert Ducharme			
Police		19,060.00	Prosecution
Christopher Keenan		9,695.75	Conservation Land Acquisitions
Devine, Millimet & Branch		2,500.00	Conservation Bond Counsel
Jackson Lewis			
		5,782.30	PELRB - Personnel
2014 Total Legal Expenses:		163,613.87	
2014 Total Settlements Received:		39,355.58	
2014 Total Settlements Paid:		-	

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,784,815
Accounts receivable	112,995
Taxes	916,958
Due from other governments	3,495
Interfund receivable	93,585
Voluntary tax liens	181,983
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(181,983)
Inventory	8,174
Prepaid items	113,780
Total assets	<u>9,033,802</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 86,279
Due to other governments	6,470,835
Interfund payable	10,000
Total liabilities	<u>6,567,114</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	
Nonspendable	121,954
Restricted	84,400
Assigned	257,965
Unassigned	2,002,369
Total fund balances	<u>2,466,688</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,033,802</u>

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

REVENUES

Taxes	\$	6,476,111
Licenses and permits		1,687,855
Intergovernmental		391,366
Charges for services		363,053
Miscellaneous		98,498
Total revenues		9,016,883

EXPENDITURES

Current:		
General government		1,465,998
Public safety		2,672,493
Highways and streets		1,143,282
Sanitation		400,531
Health		101,764
Welfare		56,985
Culture and recreation		922,670
Conservation		89,143
Debt service:		
Principal		860,000
Interest		90,653
Capital outlay		746,978
Total expenditures		8,550,497

Excess (deficiency) of revenues		
over (under) expenditures		466,386

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Transfers in		213,578
Transfers out		(155,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)		58,578

Net change in fund balances		524,964
Fund balances, beginning		1,941,724
Fund balances, ending	\$	2,466,688

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 6,347,479	\$ 6,337,440	\$ (10,039)
Land use change	750	18,700	17,950
Payment in lieu of taxes	13,367	15,361	1,994
Interest and penalties on taxes	90,000	101,756	11,756
Total from taxes	<u>6,454,450</u>	<u>6,476,111</u>	<u>21,661</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	700	705	5
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,251,600	1,346,089	94,489
Building permits	210,000	290,697	80,697
Other	50,055	50,364	309
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,512,355</u>	<u>1,687,855</u>	<u>175,500</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	257,253	257,253	-
Highway block grant	115,534	115,949	415
Other	70	-	(70)
Federal:			
Other	301,392	18,164	(283,228)
Total from intergovernmental	<u>674,249</u>	<u>391,366</u>	<u>(282,883)</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	340,420	363,053	22,633
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	600	600	-
Interest on investments	3,500	4,092	592
Rent of property	10,001	13,323	3,322
Fines and forfeits	17,000	14,135	(2,865)
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	31,391	54,811	23,420
Contributions and donations	-	9,836	9,836
Other	671	1,701	1,030
Total from miscellaneous	<u>63,163</u>	<u>98,498</u>	<u>35,335</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	215,000	213,578	(1,422)
Total revenues and other financing sources	9,259,637	<u>\$ 9,230,461</u>	<u>\$ (29,176)</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	268,722		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 9,528,359</u>		

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 207,474	\$ 211,796	\$ -	\$ (4,322)
Election and registration	-	26,175	20,016	-	6,159
Financial administration	3,100	435,930	418,559	-	20,471
Revaluation of property	-	156,947	147,873	-	9,074
Legal	-	100,000	100,329	-	(329)
Planning and zoning	-	146,237	139,861	-	6,376
General government buildings	25,475	114,583	113,662	-	26,396
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	268,411	201,391	-	67,020
Other	17,548	93,000	61,810	-	48,738
Total general government	<u>46,123</u>	<u>1,700,206</u>	<u>1,465,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,331</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,306,336	1,198,245	-	108,091
Ambulance	-	132,625	106,933	-	25,692
Fire	-	1,253,557	1,227,296	7,600	18,661
Building inspection	-	151,762	137,794	-	13,968
Emergency management	-	6,400	2,225	8,382	(4,207)
Total public safety	<u>-</u>	<u>2,850,680</u>	<u>2,672,493</u>	<u>15,982</u>	<u>162,205</u>
Highways and streets:					
Highways and streets	-	1,181,968	1,138,848	24,393	18,727
Street lighting	-	5,000	4,434	-	566
Total highways and streets	<u>-</u>	<u>1,186,968</u>	<u>1,143,282</u>	<u>24,393</u>	<u>19,293</u>
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	8,150	210,041	205,034	9,300	3,857
Solid waste disposal	3,500	205,905	195,497	-	13,908
Total sanitation	<u>11,650</u>	<u>415,946</u>	<u>400,531</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>17,765</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	5,195	5,202	-	(7)
Pest control	-	14,188	13,962	-	226
Other	-	96,500	82,600	-	13,900
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>115,883</u>	<u>101,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,119</u>
Welfare:					
Administration	-	3,000	2,350	-	650
Direct assistance	-	1,000	327	-	673
Vendor payments	-	45,300	53,558	-	(8,258)
Other	-	700	750	-	(50)
Total welfare	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>56,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,985)</u>
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	316,185	281,500	8,750	25,935
Library	-	629,538	629,539	-	(1)
Patriotic purposes	-	7,600	7,526	-	74
Other	-	5,050	4,105	-	945
Total culture and recreation	<u>-</u>	<u>958,373</u>	<u>922,670</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>26,953</u>
Conservation	43,568	90,000	89,143	-	44,425

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TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	860,000	860,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	90,653	90,653	-	-
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Total debt service	-	955,653	950,653	-	5,000
Capital outlay	63,935	1,049,650	746,978	149,540	217,067
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	155,000	155,000	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 165,276</u>	<u>\$ 9,528,359</u>	<u>\$ 8,705,497</u>	<u>\$ 207,965</u>	<u>\$ 780,173</u>

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Unassigned fund balance, beginning	\$ 1,630,845
Changes:	
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2014 tax rate	(268,722)
2014 Budget summary:	
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ (29,176)
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>780,173</u>
2014 Budget surplus	750,997
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance	(100,803)
Increase in restricted fund balance	<u>(9,948)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending	<u><u>2,002,369</u></u>

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

PROPERTY	MAP/LOT	ASSESS LAND VALUE	AC	ACQUISITION DATE	
557 WEST ROAD	4-16	\$27,000.00	5	9/10/1999	ELDRIDGE
515 WEST ROAD	4-20	\$25,100.00	2.47	3/3/1992	PRIME PROPERTIES
501 WEST ROAD	4-21	\$24,400.00	1.54	4/21/1999	HANCOCK(TOWN)
519 SOUTH ROAD	4-22	\$24,200.00	1.32	3/3/1992	PRIME PROPERTIES
509 SOUTH ROAD	4-24	\$24,800.00	2	5/19/1989	LITTLEFIELD
485 SOUTH ROAD	4-26	\$29,300.00	8.06	11/22/2006	RAND LUMBER
0 CENTRAL ROAD	7-84-PR3	\$800.00	0.5	2010	REMICK
0 CENTRAL ROAD	7-84-PR4	\$4,100.00	2.7	2010	REMICK
18 GROVE ROAD	7-86	\$32,300.00	12.11	2/28/1983	CONSERVATION
100 GROVE ROAD	7-93	\$91,500.00	12.45	7/18/2002	CELL TOWER
96 GROVE ROAD	7-96-PR3	\$49,400.00	29.5	4/21/1999	CELL TOWER
96 GROVE ROAD	7-96-PR4	\$27,000.00	5	4/21/1999	CELL TOWER
416 CENTRAL ROAD	8-23	\$28,500.00	7.01	4/28/2000	RAND LUMBER
63 SPRING ROAD	8-30-1	\$22,000.00	14.89	2010	
251 HARBOR ROAD	8-51	\$594,600.00	8.89	11/10/2010	MUNSEY/GOSS
180 HARBOR ROAD	8-55	\$31,900.00	0.62	12/23/2002	PATRICK
99 LOCKE ROAD	8-66	\$30,100.00	2.57	7/18/2002	CELL TOWER
2029 OCEAN BULEVARD	8-68	\$57,500.00	0.68	12/16/1975	NO INFO
14 HUNTERVALE AVENUE	81-94	\$171,100.00	0.34	11/22/1974	NO INFO
2072 OCEAN BOULEVARD	84-159	\$18,300.00	0.09	12/27/2002	GIFTED
145 LAFAYETTE ROAD	10-12	\$325,400.00	11.97	2/2/1981	TAX DEE CONSERV
15 AIRFIELD DRIVE	10-15-2	\$172,100.00	10.5	3/28/2006	RICKERT
6 WHITEHORSE DRIVE	11-2	\$245,100.00	93.91	3/13/2003	WHITEHORSE
15 WHITEHORSE DRIVE	11-3	\$25,100.00	0.12	3/13/2003	WHITEHORSE
44 MOUNTAIN VIEW TERRACE	11-32	\$69,900.00	8.12	11/19/2003	MOODY
200 LOCKE ROAD	12-2	\$323,200.00	12.02	6/10/2004	BROWN
75 RECREATION ROAD	12-80	\$158,900.00	12.15	11/22/2006	RAND LUMBER
1575 WASHINGTON ROAD	12-89	\$67,600.00	5	12/4/1996	GOODWIN
1565 WASHINGTON ROAD	12-90	\$61,900.00	1.96	7/17/1997	NO INFO
1807 OCEAN BOULEVARD	13-2	\$28,600.00	0.93		NO INFO
1555 OCEAN BOULEVARD	13-34-00A	\$44,500.00	11.9	3/20/1975	HARVEY 1/16 OWNER
129 LAFAYETTE ROAD	14-2	\$25,800.00	9.25	12/15/1983	TAYLOR-GRAY

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

24 LAFAYETTE ROAD	14-13	\$32,100.00	16.4			NO INFO	
28 LAFAYETTE ROAD	14-14	\$39,100.00	12.53		8/28/1985	NO INFO	
32 LAFAYETTE ROAD	14-15	\$25,900.00	9.5		1981	ELIOT MEISSNER COVENTHER	
36 LAFAYETTE ROAD	15-1	\$28,900.00	14.25		5/28/1980	NO INFO	
30 LAFAYETTE ROAD	15-2	\$23,700.00	5.96		6/5/2005	NO INFO	
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	015-005	\$26,400.00	4.25		7/2/1905	GIFTED FROM HERLIHY	
643 WASHINGTON ROAD	15-8	\$15,000.00	2		824/06	HAGUE THOMAS	\$14,400.00
309 WASHINGTON ROAD	16-129-1	\$177,000.00	23.6		1/10/2005	MARDEN	\$385,000.00
214 WASHINGTON ROAD	16-170	\$49,500.00	18		10/16/1996	VARRELL WOODS	
548 WASHINGTON ROAD	016-204-001	\$153,800.00	5.48		9/21/2009	JOSEPH	\$255,000.00
44 WALLIS ROAD	17-51 19/162	\$161,000.00	24.65		3/29/2004	SCULLY	1500000. AND 19/162
544 BRACKETT ROAD	17-56	\$24,500.00	5		3/2/1993	PALMER	
546 BRACKETT ROAD	17-58	\$22,800.00	2.55		3/2/1993	FLANIGAN	
650 BRACKETT ROAD	17-60	\$38,900.00	42.53		4/12/1973	REMICK/TUCKER	
674 WASHINGTON ROAD	17-62	\$31,100.00	10.4		4/24/2008	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST	
12 WALLIS ROAD	173-6-1	\$33,400.00	0.23		10/24/2002	STANLEY	
20 WALLIS ROAD	173-7	\$21,400.00	2.87		6/19/1996	GARANT	
10 WILLIAMS STREET	174-25	\$23,000.00	1.42		4/24/2008	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST	
33 LIBERTY COMMON	18-28	\$38,700.00	20.6		8/29/1988	HOLLETT-SARGENT	
6 VICTORY LANE	18-32-6	\$38,300.00	20.03		9/30/1996	TREFETHEN	
329 BRACKETT ROAD	19-37	\$24,900.00	3.33		5/30/2001	REARDON-PICKERING	
265 PARSONS ROAD	19-99	\$34,300.00	5		6/4/1974	TAX DEED CONSERV	
259 PARSONS ROAD	19-100	\$44,400.00	10.84		8/20/1975	TAX DEED CONSERV	
0 PARSONS ROAD	019-106	\$26,300.00	0.66		3/4/2010	JARVIS	
1055 OCEAN BOULEVARD	19-120	\$32,600.00	6.98		2/28/1983	TAX DEED CONSERV	
1045 OCEAN BOULEVARD	19-121	\$29,300.00	3.15		8/20/1975	NO INFO	
60 OCEAN VIEW AVENUE	194-31	\$42,600.00	2.92		2/6/2006	POKORNEY	50000 FOR BOTH
47 APPELDORE AVENUE	194-50	\$36,400.00	0.63		2/6/2006	POKORNEY	50000 FOR BOTH
1179 OCEAN BOULEVARD	194-57	\$32,300.00	0.31		3/20/1975	HARTFORD	
1173 OCEAN BOULEVARD	194-58	\$31,900.00	0.24		3/20/1975	HARTFORD	
0 GUZZI DRIVE	202-94	\$36,900.00	0.19		6/24/2006	NARBONNE-CLARK	

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

42 MORGAN COURT	21-2	\$27,400.00	3.25	5/24/2007	SPINOSE	
179 PIONEER ROAD-ESMT	22-74-PR1	\$595,000.00	45.2	2/27/1992	FIRST ESSEX SAV BK BISCHOFF WILLIAM	
179 PIONEER ROAD-ESMT	22-74-PR4	\$91,100.00	13.5	2/27/1992	FIRST ESSEX SAV BK BISCHOFF WILLIAM	
176 BRACKETT ROAD	22-101	\$25,800.00	6.98	6/4/1974	TOWN	
701 OCEAN BOULEVARD	23-8	\$50,800.00	0.87	7/16/1986	SWEETSER	
681 OCEAN BOULEVARD	23-10	\$101,200.00	16.33	7/17/1997	BEMIS	
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-011	\$17,700.00	3.1	4/14/2010	JARVIS	
667 OCEAN BOULEVARD	23-13	\$17,300.00	2.63	6/4/1973	NO INFO	
663 OCEAN BOULEVARD	23-14	\$88,300.00	10.05	7/5/1978	NO INFO	
665 OCEAN BOULEVARD	23-15	\$0.00	65.45	11/15/1976	NO INFO	
2 SAGAMORE ROAD	24-71	\$31,000.00	7.83	12/1/78	BROWN	
455 OCEAN BOULEVARD	25-6	\$27,200.00	0.23	1993	BROWN	
445 OCEAN BOULEVARD	25-7	\$31,800.00	1.41	1974	NO INFO	
315 PIONEER ROAD	25-9	\$24,000.00	4.3	12/2/1977	BROWN	
TOTAL		\$5,367,000.00	753.2			

TOWN PROPERTY						
LAND ONLY						
LOCATION	MAP	LOT	BLOCK	LAND ASSESSMENT	AC	Acquisition Date
2689 OCEAN BOULEVARD	2	1		\$1,210,600.00	0.37	7/30/1985
553 WEST ROAD	4	15		\$24,300.00	1.39	7/5/1994
2380 OCEAN BOULEVARD	5	57		\$2,159,900.00	1.65	2/3/1972
121 PERKINS ROAD	5.2	12		\$27,700.00	0.21	6/21/1991
2025 OCEAN BOULEVARD	8	67		\$62,100.00	1.54	12/26/1986
2129 OCEAN BOULEVARD	8.4	45		\$29,900.00	0.04	6/4/1990
154 HARBOR ROAD	9.2	19		\$65,400.00	0.47	6/7/2002
10 OLDE PARISH ROAD	12	44		\$204,600.00	0.2	9/27/1995
574 WASHINGTON ROAD	12	53		\$234,900.00	0.84	2/10/1986
112 CENTRAL ROAD	12	61		\$24,800.00	2.01	5/5/1988
311 LOCKE ROAD	12	69-2		\$18,800.00	4.71	5/28/2005
1695 OCEAN BOULEVARD	13	8		\$452,900.00	0.24	7/27/2000
1589 OCEAN BOULEVARD	13	35		\$31,200.00	4	6/7/1993
0 LANG ROAD	15	15		\$29,700.00	12.75	9/26/1984
514 WALLIS ROAD	16	82	1	\$7,300.00	2	3/18/1954
0 LONG JOHN ROAD	16	133		\$174,200.00	0.76	5/8/2013
0 WALLIS ROAD	16	205		\$9,600.00	0.11	
48 WALLIS ROAD	17	83		\$30,600.00	9.78	6/19/1996
50 WALLIS ROAD	17	84		\$24,900.00	2.26	4/26/2004
11 WALLIS ROAD	173	27		\$31,600.00	0.14	6/18/1999
76 LIBERTY COMMON	18	116		\$232,700.00	1.29	8/12/1991
330 SAGAMORE ROAD	19	69		\$23,600.00	2.37	4/30/1930
263 BRACKETT ROAD	19	94		\$15,900.00	0.09	7/10/1986
270 PARSONS ROAD	19	99	00A	\$26,300.00	0.64	6/4/1974
255 PARSONS ROAD	19	101		\$24,500.00	0.33	8/12/1991
245 PARSONS ROAD	19	102		\$25,600.00	0.55	6/7/2002
258 PARSONS ROAD	19	132		\$50,500.00	14.2	8/12/1991
1167 OCEAN BLVD	194	59		\$32,300.00	0.31	4/22/2005
5 DEPTUNE DRIVE	202	60		\$36,000.00	0.15	6/26/1990
11 NEPTUNE DRIVE	202	61		\$35,700.00	0.14	6/26/1990
155 BRACKETT ROAD	22	61		\$22,900.00	1.78	5/3/2004
25 BERRYS BROOK LANE	22	69		\$30,800.00	10	4/30/2003
154 BRACKETT ROAD	22	98		\$24,600.00	5.09	6/12/1991
158 BRACKETT ROAD	22	99		\$34,600.00	19.91	4/26/2004
0 PORT WAY	23	1		\$33,700.00	13.92	5/26/2011
324 PIONEER ROAD	25	10		\$19,100.00	0.29	3/3/1986
TOTALS				\$5,523,800.00	116.5	

TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MAP	LOT	BLOCK	ASSESSMENT	ACREAGE	ACQUISITION
SEWER PUMPING STATION	0 CHURCH ROAD	2	63	A	42,100	0	1/1/1991
ABENAQUI PUMPING STATION	737 CENTRAL ROAD	5	1	1	1,600	0	1964
OUTER MARKER	105 LOCKE ROAD	8	64		272,700	1.29	7/25/1980
JENNESS BEACH PUMPING STATION	117 OLD BEACH ROAD	8.4	175	1	15,200	0	1990
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSFER STATION	309 GROVE ROAD	11	134		593,300	7.13	7/10/1981
POLICE STATION-old	37 CENTRAL ROAD	12	38		352,000	0.28	1925
PUBLIC LIBRARY	581 WASHINGTON ROAD	12	42		1,682,500	0.25	6/22/2005
PARSONAGE	575 WASHINGTON ROAD	12	43		1,195,800	1.9	6/30/1995
TOWN HALL	10 CENTRAL ROAD	12	54		561,600	1.37	1939
CEMETERY & BUILDING	20 CENTRAL ROAD	12	55		66,600	16.5	1988
RECREATION BUILDING	55 RECREATION ROAD	12	79		1,660,000	171.02	3/1/1964
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING	555 WASHINGTON ROAD	16	7		3,118,200	2.17	4/30/2003
TOTAL					\$9,561,600.00	201.91	



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work backwards

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.

For Assistance Please Contact:

DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5950
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Municipality: RYE

County: ROCKINGHAM

Original Date: 09/15/2014

Revision Date: 09/15/2014

ASSESSOR

DAVID HYNES CNHAS

Assessor's Name

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

CRAIG N MUSSLEMAN

Municipal Official 1

JOSEPH G MILLS JR

Municipal Official 3

Municipal Official 5

Under penalties of perjury, We declare that we have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of our belief it is true, correct and complete.

PRISCILLA V JENNESS

Municipal Official 2

Municipal Official 4

Municipal Official 6

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

JOANNE DREWNIK

Preparer's Name

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

(603) 946-5523

Phone Number

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Email (optional)



Municipality Values

Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4)

		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A	1,588	\$166,000
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B		
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved)	3,742	\$925,337,300
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land)	644	\$35,102,200
1-H	Total of Taxable Land	5,974	\$960,605,500
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,709	\$71,580,100

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B)

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential		\$787,709,400
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$2,153,600
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings)		\$37,016,600
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings		\$826,879,600
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$37,242,400

Utilities and Timber

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities	\$5,967,700
3-B	Other Utilities	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	

5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4)

\$1,793,452,800



Exemptions

		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?		
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?		
8	Improvements to Asslt Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?		
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?		
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ?			\$1,793,452,800

Summation of Exemptions ?

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?	\$15,000	3	\$45,000
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		71	\$6,701,100
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?		9	\$94,800
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			
20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19)				\$6,840,900

Calculations

21	NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$1,786,611,900
22	LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B	\$5,967,700
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)	\$1,780,644,200

Notes:



Utility Summary: Electric, Hydroelectric, Renewable - Misc., Nuclear, Gas/Pipeline, Water & Sewer

Utility Value Appraiser **?**

Who Appriases/Establishes the Utility Value in the Municipality? (If multiple, please list)

If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized By The Ratio? Yes No

SECTION A

List Electric Companies **?**

Electric Company	Assessed Valuation
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$3,908,700
NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK LLC	\$74,900
MASS MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC GENERATION	\$10,500
HUDSON LIGHT AND POWER DEPT GENERATION	\$100
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING CO GENERATION	\$100

A1 Total of all Electric Companies listed in this section: \$3,994,300

List Gas Companies **?**

Gas Company	Assessed Valuation

A2 Total of all Gas Companies listed in this section:



List Water and Sewer Companies 

Water/Sewer Company	Assessed Valuation
AQUARION WATER COMPANY	\$1,973,400
A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:	\$1,973,400
Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies	\$5,967,700

SECTION B

List Other Utility Companies 

Other Utility Company	Assessed Valuation
B1 Total of All Other Companies listed in this section (must agree with line 3B):	



Tax Credits and Exemptions

Veterans' Tax Credits

Credit Description	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) (\$50 Standard Credit, \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town)	\$500	314	\$157,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$2,000	6	\$12,000
Total Number and Amount		322	\$173,000

*If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2. If someone is living at a residence such as a brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

Disabled and Deaf Exemption Report

	Disabled Exemption Report (RSA 72:37-b)		Deaf Exemption Report (RSA 72:38-b)	
	Single	Married	Single	Married
Income Limits <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Asset Limits <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a

First Time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Number of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Max Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption Granted
65-74	<input type="text"/>	\$75,000	65-74	10	\$750,000	\$638,600
75-79	1	\$90,000	75-79	17	\$1,530,000	\$1,530,000
80+	2	\$105,000	80+	44	\$4,620,000	\$4,532,500
Total				71	\$6,900,000	\$6,701,100

Income Limits	Single	\$40,000	Asset Limits	Single	\$199,000
	Married	\$59,900		Married	\$199,000

Community Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E

Adopted: Yes No



Property Reports

Current Use Reports - RSA 79-A

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	272	\$108,800	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	94
Forest Land	667	\$51,300	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship			Owners in Current Use	65
Unproductive Land	3		Parcels in Current Use	89
Wet Land	646	\$5,900		
Total	1,588	\$166,000		

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)

Conservation Allocation Percentage And/Or Dollar Amount

Monies to Conservation Fund

Monies to General Fund

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report - RSA 79-B (must file PA-60)

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Conservation	Assessed Valuation	Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land			Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	
Forest Land			Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship				Total Number
Unproductive Land			Owners in Conservation	
Wet Land			Parcels in Conservation	
Total				

Discretionary Easements - RSA 79-C

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (e.g. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Tax Increment Financing Districts - RSA 162-K 7

TIF District Name	Date of Adoption/ Modification	Original Assessed Value	Unretained Captured Assessed Value	Amount used on page 2	Retained Captured Assessed Value	Current Assessed Value



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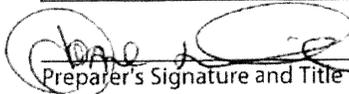
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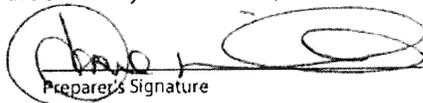
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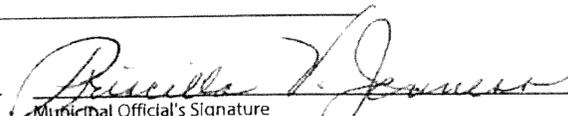
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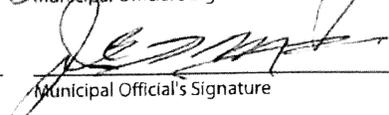
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Village District Values

Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?

		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	4	
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?		
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	320	\$250,403,400
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	4	\$1,791,400
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	328	\$252,194,800
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	49	\$1,977,700

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?		\$142,460,900
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?		
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?		\$1,902,400
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?		\$144,363,300
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?		\$47,500

Utilities and Timber ?

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	

5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?

\$396,558,100



Exemptions

		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?		
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?		
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?		
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ?			\$396,558,100

Summation of Exemptions ?

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?	\$15,000	1	\$15,000
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		13	\$1,305,000
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?		2	\$26,200
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			

20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19)

				\$1,346,200
Calculations				
21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)				\$395,211,900

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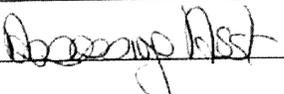
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Village District Values

Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?

		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	91	\$10,400
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?		
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	301	\$99,353,100
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	112	\$4,300,500
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	504	\$103,664,000
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	7	\$5,917,400

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?		\$113,699,900
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?		
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?		\$5,666,400
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?		\$119,366,300
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?		\$2,472,800

Utilities and Timber ?

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	

5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?

		\$223,030,300
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Exemptions

		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?		
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?		
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10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
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11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ? \$223,030,300

Summation of Exemptions ?

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?			
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		3	\$315,000
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?			
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			

20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19) \$315,000

Calculations

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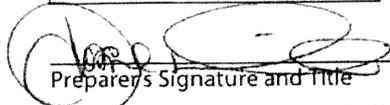
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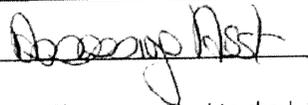
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1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	1,413	\$154,300
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?		
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	2,944	\$557,710,100
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	406	\$23,649,100
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	4,763	\$581,513,500
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	1,133	\$33,668,900

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?		\$516,243,500
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?		\$2,153,600
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?		\$26,755,300
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?		\$545,152,400
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?		\$29,235,700

Utilities and Timber ?		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	
5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?		\$1,126,665,900



Exemptions

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7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?		
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11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ? \$1,126,665,900

Summation of Exemptions ?

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?	\$15,000	2	\$30,000
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		50	\$4,668,600
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?		7	\$68,600
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			

20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19) \$4,767,200

Calculations

21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20) \$1,121,898,700

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Adams, Kristopher L.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	4,469.76	4,469.76		
* Adams, Lee J.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	57,619.92	53,936.07	3,683.85	
Anderson, Susan O.	Election Worker	112.38	112.38		
* Arthur, Lee C.	Recreation Director	72,840.02	72,840.02		
Arthur, Lee C.	Sewer Commission Secretary	21,790.60	21,790.60		
Bargardo, Tony F.	Parking Enforcement	21.86	21.86		
* Blais, William J.	Police Sergeant	95,355.22	71,655.84	22,357.38	1,342.00
Blaisdell, Leon C.	Treasurer	13,999.47	13,999.47		
* Blaisdell, Scott R.	Police Lieutenant	95,678.85	77,414.40	14,238.45	4,026.00
Blanding, David M.	Police Special	8,411.14	8,411.14		-
Boyle, Devin M.	Lifeguard	2,229.38	2,229.38		
* Breton-Eaton, Lisa L.	Technology Librarian	45,069.29	45,069.29		
Brewer, Roland A.	Call Personnel	1,284.00	1,284.00		
* Bucklin, Alan E.	Senior Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	59,704.29	54,100.80	5,603.49	
Burnham, Bruce A.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	1,105.92	1,105.92		
Carlson, Shawn C.	Patrolman	72,862.00	49,653.78	13,660.22	9,548.00
Chase, James M.	Library Custodian	18,611.00	18,611.00		
Chichester, Madeline L.	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
Collins, Phoebe C.	Basketball Coach	300.00	300.00		
* Conlon, Bartholomew T.	Patrolman	65,069.26	62,513.44	2,555.82	-
Cornell, Matthew C.	Lifeguard	2,310.00	2,310.00		
* Coscia, John V.	Cemetery Superintendent	57,218.80	57,218.80		
* Cots, John M.	Firefighter/EMT-B	80,018.73	57,751.20	22,267.53	
Cummings, Brittany S.	Call Personnel	1,104.00	1,104.00		
Dame, Amanda K.	Parking Enforcement	3,294.80	3,294.80		
* DeCotis, Donna M.	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	45,848.01	45,848.01		
Denio, Luke A.	Call Personnel	44.00	44.00		
Derochemont, Leigh K.	Election Worker	480.39	480.39		
* Dibartolomeo, Jeffrey M.	Fire Lieutenant	76,883.79	69,596.14	7,287.65	-
Doherty, Juliette	Library Assistant-Part Time	10,572.22	10,572.22		
Dolben, Warren C.	Lifeguard	4,110.00	4,110.00		
* Downing, Jessica A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	25,563.01	20,588.26	4,974.75	
Drake, Collin B.	Call Personnel	66.00	66.00		
Drake, Frank A.	Election Worker	206.63	206.63		
* Drenniak, Joanne T.	Assessing Clerk	50,505.26	50,505.26		
Dube, Lisa F.	Sewer Temporary Help	2,713.93	2,713.93		
Dunfey, Susan	Finance Assistant	25,996.00	25,996.00		
Eaton, Daniel W.	Call Personnel	1,737.50	1,737.50		
Eaton, Julia A.	Parking Enforcement	4,633.50	4,513.27	120.23	
Eaton, Julia A.	Recreation Summer Counselor	562.50	562.50		
Eaton, Kerry N.	Parking Enforcement	4,658.78	4,658.78		
Eaton, Kerry N.	Recreation Summer Counselor	472.50	472.50		
Foley, Delia C.	Lifeguard	2,622.75	2,622.75		
Franz, Mary R.	Election Worker	348.01	348.01		
Freeman, Dustin P.	After School Counselor	927.49	927.49		
* Gallant, Charles A.	Fire Lieutenant	97,884.64	68,577.19	28,867.45	440.00
* Gallant, Kelley	Recreation Programs Supervisor	43,110.11	43,110.11		
Garrity, Timothy P.	Police Special	9,095.50	7,203.50		1,892.00
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Cemetery Attendant/Library Custodian	5,404.00	5,404.00		
* Gaucher, Kenneth I.	Highway Driver/Operator/Mechanic	11,254.50	11,254.50		
* Gauthier, Amanda J.	Patrolman	16,040.42	15,574.72	289.70	176.00
Gemmett, Kendra B.	Election Worker	94.25	94.25		
* Gillespie, Cynthia L.	Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator	81,328.83	81,328.83		
Gitshier, Debra S.	After School Counselor	2,037.18	2,037.18		
Gittlein, Joan C.	Election Worker	43.50	43.50		
* Goff, Harriet A.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary	56,966.80	56,966.80		
Gorski, Alexandria E.	Call Personnel	10,148.00	9,972.00		176.00
Guay, Jillian F.	After School Counselor	1,596.65	1,596.65		
Haky, Anne C.	Basketball Coach	1,428.00	1,428.00		
Hartman, Theodore S.	Call Personnel	3,024.00	3,024.00		
Healy, Shawna M.	Library Assistant-Part Time	10,992.67	10,992.67		
Higgins, Sarah M.	After School Counselor	616.15	616.15		
* Hill, Roy Lee	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	63,191.07	56,479.63	6,711.44	
* Hirtle, Scott M.	Firefighter/Paramedic	86,718.77	63,455.70	23,263.07	-
Holway, Jane	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Hordon, Ronald A.	Fire Lieutenant	95,507.34	70,697.10	24,810.24	-
* Houde, Lisa S.	Librarian - Children Services	41,362.83	41,362.83		
Howland, Thomas H	Basketball Security	1,125.00	1,125.00		
Hutchins, Margaret A.	Library Assistant-Part Time	14,101.77	14,101.77		
Ireland, Jane E.	Bookkeeper of the Trust Funds	3,545.00	3,545.00		
Ireland, Jane E.	Deputy Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Ireland, Jane E.	Treasurer	3,250.26	3,250.26		
* Ireland, Janice E.	Executive Assistant	53,567.41	52,313.45	1,253.96	
Irwin, Julie A.	Call Personnel	684.00	684.00		
Iske, Sarah K.	Lifeguard	3,046.90	3,046.90		
Jarvis, Sarah S.	Call Personnel	1,845.00	1,845.00		
* Jenness, Christopher	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	67,065.67	57,496.90	9,568.77	
Jenness, Priscilla	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Jones, Martha G.	Library Assistant-Part Time	1,113.75	1,113.75		
Joslyn, John A.	Grounds Keeper	4,265.98	4,265.98		

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TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES
2014

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Kelly, Ryan E.	Lifeguard	2,247.00	2,247.00		
Kendall, Gregory C.	Animal Control Officer	13,319.75	13,319.75	-	
King, Sally S.	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Klanchesser, John J.	Firefighter/EMT-B	85,374.29	59,478.80	25,895.49	
Koncz, Zoltan	Tennis Instructor	4,146.24	4,146.24		
* Kornechuk, David C.	Firefighter/EMT-1	35,970.00	35,970.00	-	
Ladrie, Alan	Call Personnel	2,028.00	2,028.00		
* Laing, Steven J.	Fire Lieutenant	108,114.97	70,932.84	37,182.13	
Lambert, Thomas S.	Fire Chief	21,269.71	21,269.71		
Landau, Ariel	Parking Enforcement	598.46	598.46		
Landau, Ariel	Recreation Summer Counselor	3,847.31	3,847.31		
Ledger, Dyana F.	Transcriptionist	33,913.16	33,913.16		
Ledger, Dyana F.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary - Part Time	3,904.77	3,904.77		
Leger, Ricky W.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	2,242.56	2,242.56		
Lefebvre, Vivian J	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	330.00	330.00		
Leger, Thomas J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	14,445.29	14,445.29		
Lighthall, Maxwell G.	Parking Enforcement	2,034.90	2,034.90		
* Loring, Victoria R.	Administration and Program Assistant	41,361.20	41,127.20	234.00	
Luff, Julia K.	Basketball Referee	50.00	50.00		
MacGlashing, Alyssa A.	Call Personnel	26.00	26.00		
* MacGlashing, Jacob R.	Firefighter/Paramedic	79,956.61	57,730.63	22,224.98	
MacIssac, Tucker A.	After School Counselor	3,703.01	3,703.01		
Magnant, Michael J.	Town Administrator	73,597.66	73,597.66		
Marden, Ryan R.	Call Personnel	605.00	605.00		
Mason, Alexis K.	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	2,625.00	2,625.00		
Mastro, Brianna C.	Library Page - Part Time	968.63	968.63		
Maxam, Erica L.	Call Personnel	564.00	564.00		
* McCarthy, Dennis G.	Public Worker Director	82,376.00	82,376.00		
McGrath, Kevin P.	Call Personnel	143.00	143.00		
Meyer, Joanne M.	Election Worker	101.50	101.50		
Miller, Geoffrey S.	Patrolman	53,191.96	48,313.20	3,228.76	1,650.00
Millett, Frederick B.	Plow Driver	3,823.82	3,823.82		
Mills, Joseph G.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Montalbano, Kathryn	Election Worker	112.38	112.38		
Morrissey, Andrea J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	125.68	125.68		
Morrissey, Andrea J.	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant	33,583.82	33,583.82		
Moulton, Mark E.	Tennis Instructor	8,487.76	8,487.76		
Muse, Cynthia S.	Election Worker	300.88	300.88		
Musselman, Craig N.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Nadeau, Gail C.	Election Worker	174.00	174.00		
Nickerson, Laurie A.	After School Counselor	1,596.68	1,596.68		
* Nolette, Brenda J	Youth Services - Librarian Assistant	36,312.51	36,312.51		
* O'Brien, Duncan J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	62,448.81	53,372.80	9,076.01	
Oliver, Sarah E.	After School Counselor	12,938.68	12,938.68		
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	362.51	362.51		
* Paradis Jr., Paul H.	Highway Working Foreman	75,218.14	66,388.11	8,830.03	
* Parr, Mark C	Patrolman	76,222.59	51,084.65	17,415.94	7,722.00
Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Police Special	20,378.60	8,690.60	-	11,688.00
Pickford, Anastasia N.	After School Counselor	6,203.38	6,203.38		
Pollock, Evan N.	Call Personnel	341.00	341.00		
Powell Andrews, Rosalie	Building Department Assistant	17,933.00	17,933.00		
Putnam-Bailey, Gwen L.	Library Assistant-Part Time	13,056.51	13,056.51		
* Quinn, Patricia R.	Librarian - Associate Director	50,452.87	50,452.87		
* Reed, Kimberly M.	Planning & Zoning Administrator	61,415.20	61,415.20		
* Richmond, Andrew G.	Library Director	72,413.60	72,413.60		
* Rowell, Peter E.	Building Inspector	65,802.40	65,802.40		
Ruel, Morris J.	Call Personnel	5,567.50	5,347.50		220.00
Ryan, Jean E.	Yoga Instructor	1,754.80	1,754.80		
Scheidegger, Jonathan W.	After School Counselor	1,404.56	1,404.56		
Schermerhorn, Clayton J.	Call Personnel	352.00	352.00		
Smith, Avery M.	After School Counselor	5,120.70	5,120.70		
Snow MD, Gail A.	Health Officer	4,800.00	4,800.00		
Stevens, Hannah E.	Basketball Coach	300.00	300.00		
* Sullivan, Scott T.	Patrolman	46,982.90	43,185.41	3,797.49	-
Sullivan, William H.	Fire Chief	37,385.76	37,385.76		
Sutton, Thomas W.	Call Personnel	312.50	312.50		
Swist, Thomas M.	Call Personnel	612.00	612.00		
Tarbell, Marina P.	Parking Enforcement	910.63	910.63		
Thomas, Carolyn A.	After School Counselor	4,485.18	4,485.18		
Tighe, Jane E.	Lifeguard	6,672.50	6,672.50		
Tompkins, Randall B.	Police Special	10,878.72	10,878.72		
Tribou, Sydney C.	Lifeguard	2,262.64	2,262.64		
True, Eryn C.	Lifeguard	3,191.27	3,191.27		
Underwood, Elizabeth A.	Basketball Referee	125.00	125.00		
Violette, Kathryn D.	Lifeguard	425.52	425.52		
Wade, Annie L.	Lifeguard	2,558.77	2,558.77		
Wade, Sarah B.	Lifeguard	3,956.02	3,956.02		
Wagner, Hunter A.	After School Counselor	1,616.58	1,616.58		
Walker, Donald	Call Personnel	62.00	62.00		
* Walsh, Kevin P.	Police Chief	90,148.00	89,972.00		176.00
* Webster, Mark D.	Police Corporal	87,905.36	65,734.81	19,442.55	2,728.00
Wile-Marble, Jared P	Highway Driver/Operator/Mechanic	23,336.67	21,675.61	1,661.06	
* Williams, Richard V.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	47,976.05	46,540.25	1,435.80	
* Woods, Pamela E.	Librarian - Adult Services	44,730.08	44,730.08		
* Yeaton, Elizabeth M.	Tax Collector/Town Clerk	63,186.08	63,186.08		
Yeaton, Norman	Town Custodian	23,479.10	23,479.10		
York, Jeffrey E	Call Personnel	1,428.50	1,208.50		220.00
161 Employees		3,662,526.10	3,278,583.86	341,938.24	42,004.00

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TOWN OF RYE
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE COSTS - 2014

BENEFIT	PLAN TYPE	COVERAGE	ANNUAL COSTS	EMPLOYEE SHARE	TOWN'S COSTS
Comp 2500 Plan					
Health Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	\$ 10,764	\$ 1,292	\$ 9,472
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 21,527	\$ 4,305	\$ 17,222
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 29,061	\$ 5,812	\$ 23,249
Town pays 88% of single coverage - 80% of the 2-person and family plans					
Blue Choice Plan 3T10					
Health Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	\$ 12,889	\$ 1,547	\$ 11,342
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 25,777	\$ 5,155	\$ 20,622
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 34,799	\$ 6,960	\$ 27,840
Town pays 88% of single coverage - 80% of the 2-person and family plans					
Health Insurance	Matthew Thornton	MT Blue SOS 20/40			
	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	\$ 8,648	\$ 1,038	\$ 7,611
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 17,297	\$ 3,459	\$ 13,837
Family Coverage/emp		\$ 23,351	\$ 4,670	\$ 18,680	
Town pays 88% of single coverage - 80% of the 2-person and family plans					
Employees Hired after 4/1/2014					
Blue Choice Plan 3T10					
Health Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	\$ 12,889	\$ 3,222	\$ 9,666
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 25,777	\$ 6,444	\$ 19,333
		Family Coverage/emp	\$ 34,799	\$ 8,700	\$ 26,100
Town pays 75% of all Plans					
Health Insurance	Matthew Thornton	MT Blue SOS 20/40			
	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	\$ 8,648	\$ 2,162	\$ 6,486
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 17,297	\$ 4,324	\$ 12,973
Family Coverage/emp		\$ 23,351	\$ 5,838	\$ 17,513	
Town pays 75% of all Plans					
Dental Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage/emp	\$ 495	\$ -	\$ 495
	Delta Dental	2-Person Coverage/emp	\$ 960	\$ 465	\$ 495
	Option 1A	Family Coverage/emp	\$ 1,728	\$ 1,233	\$ 495
Town pays 100% of a single coverage only.					
Life Insurance					
Benefit is equal to annual pay with reduction after age 65					
Rate is \$0.22 per month for each \$1000 of benefit					\$ 885
to a maximum of \$75,000					\$ 9,608
Town pays 100% of this cost					
Short-Term Disability					
Benefit is 2/3 of base weekly wage per week for 26 weeks					
The Rate is \$0.60 per month for each \$10 of weekly benefit					\$ 21,963
					2014 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
LongTerm Disability					
Benefit is 60% of base pay to a maximum of \$5000/mth					
Benefit commences after 6 months of disability					\$ 17,573
The rate is \$.71 per \$100 of Permanent Base Pay per month					2014 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
NH State Retirement Plan					
		Police Officers	Town's Contribution 25.30%		
		Fire Fighters	Town's Contribution 27.74%		
		Employees	Town's Contribution 10.77%		
		Police Officers	Employee's Contribution 11.55%		
		Fire Fighters	Employee's Contribution 11.80%		
		Employees	Employee's Contribution 7.00%		

The NH Retirement System sets the employer's percentage effective July 1st.
Retirement Contributions are Based on Gross Wages

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was a difficult year for the Treasurer's office in Rye. On October 25th, 2014, Leon Blaisdell passed away. Leon had served as Rye's treasurer since he was first elected in 2006. Adding to that heart break, our former treasurer, Barbara Flynn, died on January 28th. Barbara had been the town's treasurer from 1982 until her retirement in 2006. Both of these extraordinary public servants are deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing them.

The town began the year with a total bond indebtedness of \$2,185,000. During 2014 the remaining balances for the Library addition (\$55,000), Public Safety Building (\$330,000) and Conservation Easements (\$185,000) were retired. Further, three bonds for Conservation Land Acquisition were reduced by \$290,000, from a total of \$1,615,000 to a remaining balance of \$1,325,000. Additionally, and in accordance with the 2014 Town Meeting vote on Article 7, in December 2014, a new bond for Conservation Land Acquisition in the amount of \$1,300,000 was obtained through the Municipal Bond Bank at a rate of 2.3%. This bond will mature in February of 2025. The Statement of Bonded Debt following this report provides detail of the town's long term debt status.

It has been a challenge for me to fill the shoes of our capable former treasurers. I am very grateful for the excellent bookkeeping records on hand for me to follow, and for the knowledgeable direction and support provided by Finance Director Cyndi Gillespie. It is a pleasure to work with her, as well as the other dedicated town personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Treasurer

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance		
General Fund Account	2,194,793.08	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
NH Public Deposit Pool	60,908.35	
TD Banknorth Money Market Acct	5,123,673.47	
Total		7,380,374.90
Receipts	42,601,460.46	
Disbursements	41,571,078.46	
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance		
General Fund Account	3,021,194.45	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
NH Public Deposit Pool	-	
TD Banknorth Money Market Acct	5,388,562.45	
Total		8,410,756.90

CONSERVATION COMMISSION GENERAL

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance		100,525.05
Receipts	Donations and Grants for Goss Farm improvement	2,430.57
Receipts	Bond proceeds	1,300,000.00
Interest		209.24
Disbursements		21,293.33
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance		1,381,871.53

CONSERVATION COMMISSION VERNAL POOL

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance		45,236.47
Receipts		-
Interest		36.22
Disbursements		-
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance		45,272.69

SEWERAGE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance		501,756.69
Receipts		310,671.07
Disbursements		232,440.64
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance		579,987.12

TOWN OF RYE, ESCROW ACCOUNT

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance	35,407.16
Receipts	33,000.00
Interest	18.28
Disbursements	38,184.04
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance	30,241.40

TOWN OF RYE, UMBRELLA ACCOUNT *

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance	66,424.05
Receipts	-
Interest	98.42
Disbursements	2,225.00
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance	64,297.47

* includes Forest fund, Adams Escrow, Recreation and Surety funds

TOWN OF RYE YOUTH RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance	63,703.63
Receipts	9,836.03
Interest	103.22
Disbursements	
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance	73,642.88

TOWN OF RYE, ASS FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance	10,748.75
Receipts	-
Interest	8.61
Disbursements	
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance	10,757.36

RYE HERITAGE COMMISSION ACCT

January 1, 2014 Starting Balance	6,126.00
Received from Donations	4,500.00
Donation to Goss Farm	1,200.00
December 31, 2014 Ending Balance	9,426.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Rye Trust funds performed exceedingly well once again in 2014, supported by the sixth straight year of equity stock gains and the third year in a row where most stock market averages exceeded 10%. The Funds diversified holdings were heavily weighted toward high yielding dividend sectors, such as Utilities, which substantially outperformed market averages. Over the last year, the Trust accounts generated over \$127,000 in income and very significant capital appreciation.

The nonexpendable trust accounts were primarily invested in dividend yielding equities and performed remarkably well, however capital preservation restricts expendable trust accounts to short-term interest bearing accounts. As many investors are aware, continued aggressive Federal Reserve Board policies have pushed U.S. interest rates to historically low levels and short-term investments provide little return. Investments in expendable trust accounts, which are almost exclusively invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP), were yielding only 0.01% (one basis point), substantially less than the current rate of inflation. As a result, income was significantly negatively impacted by current interest rates.

Looking forward to 2015, U.S. equities appear to be fairly valued at 16 times forward projected earnings. Current interest rates, however, make equity valuations appear undervalued. The current dividend yield of the DJIA is 2.76%, much higher than money market alternatives. In fact, even the ten year Treasury bond currently only yields 2.00%, a level that is equal to the Federal Reserve Board inflationary target.

While the Trustees continue to be constructive on the U.S. economic expansion, macroeconomic issues, in particular international developments, may enhance volatility and risk. The Trustees will continue to maintain long-term diversified investments focused on generating prudent levels of income while preserving inflation-adjusted principal.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry S. Pope
Jeffrey M. Balboni
Andrew J. Mahoney
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND with common trust funds	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.	**PRINCIPAL**				***INCOME***				PRINCIPAL ONLY				
				Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance at End of Year	Principal & Income End of Year	Beg. Of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains	End of Year Fair Value
1/8/10/1907	Cemetery Common Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc	865,982.11	22,500.00	13,316.68		901,788.79	8,620.73	113,767.07	122,123.01	264.79	902,063.58	1,414,725.20	143,106.21	1,557,831.41
2/8/21/1909	Library Common Fund	Library	Stocks, etc	404,576.77		(2,344.72)		402,232.05	377.73	20,198.29	20,176.40	399.92	402,631.97	675,173.43	65,933.56	741,096.99
3	Daiton Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc	647,184.95		22,569.00		669,753.95	12,639.89	29,119.78	28,073.07	13,686.60	683,440.55	1,041,962.39	108,166.60	1,150,128.99
4/12/25/1856	Daniel Austin Medicine Chest	Medicine Chest	NHPDIP	100.00				100.00	1,711.14	28.57	1,549.55	4,294.76	1,811.14	100.00		100.00
5/12/29/1965	Capital Reserve Fire Truck	Fire Truck	NHPDIP	149,266.53				149,266.53	4,266.19	1,541.28	1,549.55	(8.27)	153,561.29	149,266.53		149,266.53
7/11/1/1956	Capital Reserve, Rye Beach Prec	Beach Precinct	Stocks, etc	44,759.86		875.86		45,635.72					45,635.72	54,655.10	4,717.42	59,372.52
8/12/20/1984	Capital Reserve, Rye Beach Prec	Cemetery	Money Market	3,675.96				3,675.96	311.48			311.48	3,987.44	3,675.96		3,675.96
9/3/17/1990	Capital Reserve - Records	Record Rate	NHPDIP	11,338.21				11,338.21	16,992.19	22,512.65	4,348.12	34,556.72	34,556.72			
10/3/17/1990	Employee Leave Expendable Tr	Employ/Leave	NHPDIP	155,247.78	50,000.00		30,908.00	174,339.78	86.04	28.03	28.03		174,339.78	155,247.78	19,092.00	174,339.78
11/3/4/1992	Capital Reserve - Sewer Fund	Sewer	NHPDIP	36,082.80				36,082.80	13,265.89	8.74	13,274.63		49,357.43	36,082.80		36,082.80
12/3/12/1994	Grove Rd. Landfill Exp. Trust	Landfill	NHPDIP	34,629.50			954.79	33,674.71		6.46	6.46		33,674.71	34,629.50	(954.79)	33,674.71
13/3/12/1994	Cap. Reserve - Highway Equip	Highway Equip	NHPDIP	278,148.48	100,000.00		213,462.01	164,686.47	62.99	53.00	115.99		164,686.47	278,148.48	164,686.47	164,686.47
14/3/25/1995	Cap. Reserve - Rye Water District	Replace bids	NHPDIP	62,706.95	30,000.00			92,706.95		12.85			92,719.80	62,706.95	30,000.00	92,706.95
15/3/30/1996	Cap. Reserve- Rye Water District	Contingency	NHPDIP	50,503.80	15,000.00			65,503.80	23.90	9.68			65,537.38	50,503.80	15,000.00	65,503.80
16/3/16/1996	Foss Gravelyard Trust	Gravelyard	NHPDIP	2,330.88				2,330.88	718.21	2.04		718.21	3,049.09	2,330.88		2,330.88
17/3/12/1994	Cap. Reserve, Rye Recreation	Rec. building	NHPDIP	14,531.27				14,531.27	20.59			22.69	14,553.90	14,531.27		14,531.27
18/3/16/1996	Cap. Reserve, Ambulance	Ambulance	NHPDIP	11,304.14				11,304.14	85.33	1.87		87.20	11,391.34	11,304.14		11,304.14
19/2/4/1987	Manuel Fund	Cemetery	NHPDIP	30,383.67				30,383.67	2,995.36	6.24		2,601.60	32,985.27	30,383.67		30,383.67
20/2/4/2002	Alma Goodwin Non-expendable	Library	NHPDIP	5,000.00				5,000.00	1.46	0.13		1.59	5,001.59	5,000.00		5,000.00
21/3/13/2001	Cap. Res. Rye School District	Special Ed	NHPDIP	161,580.41				161,580.41		29.68		29.68	161,610.09	161,580.41		161,580.41
22/3/31/2001	Cap. Res. Rye School District	Computer Hdwr	NHPDIP	100,000.00				100,000.00	20,230.17	22.10		20,252.27	120,252.27	100,000.00		100,000.00
23/3/12/2002	Cap. Res Computer Fund	Library	NHPDIP	6,291.44				6,291.44	13.27	0.64		13.91	6,305.35	6,291.44		6,291.44
24/3/8/2005	Alma Hill Expendable Trust	Cemetery	Stocks, etc	45,000.00		9.81		45,009.81	0.58	1,765.43	1,765.43	0.58	45,010.39	53,342.57	3,718.80	57,061.37
25/9/27/2004	Hyder Family Trust	Cemetery	NHPDIP	10,000.00				10,000.00	1,735.01	1.88		1,736.89	11,736.89	10,000.00		10,000.00
26/3/17/2004	Cap. Res. - Rye Water District	Equip & Bldgs	NHPDIP	24,073.22	15,000.00			39,073.22		5.13		5.13	39,078.35	24,073.22	15,000.00	39,073.22
27/3/8/2005	Library Mites Expendable Trust	Bldg Mitec	NHPDIP	100,000.00				100,000.00	6,907.33	20.02		6,927.35	106,927.35	100,000.00		100,000.00
28/3/8/2005	Library Mites Expendable Trust	Salt Shed	NHPDIP	17,806.20	5,000.00			18,158.44		2.24	2.24		18,158.44	17,806.20	352.24	18,158.44
29/3/13/2007	Bldg. Mitec Fund Expendable Tr	Town bldgs	NHPDIP	25,728.16				19,548.49	65.00	5.33	70.33		19,548.49	25,728.16	(6,179.67)	19,548.49
30/3/9/2007	Rye School District Expend.Trust	Tuition	NHPDIP	1,145.33				1,145.33		0.00			1,145.33	1,145.33		1,145.33
31/11/5/2014	Rye Fire Dept. Donations	private donation	NHPDIP							6,858.99		6,858.99	6,858.99			
TOTALS				3,299,378.42	237,900.00	34,426.63	256,152.23	3,315,152.82	90,130.48	196,009.99	178,258.33	107,882.14	3,423,034.96	4,531,733.42	284,480.36	4,816,213.78

MS 9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF RYE

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		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Beginning of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains	End of Year Fair Value
1	1426	16557.12					16,557.12					50,138.16	47,899.34
2	500	15139.95					15,139.95					25,800.00	7,410.00
3	740	10754.76	20216.46	-1801.20			29170.02					12925.30	22555.50
4	800	38248.00					38248.00					12456.00	1856.00
5	720	16015.89					16015.89					89935.20	-9165.60
6	450	25680.03					25680.03					31792.50	-715.50
7	1015	32801.44	10523.93				43325.37					36186.00	10108.15
8	500	24109.74					24109.74					32485.00	4485.00
9	2000	6855.50	0	-2860.00			3995.50					66300.00	5940.00
10	325	12600.92					12600.92					101200.00	-8750.00
11	1000	7071.00					7071.00					8901.75	3149.25
12	1000	32525.17					32525.17					28030.00	-2760.00
13	43	0.00					0.00					0.00	1955.21
14	2000	23679.90					23679.90					54200.00	19980.00
15	0	24940.31			32236.02	7295.71	0.00					33741.50	-33741.50
16	310	0.00	21400.87				21400.87					24133.50	0.00
17	1024	51736.20					51736.20					59883.52	4198.40
18	600	36373.00					36373.00					54954.00	7788.00
19	350	23519.59					23519.59					36561.00	3878.00
20	1329	11869.68					11869.68					48154.02	8075.97
21	1077	25990.91			5696.24	-2872.03	25990.91					53903.85	7258.98
22	550	12513.30					12513.30					18084.00	5247.00
23	2300	18371.19	15330.85				33702.04					24178.00	9471.00
24	635	12530.10					12530.10					12147.55	4953.00
25	1863	25163.43					25163.43					57063.69	968.76
26	330	19880.09					19880.09					26865.30	3194.40
27	585	19060.92					19060.92					27454.05	7879.95
28	280	12507.15					12507.15					11510.80	2240.00
29	353	30091.29					30091.29					49508.25	8496.71
30	350	25207.65					25207.65					39830.00	420.00
31	0	12553.00			21416.57	8663.57	0.00					17750.00	-17750.00
32	1098	10758.05					10758.05					53955.72	-2591.28
33	1139	75162.90					75162.90					51710.60	10729.38
34	1000	28819.95					28819.95					51870.00	19970.00
35	650	12610.28					12610.28					18005.00	-2899.00
36	130	0.00					0.00					0.00	3428.10
37	CASH	21762.10	99348.83	0	67472.11		53638.82	51.45	39126.22	39075.13	102.54	21813.55	31825.27
38	4384	33990.72					33990.72	0.00	986.96	986.96	0.00	2830.73	219.62
39	CASH	58530.88	22500	7992.04	40000.00		49022.92	8569.28	73653.89	82060.92	162.25	67100.16	-18077.24
40													
		865982.11	189320.94	29.43	166820.94	13287.25	901798.79	8620.73	113767.07	122123.01	264.79	1414725.20	143106.21
	TOTALS												1557831.41

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE
CEMETERY COMMON FUND

# of Shares or Other Units	***HOW INVESTED*** (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain AT & T	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***			PRINCIPAL ONLY		
		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total Principal & Income	Beginning of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains
1	526	8255.20				8255.20					8255.20	18494.16	-825.82	17668.34
2	500	15139.95				15139.95					15139.95	25800.00	7410.00	33210.00
3	780	8529.79	24702.95	-1768.40		31464.34					31464.34	10251.10	27126.50	37377.60
4	600	27838.00				27838.00					27838.00	9342.00	1392.00	10734.00
5	800	11175.00				11175.00					11175.00	42520.00	4704.00	47224.00
6	250	19483.00				19483.00					19483.00	31227.50	-3182.50	28045.00
7	390	24924.59	10515.93			24924.59					24924.59	22200.00	9727.00	26933.40
8	700	22658.00				22658.00					22658.00	42230.50	5830.50	48061.00
9	2000	29594.80	0.00	-2860.00		29594.80					29594.80	66900.00	5940.00	72240.00
10	500	1317.50				1317.50					1317.50	50600.00	-4375.00	46225.00
11	920	30642.20				30642.20					30642.20	25787.60	-2539.20	23248.40
12	37	0.00				0.00					0.00	0.00	1682.39	1682.39
13	1000	14984.00				14984.00					14984.00	27100.00	9990.00	37090.00
14	0	18927.25			24796.61	0.00			5869.36		14984.00	25955.00	-25955.00	0.00
15	905	11750.00	34005.18			45755.18					45755.18	22416.92	48037.33	70454.25
16	780	37914.70				37914.70					37914.70	45614.40	3198.00	48812.40
17	550	32764.50				32764.50					32764.50	50374.50	7139.00	34662.00
18	300	20151.78				20151.78					20151.78	31338.00	3324.00	34662.00
19	890	3482.30				3482.30			2546.28		0.00	32264.00	5391.90	37655.90
20	540	20068.11				20068.11					20068.11	27027.00	3639.60	30666.60
21	580	0.00	9888.25			9888.25					9888.25	0.00	8485.40	8485.40
22	165	9874.55				9874.55					9874.55	12800.70	2252.25	15052.95
23	380	7485.87				7485.87					7485.87	7269.40	2964.00	10233.40
24	1400	21440.20				21440.20					21440.20	42882.00	728.00	43610.00
25	470	29774.93				29774.93					29774.93	38262.70	4549.60	42812.30
26	379	10140.14				10140.14					10140.14	17786.47	5105.13	22891.60
27	225	10047.00				10047.00					10047.00	9249.75	1800.00	11049.75
28	235	20246.76				20246.76					20246.76	32958.75	5656.45	38615.20
29	500	10561.71				10561.71					10561.71	15245.00	3090.00	18335.00
30	0	20072.00			34183.29	0.00			14111.29		0.00	28400.00	-28400.00	0.00
31	1441	27510.71				27510.71					27510.71	70810.74	-3400.76	67409.98
32	679	39926.70				39926.70					39926.70	30826.60	6396.18	37222.78
33	700	21603.00				21603.00					21603.00	36309.00	13979.00	50288.00
34	CASH	16412.37	19.62	6840.40	16000.00	7272.39					12221.09	29082.38	-21361.07	7272.39
35	TD BANK	35712.84	78818.93		79112.31	35419.46					418.80	13230.40	-712.18	35419.46
36	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET										37.40	456.20		
	TOTALS	647184.95	157950.86	0.00	157908.79	669753.95			22526.93		12639.89	29119.78	28073.07	108166.60
											683440.55	1041962.39		1150128.99

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE
DALTON FUND

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		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year	Beginning of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains	End of Year Fair Value
1	800 AT & T	3769.50				3769.50				3,769.50	28,128.00	(1,256.00)	26,872.00	
2	154 AMEREN CORP	3838.09				3838.09				3,838.09	5,568.64	1,535.38	7,104.02	
3	585 AMERIGAS PARTNERS	4281.06	21129.56	-1227.40		24183.22				24,183.22	5,125.55	22,907.65	29,033.20	
4	400 BANK OF AMERICA	18261.00				18261.00				18,261.00	6,228.00	928.00	7,156.00	
5	600 BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB	8847.70				8847.70				8,847.70	31,890.00	3,528.00	35,418.00	
6	0 CALIFORNIA RES. CORP		0.00			0.00				-	-	407.74	407.74	
7	130 CHEVRON CORP	2858.93				2858.93				2,858.93	16,238.30	(1,654.90)	14,583.40	
8	350 CONOCO PHILLIPS	19871.85				19871.85				19,871.85	24,727.50	(556.50)	24,171.00	
9	975 DOW CHEMICAL CO	19944.60				19944.60				19,944.60	43,290.00	1,179.75	44,469.75	
10	350 DUPONT EI DE MEMOURS	15981.35				15981.35				15,981.35	27,739.50	3,139.50	25,879.00	
11	1470 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS	16788.21	0.00	-2102.10		14686.11				14,686.11	48,730.50	4,365.90	53,096.40	
12	130 EXELON CORP	5047.74				5047.74				5,047.74	3,560.70	1,259.70	4,820.40	
13	300 EXXON MOBIL	990.90				990.90				990.90	30,360.00	(2,625.00)	27,735.00	
14	700 GENERAL ELECTRIC	23381.60				23381.60				23,381.60	19,621.00	(1,932.00)	17,689.00	
15	1000 INGLES MARKETS	15008.00			19835.20	15008.00				15,008.00	27,100.00	9,990.00	37,090.00	
16	0 INTEL CORP	15103.39			4731.81	0.00				-	20,764.00	(20,764.00)	-	
17	400 JP MORGAN CHASE	20896.00				20896.00				20,896.00	23,392.00	1,640.00	25,032.00	
18	350 JOHNSON & JOHNSON	21022.00				21022.00				21,022.00	32,056.50	4,543.00	36,599.50	
19	968 KINDER MORGAN ENERGY	13651.95				0.00				-	35,087.10	5,868.98	40,956.08	
20	265 MERCK & CO	10008.81			4150.53	10008.81				10,008.81	13,263.25	1,786.10	15,049.35	
21	220 NISOURCE INC	5001.29				5001.29				5,001.29	7,233.60	2,098.80	9,332.40	
22	185 OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP	15573.85				15573.85				15,573.85	17,593.50	(2,680.65)	14,912.85	
23	825 OLD REPUBLIC INTL CORP	11012.21				11012.21				11,012.21	14,247.75	(2,178.00)	12,069.75	
24	250 PEPCO HOLDINGS	4929.85				4929.85				4,929.85	4,782.50	1,950.00	6,732.50	
25	325 PRIZER INC	0.00				0.00				-	9,954.75	169.00	10,123.75	
26	165 PROCTOR & GAMBLE	9947.24				9947.24				9,947.24	13,432.65	1,597.20	15,029.85	
27	900 SOUTHERN CO	8711.15				8711.15				8,711.15	36,999.00	7,200.00	44,199.00	
28	120 3M COMPANY	10105.28				10105.28				10,105.28	16,830.00	2,888.40	19,718.40	
29	427 VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	9756.25				9756.25				9,756.25	20,982.78	(1,007.72)	19,750.66	
30	69 IWELLS FARGO & CO	19589.03				19589.03				19,589.03	3,132.60	649.98	3,782.58	
31	740 APOLLO COM'L RE FINANCE	13171.57				13171.57				13,171.57	12,025.00	81.40	12,106.40	
32	600 EQUITY RESIDENTIAL	12783.70				12783.70				12,783.70	31,122.00	11,982.00	43,104.00	
33	800 STARWOOD PPTY TR INC	18013.64	0.00			18013.64				18,013.64	22,160.00	(3,568.00)	18,592.00	
34	160 STARWOOD WAYPOINT RESIDENTIAL					0.00				-	-	4,219.20	4,219.20	
35	CASH	12968.43	34005.07		21129.56	25843.94				26,243.86	13,346.16	12,495.60	25,841.76	
36	CASH	13460.60		5735.05	10000.00	9195.65				9,195.65	13,460.60	(4,264.95)	9,195.65	
37	TOTALS	404576.77	55134.63	0.00	55115.29	402232.05	-2364.06	20,198.29	20,176.10	402,631.97	675,173.43	65,923.56	741,096.99	

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE
LIBRARY COMMON FUND

DATE-CREATED	TRUST-NAME	FUND	GROUP	RECORDED	BEG.PRIN	ADD.PRIN	GAIN	END.PRIN	BEG.INC	INC	EXP	END.INC
09-28-1998	THEODOSIA WYATT TRUST	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$4,10.46		\$-2.38	\$408.08	\$0.00	\$0.51	\$20.49	\$20.47
09-15-2012	TRUSTEES, RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$38,252.39		\$-220.90	\$38,031.49	\$0.00	\$-102.64	\$1,902.83	\$1,900.73
08-21-1909	JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$1,391.05		\$-8.07	\$1,382.98	\$0.00	\$1.85	\$69.47	\$69.39
02-03-1912	WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,381.14		\$-19.61	\$3,361.53	\$0.00	\$4.47	\$168.86	\$168.68
07-07-1917	RAND, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$1,233.94		\$-7.16	\$1,226.78	\$0.00	\$1.61	\$61.62	\$61.55
11-11-1918	LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,381.14		\$-19.61	\$3,361.53	\$0.00	\$4.47	\$168.86	\$168.68
08-21-1921	DRAKE, JAMES MCEVEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$30,536.34		\$-177.05	\$30,359.29	\$0.00	\$40.27	\$1,525.09	\$1,523.42
10-27-1922	MARDEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$616.63		\$-3.58	\$613.05	\$0.00	\$0.79	\$30.79	\$30.76
07-06-1925	PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,026.27		\$-17.55	\$3,008.72	\$0.00	\$4.01	\$151.14	\$150.97
11-27-1927	GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,026.27		\$-17.55	\$3,008.72	\$0.00	\$4.01	\$151.14	\$150.97
01-31-1933	GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,026.27		\$-17.55	\$3,008.72	\$0.00	\$4.01	\$151.14	\$150.97
01-22-1941	VARRELL, FORREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$5,989.43		\$-34.73	\$5,954.70	\$0.00	\$7.89	\$299.13	\$298.80
12-17-1941	PHILBRICK, LIZZIE B.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$1,427.80		\$-8.28	\$1,419.52	\$0.00	\$1.88	\$71.30	\$71.23
01-02-1949	HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$18,033.79		\$-104.56	\$17,929.23	\$0.00	\$23.76	\$900.67	\$899.68
10-07-1949	MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$20,556.48		\$-119.19	\$20,437.29	\$0.00	\$27.11	\$1,026.66	\$1,025.53
12-28-1949	CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,021.54		\$-17.52	\$3,004.02	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$150.90	\$150.74
04-30-1958	WALKER, RALPH	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$5,989.13		\$-34.73	\$5,954.40	\$0.00	\$7.94	\$299.12	\$298.79
09-20-1960	HOOK, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$5,989.13		\$-34.73	\$5,954.40	\$0.00	\$7.94	\$299.12	\$298.79
05-23-1961	PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$6,510.80		\$-26.16	\$6,484.64	\$0.00	\$5.96	\$225.28	\$225.03
05-23-1961	LOUGEE, GILMAN M & MAYBELLE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$46,262.32		\$-268.22	\$45,994.10	\$0.00	\$60.98	\$2,307.51	\$2,307.97
05-11-1971	PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$27,332.56		\$-158.46	\$27,174.10	\$0.00	\$34.06	\$1,364.99	\$1,363.49
05-05-1972	DUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$80,446.05		\$-466.27	\$79,979.78	\$0.00	\$105.96	\$4,017.89	\$4,013.48
02-07-1980	SYLVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$3,993.23		\$-23.16	\$3,970.07	\$0.00	\$5.24	\$199.43	\$199.21
12-01-1980	PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$79,931.06		\$-463.42	\$79,467.64	\$0.00	\$105.34	\$3,992.04	\$3,987.66
01-10-1990	ROPER, HOWARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$5,726.05		\$-33.20	\$5,692.85	\$0.00	\$6.96	\$285.95	\$285.63
12-31-1992	CORTINNE P. MACDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2014	\$7,085.50		\$-41.08	\$7,044.42	\$0.00	\$9.35	\$353.87	\$353.48
					\$404,576.77		\$-2,344.72	\$402,232.05	\$0.00	\$377.73	\$20,198.29	\$20,176.10

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE
TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMON TRUSTS

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		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Beginning of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains	End of Year Fair Value	End of Year Fair Value	
1	46 I T & T	10,064.29					10,064.29					10,064.29	1,617.36	(72.22)	1,545.14
2	0 Alliant Energy		2,496.87				2,496.87					2,496.87	-	2,789.64	2,789.64
3	32 Chevron Corporation	2,998.03					2,998.03					2,998.03	3,997.12	(407.36)	3,589.76
4	35 Conoco Phillips	2,006.45					2,006.45					2,006.45	2,472.75	(55.65)	2,417.10
5	82 Dow Chemical	1,034.83	2,635.95				3,670.78					3,670.78	1,420.80	2,319.22	3,740.02
6	45 DuPont El DeNemours	2,021.25					2,021.25					2,021.25	2,923.65	403.65	3,327.30
7	100 Enterprise Products	1,515.43		(143.00)			1,372.43					1,372.43	3,315.00	297.00	3,612.00
8	17 Fairpoint														
9	3 Halyard Health Inc														
10	46 Idearc Inc														
11	0 Intel	1,903.88			2,472.50	568.62	2,491.59					2,491.59	2,595.50	(2,595.50)	-
12	36 Integrys		2,491.59				2,491.59					2,491.59	-	2,802.60	2,802.60
13	67 JP Morgan	3,005.49					3,005.49					3,005.49	3,918.16	274.70	4,192.86
14	48 Johnson & Johnson	3,005.55					3,005.55					3,005.55	4,396.32	623.04	5,019.36
15	30 Kimberly Clark	2,020.93					2,020.93					2,020.93	3,133.80	332.40	3,466.20
16	66 Kinder Morgan	1,597.65		(165.90)	318.33	(1,113.42)	-					-	2,419.80	372.66	2,792.46
17	55 Merck & Co	2,022.60					2,022.60					2,022.60	2,752.75	370.70	3,123.45
18	77 Old Republic Intl Corp	1,016.64					1,016.64					1,016.64	1,329.79	(203.28)	1,126.51
19	50 Scana Corp	2,029.92					2,029.92					2,029.92	2,346.50	673.50	3,020.00
20	34 3M Company	3,006.07					3,006.07					3,006.07	4,768.50	818.38	5,586.88
21	0 Vectren	2,017.55			3,408.78	1,391.23	-					-	2,840.00	(2,840.00)	-
22	100 Verizon												4,914.00	(236.00)	4,678.00
23	Cash Fidelity Money Market	2,474.80	6,199.61		7,624.41		1,050.00	(8.62)	0.35			1,041.73	2,466.18	(1,416.18)	1,050.00
24	Cash TD Bank	1,018.50	29.43	308.90			1,356.83	8.62	1,540.93	1,549.55		1,356.83	1,027.12	329.71	1,356.83
25					13,824.02	846.43	45,635.72	-	1,541.28	1,549.55	(8.27)	45,627.45	54,655.10	4,717.42	59,372.52

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE
BROWNELL FUND

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

2014

Since its creation in 1892, Central Cemetery has been managed and operated by an elected board of three Cemetery Trustees. The Trustees serve staggered three year terms with one position up for election each year. The current Trustees are Roger Philbrick (2017), Ken Moynahan (2015) and Frank Drake (2016).

The Central Cemetery is a perpetual care cemetery. Perpetual care operates by setting aside a portion of the plot sale in an investment fund that generates interest income to perpetually pay for the maintenance of the plot and cemetery. Central Cemetery operates at no expense to the Rye taxpayer. (The Town has, at times, provided specific "bridge loans" that Central Cemetery has repaid).

In 2014 the several cemetery funds and accounts earned a total income of \$166,957.17. The cemetery's 2014 expenses totaled \$156,093.75 leaving a net surplus of \$10,863.42. Additionally we did not need to access \$4367.03 of disposable income from two of our smaller funds and we have a balance of \$34,556.72 in our reserve account. Through the sale of cemetery grave lots we added 22,500.00 to the principal of the Cemetery Common Fund.

The Trustees are pleased to report that we have established a new section of the Cemetery called Perry Field. This section is part of a large tract of land the Cemetery acquired from May Perry in the 1960s. Perry Field is beyond Cedar Lawn where only flat markers are allowed. Perry Field is laid out to accommodate up-right monuments and opens up enough capacity for up-right monuments to last decades. Feel free to call Superintendent John Coscia (603-817-0066) to arrange a visit to see the layout and discuss details.

The Cemetery Trustees would be remiss not to express our gratitude to the Trustees of Trust Funds for their exemplary management of our funds to generate favorable interest income and principal growth. And we thank Superintendent John Coscia for maintaining a well cared for cemetery and thoughtfully addressing the inquiries and needs of our customers.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Drake
Roger O. Philbrick
Kenneth Moynahan
CEMETERY TRUSTEES

**2014 SALE OF LOTS
CENTRAL CEMETERY**

	<u>SALE OF LOTS</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>
Timothy J. Durkin Perry Field, Lot A-4, 8 grave lot	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Linda M. Ayotte Cedar Lawn, Lot B91, #3	375.00	375.00
Judith M. Hennigan Cedar Lawn, Lot E55, #1	375.00	375.00
Samuel A. Audia Cedar Lawn, Lot E37, #3	375.00	375.00
Mark K. Forsyth Perry Field, Lot A-9, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Estate of Phyllis C. Walker Perry Field, Lot B-2, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Oneta Y. Bobbett Perry Field, Lot B-2, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
George & Marie Donovan Perry Field, Lot A-1, 8 grave lot	3,000.00	3,000.00
Estate of Mary Carney Parsonage Div., Lot 803N, 2 grave lot	750.00	750.00
Melvin R. & Jean M. Low Cedar Lawn, Lot A-15	375.00	375.00
Daniel J. Richard Perry Field, Lot B-5, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Susan E. Blaisdell Perry Field, Lot A-2, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Arthur M. & Wendy L. Passero Perry Field, Lot A-3, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Joel Hebert Cedar Lawn. Lot E14, 3 & 4	750.00	750.00
Jacinthe Grote Perry Field, Lot B9, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Darwin W. White Perry Field, Lot B-3, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
Barbara M. Guay Perry Field, A-5, 4 grave lot	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 22,500.00	\$22,500.00

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2014

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Telephone (603)964-8562; Fax (603)964-4132
byeaton@town.rye.nh.us

2014 was a busy year for this office. Three elections (Town, Primary and General Elections) and associated absentee ballots kept us running. Our assistant Andrea Morrissey, who joined us in October, 2013, continued her training and has become proficient in handling motor vehicle and boat registrations. Beach parking permits sales increased so much we had to order more stickers to get us through the summer season.

In 2014 this office registered 7,877 vehicles, 211 boats and titled 1106 vehicles. We also licensed 914 dogs; issued 2,506 beach parking permits, 269 certified copies of vital records and processed 50 marriage licenses. In addition, we collected close to \$20.7 million in property taxes, tax liens, sewer bills, land use change taxes, yield taxes and interest. Between tax and sewer billings, over 8,100 bills are printed and mailed out of this office every year. Mortgage refinancing done by our property owners, as well as foreclosures, continue to keep us very busy fielding all requests for property tax status on these properties. At the end of the year, 3.4% of the 2014 property taxes remained unpaid. This is .4% lower than the uncollected property taxes at the end of 2013. We have seen a trend of many property owners making several partial tax payments over the year instead of two bulk payments. I encourage you to pay this way if it makes it easier on your budget. It also helps to keep your interest payments down. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding partial payments. Motor vehicle revenues were up \$113,566 in 2014. That's a nice increase as compared with 2013.

Please remember to license your dogs by April 30th! Each year between January 1 and April 30, all dogs are required to be licensed. A current rabies certificate is needed for each dog. Reminder notices were mailed out earlier this year, the results of which helped many of you to avoid the \$25.00 Civil Forfeiture issued when dogs are not licensed on time. Licensing costs are as follows:

Puppies under 7 months	\$6.50
Spayed or neutered dogs	\$6.50
Unaltered dogs	\$9.00
Senior Citizens (over 65 years of age) may license one (1) dog for	\$2.00

Please remember you can register your vehicles, license your dogs, purchase beach parking permits and pay property tax, as well as, sewer bills on-line at the town's website (www.town.rye.nh.us). Look for the brightly colored icons on the main page. On-line payments by check or credit cards are accepted.

I want to express deep gratitude to my terrific team: my deputy, Donna DeCotis, my organizational guru, for being so energetic, conscientious and efficient while performing all the many tasks required of her and to our assistant, Andrea Morrissey, for continuing the journey to mastering the many skills required to perform her duties. I am also grateful to all my colleagues and friends at the Town Hall for their continual help and spirit of cooperation. A special thank you to Town Moderator Bob Eaton for being so proactive in overseeing the elections and, especially, for proofing my deliberative session minutes every year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2014

Summary

Motor Vehicle Registrations

MV Permits (7877)	1,314,810.43
Boats (211)	5,765.48
Titles	2,212.00
Municipal Agent Fees	22,774.50
E-Reg Fees	784.90
<u>Total Motor Vehicle Fees</u>	1,346,347.31

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses Issued (914)	5,411.50
Civil Forfeiture (0)	0.00
<u>Total Dog License Fees</u>	5,411.50

Miscellaneous

Marriage Licenses (50)	2,250.00
Certified Copies (269)	3,390.00
Wetland Permits	111.00
UCC Filings	705.00
Beach Parking Permits (2506)	50,120.00
Town Seal	12.00
Sale of Voter Checklist	240.50
Pole License	10.00
Articles of Agreement	5.00
VSX	30.00
Recount	20.00
Filing Fees	4.00
Total Miscellaneous Fees	56,897.50
Remitted to Treasurer	1,408,656.31



Tax Collector's Report

Form Due Date: **March 1 (Calendar Year), September 1 (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

Cover Page

- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: RYE

County: ROCKINGHAM

Report Year: 2014

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

Elizabeth

Last Name

Yeaton

Street No.

10

Street Name

Central Road

Phone Number

(603) 964-8562

Email (optional)

byeaton@town.rye.nh.us



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011	
Property Taxes	3110		\$759,742.32			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$99,897.80			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?						
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2013	
Property Taxes	3110	\$21,253,228.53		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$29,450.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$2,853.56		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189	\$299,436.08		
- Other Charges		\$95.50	\$7.20	
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2013	2012	2011
Property Taxes	3110	\$56,265.75	\$37,942.29	\$25,305.30	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
- Utilities	3189	\$1,086.34	\$15,314.79		
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Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$12,866.30	\$31,914.14		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits	\$21,655,282.06	\$944,818.54	\$25,305.30	
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	2011
Property Taxes	\$20,565,054.91	\$542,756.41		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$1,500.00			
Yield Taxes	\$2,060.68			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$12,193.30	\$29,163.49		
Penalties	\$673.00	\$456.00		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$203,563.13		
- Utilities	\$196,089.54	\$98,285.42		
- Other Charges	\$95.50	\$7.20		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	2011
Property Taxes	\$11,109.12	\$55,175.57	\$25,305.30	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
- Utilities	\$814.00	\$15,079.17		
- Interest		\$332.15		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2012	Year: 2011	Year: 2010
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$146,527.21	\$86,731.75	\$372.57
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$212,538.94			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$7,230.40	\$20,611.40	\$30,085.77	\$193.92
-				
Add Line				
Total Debits	\$219,769.34	\$167,138.61	\$116,817.52	\$566.49

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2012	2011	2010
Redemptions	\$93,406.06	\$81,556.11	\$86,731.75	\$372.57
-				
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$7,230.40	\$20,611.40	\$30,085.77	\$193.92
-				
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$114.50		
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$119,132.88	\$64,856.60		
Total Credits	\$219,769.34	\$167,138.61	\$116,817.52	\$566.49



PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Elizabeth

Preparer's Last Name

Yeaton

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Preparer's Signature and Title

Jan 22, 2015
Date

Check to Certify Electronic Signature: You are required to check this box and provide your name above. By checking this box, you hereby declare and certify that the electronic signature above was actually signed by the Preparer and that the electronic signature is valid.

Submit	<p>Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Account Advisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Clark: michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov Jamie Dow: jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov Shelley Gerlarneau: shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov <p>A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487</p>
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON A'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PERSON B'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>
January 10	Bennett W. Holmes, Rye, NH	Sarah S. Polizzo, Hampton, NH
January 25	Kathryn M. Berounsky, Rye, NH	Joshua L. Blaisdell, Rye, NH
May 2	Joseph M. Mizzoni, Rye, NH	Keri L. Williams, Rye, NH
May 17	David E. Conte, Rye, NH	Wanda G. Syphers, Rye, NH
June 20	Ellen E. Covert, Bradenton, FL	Sheila P. Sullivan, Rye, NH
June 22	Edward G. Doody, Rye, NH	Viviana Garcia Mercado, Rye, NH
July 12	Maria T. Belle-Isle, Rye, NH	Peter J. Labrie, Rye, NH
July 12	Caitlin L. Piper, Rye, NH	Shawn M. Tobey, Rye, NH
August 2	Heather N. Hassett, Oxford, MA	Nathaniel G. Wright, Rye, NH
August 17	Zachariah F. Merrigan, Rye, NH	Eileen E. Sipple, Dover, NH
August 23	Benjamin A. Blaudschun, Rye, NH	Margaret C. Landon, Rye, NH 03870
September 6	Christopher J. Lane, Beverly, MA	Shannon A. Moynahan, Rye, NH
September 13	James A. Jones, North Hampton, NH	Susan E. Whitehouse, Rye, NH
September 20	Lauren C. Arcidi, Rye Beach, NH	Jason W. Varney, Kittery Point, ME
September 22	Lynne A. Berardini, Rye, NH	Stephen D. Bottomley, Rye, NH
September 27	Daniel M. McNutt, Rye, NH	Gretchen F. Whitney, Rye, NH
October 5	James C. Anderson, Rye, NH	Amber M. Lorden, Rye, NH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAMES OF PARENTS</u>
May 24	Stratham	Alexander Daniel Carter	Rory and Elizabeth Carter
June 8	Portsmouth	Maxwell Alexander Anderson	Lincoln and Natalia Anderson
July 16	Portsmouth	Mason Anthony Craft	Kevin and Jennifer Craft
July 29	Dover	Ryan Joseph Curtin	Matthew and Sarah Curtin
August 12	Portsmouth	Julian Grey Reid	Aaron and Amy Reid
December 3	Portsmouth	John William Ward	Tyler and Emily Ward

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>NAMES OF PARENTS</u>
January 5	Rye	Harold Tucker	Ernest Tucker and Abbie Schmidt
January 12	Rye	Frank Woodie	Horton Woodie and Dette Dixon
January 14	Portsmouth	Annette Young	Leland Currier and Olga Milner
January 14	Portsmouth	Alfred Tarantino	Alfonso Tarantino and Maria Melluso
February 7	Rye	Caleb Hodsdon	Caleb Hodsdon and Nancy Badger
February 19	Rye	Carl Lomison	Clifton Lomison and Mary Cartland
February 20	Rye	Simone Sisson	Joseph Levesque and Leda Marquis
February 26	Portsmouth	Lillian Habig	Henry Murphy and Louise Krueger
March 21	Rye	Jane Meeker	Salvatore Allocco and Gatena Caliendo
March 25	Portsmouth	Robert Patton	Andrew Patton and Oressa Bannerman
April 3	Dover	Edward Neville, Jr.	Edward Neville and Margaret Holden
April 15	Rye	Donna Nicholas	Donald Lee and Phoebe Beeton
April 25	Rye	Olga Mitchel	Simon Udalay and Alexandra Patapova
April 26	Rye	Kenneth Gaucher	Kenneth Gaucher and Lorraine Fowler
April 30	Manchester	John Wooten	George Wooten and Sue Snellgrove
May 9	Rye	Alice Robertson	William Hayward and Florence Galeucia
May 12	Portsmouth	Jon Cyr	John Cyr and Elmira Langdon
May 21	Rye	Helga Wadkins	Kurt Grossmann and Elfrieda Buchmann
May 21	Rye	Helen McCue	Eldon Davis and Mary (unknown)
May 26	Rye	Kathryn McMahon	Charles Sheridan and Kathryn Shea
June 5	Rye	Irene Squires	Rudolph Shade and Anne Huneke
June 7	Rye	Ida Hyder	Frank Gabriele and Emilia Feroli
June 14	Dover	James Adams	Soterios Adams and Helen Metaxas
July 1	Portsmouth	Edward O'Connell	Jerome O'Connell and Catherine Ryan
July 5	Rye	James Moynahan	George Moynahan, Sr. and Ethel Locke
July 6	Dover	John Taylor	Arnet Taylor and Anne Heffernan
July 26	Portsmouth	Nancy McFarland	Ridley Norton and Rina Jimmo
July 27	Exeter	Phyllis Walker	Herbert Gleason and Isabella McEwan
July 30	Rye	Janice Yocom	(unknown) Weston and (unknown)
August 8	Rye	Diane Forsyth	Albert Ramsey, Jr. and Margaret Setser
August 9	Nashua	Andrea Rioux	Paul Rioux and Georgette Tremblay
August 22	Rye	Norma Skinner	Sven Olson and Hanna Lundstead
August 23	Rye	Rheba Skinner	S. Browning and Annie Fife
September 29	Rye	Michael Mittelman	Abraham Mittelman and Jean Friedlansky
September 29	Hampton	William Bennett, Jr.	William Bennett, Sr. and Ann Meehan
October 3	Rye	Donald Pongrace	James Pongrace and Fern Gohde
October 11	Rye	Robert Mitchell	Karl Mitchell and Margaret Steigleder
October 12	Rye	Rose Josephs	David Wolinski and Golda (unknown)
October 25	Portsmouth	Leon Blaisdell	Scott Blaisdell and Elizabeth Hickey
October 27	Rye	Mary Verna	Giacomo Casa and Lilla Parello
October 29	Rye	Margaret Harrington	Roy Hemingway and Mary Booth
November 2	Rye	Donald Parsons	John Parsons and Blanche Gilliette
November 10	Portsmouth	Everett Hanley	Arthur Hanley, Sr. and Mary Ross
November 19	Rye	Barbara Landell	Frank Haimbach, Jr. and Eleanore Stephenson
November 27	Portsmouth	Susan Harning	Lawrence Lanagan and Geraldine Hart
November 28	Rye	Otto Grote	Friedrich Grote and Rachel Smith
December 2	Portsmouth	Robert Shaines	Edward Shaines and Ruth Diamond
December 5	Rye	Karin Bradley	Georg Shumann and Lise Jansa
December 16	Portsmouth	Andre Guay	Theodore Guay and Anna Chabot
December 30	Portsmouth	Pauline Garrity	Ernest Nickerson and Madaleine Nickerson



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2014

1733 Ballots CAST
38% Turnout

Elizbeth M. Yeston
Elizbeth M. Yeston
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of the name.
B. Follow directions as to the number of votes to be cast for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

RESULTS OF THE VOTE 2014

<p>MODERATOR Vote for not more than One for Two Years</p> <p>ROBERT G. EATON 1420 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST Vote for not more than One for Six Years</p> <p>MADELINE L. CHICHESTER * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>1383 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>KERIANN ROMAN 688 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>BRIAN AMEND 359 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEROME A. GITTLEIN 752 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>PATRICK KANE 543 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>SELECTMAN Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>JOE MILLS 1041 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>MAE C. BRADSHAW 620 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>JEFFREY BALBONI 1328 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>PAUL GOLDMAN 1074 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>SHAWN CRAPO 1067 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>ROGER O. PHILBRICK 1482 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>PAUL GOLDMAN 865 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JACI GROTE 802 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>SKIP PAGE 623 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>SEWER COMMISSIONER Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>DAVID KOHLHASE 798 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT J. BURNS 475 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>KAREN ALLEN 1063 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>BRIAN S. KLINGER 835 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JUDY TERHUNE 473 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD Vote for not more than One for One Year</p> <p>MELVIN R. LOW 1365 * <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

ARTICLE 3: Rye Planning Board's proposed amendments to Rye Zoning Ordinance

Amendment 1: Proposed by Rye Planning Board.

1207 *

YES

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

NO

Add a new section to the Aquifer Protection District to require recertification every two years that a property remains in compliance with all conditions of the conditional use permit and all applicable special requirements of § 306.5 and all applicable performance standards of § 306.6. Failure to file such an affidavit shall be deemed a rebuttable presumption that the property is not in compliance.

394

Explanation

The amendment provides a mechanism for the town to monitor a property's continued compliance with conditional use permits issued within the Aquifer Protection District.

Amendment 2: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1416 *

YES

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

NO

Update outdated references to the "NH Water Supply and Control Commission" (or Board) to "NH Department of Environmental Services".

187

Amendment 3: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1038 *

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

YES

Amend § 301.8 Wetlands Buffer to clarify that a vernal pool does not have to be 1 acre in order for the 100 ft. wetlands buffer to apply to it. size 541

NO

Amendment 4: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

972 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 as follows?

YES

Change the parking space width requirement from 9 ft. to 10 ft.

NO

594

Amendment 5: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1283 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as follows?

YES

Amend the § 301.8, A.3 description of the Wetlands Buffer within the Berry's Brook watershed to use a map titled: "Berry's Brook Watershed Rye, New Hampshire Wetland Soils and Tax Parcels March 2003" to portray the Berry's Brook Watershed.

NO

287

Explanation

The March 2003 map provides a better delineation of the boundary of the Berry's Brook Watershed than the map in the 1998 Master Plan, which is the map currently reference in the zoning ordinance. The March 2003 map also shows wetlands and parcels within the watershed. That information is not shown on the map in the 1998 Master Plan.

Amendment 6: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1277 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6 as follows?

YES

Amend § 701.8 to change the expiration period of unused variances and special exceptions from 1 year to 2 years and to otherwise comply with state law.

NO

Explanation

The amendment is required in order to comply with Chapter 93 of the Laws of 2013. As a result of this legislation variances and special exceptions are valid for 2 years and may be extended by the zoning board of adjustment for "good cause."

310

Amendment 7: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1298 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7 as follows?

YES

Add a new provision establishing that unused special use permits and unused conditional use permits expire after 2 years unless the planning board has extended the permits for good cause.

NO

284

Explanation

Special use permits and conditional use permits are granted by the planning board in accordance with requirements of the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance has provisions for the expiration of unused variances and special exceptions but none for unused special use permits or conditional use permits.

Amendment 8: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1332 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8 as follows?

YES

Amend § 505 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities to exempt collocation and modifications from the requirements of §s 505.3 to 505.11. The exemption does not apply to substantial modifications of existing towers, mounts or personal wireless service facilities.

NO

214

Explanation

The amendment is required in order to comply with Chapter 93 of the NH Laws of 2013 and recent changes in federal law regarding wireless telecommunications services. The changes in law reflect state and federal polices to facilitate the collocation of personal wireless services facilities on existing antenna mounts or existing towers in all areas, while also allowing for expeditious modification of existing personal wireless service facilities to keep pace with technological improvements. New towers would remain subject to the requirements of the ordinance.

Amendment 9: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1359 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9 as follows?

YES

Change the Title of the Aquifer Protection District to "Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District" and enlarge the district to include all of the area within the Rye Water District Wellhead Protection Area.

NO

220

Explanation

This amendment was suggested by the NH Department of Environmental Services and requested by the Rye Water District (RWD) in order to enhance protection of the groundwater around RWD wells.

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TOWN CLERK

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Amendment 10: Proposed by Rye Planning Board

1278 *
YES
NO
288

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10 as follows?

Amend § 401.8 Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) to allow the planning board to waive Subsections 401.4 B, G, L, M, N, but not Subsection 401.4, E.

Amend § 401.8 Retirement Community Develop

Explanation

A word processing error referenced the wrong subsection E in the waiver provisions. Subsection E limits the density of RCD's, and it was not intended that the planning board could waive density requirements. Subsection G limits the number of dwelling units in a building to 4, and it was intended that the planning board could waive that requirement. After reviewing the RCD regulations at the end of 2013, the planning board determined that § 401.8 should also provide for waivers of Subsections B (Parcel Size); L (Occupancy); M (Floor Space); and N (Parking).

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4: Proposed amendment to Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance.

1317 *
YES
NO
268

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of the Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance as proposed by the Rye Planning Board as follows?

Amend the variance requirements of § 2 to add additional requirements stated in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Explanation

The amendment makes the requirements for a variance consistent with federal law governing the town's eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program. See 44 C.F.R. 60.6.

ARTICLE 5. (By petition)

727
YES
NO
868 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of the zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows?

Shall the town amend §210.3(E relative to the allowed building area in the Business District as follows (Note: Deleted language ~~struck through~~. New language **emboldened and italicized**):

No more than forty percent (40%) of the area of any lot shall be occupied by buildings. **Driveways, parking lots, unwalled covered areas, barns, sheds and other impervious areas shall not be included in the ground floor area, but their additional area, together with the total area of all buildings on the lot, shall occupy no more than forty percent (40%) of the lot. For purposes of this calculation, any area which is submerged at mean high tide, or which is wetlands, shall be subtracted from the lot area.** The building requirements for dwellings in this district shall be the same as specified for dwellings in a General Residence District. No principal building other than a dwelling on a lot in this district shall have less than 1,200 square feet of ground floor area, excepting tourist camps.

Explanation

The Zoning Ordinance currently includes impervious areas in the lot coverage calculation in the General Residence District, but not the Business District. This makes the calculations more consistent, and also excludes submerged and wetlands areas from the calculation.

THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 6. (By petition)

741
YES
NO
846 *

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of the zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows?

Shall the town amend Appendix A Definitions of the Rye Zoning Ordinance for "Impervious Coverage" by adopting the definition for "Impervious Surface" of RSA 483-B:4.VII-b. (Note: Deleted language ~~struck through~~. New language **emboldened and italicized**):

IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE, IMPERVIOUS SURFACE, IMPERMEABLE SURFACE, IMPERMEABLE AREA: Means any modified surface, area, or coverage that cannot effectively absorb or infiltrate water. Examples of such surfaces, areas, and coverage include, but are not limited to, roofs, and unless designated to effectively absorb or infiltrate water, decks, patios, and paved, gravel, or crushed stone driveways, parking area, and walkways. (RSA 483-B:4. VII-b).

IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE: The addition of pavement, cement, stone or other ground cover, including buildings and structures that prevents water from flowing through to subsoil layers. (Adopted 3/11/08)

Explanation

This amendment provides a single definition for impermeable and impervious surfaces in the Zoning Ordinance. It is consistent with NH RSA, the scientific definition of impervious surfaces, and the Rye Master Plan-2009 Chapter 1-Vision, page 1-2: "Impervious surfaces limit natural water cleansing and potentially cause flooding."

THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS AMENDMENT

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ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three million (\$3,000,000) to be placed in the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen 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 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 request the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

1000*
 YES
 NO
 654

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
 This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of completing the design process, including Schematic Design, Design Development, the preparation of Construction Documents (including drawings and specifications) and the solicitation and analysis of competing construction bids from pre-qualified general contractors for the purposes of renovating the Town Hall 1839 building and building separate, connected new Town Hall office space. This project is under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with the advice and concurrence of the Town Hall Building Committee. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

932*
 YES
 NO
 710

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
 This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for the purpose of leasing to purchase a front end loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1004*
 YES
 NO
 617

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
 This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to purchase a new six wheel dump truck to replace an existing older, high mileage six wheel dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1065*
 YES
 NO
 557

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
 This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of replacing the Wallis Road Box Culvert by public bid. Said sum to include engineering services for bidding and inspecting of the project. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1075*
 YES
 NO
 534

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
 This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

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 Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

968*
 YES
 NO
 647

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
2014 (9 mos.)	\$9,700	
2015 (12 mos.)	\$13,190	\$23,083
2016 (12 mos.)	\$13,454	\$23,890

The range in years 2015 and 2016 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,700 for the 2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the 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)

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ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 12 is defeated, authorize * selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 12 cost items only? 1079 *
YES
523 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 Police Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level: 922 *
YES
NO
697

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
2014 (9 mos.)	\$7,746	
2015 (12 mos.)	\$10,534	\$18,434
2016 (12 mos.)	\$10,745	\$19,079

The range in years 2015 and 2016 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,746 for the 2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the 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 (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

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? 1034 *
YES
568 NO

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to purchase a new one-ton truck to replace an existing older, high mileage ¾ ton truck and to authorize the withdrawal of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) 1036 *
YES
NO
556

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to add one (1) full-time patrol officer in the Rye Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand, nine hundred fifteen dollars (\$46,915) to fund the position for the last six months of calendar year 2014. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) 803
YES
NO
839 *

Note: The amount of \$46,915 to fund the position for six months in 2014 includes wages and benefits based on present figures plus the required outfitting equipment. The costs to fund this position for a full year based on present figures for wages and benefits plus uniform allowance would be \$88,326.30.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to purchase a fire department ladder truck to replace a 1988 ladder truck. This amount is to be offset by the Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the amount of two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) with the remaining amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be raised by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the ladder truck is received or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of the grant. Should the grant not be awarded the appropriation would lapse and not be expended. (Majority vote required.) 1068 *
YES
NO
578

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

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 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) 982 *
YES
NO
647

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

97
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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulation Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:91-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.)

851 ✖
 YES
 NO
 736

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

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expense Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of funding the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's budget. (Majority vote required.)

1265 ✖
 YES
 NO
 343

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
 This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 22. 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 nine million seventy-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$9,079,898)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million seven hundred twelve thousand two hundred one dollars (\$8,712,201) 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.)

930 ✖
 YES
 NO
 640

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. (9-0)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the BEACH ORDINANCE as proposed by the Beach Use Ordinance Committee by adding new Section 13, as follows:

13. Beach Permits
- a) The purpose of the Beach Permit program outlined herein shall be to allow management of the time, location, impact and intensity of commercial beach activities to facilitate the safe, enjoyable, and accessible use of public beach resources by all beach users.
 - b) Any person or entity proposing to conduct a group (more than two people, including the instructor) lesson, event or other activity at the beaches designated in section 13 d, if for a fee or other compensation, or any entity proposing to rent beach equipment as designated in section 13 e for use at beaches in the Town of Rye, shall first obtain approval of the Board of Selectmen.
 - c) For the purposes of this section, the word "entity" refers to businesses, whether corporations, partnerships or proprietorships; and organizations such as non-profit corporations, religious institutions and educational institutions.
 - d) This section shall apply to beach activities, whether in the ocean or on land, in the following beach areas:
 - 1. Wallis Road Extension – the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Concord Point;
 - 2. Foss Beach – the area starting to the east of Washington Road and extending to the Rye Harbor State Park.
 - 3. Cable Road Extension – the area between the inside sand beach corner of Lockes Neck to Jenness Beach State Park;
 - 4. Brown Cottages Beach – the area between Jenness Beach State Park on the north, southerly to the Eel Pond outlet pipes;
 - 5. Sawyers Beach – the area starting at the Eel Pond outlet pipes and extending south to the end of the sand beach just south of the Beach Club parking lot;
 - 6. Philbrick's Beach – the area from the east of South Road, southerly to the Rye Ledges;
 - 7. Farragut Beach – the sand beach east of the intersection of Central Road and Ocean Boulevard;
 - 8. Bass Beach – the area from the Bass Beach cottages southerly to the North Hampton Town line; and
 - 9. Seavey Bridge – the beach/boat landing area on the northwest corner of the Seavey Bridge on Pioneer Road, west of Odiorne Point State Park.
 - e) "Designated Beach Equipment" shall mean: surfboards, paddle boards, kayaks, or other equipment as designated by the Board of Selectmen.
 - f) Instructors and leaders of lessons, events or activities subject to the provisions herein shall be certified to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR"), unless waived by the Board of Selectmen. Such instructors or leaders shall be deemed "CPR qualified" for the purposes of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 23 CONTINUED ON NEXT BALLOT

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g) Applications for Beach Permits shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen at least thirty days prior to the event or proposed initiation of activities.

h) For Beach Permits for activities utilizing Designated Beach Equipment, annual permits for applicants that used Rye beaches in 2013 shall be issued for an initial two year period by the Board of Selectmen for 2014 and 2015 if the frequency, magnitude and impact of activity proposed are at most equivalent to that which occurred in 2013. Such applications and/or permits issued annually in subsequent years, or for those without a history of activity in 2013, shall reflect a frequency, magnitude, location and impact that assures that the purpose outlined in section 13 a) is met.

i) Activities permitted in the immediately prior year that were compliant with permit requirements and that continue to meet the purpose outlined in Section 13 a) shall have priority with respect to the size, location and time of approved activities over applications for new activities if an application for such prior activities is submitted prior to April 1 of the following year.

j) All applications for Beach Permits shall be accompanied by a signed "Release and Indemnification" form provided by the Town and a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire designating the Town of Rye as an additional named insured in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.

k) All applications for Beach Permits involving the use of Designated Beach Equipment shall include a "Certification of Participant Release" on a form provided by the town and signed by the Applicant committing the Applicant to obtaining from each individual participant a signed "Release of Town of Rye by Participants" form to be provided by the Town, to be retained by the applicant for a period of at least one year after the date of the lesson, rental or event, and to be provided to the Town of Rye upon demand within that time.

l) Permits issued for the rental of Designated Beach Equipment, and for lessons involving groups of three or four, including the instructor, shall require proof of insurance and signed Certification of Participant Release and Release of Town of Rye by Participants forms, but shall not stipulate the frequency, magnitude and location of these activities.

m) Fines - Failure to obtain a Beach Permit for a lesson, event or activity subject to the provisions of this ordinance or to otherwise comply with this ordinance shall be a violation subject to a fine of \$50. Each noncompliant lesson, event or other activity shall be considered a separate violation. Failure to obtain a Beach Permit for the rental of Designated Beach Equipment shall subject the violator to a fine of \$50 per violation. Each individual rental transaction shall be considered a separate transaction. A second violation in any calendar year shall result in a fine to the business or event coordinator of \$50 for each participant in the lessons or event.

n) Should any section, requirement or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court or authority of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other section requirement or provision of this ordinance, and to such end all sections and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

o) If a permit is denied, the Selectmen shall state the reasons for denial, in writing, and such denial will appear in the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

924 *
YES
NO
133

ARTICLE 24. (By Petition) Shall the Town of Rye adopt a non-binding resolution declaring all town beaches as Smoke-Free Zones? Estimated cost: \$25.00/sign, 10-15 signs +/-

This article is recommended by the Selectmen. (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

1193 *
YES
NO
471

ARTICLE 25. (By Petition) If Article 23 does not pass, shall the Town of Rye, NH consider preserving public beach access by allowing only ocean borne commercial activities such as surf, kayak and stand up paddle board lessons and camps banning all other commercial uses of the beach?

791
YES
NO
849 *

ARTICLE 26. (By Petition) If Article 23 does not pass and Article 25 does not pass, to protect public access on Town beaches, shall the Town of Rye consider prohibiting commercial activity on Town beaches from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Mondays through Friday, between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm and at all times on the weekends and holidays?

801
YES
NO
834 *

A "YES" vote directs the Selectmen to consider submitting a subsequent warrant article prohibiting commercial activity on Town beaches from Memorial Day through Labor Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and at any time on the weekends and holidays.

1544 *
YES
NO
97

ARTICLE 27. 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 2014.



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Elizabeth M. Yeaton
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
<p>Vote for not three (3) year terms <input type="radio"/> more than two (2) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GLENN C. WALKER 301 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RANDY CRAPO 419 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KATE HILLMAN 702 * <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEANNE M. MOYNAHAN 841 * <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALISSA M. TWEEDIE 460 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>Vote for not one (1) year term <input type="radio"/> more than one (1) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ELIZABETH M. YEATON * <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1473 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>

ARTICLE

Article 1. Shall the Rye School District 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 **\$13,213,843 (Thirteen Million Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three Dollars)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$13,098,881 (Thirteen Million Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One Dollars)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Rye School District 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 warrant article [operating budget] does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.)

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YES
NO
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The Rye School Board recommends the operating budget article as voted 5-0.
The Rye Budget Committee recommends the operating budget article as voted 11-0.



ALL PART OF THE VOTING PROCESS ROUTINE

LEFT: Immediately prior to declaring the polls open on primary day, September 9th, 2014, Town Moderator Robert Eaton examines the ballot box before witnesses, election workers Becky Franz and Gail Nadeau, in order to assure all present that the voting machine counting tape is clear and the machine is empty of ballots.

BELOW: The opening and processing of absentee ballots is conducted during voting day by Moderator Eaton and Town Clerk Beth Yeaton.

This part of the process takes place adjacent to election workers with the check lists in order to record and account for every ballot cast. Depending on the number of absentee ballots received, this may require many hours.

Photographs: P. Jenness



MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Town Moderator oversees all elections in Rye and presides over the Town Deliberative Session. There were 3 elections in Rye in 2014: the town vote on March 11th, the State Primary on September 9th, and the General Election on November 4th. All elections went smoothly, and waiting times were either short or nonexistent. At 38%, turnout at the Town election was its highest since 2003, likely due to hotly contested races for the School Board and the Board of Selectmen. For election officials, the job did not end on election night, as citizens requested a recount on 2 warrant articles, one that passed by 7 votes, and one that failed by 36 votes. A Board of Recount convened on March 26th. The recount sustained the outcome on both articles, with the margins on the two articles changing to 6 votes and 33 votes. The changes may be explained by the fact that the optical ballot scanner does not know how to count votes where both “yes” and “no” are circled, but one choice is crossed out – those votes can only be identified in a manual recount of all the ballots.

Turnout at the State Primary was 24%, with 3.5 times as many Republican ballots being cast as Democratic because there were no seriously contested races in the Democratic Primary. Turnout for the General Election was strong, with 3,088 voters casting ballots, or 64% of registered voters. That exceeded the turnout predicted by the Secretary of State by 11%.

Despite over 35 inches of snow in the days leading up to it, and 15 more two days later, the 2015 Rye Deliberative Session went ahead as scheduled on January 31st. Notwithstanding the fact that only 99 voters attended, down from 196 in 2014, the Deliberative Session was the longest on record, at 7 hours and 15 minutes. The operating budget article, and a Selectmen's article to appropriate \$4.1 million to build an addition to and renovate Town Hall, received relatively little discussion. On the other hand, there was lengthy and impassioned debate about a Selectmen's article to dissolve the Beach Commission, and citizen-petitioned articles to: establish a “pay-as-you-throw” trash bag program at the Transfer Station; direct the Planning Board how to update the town Master Plan; investigate a possible indoor field turf facility; amend the Selectmen's conservation land purchase process; and direct the Capital Improvement Plan Committee to prioritize projects on an annual basis. Of the 24 articles that were amendable, 6 were amended and attempts to amend 2 others were defeated. A total of 15 amendments were submitted, 11 of which passed. Also, the meeting handily sustained the Moderator's rule that a vote on calling the question would be conducted immediately, but that discussion would only be halted if a two-thirds majority voted to do so.

This year's Town election will be held on March 10th. There are 5 contested races on the ballot – for the School Board, Library Trustee, the Budget Committee, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board – not to mention numerous warrant articles of considerable interest. The polls will be open at Rye Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. PLEASE VOTE! If you can't get to the polls, you can get an absentee ballot at the Town Clerk's office until the day before the election.

Finally, thank you to all the citizens of Rye for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Eaton, Town Moderator



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TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>SELECTMAN Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>CRAIG MUSSELMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>KAREN OLIVER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PHILIP BOYNTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GARY LAYMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>RAY TWÉEDIE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MELVIN R. LOW <input type="radio"/></p> <p>THOMAS McCORMICK <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>ELIZABETH M. YEATON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>KERRY S. POPE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>PATRICIA M. WEATHERSBY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RUSSELL S. BOOKHOLZ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BURTON DIBBLE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TREASURER Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>JANE E. IRELAND <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE Vote for not more than Two for Three Years</p> <p>RAY JARVIS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DOUG ABRAMS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MAE C. BRADSHAW <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SEWER COMMISSIONER Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>PETER KASNET <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One for Three Years</p> <p>KENNETH MOYNAHAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>		

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

ARTICLE 3. 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:

Amendment 1.

Re: Width of Parking Spaces

Amend Section 500.1 Size of Parking Spaces, to change the width required from 10 feet to 9 feet. (Note: Deleted language ~~struck through~~. New language **emboldened and italicized**.)

YES
NO

§ 500.1 **Size of Parking Spaces:** All parking spaces required herein shall have a minimum size of ~~ten (10)~~ **nine (9)** feet in width by eighteen (18) feet in length.

Explanation

To change the stall size from ten (10) feet to nine (9) feet.

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Amendment 2.

Re: Correction of Erroneous Indexing/Wetlands Buffer

Amend § 301.8, B.6 of the Wetlands Buffer Restrictions as follows: (Note: Deleted language is struck through. New language is emboldened and italicized.)

YES
NO

6. Uses permitted by Special exception pursuant to ~~§ 301.6~~ **§ 301.7** may be permitted by Special Exception in the Wetlands Buffer, subject to the requirements of ~~§ 301.6~~ **§ 301.7**.

Explanation

When the Wetlands Ordinance was amended in 2012 the sections were re-indexed and what was § 301.6 became § 301.7. However, the necessary change was not made in § 301.8, B.6. This amendment corrects that oversight.

Amendment 3.

Re: Lighting

Amend "Section 501 Signs and Outdoor Advertising" to allow LED lighting; to clarify the lighting permitted; and to bring the zoning criteria into conformity with the criteria of the Planning Board's Land Development Regulations. (Note: Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized.)

YES
NO

SECTION 501 SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING:

501.4 Illumination Criteria: **Moving, fluttering, blinking or flashing lights or signs are prohibited. Lighting shall not glare on abutting properties or on public streets.**

No sign in any district shall be flashing or animated; nor shall it be illuminated by other than **light-emitting diode (LED)**, incandescent or fluorescent light. ~~nor shall any~~ **No illuminated sign of advertising lighting shall** outline any part of a building such as a gable, roof, sidewalk or corner. Wherever sign "area" is referred to **in this Zoning Ordinance** herein, it shall mean the area of one side of a not more than two-sided sign, or one-half of the total area of a sign of not more than two sides. **Temporary (non-permanent), holiday lighting is excluded from the above restrictions.**

Explanation

To allow LED lighting which was not in existence when the original sign regulations were adopted more than 30 years ago and to have consistent lighting requirements in the Zoning Ordinance and Planning Board Land Development Regulations

Amendment 4.

Re: Impervious Coverage and Definition

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

Amend the definition of "Impervious" to read as follows and replace the word "impermeable" with the word "impervious" throughout the ordinance.

YES
NO

IMPERVIOUS: Any modified surface that cannot effectively absorb or infiltrate water. Examples of impervious surfaces include, ~~but are not limited to,~~ roofs, and unless designed to effectively absorb or infiltrate water, decks, patios, and paved, gravel, or crushed stone driveways, parking areas, and walkways, storage areas, compacted gravel including drives and parking areas, oiled or compacted earthen materials, stone, concrete or composite pavers and wood. (From NH RSA 483-B:4 Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act).

Amendment 5.

Re: Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District

Comprehensively amend Section 306 ~~Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District~~ with several new provisions, including requiring Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) for any use having impervious surfaces more than 15 percent of a lot or 2500 sq. ft. whichever is greater; by requiring Storm Water Management and Pollution Prevention Plans of applicants for a CUP; by requiring Spill Control and Countermeasure Plans for conditional uses using regulated substances; by establishing standards for hydrogeological studies; by reducing the allowed impervious coverage from 35% to 25%; by requiring residential uses to comply with the 25% impervious coverage requirement; and by making the prohibition against commercial storage of fertilizers, manure and compost applicable to residential and horse farm uses. Copies of the proposed amendment are posted at the town hall and on the town website. A copy of the proposed amendment will also be posted at the polling place.

YES
NO

Explanation

The Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District covers most of Rye located southerly of the Town Center. The proposed amendment strengthens the protection of Rye's aquifer and groundwater resources with several provisions which are summarized in the article.

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Amendment 6.

Re: Medical Marijuana Facilities

Add the following new Section 202.16 to the Zoning Ordinance:

YES
NO

202.16 Medical Marijuana Facility.

- A. In order to mitigate their harmful effects on neighborhood children and residential neighborhoods, any medical marijuana facilities shall not be permitted:
 - 1. On any parcel located 500 feet or less from the boundaries of the Single Residence and General Residence Districts, as measured along street frontage; or
 - 2. Within 500 feet of the property line of any mobile home park.
- B. In order to prevent a concentration of medical marijuana facilities in one area, which would tend to encourage blight, devalue property and increase crime, no medical marijuana facilities shall be permitted within 1000 feet of another medical marijuana establishment.

Explanation

Recent state legislation allows 4 medical marijuana facilities to be licensed in New Hampshire, one of which could be located in Strafford or Rockingham Counties. Under state law towns are not allowed to prohibit such facilities, however, such facilities are not allowed in residential districts or within 1000 ft. of schools or drug free school zones. The amendment further restricts the location of such a facility should the state license one in Rye.

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board and as required by FEMA in order to continue the town's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program? Copies of the proposed ordinance as amended are posted at the Town Hall and on the town website. A copy of the proposed ordinance as amended will also be posted at the polling place.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), gross budget, for the purpose of renovating the Town Hall 1839 building and constructing connected new Town Hall office space, along with equipment and furnishings, and authorize the borrowing of up to four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) through the issuance of not more than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations towards this purpose. (3/5) ballot vote required.) This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 6. 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.)

YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of purchasing a one (1) ton pickup truck with utility body, frame, plow and spreader for the Department of Public Works to replace a 2006 three quarter (3/4) ton pickup truck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:91-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave account. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to add one (1) full-time patrol officer in the Rye Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$47,250) to fund the position for the last six months of calendar year 2015. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.) YES
NO

Note: The amount of \$47,250 to fund the position for six months in 2015 includes wages and benefits based on present figures plus the required outfitting equipment. The costs to fund this position for a full year based on present figures for wages and benefits plus uniform allowance would be \$91,450.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,164.00 for the 2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs, attributable to the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters Association of Rye, at the current staffing level. This amount includes retro pay from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. YES
NO

The Town of Rye's Collective Bargaining Agreements are based on an April 1st to March 31st effective year. The Town's budget is on a calendar year. The range in year 2016-2017 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels over the life of the contract are broken out as follows:

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year	
	Base 2%	Max 3.5%
10/01/14-03/31/15	\$ 9,757.71	N/A
04/01/15-12/31/15	\$10,406.29	N/A
01/01/16-03/31/16	\$ 3,468.77	N/A
04/01/16-03/31/17	\$13,903.27	\$24,330.72

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

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only? YES
NO

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) 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.) YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will 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 operating budget. (Majority vote required.) YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to amend the special revenue fund known as the Beach Cleaning Fund which was established by Article 14 of the 2004 town warrant as follows: (1) increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the fund from 25% to 50% (of total beach permit revenues); and add "monitoring water quality and other environmental issues on Town beaches and watersheds affecting Town beaches" to the purposes for which expenditures may be made from the fund. At present expenditures from the fund are limited to "cleaning town beaches of trash and debris." Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required.) YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

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ARTICLE 15. Are you in favor of adoption of Article 15, as follows:
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues from the annual lease payment of the Parsonage building to expenditures for the purpose of building and ground maintenance and repairs at the Parsonage located at 575 Washington Road? Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as The Parsonage Maintenance Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body (Town Meeting) to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 majority vote required).

YES
NO

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

ARTICLE 16. 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 eight million seven hundred forty thousand eight hundred thirty four dollars (\$8,740,834)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million four hundred fourteen thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$8,414,962) 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.)

YES
NO

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

**This article (as amended) is recommended by the Selectmen. (3-0)
This article (as amended) is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-0)**

ARTICLE 17. Are you in favor of adoption of a Fireworks Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

The Fireworks Ordinance prohibits the retail and wholesale sale of fireworks and the possession, display and discharge of fireworks within the Town of Rye. Persons who have been issued a Certificate of Competency by the N.H. Commissioner of Public Safety are exempt from the prohibition of the possession, display and discharge of fireworks provided they obtain a permit from the Fire Chief for each occasion on which fireworks are to be displayed and discharged. The ordinance includes standards for issuance of permits and enforcement procedures, including fines of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for a second offense in the same calendar year.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 18. Are you in favor of amending the Parking Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

Add a new section on "Towing or Immobilization For Unpaid Fines." The new section authorizes the Police Chief to have an illegally parked motor vehicle towed and stored or otherwise immobilized (i.e. "booted") if the owner has accumulated three (3) unpaid parking tickets or unpaid fines in excess of \$135.00 on any and all vehicles registered in the owner's name. The new section includes notice and appeal provisions intended to provide due process before towing or immobilization would occur.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 19. Are you in favor of adoption of a Winter Road Weights Ordinance as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

The Winter Road Weight Limits Ordinance authorizes the Public Works Director to establish temporary weight limits on town roads.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 20. Shall the number of members appointed to the Rye Heritage Commission be increased from five to seven, thereby expanding the volunteer opportunities beyond what was authorized in Article 18 of the 2011 Warrant Article? This change is in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Sections 673:4-a and 674:44.

YES
NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Rye Beach Commission which was established by Article 25 of the 1999 Town Warrant as follows:

YES
NO

Article #25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Beach Commission consisting of three Rye residents to be appointed for three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen and whose responsibilities shall be as follows:

- 1. To assist the Board of Selectmen in hiring a Beach Supervisor.
2. To act as a liaison between the Beach Supervisor and the Board of Selectmen.
3. To ensure that the Beach Supervisor performs the duties of his or her position as set forth in the job description.
4. To work with the Beach Supervisor in the preparation of an annual Beach Budget.

and to furthermore place all operations of the Beach Lifeguards; including hiring of staff, supervision, training, preparation of the beach annual budget under the direction of the Rye Fire Department.

ARTICLE 22. (By Petition) To see if the Town shall raise and appropriate \$3000, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to establish a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund for the purposes of defraying the cost of outside assistance in updating the Master Plan, and to appoint the Planning Board as agent to expend such funds. The Planning Board shall, as required by RSA 674:3, inform the residents and invite input in refining a vision for their Town, to be set forth in the Master Plan, which shall then become the basis for revised land use regulations.

YES
NO

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen. (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (5-1)

ARTICLE 23. (By Petition)

New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

To request that the Town of Rye, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

YES
NO

- 1) Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Rye, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Rye's Congressional delegation, and to Rye's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote.

ARTICLE 24. (By Petition) To see if the Town shall create a committee to evaluate the pros and cons of different locations and designs for an indoor field turf facility to be used for town recreation and youth sports team practices.

YES
NO

The report should be completed by June 30th and presented jointly to the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Recreation Commission. The Committee will engage with local youth sports teams, e.g. Rye Little League, Rye Travel Soccer, Seacoast Lacrosse, Portsmouth Youth Football and others to collect requirements and estimated usage.

The report will include:

- Utilization assessment from different groups
- Possible locations
- Design options
 - As a stand-alone facility
 - As part of a recreation facility on Recreation Road
- Possible health issues related to artificial turf
- Assessment of need
- Potential grants and funding options (fund raising, other towns...)

ARTICLE 25. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to implement a SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) program for a one year trial period - to be extended based on a cost-benefit analysis conducted by the Board of Selectmen. This "Pay as You Throw" program is predicted to reduce tonnage going to the landfill from the Rye Transfer Station by 40% or approximately 500 tons per year and at the same time increase the amount recycled. Residents will be required to use designated Town of Rye trash bags to be purchased at a cost of \$1.25 for 15 gallon and \$2 for 30 gallon size bags, and \$3 for 50 gallon bags. The reduction in expenditures to the Town of Rye should exceed \$150,000 annually. The revenue from this program is to be used to offset the cost of operating the transfer station. The combined revenue and reductions in expenditures from this program should lower the tax burden by \$150,000 or more annually.

YES
NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 26. (By Petition) Shall all Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Town, and subcommittees thereof, be required, whenever possible, to hold those meetings in a location, such as the Town Hall Courtroom or the Library, where video streaming facilities are provided? When such meetings are held in these locations, video and audio streaming shall be enabled for all portions of the meeting except those that may be non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3. YES NO

ARTICLE 27. (By Petition) Under the "a to q" process (the "Process") for conservation land purchases, promulgated by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014, only the written information (the "Information Submittal") and testimony at the public hearing may be considered in approving or recommending any acquisition. The selectmen may consider requiring as part of the Information Submittal an appraisal at the behest of the Town appropriately addressing the development potential of the property and a property survey plan and boundary description. A hazardous waste environmental analysis shall be performed for town on property previously used for commercial use. YES NO

ARTICLE 28. (By Petition) In addition to the requirements of 2013 Warrant Article 21, shall the CIP Committee annually fulfill the requirements of RSA 674:5 that it "prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects" which shall take into account the Master plan and guidance from the Board of Selectmen? YES NO

ARTICLE 29. 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 2015. YES NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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January 31, 2015 and March 10, 2015

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

At 9:05 a.m. on the 31st day of January, 2015 at the Junior High School gymnasium, Moderator Eaton convened the meeting and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Moderator Eaton continued the tradition of reading the list of our friends and neighbors who had passed away during 2014. A moment of silence was observed in their memory. He then introduced all those seated on the stage starting to his left: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Yeaton, Town Counsel Michael Donovan, Board of Selectmen Priscilla Jenness, Chairman Craig Musselman and Joe Mills, Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator Cyndi Gillespie and Town Administrator Michael Magnant. Following the introductions, he read a list of candidates running for both town and school offices. He reminded those in attendance that a Candidates Night is scheduled for February 26th [later changed to March 2nd] at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Library. The town and school election will be held on Tuesday, March 10th from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Rye Elementary School. In addition, he encouraged all to attend the School Deliberative Session to be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jr. High School. In case of inclement weather, that meeting will be held the next day, February 5th.

Next Moderator Eaton stated his rules for the meeting. Copies were available for those who wished to read along. He read as follows:

MODERATOR'S RULES FOR DELIBERATIVE SESSION

1. Meeting Purpose. *The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and debate the articles on the town warrant. However, because Rye has adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session form of government, this meeting may not exclude articles from the ballot. Up or down voting on an article only occurs at the March election. Nonetheless, you may amend most articles to change how they appear on the ballot.*

2. Moderator's Rules. *By state law, the Moderator sets the rules and procedures of the meeting. I won't follow Robert's Rules of Order or any other complicated rules of parliamentary procedure. Instead, we will follow **my rules**. I may not run a perfect meeting, but I will do my best to run a fair meeting. Ultimately though, this is **your meeting**. By majority vote, you can change my rules, or overrule any decision I make.*

3. Procedure. *I will read each article in the order that it appears on the warrant, unless somebody moves to take an article out of order. After reading an article, I will ask for a motion*

to move it to the floor for debate. Like all motions, it must be seconded. I will then recognize the article's sponsor. After that, everyone here is invited to speak. If you want to speak to an article, come line up behind the microphone. When it's your turn, introduce yourself by name and street address. I will recognize everybody who wants to speak to an article before I permit someone to speak twice. Please **address all comments to me**, not to other people here. I am not setting a time limit for speaking, but use common sense, and consider that you may lose your audience if you speak too long. And if I ask you to wrap it up, wrap it up. I also remind you that we are here in the spirit of fair debate. **I realize that people may feel very passionate about some of the articles on the warrant today. However, I urge you not to let your passion get the better of you – I expect everybody to be civil and courteous, not to raise their voices, and to avoid bitterness, and I will not permit personal attacks against people or their motives.** When there is no more discussion on an article, I will order it to be placed on the ballot, either as written or as amended.

4. Amendments. Any registered voter can move to amend an article. Amendments must be **in writing**, unless they are very simple. I will read the amendment, and then open the floor for discussion. When you are ready to vote, I will restate the amendment. There are **5 limits to amendments**. **1st**, articles whose words are prescribed by law may not be amended. **2nd**, to avoid confusion, I will not permit amendments to amendments before the original amendment is voted on. **3rd**, an amendment may not add a new subject. **4th**, you cannot increase the budget, including warrant articles, by more than 10%. **Finally**, amendments cannot **eliminate an article's subject matter**. This means that you cannot amend an article to delete all but a few words of the text and you cannot insert the word "not" into an article; nor can you offer any other amendment that would "nullify" an article or "render it senseless." However, changing the dollar amount of an appropriation does **not** eliminate its subject matter.

5. Voting. If you haven't already done it, check in at the clerk's table, get a **PINK** voting card, and sign it. To vote, I will ask you to raise your card. I will only vote if my vote will break or create a tie. We will vote by **secret ballot** if, before voting on an article, **5 voters present** sign a **written** request for a secret ballot.

6. Recounts / Questioning a Vote. A recount will be taken of non-secret ballot votes if 7 voters, either orally or in writing, make such a request. Such recounts will be conducted by secret ballot. The recount of a secret ballot will be taken on the request of 5 voters.

7. Reconsideration. Any voter can move to reconsider a vote. You do not need to have been in the majority to make such a motion. However, I will not permit multiple motions to reconsider.

8. Restricting Reconsideration. You may also move to restrict reconsideration of an article. Such a motion may be made after I order an article to be placed on the ballot. It is **not debatable**. If the motion carries, this meeting may not reconsider that article later.

9. Calling the Question. This is the same as moving to end debate. This motion is **not debatable**. It requires a **two-thirds majority** to pass. If the question is called, I will let the person who is speaking finish before I call for a vote. However, **unlike in years past**, I will not

automatically let other people who are seeking the floor speak. Rather, it will be up to you decide whether there is to be further discussion on the article.

10. Non-Voters Who Wish to Speak. *Sometimes a person who is not a registered Rye voter may wish to speak. I will ask if there is any objection. If nobody objects, I will permit that person to speak. If there is an objection, I will call for a vote. The will of the majority will prevail. However, I will allow Town department heads who do not live in Rye to speak to issues relating to their departments.*

11. Your Meeting. *I remind you that this is your meeting. You may appeal any ruling I make, and I will entertain any motion that is made.*

Moderator Eaton stated Articles 1 and 2 invite you to go and vote for candidates running for office. Article 3 concerning Zoning amendments, as well as Article 4 concerning Rye Building Code amendments, are usually not discussed as they may not be amended, but they may be discussed if the meeting wishes to. Hearing no motion to discuss Articles 3 and 4, **Moderator Eaton ordered that they be placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 5 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), gross budget, for the purpose of renovating the Town Hall 1839 building and constructing connected new Town Hall office space, along with equipment and furnishings, and authorize the borrowing of up to four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) through the issuance of not more than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept and expend Federal and State Grants and any private donations towards this purpose. (3/5) ballot vote required.) This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Article 5 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Jenness and **seconded by** Selectman Joe Mills.

Mrs. Jenness stated Town Hall began life as a Methodist Church in 1839 and was purchased by the Town for a Town Hall in 1873. The building became the political and social center of the town. In the 1930's there were no offices at the Town Hall so business was conducted all over the town, often in the homes of the elected officials. Once Rye was selected to have a Municipal Court, the basement of the building was converted to accommodate the court and within a few years the Town Clerk as well as the Tax Collector began operating out of offices at the building.

Soon a Building Inspector's office was added and all space at the basement level was filled. It was not long after when offices appeared on the upper level to accommodate assessing, finance, welfare, planning, recreation, selectmen's secretary/office and sewer departments, as well as the treasurer and the town administrator, plus office equipment for each. No second story space remained unused. Today there are offices in corridors, foyers and on the stage. In addition to overcrowding and safety issues, the Town Hall is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Much effort has been invested over the past 5 years in seeking information in order to determine the best solution. This includes energy audits, survey of all Town owned buildings, structural analysis of Town Hall, studies done on the old Police Building, a full Space Needs Study of Town Hall, a grant written for the installation of a Geo-thermal system and attic ventilation at Town Hall and a comparative analysis of Town facilities in 14 other area towns our size prepared by Cyndi Gillespie.

Basic decisions have been made with public input by the Town Hall Committee composed of representation from the Budget Committee, Planning Board, Energy Committee, Recreation Commission, Historic District Commission and Heritage Commission plus a builder and engineers with support from staff providing, financial data as needed and coordination.

Numerous Town Hall open houses have been held, public input has been encouraged at Town Hall Committee meetings and special presentation meetings for the public with the SMP architects (Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture, LLC) have been held. Detailed minutes and video streaming of committee meetings are available on the Town website.

The plan you see today is the result of the following decisions made by the Town Hall Committee:

- Town Hall and the business operations of the Town should remain at the current site.
- Town Hall should be renovated (as opposed to restored) to reclaim the hall with its curvilinear stairs, tin ceiling, wainscoting and stage.
- A "separate yet connected" addition should be subservient to the Town Hall building.
- The addition should be simple in form: rectangular as opposed to an ell.

Advantages of this plan include:

- No land purchase is necessary.
- The plan is phased: no modular unit rentals will be required.
- A "connected yet separate" addition concept allows renovation of the Hall plus some office space in the Town Hall building and the remaining offices in the addition.
- Consolidation of Town business operations is retained.
- Timing of this project proposal is to our advantage, as we retired 3 long term bonds in 2014 (Safety Building, Library Addition and the original Conservation bond) and a short term bond for the Public Works backhoe.

Mrs. Jenness introduced Eric Paulson from SMP Architecture and asked him to speak to the project.

Due to technical difficulties getting the computer presentation to run, Mrs. Jenness asked Town Hall Committee Chair Paul Goldman to speak.

Mr. Goldman explained that the Town Hall Committee was appointed by the Selectmen to address a solution to inadequate office and meeting space at Town Hall, as well the fact the building does not meet current building codes and public accessibility requirements. The charge to the committee, based on the vote at the 2014 election, was to preserve and update the historic Town Hall building, increase building space as necessary to ensure efficient workspace for Town employees for the present and the future. Over the last 3 years there have been many long meetings to review space needs, design progress and make decisions on all aspects of the project. Along with the regular meetings there have been several public presentations involving the committee and SMP.

Members of the Town Hall Committee included Paul Goldman and Victor Azzi who both served as Chairman at different times, Lucy Neiman – Vice Chairman, Beth Yeaton – Clerk, Peter Kasnet, Peter White, Mae Bradshaw, Craig Musselman and Priscilla Jenness. Tremendous support was received from Mike Magnant, Cyndi Gillespie, Janice Ireland and Kim Reed.

Alex Herlihy expressed his strong support for this project. He had offered the resources of the Historical Society Museum’s resources to demonstrate the historical uses of the building. He recommended that all supporters contact their neighbors and hold informational gatherings to dispel information on the project.

Cyndi Gillespie stated the Town of Rye is in a very favorable position financially to do this project. Recently several bonds have been paid off. The town had received very low interest rates on previous bonds and she expects the same or lower rates will be available for this bond. She had prepared a handout demonstrating the Town’s debt payments and liabilities and hoped everyone got a copy.

Steve Borne liked the graphs provided in the handout. When looking at the Capital Improvement Plan he noticed more purchases and projects planned for the future and could see the potential for rising taxes.

Mae Bradshaw expressed her pleasure for serving on the committee. She felt that all aspects of the project have been well vetted. A portion of the contingency budget associated with this project may well be returned to the Town because so many problems which might have been a problem have been addressed ahead of time and included in the construction. The State heritage organization approves of the design. The Rye Heritage Commission is actively seeking grants to help defer the costs of restoring the monumental windows and installing the steel supports in the current Town Hall. She pointed out that the “Great Hall” could be a revenue source as it could be rented out for performances, receptions and meetings.

After a brief period of delay due to technical difficulties, it was determined the problem could not be fixed quickly. It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman, **seconded** by Selectman Mills to table Article 5 until such time as the difficulty is resolved. Moderator Eaton stated a 2/3 majority vote would be required to table the article. The **motion carried**.

(see end of Article 13 for completion of this article.)

Moderator Eaton read Article 6.

ARTICLE 6. 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 (8-0)

Article 6 was **moved** to the floor for discussion by Selectman Mills and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Mr. Mills stated this appropriation was part of a planned cycle of replacement for Highway Department vehicles. He expressed his opinion that this money would be well saved to provide funds to cover the cost of replacing equipment, especially in times of an emergency.

No discussion was called for. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 6 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 7 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of purchasing a one (1) ton pickup truck with utility body, frame, plow and spreader for the Department of Public Works to replace a 2006 three quarter (3/4) ton pickup truck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Mills to move this article to the floor for discussion.

Selectman Musselman stated it was time to replace the ¾ ton pickup as indicated in the Capital Improvement Plan. Planned replacement keeps the fleet up to date.

Steve Borne asked Highway Director Dennis McCarthy what would happen if this article failed.

Mr. McCarthy explained the department has 15 pieces of rolling stock valued at \$1.6 million. The plan is to replace one piece of equipment yearly to spread out the purchases. This year the plan is to spend \$165,000. This would be the last year of spending at this level. Future purchases are anticipated to cost less.

Peter Crawford noticed the CIP showed 2 dump trucks are to be purchased a future year and only one shows up on a project sheet.

Director McCarthy said perhaps a sheet is missing from the CIP. There has never been a plan to purchase 2 trucks in one year. He will look into the problem.

John Hoyt had concerns that the recommendations by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee could unfairly influence the voter. He thought they should be removed.

Moderator Eaton stated these recommendations were required by law on moneyed articles.

Mr. Hoyt thought a blanket statement at the beginning of the warrant would be more appropriate.

Selectmen Musselman said they were required after each article to show that the Selectmen and the Budget Committee had done due diligence in examining each article.

Cyndi Gillespie reminded the group the citizens had voted previously to retain these recommendations.

Hearing no further request for discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 7 placed on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 8.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:91-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave account. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Article 8 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Mrs. Jenness explained the current liability is \$486,968.38. DRA expects a town to carry 50% of the liability in a fund. Including the appropriation included in this article, we will still be \$19,014 under DRA's expectation.

Steve Borne asked Town Administrator Mike Magnant to address how the contracts deal with end of employment payouts.

Mr. Magnant stated each of the three employee contracts have caps on how much of an employee's accumulated sick and vacation time could be paid out at end of employment.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 8 placed on the ballot as written.**

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** of Articles 6, 7 and 8 was presented by Shawn Crapo and was **seconded** by Randy Crapo. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The motion **carried**.

Article 9 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to add one (1) full-time patrol officer in the Rye Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$47,250) to fund the position for the last six months of calendar year 2015. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

Note: The amount of \$47,250 to fund the position for six months in 2015 includes wages and benefits based on present figures plus the required outfitting equipment. The costs to fund this position for a full year based on present figures for wages and benefits plus uniform allowance would be \$91,450.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Article 9 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Mrs. Jenness said this article repeats last year's article which was defeated by a vote of 839 to 803. Chief Walsh had presented to the Selectmen multiple page documentation as to why the additional patrolman is needed. A study of staffing levels of other NH towns of similar size was conducted. The study showed Rye was understaffed. As an example, North Hampton has 12 police officers, but Rye has only 9. Mrs. Jenness has concerns over the fact that only one patrolman is on duty in the middle of the night. Having no back up in town during these hours is just not safe.

Police Chief Kevin Walsh spoke to the article. His department has always practiced High Visibility Patrol and Aggressive Investigation. Because the department has no detective, it falls on the officers to do their own investigations. Many hours of investigation often go along with each crime making it difficult for the officers to get the work done in addition to their patrol duties. The staffing gap during the midnight shift is very troubling. He recalled an incident in 2009 involving a burglary happening in the middle of the night when a snow storm was raging. The office had to request backup from another town which took some time to happen. In a life or death situation this delay could have resulted in tragic consequences.

Chief Walsh stated people’s expectation for services is understandably high in quality of life complaints. He feels his force gives 110% but they need extra help.

Selectman Jenness stated the tax impact of this article would be \$.026. She feels we should not have officers working alone on any shift.

Lori Carbajal felt the overnight shift is when officers are most at risk. The response time for officers coming from another town is too long. What would happen if our officer was shot and had to wait a long time for help to arrive? Lives are at stake and money should not be an obstacle to safety.

Selectman Mills asked Chief Walsh if another cruiser would be needed.

Chief Walsh answered in the negative.

Peter Crawford expressed his support for the article. An additional officer is needed to have two on duty at all times.

Former Police Chief Alan Gould said the same staffing level exists today as when he was chief. He has never seen another department where staffing is on such a tight schedule. He has never understood the reason for it.

No further discussion ensued. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 9 placed on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,164.00 for the 2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs, attributable to the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters Association of Rye, at the current staffing level. This amount includes retro pay from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

The Town of Rye’s Collective Bargaining Agreements are based on an April 1st to March 31st effective year. The Town’s budget is on a calendar year. The range in year 2016-2017 is a minimum and maximum amount determined by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels over the life of the contract are broken out as follows:

Year	Estimated Range of Increase over prior year	
	<u>Base 2%</u>	<u>Max 3.5%</u>
10/01/14-03/31/15	<u>\$ 9,757.71</u>	N/A
04/01/15-12/31/15	<u>\$10,406.29</u>	N/A
01/01/16-03/31/16	<u>\$ 3,468.77</u>	N/A
04/01/16-03/31/17	<u>\$13,903.27</u>	<u>\$24,330.72</u>

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

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Article 10 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

Selectman Musselman explained the Town has three union contracts, each for three year duration, covering the Fire, Police and Public Works departments. In 2013 the Police and Public Works departments reached an agreement on a new contract. The Fire Department did not agree on a new contract due to a change in wording on how shifts would be filled. The case went before the Public Employees Labor Relations Board which ruled in favor of the firefighters. The issue has since been resolved and a new contract has been signed. This article would ratify that contract.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 10 placed on the ballot as written.**

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** of Articles 9 and 10 was received from Shawn Crapo and **seconded** by Ray Tweedie. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The **motion carried.**

Article 11 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 10 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 10 cost items only?

Selectman Musselman **moved** Article 11 to the floor for discussion. His motion was **seconded** by Selectman Mills.

Selectman Musselman stated this type of article is required after any contract is offered for ratification.

No discussion was called for.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 11 placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton read Article 12.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Article 12 was moved to the floor by Selectman Mills and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

Selectman Mills spoke to the article. He explained the money in this fund is used to cover major repairs to Town owned buildings. The plan is to add to this fund yearly to ease the burden on the tax payers by spreading the cost of these repairs over several years. The fund currently has a balance of \$19,000.

Frank Drake asked for an example of how this fund had been used.

Mr. Mills stated last year some of the funds were used to replace the roof on the Parsonage Apartments.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 12 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 13 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will 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 operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

It was **moved** by Selectman Jenness, **seconded** by Selectman Musselman, to put Article 13 on the floor for discussion.

Mrs. Jenness said this article would add money to the Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Similar to Article 12, this fund was established to have money in hand when repairs are necessary.

Frank Drake inquired as to the current fund balance.

Cyndi Gillespie advised the fund balance is \$18,158.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 13 placed on the ballot as written.**

Shawn Crapo, **seconded** by Scott Marion, **moved** to take **Article 5** off the table. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion. The motion **carried**.

Because the technical difficulties of getting his presentation up and running, SMP Architect Eric Paulson presented the design for the Town Hall project using printed posters and a “flyaround” presentation which was posted on Facebook. He pointed out additional office and meeting space to be constructed behind the existing Town Hall. He commented on the multiple entry points of the buildings as well as the upper and lower level parking areas. He also spoke of conserving the tin ceiling, curvilinear stairs and the stage in the “Great Hall”.

Since no further discussion was called for, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 5 placed on the ballot as written.**

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** of Articles 5, 12 and 13 was received from Shawn Crapo and **seconded** by Phil Winslow. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. The vote showed the **motion carried.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 14.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to amend the special revenue fund known as the Beach Cleaning Fund which was established by Article 14 of the 2004 town warrant as follows: (1) increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the fund from 25% to 50% (of total beach permit revenues); and add “monitoring water quality and other environmental issues on Town beaches and watersheds affecting Town beaches” to the purposes for which expenditures may be made from the fund. At present expenditures from the fund are limited to “cleaning town beaches of trash and debris.” Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required).

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Article 14 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Mills and was **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

Selectman Mills explained the selectmen proposed this article to make it possible to use more of the revenue from the sale of beach parking permits to cover the costs of other issues affecting the beaches. Permits are sold for \$20 each making them a good revenue source. The State has begun requiring more monitoring of water and environmental quality. Currently, no money has been dedicated to conducting these tests.

Selectman Musselman stated the town has had a problem of high bacteria levels in the area of Parsons Creek during the last several years. Previously, testing has only been done in that area. This year there are plans to expand the testing to include the areas from Parsons Creek to Jenness State Beach. It is not ocean water quality testing because the State conducts those tests. The Town will be monitoring the seeps in that area.

Anne Morrissey informed the voters that she was born in Rye, brought up her children here and has seen her grandchildren raised here. “Stinky Creek” has always been an accurate nickname for Parsons Creek for as long as she remembers. The area is so polluted that she never allowed

her children and grandchildren to play in the water. It bothers her to see other children in the water there. She voiced her support of the article as it will address a public health issue if passed.

Lori Carbajal, **seconded** by Tom Sherman, proposed an **amendment**. Her amended article would read:

To see if the town will vote to amend the special revenue fund known as the Beach Cleaning Fund which was established by Article 14 of the 2004 town warrant as follows: (1) increase the restricted beach parking permit revenues which go into the fund from 25% to 100% (of total beach permit revenues); (2) add "monitoring water quality and other environmental issues on Town beaches and watersheds affecting Town beaches and providing additional new beach-related services not already provided by the Town in 2014, such as a beach supervisor" to the purposes for which expenditures may be made from the fund and (3) rename the fund the Beach Operations Fund. At present expenditures from the fund are limited to "cleaning town beaches of trash and debris." If Article 21 passes, all authority to establish budgets and expend appropriated funds from the Beach Operations Fund shall be vested in the Beach Commission. Note: expenditures from the fund require town meeting approval. (2/3 majority vote required).

Town Counsel Donovan stated the wording of this article is dictated by statute. In his opinion, some of the wording of this amendment would not be allowed.

After review Attorney Donovan stated the last sentence of the amendment would make it illegal.

Moderator Eaton ruled the **amendment out of order**, but invited Ms. Carbajal to resubmit her motion without the last sentence.

Lori Carbajal proposed the same **amendment** but without the last sentence. Steven Borne gave a **second** to the revised amendment.

Ms. Carbajal stated that Article 21 on the 1999 warrant established the Beach Commission and provided for a Beach Supervisor. No money was ever budgeted for this position.

Selectman Musselman did not support this amendment. For years there has been no Beach Supervisor. The Beach Commissioners have taken on that function when they were at home but not all the time. During the last few years the Fire Department has overseen the beaches and lifeguards. Funds are needed to conduct the required testing. The recent advisory Beach Committee never brought the lack of budget to the attention of the selectmen.

Selectman Mills ascertained that Ms. Carbajal was a member of that committee.

Cyndi Gillespie stated there was money in the budget to manage the life guards. The money in this article is just for keeping the beaches clean.

Scott Marion did not support the amendment. He felt it could evolve into spending more money over time to hire a Beach Supervisor.

Peter Crawford expressed his support for the amendment. He stated there are serious problems with the management of the life guards. Sometimes there are no Town life guards on duty necessitating the use of State life guards in an emergency.

Frank Drake asked where the other 75% goes.

Cyndi Gillespie stated it currently goes into the General Fund.

Mr. Drake stated he is against the amendment. He then **called the question**. Alan Gould **seconded** the motion.

Peter Crawford, **seconded** by Alex Herlihy, made a **motion** to go back to the 2014 Moderator's Rule regarding "calling the question", which would allow people seeking the floor to speak after the question is called.

Steve Borne felt it is important to let the people speak.

Jaci Grote expressed her belief that calling the question should end debate on an issue.

Phil Winslow **called the question** on Peter Crawford's motion to change the rules on ending debate. A **second** was received from Jim Raynes.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote stating a 2/3 majority vote was required. The vote showed the motion to change the rule on ending debate **failed**.

Moderator Eaton then called for a vote on the motion to end debate on Lori Carbajal's amendment. He declared the motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton then called for a vote on the amendment. The vote showed the **amendment failed**.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 14 placed on the ballot as written.**

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 14 was proposed by Shawn Crapo and was **seconded** by Jim Raynes. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on Mr. Crapo's motion. The motion **carried**.

Article 15 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 15. Are you in favor of adoption of Article 15, as follows:
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues from the annual lease payment of the Parsonage building to expenditures for the

purpose of building and ground maintenance and repairs at the Parsonage located at 575 Washington Road? Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as The Parsonage Maintenance Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body (Town Meeting) to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 majority vote required).

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness to move Article 15 to the floor for discussion.

Selectman Musselman explained the Parsonage Apartments are owned by the town but are leased to the Housing Partnership. Currently the annual lease payment goes in to the General Fund. The Selectmen proposed this article to place this money into a fund to provide for the long term needs of the building. Last year a new roof had to be installed on the building and it would have been nice to have had money in such a fund to cover the expenses.

Frank Drake asked why not put the lease revenue into the Town Building Fund. He felt the taxpayers would be better served by doing so.

Selectman Musselman said the matter had been discussed but the Board felt it was fairer to keep it separate and dedicated solely to the Parsonage Apartments.

Anne Morrissey, a resident of the Parsonage Apartments for the last 4 ½ years, said she had been working on the problem of upkeep of the building for 4 years. Because it is an old building, continual maintenance is required. She complained that her requests for repairs had fallen on deaf ears. This fund should have been established many years ago. There are 8 elderly women, some handicapped, who live in the building. She did not feel they should be subjected to a leaky roof, a boiler constantly in need of repairs and the driveway and walkways not being shoveled out for 2 days following a storm. “Where has the money been going to all these years?”

Jaci Grote **called the question**. Her motion was **seconded** by Alan Gould. The vote, called for by Moderator Eaton, showed the motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 15 placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton read Article 16.

ARTICLE 16. 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 eight million seven hundred forty thousand eight hundred thirty four dollars (\$8,740,834)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be

seven million eight hundred twenty-two thousand seventy six dollars (\$7,822,076) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

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

This article is recommended by the Selectmen. (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman, **seconded** by Selectman Jenness, to place Article 16 on the floor for discussion.

Selectman Musselman offered an **amendment** and received a **second** from Selectman Jenness. The amendment would change the default budget to *eight million four hundred fourteen thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$8,414,962)*.

He explained an error had been made in the preparation of the article.

When asked by Joe Cummings how the mistake was made and who found it, Cyndi Gillespie said she had failed to add in a figure which was pointed out by Peter Crawford.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. Moderator Eaton declared the amendment **passed**.

Paul Goldman, chairman of the Budget Committee, asked if the committee would have to vote again on their recommendation. Attorney Donovan answered that both the Selectmen and Budget Committee members should meet following the Deliberative Session to revise their recommendations.

Selectman Musselman stated the budget had been well vetted by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Each line item had been reviewed with close scrutiny. The Selectmen had, on more than one occasion, been accused of being “cheap”. He considers that to be a compliment.

Peter Crawford asked if there was money in the budget to draw down the principal on the conservation bond.

Mrs. Gillespie replied the budget contained interest only payment.

Mr. Crawford agreed the debt service principal was down as explained in Article 5. As a result the tax rate should go down. However, if the debt service is removed from the bottom line, it would show the budget is still increasing every year.

Hearing no further discussion on the article, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 16 placed on the ballot as amended.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 17.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Fireworks Ordinance which prohibits the retail and wholesale sale of fireworks and the possession, display and discharge of fireworks within the Town of Rye. Persons who have been issued a Certificate of Competency by the N.H. Commissioner of Public Safety are exempt from the prohibition of the possession, display and discharge of fireworks provided they obtain a permit from the Fire Chief for each occasion on which fireworks are to be displayed and discharged. The ordinance includes standards for issuance of permits and enforcement procedures, including fines of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for a second offense in the same calendar year. Copies of the complete ordinance are posted at the Town Hall and on the town's website. Copies of the complete ordinance will be available at the deliberative session, and a copy will be posted at the polling place.

Article 17 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Mrs. Jenness advised that other towns in the area have fireworks ordinances. People know that Rye doesn't have one so they come here to enjoy their fireworks. She asked Police Chief Walsh to speak to the article.

Chief Walsh explained it was at residents request that he recommended this article to the selectmen. Those using fireworks are often under the influence of alcohol which only increases the danger. People may have the property owner's permission to use them on their property but bad management, such as setting off more than one or two at a time, leads to injuries or fires. A number of these injuries have been significant. Because it is becoming a quality of life issue regulations are needed.

Shawn Crapo asked if sparklers and small fireworks would be included in the new regulations

Chief Walsh replied sparklers are not in the category of regulated fireworks. However, he is not a fan of them as they too lead to injuries. He recalled an incident where multiple sparklers were inserted into a bottle and set off. The bottle exploded and a young boy lost fingers as a result and had to be med-flighted to Boston.

Frank Drake urged support of the article. He stated he lives at the beach and finds fireworks unsafe and very intrusive during the summer months.

Town Counsel Donovan read from RSA 160-B:16 dealing with prohibition of the use of sparklers.

Anne Morrissey expressed her opinion that fireworks should be totally banned in Rye because they are dangerous to the children.

Mae Bradshaw, **seconded** by Susan Anderson, **moved** the question. Moderation Eaton called for a vote. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 17 placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton invited a motion to waive the reading of Article 18 due to its length. It was so **moved** by Ron Hordon and **seconded** Don Perrault.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will amend the present text of Section 9 of the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance by addition of the following Section 9.5.

9.5 Towing and Immobilization for Unpaid Fines.

- a. Authorization for Towing or Immobilization. The Police Chief is authorized to have a motor vehicle, the owner of which is listed on the Tow and Immobilization List and which is illegally parked in or on any public way, towed and stored, or otherwise immobilized, subject to the notice provision of this section.
- b. Preliminary Notice of Possible Towing or Immobilization. The Police Chief may, at any time subsequent to an owner accumulating three (3) unpaid parking tickets or unpaid fines in excess of \$135.00 on any and all vehicles registered in the owner's name, send the owner, by certified mail, notice that failure to resolve the violations within ten (10) days' notice may lead to towing or immobilization of any or all of the owner's vehicles pending resolution of the outstanding tickets and fines. If the owner of the vehicle is issued a must appear in court summons, and defaults, this may lead to the towing or immobilization of the vehicle.

The Preliminary Notice shall describe the right of appeal set forth in Subsection "e" of this section and the owner's responsibility for paying the towing and storage charge for any vehicle which is towed.

- c. Final Notice of Possible Towing or Immobilization. If the Preliminary Notice of Possible Towing or Immobilization does not result in the resolution of the subject unpaid parking fines, the Police Chief may, at any time ten (10)days subsequent to the mailing of the Preliminary Notice, sent to the owner by certified mail or by issuance of a red-tag warning directly on the driver's side window of the registered vehicle, notice that failure to resolve the violations within five (5) days of receipt of the notice may lead to towing or immobilization of any or all of the owner's vehicles pending resolution of the outstanding tickets and fines. If the owner of the vehicle is issued a must appear in court summons and defaults, this may lead to the towing or immobilization of the vehicle.

The Final Notice shall describe the right of appeal set forth in Subsection "e" of this section and the owner's responsibility for paying the towing and storage charge for any vehicle which is towed.

- d. Tow or Immobilization List: The Police Department shall maintain a list of owners whose vehicles are subject to being towed and held in storage or immobilized pending final resolution of unpaid parking violations. The list shall include all motor vehicles belonging to an owner who has received notice as specified in Subsection “b.” The owner’s name shall be removed from the list if the Police Chief, after hearing, orders otherwise or if all fines for offenses contained in the Notice of Towing or Immobilization are paid in full and received.
- e. Hearing: At the request of the recipient of a notice issued pursuant to Subsections “b” or “c,” the Police Department shall arrange a hearing with the Police Chief. Such hearing shall be scheduled during normal business hours of the Police Department. The Police Chief shall conduct and preside over all hearings. The hearing shall be informal and the rules of evidence shall not apply. At such hearing, the owners of the motor vehicle which is the subject of the hearing may present any defense of law or fact which is relevant to the issue of whether or not the subject vehicle should be placed on the Tow or Immobilization List. The decision of the Police Chief shall be final.
- f. Release of Towed or Immobilized Vehicles: A person may have his or her name or vehicle removed from the Tow or Immobilization List, and/or motor vehicles released from storage, and/or may have immobilization devices removed in the following manner:
 - 1) By order of the Police Chief, after hearing; or
 - 2) Police Chief may use his discretion prior to a hearing; or
 - 3) By payment in full of all parking fines attributable to the violations contained in the Notice of Towing or Immobilization; or
 - 4) By posting a bond with the 10th Circuit Court of Portsmouth in an amount sufficient to make payment in full of all parking fines arising out of the violations contained in the notice of towing or immobilization in order to allow a judicial determination of the violations pursuant to state law; or
 - 5) By a judicial determination resolving the violations and the payment of any fine arising out of such determination.
- g. Unauthorized Removal of Immobilization Device: A person shall not remove an immobilization device from a vehicle without authority to do so. Any person who removes an immobilization device from a vehicle without authority to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a penalty of \$1,000.00.
- h. Release of Stored Vehicle: A motor vehicle that has been towed and stored pursuant to this article, shall not be released until all fees and charges incurred by the towing company for the towing and storage of the vehicle have been paid.

Article 18 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

Selectmen Musselman stated that a boot had been purchased a few years ago. Because there is no ordinance in place cover its use, the boot has never been able to be used. As a result, the Town has no way to collect fines from multiple offenders.

Alan Gould stated it was hard to maintain the rules of towing.

No further discussion of the article was called for. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 18 placed on the ballot as written.**

Joe Cummins **moved** to reconsider the failed motion addressing ending debate immediately when the question is called. His motion was **seconded** by Steve Borne who feels people already requesting the floor when the question is called should be allowed to speak.

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Phil McDonough, **moved the question.** The voters **affirmed** the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the reconsideration motion. The motion was **voted down** by the voters.

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** on the vote dealing with calling the question was made by Phil McDonough. Frank Drake presented a **second** to the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a voter on Mr. McDonough's motion. The voters **passed** the motion.

Moderator Eaton read Article 19.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Winter Road Weight Limits Ordinance which was adopted by the Board of Selectmen on April 14, 2014 and which authorizes the Public Works Director to establish temporary weight limits on town roads. Copies of the proposed ordinance are posted at the town hall and on the town website. A copy of the proposed ordinance will also be posted at the polling place.

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness to place Article 19 on the floor for discussion.

Selection Musselman explained this was a simple article requested by Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy to prevent damage to the roads.

Tom Pearson questioned what would happen if someone was building a house. Would contractors be able to deliver concrete and building supplies to the site if these limits were in place?

Director McCarthy answered that could happen. Deliveries could still take place if a bond was presented to cover any road damage. He tries to work with owners and contractors to see if there are any options open to them.

Anne Morrissey gave comments about large trucks going through the center of town at all times of the year.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 19 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 20 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the number of members appointed to the Rye Heritage Commission be increased from five to seven, thereby expanding the volunteer opportunities beyond what was authorized in Article 18 of the 2011 Warrant Articles? This change is in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Sections 673:4-a and 674:44

Selectman Jenness **moved** Article 20 to the floor. Her motion received a **second** from Selectman Musselman.

Mrs. Jenness stated the members of the Heritage Commission are ambitious and very enthusiastic. They have several projects ongoing such as the preservation of the old graveyards in town, many of which are severely overgrown and in need of repair. There are many more projects that need their attention. The problem is there are too few members to get them all accomplished.

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman of the Heritage Commission agreed they had a lot of work to do. In addition to the Graveyard Project, they have been very busy getting the Town Hall listed on the NH List of Historical Buildings, applying for grants to help defray the costs of renovating the monumental windows on the upper level of Town Hall and installing the steel supports to be put in place during the rehab of Town Hall should the project pass the vote. They have successfully conducted fundraising in the amount \$10,000 to be used as feed money for matching grants. According to Attorney Bradshaw, there are people willing to serve on the Heritage Commission should its numbers be increased.

As no further discussion was called for, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 20 placed on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 21.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to **dissolve** the Rye Beach Commission which was established by Article 25 of the 1999 Town Warrant as follows:

Article #25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Beach Commission consisting of three Rye residents to be appointed for three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen and whose responsibilities shall be as follows:

1. To assist the Board of Selectmen in hiring a Beach Supervisor.
2. To act as a liaison between the Beach Supervisor and the Board of Selectmen.
3. To ensure that the Beach Supervisor performs the duties of his or her position as set forth in the job description.

4. To work with the Beach Supervisor in the preparation of an annual Beach Budget.

And to furthermore place all operations of the Beach Lifeguards; including hiring of staff, supervision, training, preparation of the beach annual budget under the direction of the Rye Fire Department.

Article 21 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Mills and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Selectman Mills said the Board of Selectmen came to this decision after past Fire Chief Skip Sullivan retired. The Beach Commissioners had not been functioning in their roles with the exception of Mike Labrie who worked with the ad hoc Beach Committee. Anticipating this warrant article, the Board decided not to replace the Beach Commissioners whose terms had expired. The Fire Department personnel had been functioning in the roll of life guard managers.

Fire Chief Tom Lambert, new to the position in September, 2014, stated he was aware of the department's roll as Life Guard Supervisor. They are prepared to continue in this roll, managing the beaches and overseeing the life guards.

Steve Borne offered an **amendment** and was **seconded** by Scott Marion. The amendment would change the wording of the article to the following:

To see if the Town will vote place all operations of the Beach Lifeguards; including hiring of staff, supervision, training, preparation of the beach annual budget under the direction of the Rye Fire Department.

Selectman Musselman said they would still need to dissolve the Beach Commission.

John Sherman felt strongly that we need to keep the Beach Commission. His wife had, over the years, served on committees to study the beaches. Reports had been submitted to the selectmen and no changes had ever been made. Most recently, she had served on the Beach Committee in 2014. This committee had recommended 8 points, including beach usage and parking issues, and the selectmen did nothing. A \$10,000 study of parking on Route 1-A had been done. As a result, paid parking had been recommended which could generate \$400,000 yearly. Again, nothing was done. The original warrant Article 25 from 1999 could address all these issues. However, no Beach Supervisor was ever hired. In his opinion, the original article from 1999 should not be eliminated but rather, implemented.

Selectman Musselman stated Mr. Sherman's presentation was uninformed. The new rules, which will address beach use issues with a permitting program, are now in place. The Beach Committee's recommendations were not received until December, 2014. The Board of Selectmen has not had time to deal with them.

The parking study was received in January, 2015 and the Board is evaluating the 1st steps to be taken this year. It will require continuing evaluations to make sure all issues are fully vetted. They need to explore if the State could take the revenue generated by parking fees. They also need to consider the impact of fewer parking spots at the beaches. He felt it was irresponsible of

Mr. Sherman to accuse the Selectmen of not acting on the studies conducted and recommendations received.

Keper Connell, a member of the Beach Committee, advised a lot of hard work had gone into their recommendations.

Lori Carbajal stated the members of the committee spent hours at the beach last summer in order to conduct their studies. The Fire Department did a great job in managing the life guards. But, there needs to be a liaison between the Town and the people. Other large beach communities have beach management governing bodies which work well in this capacity.

John Sherman said his remarks were not intended to be an attack on the Selectmen. He just doesn't understand why committees continue to be appointed but no changes are made based on their recommendations. He never sees selectmen at the beach.

Selectman Mills responded that his wife is there every Saturday and reports conditions to him.

Peter Crawford voiced his support for the amendment. In his opinion, Mike Labrie acted illegally by acting alone (as a Beach Commissioner) in dealing with the Fire Department to manage the life guards. We need a Beach Commission.

Steve Hillman supports clean, safe beaches but does not support the amendment. He would like to see the Beach Commission dissolved but retain the Beach Committee. In his opinion, stating there had been no action taken by the Selectmen was not accurate. Beach Use Permits have already been implemented.

Rob Wright had some confusion about the amendment. After Moderator Eaton restated how the article would read after the amendment, Mr. Wright voiced his support of the amendment. He felt it would be premature to dissolve the Beach Commission. He also commended the Fire Department on managing the life guards.

Betty Anderson asked if it was legal to strike one of the purposes of an article.

Moderator Eaton ruled the amendment legal.

Scott Marion asked if the points listed in the article were the only responsibilities of the Beach Commissioners.

Selectman Musselman answered in the affirmative. He said that if the Beach Commission is not dissolved and this amendment passes, there would be 2 beach managers: the Beach Supervisor and the Fire Department. There is no money provided to hire a Beach Supervisor.

Scott Marion expressed support for the amendment and letting the Beach Commission continue.

Frank Drake did not support the amendment stating the duties of the Beach Commissioners have already been given to the Fire Department.

John Sherman, **seconded** by Keith Eveland, **called the question** on the amendment.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. The vote showed the amendment **failed**.

Steve Borne thought the Beach Commission should be put on hold for a year.

Frank Drake wanted to see the Beach Committee continue.

Lori Carbajal asked if the Beach Committee was still in existence.

Selectman Musselman said members would be appointed again.

Jane Ireland **called the question** on the article. Ron Hordon **seconded** her motion.

A vote confirmed the voters wanted **debate ended**. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 21 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 22 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 22. (By Petition) To see if the Town shall raise and appropriate \$3000, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to establish a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund for the purposes of defraying the cost of outside assistance in a process of continuous, chapter by chapter, improvement of the Master Plan, and to appoint the Planning Board as agent to expend such funds. The Planning Board shall, as required by RSA 674:3, engage the residents in refining a vision for their Town, to be set forth in the Master Plan, which shall then become the basis for revised land use regulations. At least one chapter shall be updated each year, starting with a new chapter on the effects of climate change and sea level rise in 2015, incorporating conclusions from the 2014 Climate Change Workshops, with revisions to address the effects of the increasing average age of Town residents no later than 2016.

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

This article is not recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

Selectman Jenness, **seconded** by Selectman Mills, **moved** the article to the floor.

Peter Crawford spoke to several problems in the recent updating of the Master Plan. These include problems with the demographics, lack of attention to storm water flooding and lack of public input requested. In addition, the Planning Board is very busy and overwhelmed by their workload. They need assistance in preparing the Master Plan which is the basis for zoning changes.

Peter Crawford offered an **amendment** to the article which was **seconded** by Burt Dibble. The amended article would read as follows:

To see if the Town shall raise and appropriate \$3000, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to establish a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund for the purposes of defraying the cost of outside assistance in a process of continuous, chapter by chapter, improvement of the Master Plan, and to appoint the Planning Board as agent to expend such funds. The Planning Board shall, as required by RSA 674:3, engage the residents in refining a vision for their Town, to be set forth in the Master Plan, which shall then become the basis for revised land use regulations. The Town recommends to the Planning Board at least one chapter shall be updated each year, starting with a new chapter on the effects of climate change and sea level rise in 2015, incorporating conclusions from the 2014 Climate Change Workshops, with revisions to address the effects of the increasing average age of Town residents no later than 2016.

Selectman Jenness asked if the article was legal and would it give the Planning Board enough time to accomplish the goals set forth in the article.

Town Counsel Donovan advised the article would usurp the duties of the Planning Board.

Bill Epperson, Planning Board Chairman stated they met the requirements of updating the Master Plan. A Master Plan must include a Vision Plan and a Land Use Plan. Rye's Master Plan encompasses much more detailed information. He stated he had plans to present another amendment.

Moderator Eaton advised the amendment on the floor had to be dealt with before another amendment could be considered.

Phil Winslow, **seconded** by Becky Franz, **called the question** on the amendment. A vote was called for by Moderator Eaton. Moderator Eaton called for a vote.

The meeting voted to end debate.

A vote was called for by Moderator Eaton on the amendment, and it showed the amendment **failed**.

Bill Epperson offered his **amendment** and was **seconded** by Phil McDonough.

To see if the Town shall raise and appropriate, if other funds are not available, \$3000, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to establish a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund for the purposes of defraying the cost of outside assistance in a process of continuous, chapter by chapter, improvement of the Master Plan, and to appoint the Planning Board as agent to expend such funds. The Planning Board shall, as required by RSA 674:3, inform the residents and invite input in refining a vision for their Town, to be set forth in the Master Plan, which shall then become the basis for revised land use regulations.

Attorney Donovan suggested a friendly amendment to strike the words "if other funds are not available" from the amendment to make the article legal. Mr. Epperson and Mr. McDonough agreed to the friendly amendment.

Paul Goldman stated the Budget Committee did not recommend this article because it did not come from the Planning Board. He asked if the Budget Committee could change their recommendation.

Moderator Eaton replied they would be able to change their recommendation.

Mr. Goldman asked if the article was still a petitioned warrant article.

Moderator Eaton informed him it was.

Steve Borne stated it was hard to track changes to the Master Plan. More public hearings would make it easier.

Peter Crawford expressed his support of the amendment. He looked forward to the Selectmen and Budget Committee changing their recommendations.

Bill Epperson stated that within the Planning Board, no personal biases are allowed. The members have the best interest of the town at heart.

Jaci Grote **called the question** on Mr. Epperson's amendment. She received a **second** from Becky Franz. Moderator Eaton asked for a vote on the motion to end debate. The motion **passed**. He then called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment **passed**.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 22 placed on the ballot as amended.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 23.

ARTICLE 23. (By Petition)

New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

To request that the Town of Rye, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

- 1) Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- 2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Rye, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Rye's Congressional delegation, and to Rye's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New

Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote.

It was **moved** by Steve Borne, **seconded** by Susan Anderson, to bring Article 23 to the floor.

Steve Borne referenced Granny D's walk across the country at an advanced age as an example of support for such an article. He advised the group that 400 people took part in the NH People's Rebellion Walk. In NH there is nothing like Proposition 2 ½ or Proposition 7 in place to curb spending. Last year 57 other NH towns passed articles similar to this one. This year close to 100 towns will be voting on this same article. He knows there is no solution to be voted on at this time. He does expect our legislators will hear the message and act upon it.

Deidre Smyrnos supported the article. Whatever your concerns are, presently there is no good legislation to support change.

Joe Cummins asked where the cut off is. What is the definition of "big"?

Steve Borne replied there are no lines to be drawn. We just need to let the legislators know of our concerns.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 23 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 24 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 24. (By Petition) To see if the Town shall create a committee to evaluate the pros and cons of different locations and designs for an indoor field turf facility to be used for town recreation and youth sports team practices.

The report should be completed by June 30th and presented jointly to the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Recreation Commission. The Committee will engage with local youth sports teams, e.g. Rye Little League, Rye Travel Soccer, Seacoast Lacrosse, Portsmouth Youth Football and others to collect requirements and estimated usage.

The report will include:

- Utilization assessment from different groups
- Possible locations
- Design options
 - o As a stand-alone facility
 - o As part of a recreation facility on Recreation Road
- Estimated construction costs
- Potential grants and funding options (fund raising, other towns...)

It was **moved** by Steve Borne, **seconded** by Steve Hillman to move Article 24 to the floor for discussion.

Steve Borne stated the purpose of this article is to get youth sports groups in the community together to make decisions as to what is needed for our kids. The plan is to coordinate with similar groups in other communities.

Selectman Musselman said Rye is beginning the process of studying a new recreation facility. He was not sure if a facility such as this would be included. He offered an **amendment** to strike "Estimated Construction Costs" from the article. His motion was **seconded** by Steve Hillman.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on Selectman Musselman's amendment. After the vote he declared the **amendment passed**.

Steve Hillman stated he was an advocate for youth sports and had coached many teams over the years. It would be good to involve other towns in this study. He liked the fact that it could be used year round. It would be better for kids to be using such a facility than to be playing with electronics for hours at a time. He offered his services to serve on the committee if approved.

Susan Anderson had concerns about a recycled tire substrate for the artificial turf. She proposed an **amendment, seconded** by Steve Borne, to add "*possible health issues related to artificial turf*" as a bullet item.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. The vote confirmed the **amendment passed**.

Ray Jarvis questioned the need for such a facility. He does not believe the need exists. "Would it make our kids any better?"

Selectman Mills agreed with Mr. Jarvis. He has been involved with youth sports since 1960. In his opinion, we have many other needs in town that should come before such a facility. If kids need more activity they should be riding their bikes and not being chauffeured everywhere.

Nancy Weiland offered an **amendment** which was **seconded** by Jane Ireland. She would add "*Assessment of need.*" as a bullet item within the article.

Steve Borne reminded everyone there was no cost associated with this article.

Scott Marion thought the amendment was unnecessary and felt it was redundant. He wanted to thank Mr. Mills for planning bike paths around town. Laughter was expressed by the audience.

Mr. Mills wanted all to know that years ago he had proposed widening the roads to accommodate bikes and baby carriages.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on Mrs. Weiland's amendment. He declared the **amendment passed**.

Frank Drake felt this has the potential to become a very expensive project. There are too many other projects of more importance to spend money on. He questioned if this would involve funding from other towns.

Steve Borne replied it would have to have funding from other towns to be feasible. Grants may be available to defray some of the costs.

Steve Hillman informed Mr. Mills that his daughter rides her bike up Central Road to the recreation fields for practices. This project would be a huge asset to the town and perhaps a money maker. He also stated there is no problem using recycled tires as a substrate to artificial turf. Anything toxic is dissipated or becomes inert during the processing of it.

Upon request, Moderator Eaton restated the article as amended:

To see if the Town shall create a committee to evaluate the pros and cons of different locations and designs for an indoor field turf facility to be used for town recreation and youth sports team practices.

The report should be completed by June 30th and presented jointly to the Board of Selectmen and the Rye Recreation Commission. The Committee will engage with local youth sports teams, e.g. Rye Little League, Rye Travel Soccer, Seacoast Lacrosse, Portsmouth Youth Football and others to collect requirements and estimated usage.

The report will include:

- *Utilization assessment from different groups*
- *Possible locations*
- *Design options*
 - o *As a stand-alone facility*
 - o *As part of a recreation facility on Recreation Road*
- *Possible health issues related to artificial turf*
- *Assessment of need*
- *Potential grants and funding options (fund raising, other towns...)*

No further discussion was requested. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 24 placed on the ballot as amended.**

Article 25 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 25. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to implement a SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) program for a one year trial period – to be extended on the condition that the volume of municipal solid waste is decreased by at least 30% during this period. This “Pay as You Throw” program is predicted to reduce tonnage going to the landfill from the Rye

Transfer Station by 40% or approximately 500 tons per year and at the same time increase the amount recycled. Residents will be required to use designated Town of Rye trash bags to be purchased at a cost of \$1.25 for 15 gallon and \$2 for 30 gallon size bags. The reduction in expenditures to the Town of Rye should exceed \$150,000 annually. The revenue from this program is to be used to offset the cost of operating the transfer station. The combined revenue and reductions in expenditures from this program should lower the tax burden by \$150,000 or more annually.

This article is recommended by the Rye Recycling Education Committee

This article is recommended by the Rye Energy Committee

Susan Anderson, **seconded** by Mel Low, **moved** the article to the floor for discussion.

Ms. Anderson explained the Rye Recycling Education Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in 2013 with the charge of educating town residents on recycling and maximizing the effectiveness of the recycling drop-off facility at the Transfer Station. Besides herself, the all-volunteer committee members include Deirdre Smyrnos, Mel Low, Alan Bucklin and Lynde Karin. Over the last 1 ½ years research was conducted with members visiting numerous transfer stations in the seacoast area looking for ways to improve the effectiveness of our Transfer Station. Starting with open minds, committee members soon realized that Pay As You Throw (PAYT) was the best way to encourage more recycling. Forty-seven NH communities have successfully adopted this program. Many went in to it with grave concerns but all have kept it. She stated we are, essentially, throwing away \$57,000 every year due to the cost of shipping recyclable trash and not getting our full recycling revenue. The committee members know there are concerns regarding this program and they are available to answer your questions. She advised all to pick up the hand-outs on the way out.

Mel Low believes Rye would be the 1st SB2 town to implement this program. The City of Concord adopted it and has seen a 42% reduction in non-recyclable trash being disposed of at their facility. Recently Eliot, Maine adopted the program. Former Public Works Director Bud Moynahan served on Eliot's committee. They have seen a 50% reduction in non-recyclable trash. He realizes voters have objections to this article; he sees the fire in their eyes. Notwithstanding, he highly recommended the program.

Mr. Low suggests Rye could see a reduction of 500 tons of trash every year raising our recycle rate from 30% to over 50%. That equates to 1 less load a week (at \$140 per load) going to the landfill. He related that Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy implemented this program when he worked in Raymond. Mr. Low knows the program is very controversial but feels we can get past that. Early in the 1970's Rye was a leader in the state by beginning a recycling program. We have fallen behind and need to improve our efforts. He estimates his household would spend \$50 per year on bag purchases. He asked the voters to consider the benefits to our children if we adopt this program now. He asked everyone to consider the trial period being asked for.

Deirdre Smyrnos advised the committee has researched multiple options to boost our recycling rate and PAYT is the best and most equitable solution. It is economically sustainable as it promotes decreased trash, environmentally sustainable because it increases recycling and it is

equitable – you only pay for what you dispose. The savings of \$57,000 could be put to better use. We need to begin treating trash as a utility bill like we do with water and electricity. Other communities are seeing recycling rates of 60% to 80%. Some are aiming for Zero Waste/ 100% reclamation and recycling by 2020. This article proposes a one-year trial that could become continued if at least a 30% reduction in trash is attained. Environmental gains could also be possible by reducing carbon and methane emissions associated with trash disposal.

Ray Jarvis stated he goes to the dump every week. He recycles all that's allowed. Are we asking those who recycle to recycle more? How would this be accomplished? He was not in favor of this article and stated it would add costs to those who already recycle.

Selectman Mills presented an **amendment** to remove the recommendation lines at the end of the article. Selectman Musselman gave a **second** to the motion. Mr. Mills stated such recommendations are usually offered by the Selectmen and Budget Committee for moneyed articles to show due diligence was done by both in examining and considering the expenditure. It would not apply to this article.

Phil McDonough asked if, by removing the recommendation, the article would still be legal.

Moderator Eaton replied it would still be legal.

John Sherman asked why the Selectmen did not recommend this article.

Selectman Mills replied they wanted to look at other options and felt the money to be saved may not be accurate.

Tom Pearson, **seconded** by Scott Marion, **called the question** on the amendment. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on ending the debate on the amendment. The motion **passed**. A hand count on the motion to amend was too close to call. Moderator Eaton assigned 2 persons to count the cards being held up on each side of the room. He declared the amendment **passed** by a vote of 39 to 25.

John Hoyt expressed his discontent with the article. In his view the numbers don't add up. He felt every tax payer is already paying to use the facility.

Jaci Grote was in agreement with the article, stating our waste management must get better. Asking for a 1 year trial period is a reasonable request. The recycling rate of 31% comes directly from records kept at the Recycling Center by Director McCarthy.

Tom Pearson spoke in favor of recycling but was not in favor of the article. He felt those who do recycle would lose. It would be like a slap in the face to them. The bags would be too costly. The better way to go would be through education of the public. Flyers could be given out describing the recycling rules. Someone could be stationed at the packer to remind folks that recycling is mandatory in Rye. In addition, he feels bags will have to be changed out before they are full as they get smelly if left out too long. This would not be an efficient or economical use of the bags.

Alan Gould respects Mr. Low. However, it doesn't make sense to spend more on something you're already doing. He has observed misuse and lack of recycling going on at the Transfer Center.

Steve Borne feels it is unfair to subsidize those who don't recycle.

Scott Marion spoke in support of the article. He would like to see an increase in the types of plastic accepted at the Recycling Center. He estimates his family would use one bag per week. He offered an **amendment** to strike the phrase in the first sentence after the dash and replace it with the following: "*to be extended based on a cost benefit analysis conducted by the Selectmen*". Jean Low **seconded** his proposed amendment.

Ray Jarvis felt doing a cost benefit analysis on those who do recycle would not make sense. They should be left out of the calculation.

Alan Gould felt the program should be brought back to the voters to continue the program and not left up to the Selectmen to decide.

Scott Marion thought it should be simple to conduct the analysis but more than a one year trial would be needed to get accurate results.

Susan Anderson advised that Director McCarthy keeps detailed records and should be able to do a hard analysis. She expects a family of 4 to use two 30 gallon bags per month at a cost of \$4.00.

A motion to **call the question** on the amendment was presented by Phil Winslow and was **seconded** by Frank Drake. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment **passed** by a vote (card count) of 27 to 25.

Selectman Musselman said each member of the Board had different viewpoints on this article. He is an Environmental Engineer and often deals with solid waste. His household uses a hauler. This article would encourage the use of haulers and our taxes would go down. In communities which use this program, less trash is brought to the facility but fewer recyclables are received. People could make the decision to buy less, use a hauler or take their trash to other towns who don't participate in a similar program. The desired environmental benefits would not be attained.

Craig Krespach said he is one of the 31% of people who recycle. The bag sizes being offered would not be helpful to him. He uses 50 gallon bags. He offered an **amendment** to include 50 gallon bags at a cost of \$3.00. Scott Marion **seconded** the amendment.

Deidre Smyrnos said she was not sure if the supplier offered that size bags.

Mr. Krespach replied that 50 gallon bags could be found elsewhere if her supplier doesn't carry them.

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Tom Pearson, **called the question** on the amendment. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. He declared the amendment **passed**.

Moderator Eaton restated the amended article:

To see if the Town will vote to implement a SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash) program for a one year trial period – to be extended based on a cost- benefit analysis conducted by the Board of Selectmen. This “Pay as You Throw” program is predicted to reduce tonnage going to the landfill from the Rye Transfer Station by 40% or approximately 500 tons per year and at the same time increase the amount recycled. Residents will be required to use designated Town of Rye trash bags to be purchased at a cost of \$1.25 for 15 gallon and \$2 for 30 gallon size bags, and \$3 for 50 gallon bags. The reduction in expenditures to the Town of Rye should exceed \$150,000 annually. The revenue from this program is to be used to offset the cost of operating the transfer station. The combined revenue and reductions in expenditures from this program should lower the tax burden by \$150,000 or more annually.

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Scott Marion, **called the question** on the article. The vote on ending debate on the article **passed**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 25 placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 26 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 26. (By Petition) Shall all Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Town, and subcommittees thereof, be required, whenever possible, to hold those meetings in a location, such as the Town Hall Courtroom or the Library, where video streaming facilities are provided? When such meetings are held in these locations, video and audio streaming shall be enabled for all portions of the meeting except those that may be non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.

It was **moved** by Burt Dibble, **seconded** by Peter Crawford, to move the article to the floor for discussion.

Dr. Dibble gave a short history on how video streaming came to pass in Rye. Any concerns people had about the process have proved not to be a problem. In addition to providing live coverage of meetings, it also gives voters an archival record to access at any time. This is the Town’s way to get voters involved even if they cannot be present at the meetings. The proposed rehab of the “Great Hall” will include equipment to video stream meetings, presentations and performances. The Library also uses video streaming.

Scott Marion, a School Board member, supports this article. He advised there is an article to provide video streaming at the Jr. High School cafeteria on the School District Warrant this year.

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Peter Crawford, **called the question** on the article. The vote on ending debate on the article **passed**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 26 placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Eaton read Article 27.

ARTICLE 27. (By Petition) To address shortcomings observed in the first use of the “a to p” process (the “Process”) for conservation land purchases, promulgated by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014, only the written information (the “Information Submittal”) and testimony at the public hearing may be considered in approving or recommending any acquisition; and the Information Submittal shall also include, notwithstanding any waiver provisions of the Process:

- a. An Independent appraisal: For all acquisitions where the total consideration exceeds \$150,000, an independent appraisal, performed at the behest of the Town, complying with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (“USPAP”), and conducted by an appraiser licensed pursuant to RSA 310-B;
- b. Proof of value: When the appraisal assumes an increase in value based on a hypothetical subdivision, a reasonable approximation of the information required to obtain approval of a Major Subdivision, including, at a minimum, the overall, topographic and soils plan requirements of sections 401, 402.2 and 403.1.E of the Rye Land Development Regulations;
- c. Demonstrated legal permissibility: When a waiver, variance or special exception is assumed, a demonstration of the reasonable likelihood of the same being granted, as provided by USPAP Standard 1-3;
- d. Absence of environmental liability: Such assessments and data as are necessary to determine and disclose the potential risk of environmental liability associated with the parcel; and
- e. An independent survey: The property survey plan and boundary description provided for in paragraph 2(b) of the Process. The survey shall comply with section 401.2 of the Rye Land Development Regulations.

It was **moved** by Peter Crawford, **seconded** by Victor Azzi, to move Article 27 to the floor for discussion.

Peter Crawford advised the sponsors of this article had observed the Board of Selectmen approve the purchase of part of the former Rand Lumber Company by the Conservation Commission. During the purchase process, no independent appraisal was required by the Board. The seller provided an appraisal which was accepted by the Town. Considering the original cost of the whole parcel of land when it was sold to the developer was \$1.15 million and the cost for just a

portion of the land purchased by the Conservation Commission was \$1.25 million, not requiring an independent appraisal at the Town's expense might have been penny wise and pound foolish.

Mr. Crawford went over the five points included in the article and pointed out how each could have been useful in saving tax payers money during any purchase of property. In his opinion, the assessed value of a property, based on statistical figures, should never be used as a substitute for an actual appraisal. If no environmental liability study is conducted, how would the Town be protected if hazardous materials were later found on the property? If no property survey plan and boundary description is required, how would the Town be certain of exactly what had been purchased? He felt the requirements of the article are reasonable.

Selectman Musselman offered an **amendment** which was **seconded** by Selectman Jenness. In it he proposed the wording of the amended article be as follows:

Under the "a to q" process (the Process) for conservation land purchases, promulgated by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014, the written information (the "Information Submittal") and testimony at the public hearing may be considered in approving or recommending any acquisition. The selectmen may consider requiring as part of the Information Submittal an appraisal at the behest of the Town appropriately addressing the development potential of the property and a property survey plan and boundary description.

Peter Crawford asked if the amendment would delete the rest of the article.

Moderator Eaton replied the rest would be deleted.

Mr. Crawford expressed his frustration at not being able to get information from the Town. When he asked for a legal opinion he was aware the Town had received on the subject, he was denied because the opinion was now "stale". He disagreed with the reason for the denial. Voters need to insist that an independent appraisal be done on any land purchase being considered to protect the interest of the tax payers. It would have protected them in the purchase of the Rand property.

Frank Drake thought a friendly amendment that "*selectmen shall require an appraisal*" at a "to be determined" price point.

Selectman Musselman replied he was not ready to agree to a friendly amendment on his amendment without first meeting with the Conservation Commission. He did state that, in his opinion, an outside appraisal would be required on most land purchases.

Joe Cummins stated he was against the amendment. He was planning to present another amendment because he was worried that no hazardous waste impact study was included in the article as proposed.

Selectman Musselman stated no hazardous waste study had been required during the purchase of the Rand Lumber Company land because there was no evidence found during the walk through that might suggest the need for one. This land had never been developed. To require an

environmental impact study on land never developed previously or boundary survey done when good documentation is available and corner stakes are found would actually waste tax payer money. The majority of people who purchase homes never require these tests be done on their own properties.

Shawn Crapo, **seconded** by Sally King, **called the question** on Selectman Musselman's amendment. The motion **passed**. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. He declared the amendment **passed**.

Frank Drake made a **motion to amend** the article by substituting the words "*shall require when the total consideration exceeds \$500,000.*" for the words "may consider requiring". Scott Marion **seconded** Mr. Drake's amendment.

Peter Crawford expressed his support of the amendment. The dollar figure could be changed later if necessary. It would require the selectmen to pay attention to the tax impact. The Town could require the seller to pay for the appraisal.

Jaci Grote felt it would not be fair to push the appraisal cost off on to the seller. She believes the price point in this amendment is too low.

Lee Perrault stated \$500,000 is an arbitrary figure. People trust the Conservation Commission to care for and acquire land for the town.

Phil Winslow, **seconded** by Tom King, **called the question** on Mr. Drake's amendment. The motion passed. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. He declared the amendment **failed**.

Randy Crapo stated petitioners brought this article forward and they include costs. Why didn't the petition get presented to the Selectmen and the Budget Committee for consideration?

Joe Cummins proposed an **amendment** which was **seconded** Scott Marion. It would add the following at the end of the article: "*A hazardous waste environmental analysis shall be performed for town on bought land.*"

He believes it is prudent to have this analysis done on commercial property to protect the town.

Peter Crawford expressed support for the amendment.

Sally King is not in support of the amendment. She stated there are other ways to check for hazardous waste without adding extra costs.

Selectman Musselman questioned if this would be required only on commercial land.

Scott Marion advised he is a board member of the Southeast NH Land Trust. He asked if the subject matter of this amendment is already included in subparagraph "q" of the "Process".

Selectman Musselman answered that “q” states a study is to be done on previous commercially developed land.

Peter Crawford suggested a friendly amendment to state “*A hazardous waste environmental analysis shall be performed on property previously used for commercial use.*” Both Joe Cummins and Scott Marion agreed to accept the friendly amendment.

Jane Ireland, **seconded** by Janice Ireland **called the question** on Mr. Cummins’s amendment. The motion **passed**. Moderator Eaton called a vote on the amendment. He declared the amendment **passed**.

Moderator Eaton restated the article as amended.

Under the “a to q” process (the “Process”) for conservation land purchases, promulgated by the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2014, only the written information (the “Information Submittal”) and testimony at the public hearing may be considered in approving or recommending any acquisition. The selectmen may consider requiring as part of the Information Submittal an appraisal at the behest of the Town appropriately addressing the development potential of the property and a property survey plan and boundary description. A hazardous waste environmental analysis shall be performed for town on property previously used for commercial use.

Shawn Crapo **called the question** on the article and was **seconded** by Phil McDonough. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 27 placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 28 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 28. (By Petition) In addition to the requirements of 2013 Warrant Article 21, shall the CIP Committee annually fulfill the requirements of RSA 674:5 that it “prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects” by prioritizing the proposed projects? Such prioritization shall be performed after the public hearing required by Article 21, shall take into account the Master plan guidance from the Board of Selectmen and other governing bodies, the goal of avoiding spikes in the tax rate, and the financing structure of all Town entities. Prioritization shall consist of ranking each proposed project in accordance with its year of first significant expenditure, assigning a numerical ranking, unique within each year, to each project.

It was **moved** by Scott Marion, **seconded** by Peter Crawford, to move Article 27 to the floor for discussion.

Scott Marion advised he was one of the sponsors of this article. While the hard work of the CIP Committee is much appreciated, there needs to be a prioritization of all projects considered in the

CIP. All town entities are included within the CIP. That includes the town, schools, library, sewer department and the village districts. A tax payer may receive separate bills from several of these entities. There needs to be one single group which looks at all of these entities and their planned capital projects. Careful ranking of these projects will help avoid unexpected spikes on the tax bills or invoices from these entities.

Shawn Crapo believes this article is too restrictive. The CIP is a valuable tool. “Let’s not hinder a good process.”

Ray Jarvis, chairman of the CIP Committee, advised that the members of the committee have no qualifications to prioritize the projects included in the CIP. It would be a dishonest presentation by the CIP Committee to do so.

Selectman Musselman, **seconded** by Selectman Mills, proposed an **amendment** to the article. The amended article would read as follows:

In addition to the requirements of 2013 Warrant Article 21, shall the CIP Committee annually fulfill the requirements of RSA 674:5 that it “prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects” which shall take into account the Master plan and guidance from the Board of Selectmen?

Selectman Musselman advised there were legal issues with the original wording of the article.

Peter Crawford felt the amendment guts the article. It would take away the substance of the article.

Moderator Eaton gave his opinion that the amendment does not nullify the article or render it meaningless and would be allowed.

Peter Crawford stated that, at the 11/10/14 Selectmen’s meeting, Selectman Musselman was begging Mr. Jarvis for a list of priorities for the projects being submitted within the 2014 CIP. “Why the change?” He believes the committee should be the one to prioritize the projects.

Art Ditto expressed his support of the amendment.

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Phil McDonough, **called the question** on the amendment. The motion passed. The vote on the amendment itself **passed**.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 28 placed on the ballot as amended.**

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** on all articles taken up at the meeting not previously restricted was made by Phil Winslow. Scott Marion **seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton called for a vote. He then declared the motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 29.

ARTICLE 29. 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 2015.

Article 29 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Mills and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

Selectman Mills explained this article is added to the warrant every year to enable the selectmen to sell off surplus equipment.

No further discussion was called for. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 29 placed on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 30.

ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 30 was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Mills and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness.

No further business was brought to the floor.

Phil McDonough, **seconded** by Phil Winslow, **moved to dissolve** the meeting. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton declared the 2015 Deliberative Session dissolved at 4:15 p.m.

Note: A tally of the checklist showed 99 voters attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN
WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

OF: TOWN OF RYE

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Robert R Croso
Raymond J Jarvis
Peggy Ballou
John W. Maynor
John J. Williams
Paul Goldman

C. W.
Ralph Hester

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP BUD.		Actual Expenditures		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
		Warr.	Art.#	Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
4130-4139	Executive			207,099	211,420	214,290	214,290	214,290	214,290	XXXXXXX
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics			26,175	20,016	19,625	19,625	19,625	19,625	XXXXXXX
4150-4151	Financial Administration			592,877	563,002	633,332	633,332	633,332	633,332	XXXXXXX
4152	Revaluation of Property									XXXXXXX
4153	Legal Expense			100,000	97,497	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	XXXXXXX
4155-4159	Personnel Administration									XXXXXXX
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning			146,237	139,602	150,776	150,776	150,776	150,776	XXXXXXX
4194	General Government Buildings			114,583	113,579	121,806	121,806	121,806	121,806	XXXXXXX
4195	Cemeteries			100,748	99,130	102,025	102,025	102,025	102,025	XXXXXXX
4196	Insurance			268,411	199,540	275,781	275,781	275,781	275,781	XXXXXXX
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			50,701	50,701	54,808	54,808	54,808	54,808	XXXXXXX
4199	Other General Government			93,000	61,810	67,100	67,100	67,100	67,100	XXXXXXX

PUBLIC SAFETY										
4210-4214	Police			1,298,590	1,189,963	1,325,344	1,325,344	1,325,344	1,325,344	XXXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance			132,625	106,259	132,625	132,625	132,625	132,625	XXXXXXX
4220-4229	Fire			1,253,557	1,226,254	1,271,811	1,271,811	1,271,811	1,271,811	XXXXXXX
4240-4249	Building Inspection			151,762	137,795	157,969	157,969	157,969	157,969	XXXXXXX
4290-4298	Emergency Management			6,400	2,225	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,900	XXXXXXX
4299	Other (Including Communications)									XXXXXXX

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER										
4301-4309	Airport Operations									XXXXXXX
HIGHWAYS & STREETS										
4311	Administration									XXXXXXX
4312	Highways & Streets			1,148,387	1,105,007	1,184,626	1,184,626	1,184,626	1,184,626	XXXXXXX
4313	Bridges									XXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP BUD. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year
			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		5,000	4,434	5,150		5,150	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		196,050	187,248	207,145		207,145	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		205,905	186,166	195,068		195,068	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		5,195	5,202	5,220		5,220	
4414	Pest Control		110,688	96,561	101,839	13,500	101,839	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		50,000	56,985	55,000		55,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP BUD. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year
			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		316,185	281,397	339,865		339,865	
4550-4559	Library		629,538	643,918	643,663		643,663	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		7,600	7,527	6,815		6,815	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		5,050	4,105	5,300	700	5,300	
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		90,000	89,141	90,000		90,000	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		896,062	896,056	326,354		326,354	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		92,463	92,463	91,905		91,905	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		5,000		10,000		10,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		89,650	58,236	68,000		68,000	
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				95,000		95,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Funds							
	Sewer		257,162	236,173	256,841		256,841	
	Recreation Revolving		253,708	161,356	231,431		231,431	
	Outside Detail Revolving		117,950	92,443	137,000		137,000	
	Beach Parking		38,755	33,631	33,025		33,025	
	Beach Cleaning		16,765	25,403	18,395		18,395	
4913	To Capital Projects Funds							
4914	To Proprietary Funds							

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Revenues
TAXES					
			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes			2,000	2,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		13,000	16,000	16,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		96,000	100,000	100,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1,000	600	600
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,230,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
3230	Building Permits		200,000	250,000	250,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		48,000	50,000	50,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		15,000	10,000	10,000
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		238,000	257,253	257,253
3353	Highway Block Grant		115,000	115,949	115,949
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		50		
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		350,000	400,000	400,000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		1,000	100	100
3502	Interest on Investments		6,000	5,000	5,000
3503-3509	Other		40,000	95,000	95,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			-	-
	Sewer - (Offset)		257,162	256,841	256,841
	Recreation Revolving - (Offset)		253,708	231,431	231,431
	Outside Detail Revolving - (Offset)		117,950	137,000	137,000
	Beach Parking - (Offset)		38,755	33,025	33,025
	Beach Cleaning - (Offset)		16,785	18,395	18,395

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Proprietary Funds				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		215,000		
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		100,748	102,025	102,025
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		3,000,000	4,100,000	4,100,000
Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			6,353,158	7,480,619	7,480,619

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	9,079,898.00	8,740,834.00	8,740,834.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	3,170,375.00	4,280,000.00	4,280,000.00
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	724,361.00	132,414.00	132,414.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	12,974,634.00	13,153,248.00	13,153,248.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	6,353,158.00	7,480,619.00	7,480,619.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	6,621,476.00	5,672,629.00	5,672,629.00

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 1,273,499
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

TOWN OF RYE, NH

FISCAL YEAR END 2015

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7)	13,153,248
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	326,354
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	91,905
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2-5)	418,259
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	12,734,989
8. Line 7 times 10%	1,273,499
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 & 8)	14,426,747

Line 8 is the:

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18:

Please enter this amount on page 8 of the posted MS7 form



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter – Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3 through 8) and the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 38) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers them to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the

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United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Emphasis of Matter – Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Rye's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

April 25, 2014

*Plodzik & Sanderson
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Town of Rye, NH
Management Discussion and Analysis
2013

1. Brief discussion of the Basic Financial Statements
2. Condensed Government – Wide Financial Information
3. Financial Results
4. Fund Balances
5. Budgets
6. Capital Assets and Long Term Debt

As management of the Town of Rye, NH, we offer readers of the Town of Rye, NH financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Rye, NH for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Overview of Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Rye's basic financial statements. The Town of Rye's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Rye's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Town of Rye's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Rye, NH is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The governmental activities of the Town of Rye, NH include general government, public safety, roadways, cemetery, library, trust and capital reserve funds, grants, conservation, sanitation, culture and recreation.

Fund financial statements- A *fund* is a set of reports that is used to segregate specific activities. For example, Sewer department activity, which is paid from sewer user fees, is reported separately from Cemetery activity, which is paid from perpetual care trust funds. The Town of Rye, NH, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Rye, NH can be divided into two categories: governmental or fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to report on the general operations of the town. They are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements focus only on current expenditures and revenue (*inflows and outflows of spendable resources this year*), as well as on balances (of *spendable resources*) available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's current financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds and governmental activities*.

The Town of Rye, NH adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund as well as several non-major funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the major general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary Funds. *Fiduciary funds* are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Rye town government, such as developer's performance bonds, capital reserve and expendable trust funds belonging to other governments, and trust funds for which the income is used for purposes that are not normally funded by the Town. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because these funds are not available to support the Town of Rye's own programs. The accounting used for the fiduciary funds is much like that used for businesses.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* consisting of a Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may, over time serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Rye, NH, assets exceeded liabilities by \$40,144,349 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the Town of Rye's net position \$32,877,090 reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, etc.). The Town of Rye, NH uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Rye's net investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Town of Rye, NH's Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2012	2013
Current & other assets	13,398,210	13,830,905
Capital assets	35,702,935	35,206,524
Total assets	49,101,145	49,037,429
Long-term liabilities outstanding	6,182,184	6,057,336
Other liabilities	3,793,592	2,835,744
Total liabilities	9,976,406	8,893,080
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	32,428,849	32,877,090
Restricted	2,979,897	3,585,508
Unrestricted	3,715,993	3,681,751
Total net position	39,124,739	40,144,349

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Rye, NH is able to report positive balances in net position, for the government as a whole. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year.

Town of Rye, NH Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Activities

	2012 AMOUNT	2013 AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	1,039,996	860,617	(179,379)
Operating grants	128,235	255,236	127,001
Capital Contributions	158,991		(158,991)
General revenues:			
Taxes	5,845,416	5,452,845	(392,571)
Licenses and permits	1,391,302	1,496,980	105,678
Unrestricted grants	265,798	239,823	(25,975)
Unrestricted Investment Income		111,264	111,264
Miscellaneous	458,048	887,019	428,971
Total revenues	9,287,786	9,303,784	15,998
Expenses:			
General Government	1,434,907	1,550,990	116,083
Public Safety	2,806,296	2,822,648	16,352
Highways and Streets	1,459,208	1,729,003	269,795
Sanitation	646,751	630,166	(16,585)
Health	94,766	95,755	989
Welfare	27,789	49,096	21,307
Culture & Recreation	1,063,014	1,134,975	71,961
Conservation	32,772	80,215	47,443
Interest on long-term debt	96,243	133,902	37,659
Capital Outlay	245,202	57,424	(187,778)
Total governmental activities	7,906,948	8,284,174	377,226
Change in net position	1,380,838	1,019,610	(361,228)
Beginning net position	37,743,901	39,124,739	1,380,838
Ending net position	39,124,739	40,144,349	1,019,610

General fund budgetary highlights

As shown in the above chart, revenues received during 2013 increased by \$15,998 from 2012. The actual budgetary revenues were more than the budget for estimated revenues by \$370,973. Motor Vehicle Registrations were \$74,755 over the amount projected. Building Permits were \$16,040 over the amount projected. General income from department services was short \$15,722 projected. Interest income on deposits and investments increased by \$329 from the prior year and was \$1,095 over the 2013 projection.

Catastrophic events during 2013 that had a significant impact on total expenditures included:

- Public Works Department responded to a total of 26 weather events; (17 snow and 9 ice storms). The winter of 2012-2013 saw snowfall accumulation totaling 86 inches.
- Emergency Management responded to two weather events:
 - NEMO hit the seacoast on Friday, February 8, 2013 and continued for three (3) days. The Rye saw 18-24” of snow along with high tides, coastal flooding and winds, creating blizzard conditions.
 - Another weekend storm on March 8, 2013 washed out the seawalls along Bass and Foss Beaches.
- Fire, Police and Public Works Departments all experienced staff shortages throughout 2013, due to long term illnesses, retirements and terminations of full-time, permanent staff.

Total governmental expenditures increased by \$377,226 (.05%) over the prior year. The Town realized a savings of \$132,051 in actual expenditures over the 2013 budgeted appropriation.

The total Town’s property assessed valuation increased by \$16,792,700. The total property tax commitment decreased by \$127,317 from the prior year. At the 2013 Tax Rate setting the Board of Selectmen chose to use \$818,648 of the Town’s beginning general fund balance to bring the tax rate to \$10.97.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Town of Rye’s investment in capital assets includes land and improvements, buildings, rolling stock, sewer mains, equipment, and roadways with a value in excess of \$10,000 and a useful life of over 5 years.

Assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis, with the original cost divided evenly by the useful life of the asset.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Acquisitions:
 - 2013 Police Cruiser
- Disposals:
 - 1986 International Flat Bed Truck
 - 2003 3500 Silverado Pickup Truck

Town of Rye, NH Capital Assets

Governmental Activities
(at original cost)

	2012	additions	disposals	2013
Not being depreciated:				
Land	9,924,986			9,924,986
Intangible assets	2,676,480			2,676,480
Construction in progress		213,610		213,610
Total capital assets not being depreciated	12,601,466	213,610		12,815,076
Being depreciated:				
Land improvements	509,602			509,602
Buildings	6,650,542			6,650,542
Rolling Stock	2,033,215	46,539	(108,964)	1,970,790
Equipment	443,960			443,960
Sewer Mains - Infrastructure	4,400,000			4,400,000
Roadways – Infrastructure	29,964,590	191,619		30,156,209
Total capital assets being depreciated	44,001,909	238,158	(108,964)	44,131,103
Total all capital assets	56,603,375	451,768	(108,964)	56,946,179

Additional information on the Town of Rye’s net capital assets, depreciation, and debt may be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Rye, NH had total bonded debt outstanding of \$2,185,000 which is a .27% decrease from the \$3,050,000 owed at the end of 2012. These bonds are a general obligation of the taxpayers of Rye, N.H.

NH RSA 33:4-A establishes a debt limit. Towns may not incur outstanding indebtedness exceeding 3% (\$53,088,639) of the town valuation (\$1,769,621,290). Rye’s debt is less than 1% of the valuation, so it is well within the debt limit. Rye has an allowed debt margin of \$50,867,577.

The Town of Rye issues bonds through the NH Municipal Bond Bank, and uses the bond bank credit rating of Aa2 with Moody’s Investment Service.

Requests for information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Rye, NH’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Administrator, 10 Central Road, Town of Rye, NH, 03870.

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,682,283	\$ 206,360	\$ 1,357,504	\$ 8,246,147
Investments	60,908	3,104,049	-	3,164,957
Accounts receivable (net)	97,789	-	130,744	228,533
Taxes receivable (net)	993,374	-	-	993,374
Intergovernmental receivable	918	-	3,933	4,851
Interfund receivable	28,772	-	-	28,772
Voluntary tax liens	150,680	-	-	150,680
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(150,680)	-	-	(150,680)
Inventory	10,104	-	-	10,104
Prepaid items	11,046	-	1,278	12,324
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	301,592	-	-	301,592
Investments	849,675	-	49,348	899,023
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,036,461</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,807</u>	<u>\$ 13,889,677</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 304,105	\$ -	\$ 21,443	\$ 325,548
Intergovernmental payable	5,628,108	-	-	5,628,108
Interfund payable	-	21,309	7,463	28,772
Total liabilities	<u>5,932,213</u>	<u>21,309</u>	<u>28,906</u>	<u>5,982,428</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	701,192	-	-	701,192
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	21,150	2,055,218	1,278	2,077,646
Restricted	370,861	1,233,882	6,126	1,610,869
Committed	836,116	-	1,445,301	2,281,417
Assigned	215,276	-	61,196	276,472
Unassigned	959,653	-	-	959,653
Total fund balances	<u>2,403,056</u>	<u>3,289,100</u>	<u>1,513,901</u>	<u>7,206,057</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,036,461</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,807</u>	<u>\$ 13,889,677</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2013

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 7,206,057
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	\$ 56,946,179	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,739,655)</u>	35,206,524
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.		
Receivables	\$ (28,772)	
Payables	<u>28,772</u>	-
Property tax revenues that are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection on the Statement of Net Position.		
		701,192
Recognize the allowance for doubtful property tax receivables under the accrual basis of accounting.		
		(30,000)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(103,680)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds	\$ 2,185,000	
Unamortized bond premium	108,375	
Capital leases	36,059	
Compensated absences	482,310	
Accrued landfill postclosure costs	<u>24,000</u>	
		<u>(2,835,744)</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ 40,144,349</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 5,569,071	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,579,071
Licenses and permits	1,496,980	-	-	1,496,980
Intergovernmental	379,681	-	30,079	409,760
Charges for services	273,865	-	586,752	860,617
Investment earnings	5,380	-	1,057	6,437
Miscellaneous	305,129	704,558	67,458	1,077,145
Total revenues	<u>8,030,106</u>	<u>704,558</u>	<u>695,346</u>	<u>9,430,010</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,428,873	101,903	1,771	1,532,547
Public safety	2,656,690	-	105,304	2,761,994
Highways and streets	1,156,888	-	23,472	1,180,360
Sanitation	382,945	-	249,513	632,458
Health	95,755	-	-	95,755
Welfare	49,096	-	-	49,096
Culture and recreation	929,230	-	168,237	1,097,467
Conservation	79,074	-	1,141	80,215
Debt service:				
Principal	865,000	-	-	865,000
Interest	129,580	-	-	129,580
Capital outlay	229,484	-	41,550	271,034
Total expenditures	<u>8,002,615</u>	<u>101,903</u>	<u>590,988</u>	<u>8,695,506</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>27,491</u>	<u>602,655</u>	<u>104,358</u>	<u>734,504</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	27,189	3,419	-	30,608
Transfers out	(3,419)	(21,989)	(5,200)	(30,608)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>23,770</u>	<u>(18,570)</u>	<u>(5,200)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	51,261	584,085	99,158	734,504
Fund balances, beginning, as restated (see Note 17)	2,351,795	2,705,015	1,414,743	6,471,553
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 2,403,056</u>	<u>\$ 3,289,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,513,901</u>	<u>\$ 7,206,057</u>

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*SCHEDULE 1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 5,200,296	\$ 5,321,068	\$ 120,772
Land use change	-	14,290	14,290
Payment in lieu of taxes	13,074	13,182	108
Interest and penalties on taxes	99,000	94,305	(4,695)
Total from taxes	<u>5,312,370</u>	<u>5,442,845</u>	<u>130,475</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	1,000	945	(55)
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,157,525	1,232,280	74,755
Building permits	200,000	216,040	16,040
Other	46,225	47,715	1,490
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,404,750</u>	<u>1,496,980</u>	<u>92,230</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	237,496	237,496	-
Highway block grant	114,600	114,308	(292)
Other	1,070	65	(1,005)
Federal:			
FEMA	21,813	21,655	(158)
Other	6,000	6,157	157
Total from intergovernmental	<u>380,979</u>	<u>379,681</u>	<u>(1,298)</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	<u>289,587</u>	<u>273,865</u>	<u>(15,722)</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	7,500	18,053	10,553
Interest on investments	4,000	5,095	1,095
Rent of property	9,824	9,824	-
Fines and forfeits	4,200	15,804	11,604
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	63,305	66,374	3,069
Contributions and donations	-	10,910	10,910
Other	4,685	66,260	61,575
Total from miscellaneous	<u>93,514</u>	<u>192,320</u>	<u>98,806</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	-	66,482	66,482
Total revenues and other financing sources	7,481,200	<u>\$ 7,852,173</u>	<u>\$ 370,973</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	818,648		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 8,299,848</u>		

SCHEDULE 2
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 192,999	\$ 203,880	\$ -	\$ (10,881)
Election and registration	-	23,295	13,901	-	9,394
Financial administration	31,000	406,867	382,695	3,100	52,072
Revaluation of property	-	161,012	167,366	-	(6,354)
Legal	-	100,000	82,224	-	17,776
Planning and zoning	1,153	128,106	130,632	-	(1,373)
General government buildings	-	116,319	124,296	25,475	(33,452)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	202,216	210,011	-	(7,795)
Other	2,500	64,000	58,715	17,548	(9,763)
Total general government	<u>34,653</u>	<u>1,444,008</u>	<u>1,422,914</u>	<u>46,123</u>	<u>9,624</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,231,168	1,183,032	-	48,136
Ambulance	-	116,673	96,621	-	20,052
Fire	-	1,180,884	1,233,538	-	(52,654)
Building inspection	-	141,528	140,993	-	535
Emergency management	-	5,900	2,506	-	3,394
Total public safety	<u>-</u>	<u>2,676,153</u>	<u>2,656,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,463</u>
Highways and streets:					
Highways and streets	25,929	1,136,747	1,152,415	-	10,261
Street lighting	-	5,500	4,473	-	1,027
Total highways and streets	<u>25,929</u>	<u>1,142,247</u>	<u>1,156,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,288</u>
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	4,024	197,064	194,765	8,150	(1,827)
Solid waste disposal	-	199,503	188,180	3,500	7,823
Total sanitation	<u>4,024</u>	<u>396,567</u>	<u>382,945</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>5,996</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	5,220	5,085	-	135
Pest control	-	8,367	9,570	-	(1,203)
Other	-	96,500	81,100	-	15,400
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>110,087</u>	<u>95,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,332</u>
Welfare:					
Administration	-	3,000	2,825	-	175
Direct assistance	-	1,000	103	-	897
Vendor payments	-	30,250	46,168	-	(15,918)
Other	-	750	-	-	750
Total welfare	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>49,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,096)</u>
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	3,696	275,098	268,814	-	9,980
Library	-	626,243	625,583	-	660
Patriotic purposes	-	7,600	6,617	-	983
Other	-	2,365	2,383	-	(18)
Total culture and recreation	<u>3,696</u>	<u>911,306</u>	<u>903,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,605</u>
Conservation	-	90,700	79,074	43,568	(31,942)

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SCHEDULE 2 (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	865,000	865,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	129,580	129,580	-	-
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Total debt service	-	999,580	994,580	-	5,000
Capital outlay	-	394,200	229,484	63,935	100,781
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	100,000	100,000	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	\$ 68,302	\$ 8,299,848	\$ 8,070,823	\$ 165,276	\$ 132,051

*SCHEDULE 3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013*

Unassigned fund balance, beginning		\$ 1,952,913
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2013 tax rate		(818,648)
2013 Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 370,973	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>132,051</u>	
2013 Budget surplus		503,024
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance		4,587
Increase in restricted fund balance		<u>(11,031)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending		<u>1,630,845</u>
 <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Basis to GAAP Basis</i>		
To comply with generally accepted accounting principles by deferring property taxes not collected with 60 days of December 31, 2013		<u>(701,192)</u>
Elimination of the allowance for doubtful accounts as part of the 60-day calculation		<u>30,000</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending GAAP basis (Exhibit C-1)		<u><u>\$ 959,653</u></u>

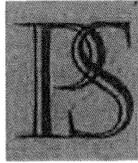
SCHEDULE 4
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds										Total	
	Sewer	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Bleach Cleaning	Ambulance	Conservation Commission			
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 502,920	\$ 8,473	\$ 71,252	\$ 56,635	\$ 6,126	\$ 314,782	\$ 18,363	\$ 233,192	\$ 145,761	\$ 1,357,504		
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectable:												
Accounts	99,898	-	17,851	-	-	12,995	-	-	-	130,744		
Intergovernmental	-	3,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,933		
Prepaid items	615	-	-	-	-	-	663	-	-	1,278		
Restricted assets - Investments	49,348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,348		
Total assets	\$ 652,781	\$ 12,406	\$ 89,103	\$ 56,635	\$ 6,126	\$ 327,777	\$ 19,026	\$ 233,192	\$ 145,761	\$ 1,542,807		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES												
Liabilities:												
Accounts payable	\$ 9,037	\$ 12,406	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,443		
Interfund payable	6,348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,115	7,463		
Total liabilities	15,385	12,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,115	28,906		
Fund balances:												
Nonspendable	615	-	-	-	-	-	663	-	-	1,278		
Restricted	-	-	-	-	6,126	-	-	-	-	6,126		
Committed	625,690	-	89,103	56,635	-	309,030	18,363	233,192	113,288	1,445,301		
Assigned	11,091	-	-	-	-	18,747	-	-	31,358	61,196		
Total fund balances	637,396	-	89,103	56,635	6,126	327,777	19,026	233,192	144,646	1,513,901		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 652,781	\$ 12,406	\$ 89,103	\$ 56,635	\$ 6,126	\$ 327,777	\$ 19,026	\$ 233,192	\$ 145,761	\$ 1,542,807		

SCHEDULE 5
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds											Total
	Police		Beach		Heritage	Recreation	Bleach	Ambulance	Conservation	Commission	Total	
	Outside	Detail	Parking	Permits								
Revenues:												
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Intergovernmental	-	25,079	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	30,079
Charges for services	248,485	-	113,463	29,143	-	184,011	11,650	-	-	-	-	586,752
Investment earnings	859	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	198	1,057
Miscellaneous	-	164	-	-	400	2,135	-	50,992	-	13,767	67,458	67,458
Total revenues	249,344	25,243	113,463	29,143	400	186,146	11,650	50,992	-	28,965	695,346	695,346
Expenditures:												
Current:												
General government	-	1,771	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,771
Public safety	-	-	77,926	27,378	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,304
Highways and streets	-	23,472	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,472
Sanitation	249,513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249,513
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	152,663	15,574	-	-	-	-	168,237
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,141	1,141	1,141
Capital outlay	-	-	22,000	-	-	19,550	-	-	-	-	-	41,550
Total expenditures	249,513	25,243	99,926	27,378	-	172,213	15,574	-	-	1,141	590,988	590,988
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(169)	-	13,537	1,765	400	13,933	(3,924)	50,992	-	27,824	104,358	104,358
Other financing uses:												
Transfers out	(5,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,200)	(5,200)
Net change in fund balances	(5,369)	-	13,537	1,765	400	13,933	(3,924)	50,992	-	27,824	99,158	99,158
Fund balances, beginning	642,765	-	75,566	54,870	5,726	313,844	22,950	182,200	-	116,822	1,414,743	1,414,743
Fund balances, ending	\$ 637,396	\$ -	\$ 89,103	\$ 56,635	\$ 6,126	\$ 327,777	\$ 19,026	\$ 233,192	\$ -	\$ 144,646	\$ 1,513,901	\$ 1,513,901



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To the Members of the Board of Selectmen:

This is to advise you that as of January 23, 2015 the audit of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014 has been substantially completed and we are in the process of finalizing the audit. A completed audit report will be sent to you in early April 2015.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Pratt, CPA
Director

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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor- David M. Hynes, CNHAS
Assessing Assistant - Joanne Drewniak

As many of you have noticed our *new* GIS (Geographical Information System) software on the Town website has been lacking the 'sketch' of the improvements on your property. This is due to the 'sketch routine' in the Vision CAMA (computer assisted mass appraisal) software is proprietary software owned by a different company who licenses it out to Vision for their use. With that being said, our cost to provide the Vision PRC (property record card) with the sketch was costing the Town several thousand dollars a year. To be prudent with your money we have developed a system for extracting the entire PRC and attaching it to our GIS website at a reasonable cost, hundreds NOT thousands of dollars. Look for the sketches, coming soon to our GIS site.

As for our administrative housekeeping items; the biggest for this year is the "Conservation Commission's land," to make sure we have their properties listed correctly and all the necessary documentation provided for statutory compliance, similar to what we just did with the 'current use program' owners.

Joanne and I have started reviewing our 'outbuilding' data (garages with living space) and found some discrepancies that need to be rectified for tax year 2015. You may notice a Silver Mazda with NH license plate 'CNHAS' out in the field reviewing your outbuildings.

FYI: A reminder for all of you who are getting up in your years: we have an Elderly Exemption available that if you qualify could reduce your tax liability. In addition to the Elderly Exemption we have an Exemption for the Blind and the Veteran's Credit available. Please take the time to read the qualifying information to see if any of these tax reducing programs work for you. With the assistance of Joanne Drewniak the Assessor's Assistant and all the other knowledgeable town employees we will work our hardest to be as brief as possible when looking for your assistance.

The Assessing Department is open Monday – Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm to assist you with any concerns and/or questions you have regarding assessing and taxation. We may also be reached by phone at 964-5523 or by email: Dhynes@town.rye.nh.us. Our assessment data is available on-line via the Town's GIS website: <http://www.town.rye.nh.us>

Sincerely Yours,

David M. Hynes, CNHAS
Town Assessor

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons
SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES

1799. "Voted to repair the South School house. Voted to keep eighteen months School the same as last year. Voted Rev. H. Porter and Joseph Parsons Esq be a Committee to inspect the schools with the Selectmen".....

The first record of women being employed as school teachers in Rye was made in 1800, on March 25, of which year it was "Voted to keep eighteen months school this year and to keep two months as each School House by Women beginning the first of May next, and that the Mens school shall begin at both houses the first of July and keep seven months.".....

(NOTE: Between 1840 and 1852, several attempts were made to start a select or high school in the basement of the Congregational meeting house.) Later the town attempted to establish a high school in the town hall, but it did not prove a success. Now pupils desiring more advanced instruction than the grammar schools of the town afford, attend the high school in Portsmouth, the town, under state law, paying the tuition.

BEACH ACTIVITIES REPORT

In 1999, a three member Beach Commission was established to oversee a Beach Supervisor and act as a liaison between the Beach Supervisor and the Board of Selectmen. Not only was the position of Beach Supervisor never funded, over the years the work of the Commission gradually fell upon one member who became responsible for hiring and supervising the lifeguards. Meanwhile, several years ago at the suggestion of then Fire Chief Skip Sullivan, the Board of Selectmen placed responsibility for the lifeguards under the Fire Department, an organizational change that has been adopted by many New Hampshire towns hiring seasonal lifeguards. This strategy has proven beneficial for the Town, beach goers and lifeguards alike. The charge to the Beach Commission is now obsolete.

Simultaneously as summer beach crowds have expanded, associated problems have also grown. Meetings called by State Senator Nancy Stiles have brought State and local officials to the table and some progress has been made in areas of mutual responsibility; but there is no simple fix.

That said, 2014 became a year for gathering information which includes observation of the results of our newly approved Beach Ordinance, recommendations made by a five member ad hoc Beach Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen (report received December 2014), data and suggested next steps presented via the Tighe & Bond Ocean Boulevard Corridor Parking Assessment Study (Final Report received January 8, 2015), data and input from our Fire and Police Chiefs regarding enforcement issues along our beaches and consideration of next steps in addressing the ongoing pollution at Parsons Creek for which a grant has been submitted. This discussion will not take place until after the March voting.

Decisions, based upon this information, require a wider perspective than some might think. Neither the problems nor the recommendations should be considered in isolation. For example, a request by the Beach Committee for more trash receptacles at the beach may generate far more trash there than anticipated if the SMART (Pay as You Throw) Warrant Article is approved in March. Similarly, striping and/or metered beach parking will reduce parking along the Ocean Boulevard corridor by an unknown number of spaces and undoubtedly force parking further inland. We must take sufficient time to anticipate the unintended consequences of any action considered.

Last spring the Board of Selectmen appointed an ad hoc 5 member Beach Committee with a 1 year charge to follow the Rules of Procedure for Committees appointed by the Board of Selectmen, work cooperatively with the Fire Department and to follow observation of beach activity during the season with recommendations to the Board regarding beach practices. Although 5 members were appointed, the work of the Beach Committee was carried out by Larry Rocha, Lori Cabajal, Keper Connell and Steve Hillman.

The Beach Committee reported that four meetings were held to discuss observations, issues, resident input and ideas. Police Chief Kevin Walsh also attended the meetings providing feedback and insight. Recommendations of the Beach Committee are as follows:

- The Committee noticed more out of town beach goers from VT, ME, NY and especially Canada. The Committee wonders if this was the result of increased advertising from various sources. The Committee recommends that the state provide seasonal funding to manage the beach use increase. These funds would be to support enforcement and infrastructure management.
- With the increase in beach goers there has also been an increase in trash left on the beaches and along the sides of the roads. A recommendation would be to provide more trash cans on the beaches especially at Sawyers Beach. In addition, the Committee would also recommend more routine and regular trash pickup.
- The Committee strongly also felt that there should be a Permit Application Fee and Permit Fee. The initial fee would be a processing fee for a Permit Application and then upon the Board of Selectmen's approval of the permit an additional fee would be to activate the Permit for organizations and businesses applying for a permit for activities on the beach.
- A major issue, especially for residents of Rye, was the issue of parking. The Committee agreed with and is in full support of the recommendations rendered by the Parking Study of 2014. Another recommendation would be to explore the possibility of providing more parking for the residents of Rye that purchase Beach Parking Permits. Another concern was the number of RVs or oversized vehicles that park along Route 1-A.
- The Committee recommends the lifeguard stands should be mobile so they can be moved closer to the water at low tide, have consistent flag placement and optimize chair placement.
- The issue of Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) was discussed in numerous meetings. There was a concern of people not having leashes and paddling out too far from shore. The Committee recommends the surf shops provide a pamphlet with safety guidelines. In addition, the Committee suggests the town explore guidelines for all SUP users based on safety and distance from shore. (Signed November 20, 2014)

BEACH ACTIVITIES REPORT (CONTINUED)

TIGHE & BOND OCEAN BOULEVARD CORRIDOR PARKING ASSESSMENT STUDY

A year ago, voters approved \$10,000 for a Parking Assessment Study of the Town of Rye Ocean Boulevard Corridor. The firm of Tighe & Bond was contracted to perform the study and the final report was presented to the Board of Selectmen on January 8, 2015. Following are the Suggested Next Steps from that report which details the background, method and data from which they were derived:

The parking study identified a number of recommended improvements to the Ocean Boulevard corridor that Rye should consider completing in the coming years. Below is a list of potential action items, in no order of priority, that the town should consider prioritizing and budgeting for:

- Include with 2015 beach stickers a map showing the Resident Only Parking areas. This would be beneficial to residents looking for beach access parking.
- Send a letter to NHDOT regarding keeping vegetation cleared along shoulders so signage and sight distances are not blocked. If vegetation is cleared it will allow bicyclists to use the paved shoulders and stay out of travel lanes.
- Prepare an overall proposed parking striping plan for the Wallis Sands, Pirates Cove and Jenness Beach areas. This plan should include the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) recommended parking stall lengths, widths and clearances to driveways and crosswalks. This initial plan could be completed “on paper” using GIS software in order to provide the town a preliminary number of total parking spaces that would be created and spaces “lost” due to the formal striping.
- Perform a sign inventory of all signage along the Ocean Boulevard Corridor. Remove all unauthorized and non-conforming signage. Prepare a formal plan to replace and/or add signage in accordance with the latest state regulations. The plan should include recommendations on standardizing signage along the corridor and signage for Resident Parking Only areas.
- Retain an experienced Real Estate Broker/Consulting Firm to identify privately owned properties along the Ocean Boulevard Corridor that could be obtained to create a seasonal lot operated by the Town of Rye. The lot would be sized to account for the spaces lost due to the more formal striping.
- Meet with the State of NH to obtain more detail on the state’s metered parking system including occupancy of metered spaces, yearly operating costs and enforcement costs. This would provide valuable information to the town to determine if seasonal metered spaces would provide the needed revenue to offset the initial and yearly operating and enforcement costs.
- Meet with the State of New Hampshire, NHDOT and Rockingham County representatives to update them on outcome of this parking study and planned work to keep communications open among all parties.
- Meet with Hampton representatives to discuss operations and revenues of town owned seasonal parking lots.
- Meet with COAST officials and/or City of Portsmouth representatives to discuss the costs associated with operating a seasonal beach shuttle service. There are also a number of Cape Cod communities that could be contacted regarding this matter.

There is a considerable amount of information within this study including consideration of metered parking which in part stated that “based on a very preliminary analysis could generate a yearly revenue”. It also noted that an unintended consequence of metered spaces is that visitors may park on residential streets to avoid paying and the parking spillover into residential neighborhoods may worsen.

Rye Board of Selectmen

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S REPORT

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) is a quasi-judicial board of five (5) members. The Town Meeting of 2012 changed the Board from an appointed body to an elected one.

The governing RSA provides for up to five alternates. Alternates are appointed by the elected board members for three year terms. There are currently three alternates: Charles Hoyt, Patrick Driscoll and Gregg Mikolities. Thus there are two alternate positions open for any interested Rye resident to fill.

The Board of Adjustment typically meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town of Rye website.

The Board of Adjustment has the authority to act on four (4) separate and distinct categories: **variances, special exceptions, appeals from administrative decisions, and equitable waivers.**

The board must act on evidence presented and base its decisions on legal grounds. An application cannot be denied based emotion or opinion. The board must make judgments within the proscriptions of the ordinance and case law.

When a decision is made by the BOA, an aggrieved party can submit, within 30-calendar days of the decision made, a *motion for a rehearing*. The motion shall be prepared in accordance with RSA 677:2. The BOA will then decide in a public hearing if they believe the request has valid arguments that pertinent information was missed or that an error was made sufficient to grant a rehearing. (Note: Board discussion is public however the public cannot speak.)

If an application is submitted that makes the same or similar requests as in a previously denied application, the Board must determine if circumstances have changed materially to warrant the acceptance of the new application.

In 2014 there were 53 cases submitted to the Zoning Board. Three of the cases were not heard and were continued into 2015. The results are below:

2014 cases	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variance applications:	69	7	6
Special Exceptions:	6	4	1
Appeal from Adm. Decision:	1	4	3
Equitable Waiver:	0	0	0
Request for Rehearing's	0	0	0
Relief from the Building Code	4	0	0
Relief from the Flood Ordinance	0	0	0
Condo conversions:	0	0	0
Apartments:	3	1	1

It is strongly recommended that all applicants make an appointment with the building inspector and zoning administrator to get a better understanding of the zoning process.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Jarvis, Chairman,
Paul Goldman, Vice-Chairman,
Frank Dibble, Clerk

Patty Weathersby
Shawn Crapo

Patrick Driscoll, Alternate
Charles Hoyt, Alternate
Gregg Mikolities, Alternate

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

This Report is being written in mid-January, 2015, right at the completion of the 2015 Town Operating Budget, including Warrant Articles, and the 2015-2016 Rye School District Budget. Remaining to be completed are the Precincts Budgets Public Hearing, the School Budget Deliberative Session, and the Town Budget Deliberative Session. As always, the budgeting process included the Rye Board of Selectmen, the Rye School Board, the SAU 50 Administrative Team, the various Rye Town Department, Committee, and Commission Heads, and the Rye Budget Committee. Standard operating methodology for generating both the School and the Town Budgets includes the drivers of being needs-based, bottoms-up, and zero-based. There is full-disclosure and transparency with involvement by the general public. As always, input is sought not only on the budget results themselves, but on how to continually improve the budgeting process.

Standard practice for generating both the Town and the School budgets involved holding budget increases to a minimum, while, at the same time, ensuring that key programs and services are properly funded. For 2015, the Rye Town Operating Budget was decreased by 3.95% over the 2014 Operating Budget. Inclusive of all Special Funds, Warrant Articles, and Capital Outlay, the Total 2015 Rye Town Budget is decreased by 8.81% over the Total 2014 Budget. The 2015-2016 Rye School District Operating Budget represents a 1.56% increase over the 2014-2015 Operating Budget. Inclusive of Warrant Warrant Articles, there is a total increase of 2.37%.

The above results, for both the Town of Rye Budget and the Rye School District Budget, were, once again, based on a high-quality process approach focusing on quality of information provided, the addressing of budgeting issues very early in the budgeting cycle, and a high level of teamwork throughout both the Town and School District budgeting process. The quality, specificity, and timeliness of provided information continues with excellence for both the Town and School District Budgeting Processes. Special thanks to Town Finance Director Cyndi Gillespie and SAU 50 Business Manager Jim Katkin for this and for their participation and expertise throughout the budgeting processes. As stated in last year's Report, the level of cooperative work between the Rye Board of Selectmen, the Rye School Board, the SAU 50 Administrative Team, and the Rye Budget Committee is excellent.

Thanks to all Rye Budget Committee Members and Representatives for their contributions to another successful Town and School District budgeting cycle. The current Members and Representatives include Jim Maheras - Vice - Chairman, Ray Jarvis - Clerk, Jaci Grote, Shawn Crapo, Doug Abrams, Frank Drake - Rye Beach District Representative, Randy Crapo - Jenness Beach Representative, Ralph Hickson - Water District Representative, Peggy Balboni - School District Representative, Craig Musselman - Selectmen's Representative, and myself. Please let me take this opportunity to thank Peggy Balboni for an excellent job and for all of her contributions on both the Rye Budget Committee as well as the Rye School Board as she nears the end of her term.

Special thanks, also, to Janice Ireland for her excellence in working with, and coordinating, all Departments and parties to ensure that the entire budgeting cycle runs smoothly and efficiently. Thanks, also, to Dyana Ledger for her excellent work in producing our meeting minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Goldman
Chairman - Rye Budget Committee

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Department consists of one full-time employee, the Building Inspector, and one part-time employee, the Building and Planning Assistant. This year the long-time department assistant, Sue Dunfey, moved to a new position in the Finance Department. She was replaced by Rosalie Powell Andrews. The office is staffed every day between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM and in the afternoon by appointment.

With a little brightening in the economy home repairs, upgrades and additions have been on the rise. We also continue to see the trend of complete removal and rebuild of the older cottages. This year we saw the completion of a new 200 seat restaurant, "Atlantic Grill" at the Sagamore Circle; the start of a major addition at "Webster at Rye", Washington Road and a 20 unit 62 and older retirement community at the former site of Rand Lumber on Wallis Road referred to as "Sea Glass Lane".

The Building Department, which primarily deals with the enforcement of the *State Building Code*, also deals with the enforcement of a number of other town ordinances, with wetlands and floodplain issues taking up a lot of our time. Rye has over 500 dwellings in the FEMA-designated high hazard flood area and many more that abut a wetland. Every new or substantial improvement of property in the floodplain requires that these improvements meet the requirements of the *Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance*, which requires that the improvement receive a floodplain development permit before work starts. The department struggles with the improvements on Rye's many developed non-conforming properties. These lots were subdivided with the thought of a seasonal cottage in mind. Almost all improvement to these lots will require some type of relief from the Rye Board of Adjustment.

Rye Zoning Ordinance requires that a building permit be issued for almost all types of improvements or changes to your land and buildings. If you are making changes, please call the Building Department to see if you are required to get a permit before work starts. If you have any questions about the State Building Code, local ordinances, permit requirements or any other items that may fall under the administration of the Building Department please contact the office at 964-9800.

CATEGORY	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	\$28,625,564.43	\$22,221,095.69	\$21,871,421	\$14,348,410.00	\$17,277,516.00
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	\$290,646.70	\$211,879.01	\$200,899.31	\$170,810.00	\$146,315.00
NEW HOMES INCLUDES REBUILDS	22	5	4	5	3
ADDITIONS PERMITTED	34	22	15	17	17
DEMOLITION PERMITS	20	14	14	11	7
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	374	128	107	104	106
INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	306	168	149	147	143
NEW DWELLING UNITS #	19	5 Homes & No Apartments	4 Homes & 6		
Total Permits Issued	780	674	632	284	276

Respectfully submitted,
Peter E. Rowell, Building Inspector

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

The mission of the Rye Conservation Commission is the protection and proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The Commission is the Town of Rye's gatekeeper for environmental concerns, and acts as advisor to other municipal boards when environmental issues are involved. The Commission is a community resource for the gathering and dispersing of information about Rye's natural resources, as well as for promoting the protection and enhancement of the environmental health of the natural resources in our town.

In keeping with the stated mission, one of the primary goals of the Conservation Commission is to conserve open space and protect watersheds and wetlands. In 2014, the Commission put forth a warrant article that would provide for critical land protection in town with a \$3,000,000 open space bond that was supported by our residents. The townspeople historically have been strong advocates of conservation efforts and we would like to thank you for your continued support. In advancement of the towns' conservation objectives the Commission signed an agreement with Wallis Road Properties LLC to purchase 73 acres of the former Rand Lumber Company. The conservation of this parcel involves several project partners and will result in the protection of habitat and watershed lands for important wetland resources, terrestrial species, and additionally protect important flora and fauna found only in the seacoast region. This conservation effort will contribute to a total of more than 150+/- acres of conserved lands that will significantly enhance a green corridor in the Berry's Brook Watershed. The Commission is continuing to seek grant funds to leverage the town investment, and has already received approval from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) Aquatic Resource Mitigation program for \$121,000 to help protect and restore the valuable wetlands found on this site. Future conservation, restoration, education and outreach plans are anticipated once this parcel is acquired. We continue to pursue grants for this and other lands, and resources worthy of permanent protection to leverage the town's investment. Donations of land will also assist with the Commission's matching goals that allow for additional fund leveraging, so please contact the Commission if you are interested in donating any land or conservation easements. The Conservation Commission is a tax exempt entity.

The Rand parcel will offer the opportunity for additional passive recreational opportunities in Rye. The existing old logging roads make this land particularly accessible. The Commission has also made the commitment to trail clean up and restoration, the examination of bog bridge installation, and improving markers and signage on existing trails. We will be offering quarterly walks on conservation properties to familiarize residents with the town's conserved lands.

The Commission's preservation and restoration efforts have continued at the Goss Farm this year. In 2014 there were a number of activities held at the farm. During the spring and fall many volunteers, school groups, gardeners, and town staff assisted with hands-on activities at the Goss Farm. We were pleased to have the farm included on the Rye Historical Society's trolley tours. The Community Garden consisted of 14 plots this past season, with some of the produce grown sold at the Rye Farmer's Market to benefit the barn restoration, and a large donation plot that provided hundreds of pounds of fresh produce to local agencies. The Rye Junior High's (RJH) annual Harvest Festival was another beneficiary of fresh vegetables made possible by the success of the Community Garden. For the third year RJH had its own plot producing pumpkins, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and cucumbers that were used in their life skills curriculum, for Harvest Fest, and for achieving general curriculum goals. The Rye Heritage Commission supported the addition of a strawberry patch to the RJH plot and sponsored other educational opportunities at the farm. We appreciate all of the community involvement and offer a heartfelt thanks to those of you who diligently assisted with the weekly watering and weeding of the school plot. An increase in both farm-related projects and distribution of fresh produce throughout the community is projected in 2015 and in coming years. It is planned that the onsite farmers [Sidewalk Farms LLC] will install a high-tunnel (hoop house) to be used to extend the growing season in the spring of 2015.

This spring we are also looking forward to planting a "pollinator garden" in the farm's east field in memory of Otto Grote. Otto was our former State Representative, a lover of nature, the husband of

Commission member Jaci Grote, and a faithful attendee and participant at our meetings. Thank you to the many who have made contributions to the garden to honor our friend Otto. The pollinator garden will keep our resident bees very busy and will be a welcome addition to the farm. We would also like to say a special thank you to the Rye Farmers Market folks who put on the third annual Goss Farm Dinner raising \$ 2,400 for the Goss Farm Maintenance Fund. It is always a uniquely New England event with a delicious locally-sourced menu and provides a good chance to meet neighbors. The Commission is also pleased to report that the Goss Barn is now complete pending a small spring “punch list” and will be available for agricultural uses. Thanks to all that helped to see the full restoration of the historic Goss Barn to completion. Please look for more information on volunteer activities and for sign-ups for community garden plots at the town website, under Conservation Commission at http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_BComm/Conservation/index The Goss Farm celebrates Rye’s agricultural heritage and leaves a legacy for all Rye residents to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support in promoting the environmental health of the natural resources found in Rye.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally S. King, Chair

Members of the Conservation Commission

James S. Raynes
Jeffrey Gardner
Francis Garvan,II

F. Lawton Struble, III
Suzanne McFarland
Jacinthe Grote



There were bountiful harvests at the Goss Farm during the summer of 2014.

Photograph courtesy of Sally King

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Demolition Review Committee consists of three members: **Chair: Rich Davis, Mae Bradshaw, and Jane Holway.** There are two alternates: **Alex Herlihy and Peter White.**

The Demolition Review Committee (DRC) is not a subcommittee of the Rye Heritage Commission (RHC); but, because members of the DRC are appointed by the chairman of the RHC, an overlap of membership is likely.

The Committee is authorized to review Demolition Permit Applications for buildings larger than 500 feet and older than 50 years. The Committee works diligently with the Heritage Commission and Homeowner Applicants to encourage preservation of any and all historic and beautification features a home or land may possess.

Twenty-one demolition permits were issued during 2014, seven of which were heard by the Demolition Review Committee. One was denied because of an incomplete application.

The Demolition Review Committee conducted two Public Hearings: 206 Washington Rd for the demolition of a barn. The homeowners donated historical items to [RHC] and agreed to include a cupola in the design of the addition to replace the barn.

495 Central Rd [the old South School]: Although it met much opposition, in the end it was determined that the condition of the building was very poor and the new homeowner was gracious about turning over all remaining points of interest to the town and the Rye Heritage Commission.

Following is a list of the Demolition Permit Applications which were heard by the Demolition Review Committee in 2014:

493 CENTRAL ROAD	whole house
250 LOCKE ROAD	whole house & garage
60 STRAWS POINT ROAD	2 car garage
306 PIONEER ROAD	house & garage: denied because of application error
206 WASHINGTON ROAD	attached barn
1296 OCEAN BOULEVARD	whole house
25 APPLIEDORE AVENUE	whole house
495 CENTRAL ROAD	whole house

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Bradshaw
Demolition Review Committee



The Old South School, 495 Central Road: Another bit of our history is about to be lost.

Photograph: Priscilla Jenness

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2014 was a Drill Year for Seabrook Station which means exercises were conducted in June and August with a graded exercise in October. This involved the nuclear power plant, State Emergency Operations Center (EOC's) in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, local EOC's and a variety of other state and federal agencies. The entire area passed the Seabrook and Federal Government standards. Emergency Management is a "team" effort with all town departments as one. Thank you to all EOC staff personnel for your time and efforts.

Rye contracted with the State of New Hampshire emergency notification system known as "NH-ENS". The purpose of the system is to allow rapid and efficient communications during natural and/or man-made disasters. NH-ENS is a name for the automated computer system that provides the State with both a multi-line telephone messaging system and a capacity on-demand emergency alert warning system. Outbound messages can be broadcast for voice, text messaging and e-mail. The system is an emergency service listing data base which provides an updated listing of all E9-1-1 customers in the State of New Hampshire. The NH-ENS alert system allows community users the capability to rapidly notify citizens of emergencies in their communities. The system can also send a "blast out message" to all cell phones in a certain area near a cell tower.

We got approved for a grant for an early emergency notification system for both schools. This system is called Copysync911 which connects school staff to the 5 closest police cruisers and dispatch. If a threat is in a school, a staff member can start the alert system on a computer. The alert is sent immediately starting a live chat between the school and police.

The New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) coordinated a state-wide effort to collect information from state and local emergency management stakeholders regarding repetitive flood loss properties and mitigation activities in our local community. The goal of this project was to produce a user-friendly database of repetitive flood loss properties and mitigation activities throughout New Hampshire to support future mitigation initiatives and decision making for both state and local agencies.

We had a lot of snow in 2014 with multiple storms in January, February and March, yet it was the Thanksgiving day storm and the storm December 9th which had more road closures due to high tide, heavy winds and beach walls vulnerable to wash outs and compromised road shoulders.

We urge everyone to have a "family emergency plan". An important part of that plan involves communicating with friends and family before during and after an emergency.

I look forward to working with Rye to make things safer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Walsh, Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Rye Energy Committee (REC) continues to work on educating and assisting residents, town employees, and elected officials with energy choices and energy reduction solutions.

Rye has made significant progress in saving energy in town buildings. Analysis of the data from the REC's 2012/2013 Energy Report indicated that the town has significantly lowered the energy intensity and costs in the buildings where energy projects were undertaken. In order to let residents know the good news, a Poster Project was begun to make up displays for the municipal buildings that have saved energy and reduced their operating costs. Large charts showing this progress were made for the Transfer Station and the Rye Public Library this year. More posters will be made this year.

The REC Energy Report analysis showed that the Public Safety Building (PSB), where no energy saving projects have been done, is the least efficient municipal building. To help initiate an energy saving program there, REC worked with the town to select a company to conduct an energy audit on the PSB. The audit will begin in January of this year. The PSB upgraded its lighting under the PSNH Municipal Smart Start program, a pay-with-your-savings loan program with no up front costs.

This year we hosted or co-sponsored three **presentations** that were free and open to the public. All three events were very well attended.

- The "Power to Choose" public presentation in March 2014 on the consumer option to choose an electricity supplier.
- The REC's Stay Warm-Save Money event - a Button Up NH Workshop which included a local foods dinner provided by REC members and local farms. This program saw a capacity crowd and was jointly sponsored by the Rye, North Hampton and New Castle Energy Committees and the Rye Public Library.
- We provided financial support for the Rye Fall Harvest Dinner benefiting the town-owned Goss Farm.

REC Co-Chair Michele Sopher also made a presentation at the NH Local Energy Solutions Conference in April on the work the REC has done on benchmarking and tracking the energy use of the Rye municipal buildings.

The committee also has a **web page** on the town website which announces these and other local programs and energy saving tips - http://www.town.rye.nh.us/Pages/RyeNH_BComm/Energy/index. One feature on the site is a light bulb chart, comparing life cycle costs and characteristics of LED, CFL, and incandescent bulbs.

In February 2014, the REC received a grant from New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. The grant was provided to help the REC develop guidance and assistance to the town departments, library, school district, and other municipal energy consumers to track energy use and update the EPA energy Portfolio Manager as required by the grants provided for energy upgrades at the schools, library and town hall. One key component of this project has been development of a spreadsheet by a summer intern to assist the Department of Public Works track energy usage on its many energy accounts.

REC has also participated in the Town Hall Committee. Member Lucy Neiman is serving as vice-chair the committee. The REC has encouraged the committee to build an efficient building and to take advantage of rebates available through PSNH for efficient equipment and insulation.

Finally, the REC has supported its sub-committee, the Rye Recycling Education Committee in its endeavors to improve Rye's recycling rate, lower trash tipping fees, and educate residents.

We are seeking another interested committee member to serve a 3-year appointed term with the committee; please contact us through the REC web page on the town website if you are interested in joining this dynamic committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Danna Truslow, Co-chairman

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The past year (2014) proved to be very active for the Fire & Rescue services of the Town of Rye.

At the close of 2014, the Department had logged 845 requests for emergency service. These calls were for an array of issues that the citizens of town faced, including fires, rescues, hazardous conditions, water problems, alarm activations and general assistance. Of the 845 request, 560 were for medical aid. The request for medical aid produced 526 patient contacts of which 392 were transported to local hospitals, (277 at the Advanced Life Support level). Early intervention of medical problems at an advanced level of care is credited with better survival, faster healing and reduced medical cost.

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Division worked in cooperation with the Building Department and Planning and Zoning office to review many plans for renovation and new construction projects. The plans were checked for Fire Code and Life Safety compliance. Over 150 inspections were conducted throughout the Town covering heating appliances, occupancy certification, property complaints and fireworks. These inspections resulted in the issuing of 136 permits. Opportunities to educate the townspeople, as well as local civic groups, were conducted in the public and private education centers. These events included exit planning, stop, drop and roll, smoke detector installation and maintenance and carbon monoxide awareness and detection. Our annual Fire Prevention Open House was highlighted by fire extinguisher demonstrations, station and equipment tours and pizza!

Department personnel trained throughout the year to maintain and improve their knowledge and skills. This training not only keeps everyone in a state a readiness, a portion of it is necessary for continuing education hours to meet on-going certification requirements.

Staffing was challenged during the year, as the Department dealt with long-term injuries to multiple personnel. Through the hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the both the full-time and Call staff we were able to meet this challenge and maintain the levels of staffing necessary. The end of summer saw changes in the Department personnel; these changes included the retirement of Firefighter David Kornechuk after a twenty-two year career as firefighter in Rye. In September, Chief William H. Sullivan retired after seven years in Rye and a fire service career of over forty years. To fill the firefighter vacancy Firefighter/Paramedic Jessica Downing was hired. This hiring brings the full-time Paramedic count to four allowing a Paramedic to be assigned to each work group! Sadly, 2014 also saw the loss of Retired Fire Chief Leon C. Blaisdell. Chief Blaisdell served the Town for over forty years in multiple capacities and his presence in Town will be missed.

The men and women of the Rye Fire & Rescue thanks you all for your on-going support and appreciation as we continue to strive to bring you the high level of service and care that you have come to expect. If you have any questions, concerns or inquiries, please don't hesitate to stop in, call or send us message.

We are at your service 24/7/365.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas S. Lambert

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The State of New Hampshire Division of Forest & Lands annual report for 2014 listed a total of 8 brush fires involving 1.1 acres in Rockingham County for the year. Statewide, there were 112 wildland fires that burned a total of 72 acres.

Fortunately, the Town of Rye experienced only five relatively minor outside fires during the entire year, so small that they were not reported to the state.

During the year, a total of 738 permits for open burning were issued by the deputy forest fire wardens here at the Public Safety Building. Of this total, 297 permits were issued for camp fires on town controlled beaches.

State regulations prohibit open fires on state beaches such as Wallis Sands State Park and Jenness Beach. Additionally, The NH Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste.

One again as we publish each and every year, Rye residents are reminded of the following rules for open burning:

Open burning is a privilege granted by and under the control of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Rye and may be curtailed at any time because of high winds or other conditions.

A written permit must be obtained from the Rye Fire Department for any open burning.

No burning is allowed between 9:00am and 5:00pm unless actively raining or there is significant snow cover at the site of the burn.

Permits are issued only to the landowner or person(s) having written approval from the landowner. Permittee must be 18 years of age or older.

All open fires must have someone in attendance at all times.

Permits for beach fires are issued to RYE RESIDENTS ONLY.

Beach fires are allowed on the rocky areas of the beach only. No fires are allowed on the sand. Beach fires are allowed between 5:00pm and Midnight. All ash and debris must be properly disposed of once completely extinguished.

Please continue to respect the woodlands and open space here in Rye by practicing fire safety while burning on your property or enjoying Rye's many acres of conservation land.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Thomas S. Lambert,
Forest Fire Warden

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The job of a Health Officer is always interesting, at times challenging, and certainly never boring. In 2014, as in past years, I performed numerous inspections including day care facilities, commercial buildings, apartments and private residences. I was also asked to look into a complaint concerning manure. All of Rye is zoned farm land. Should questions arise regarding possible manure issues I suggest obtaining the Manual of Best Practices (BMPS) For Agriculture in New Hampshire. This is a free hand book from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Foods.

Rye continues to be proactive concerning mosquitos and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). There were five locations in Rye where adult mosquitoes were monitored. None of the mosquitos collected in Rye in 2014 tested positive for EEE or WNV. There were, however, three human cases of EEE in N.H. (Conway, Hopkinton and Manchester), including two deaths. There was a mosquito batch that tested positive for EEE in Portsmouth and a batch that tested positive for WNV in Greenland. It is prudent to take preventative measures during spring, summer and early fall months. These measures include wearing long sleeve shirts and long pants when outdoors, using mosquito repellent and removing any receptacle on your property that holds standing water.

Rabies remains present in New Hampshire, with nineteen animals testing positive as of October 2014. There were no positive animals from Rye as of October however; there was a red fox in Greenland that tested positive for the rabies virus. I would like to state the importance of inoculating your animals against this disease.

As in previous years, Lyme Disease continues to be of concern to all of us during the spring, throughout the summer months and into the fall. New Hampshire had a record high number of cases reported in 2013. Although the final numbers are not yet available, the year 2014 will most likely reach and or exceed this number. People are frequently experiencing the symptoms of Lyme Disease well after the peak exposure season has passed. Some symptoms may go unrecognized for weeks and even months. It is important to check yourselves, your children and your pets for ticks after being outside during the spring, summer and fall months.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Personnel and to the citizens of Rye for their continued support and cooperation. I look forward to a productive 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail A. Snow, M.D.
Health Officer

HERITAGE COMMISSION'S REPORT

A banner year for the Heritage Commission – literally!

The town flag was designed, produced and flies in a number of locations in the town center. It has a beautiful blue background, suggesting our coastal location. It features the redesigned town seal with three significant dates FROM Rye history:

- the founding in 1623;
- Rye becoming its own parish, splitting from New Castle 1726; and
- incorporation of Rye as a town in 1785.

The flag is available to purchase from the Rye Historical Society. The genesis of the town flag was a design competition sponsored by Dr. Michael Mittelman. Dr. Mittelman was honored by the Heritage Commission as the 2014 recipient of the Louise Tallman Award for the individual who has contributed the most in 2014 to the mission of the Heritage Commission: Preserve, protect and recognize the historic and cultural resources of Rye N.H. The award was bestowed by Selectman Priscilla Jenness on August 14, 2014 at the dedication of the 1614 Monument commemorating the 400th anniversary of Captain John Smith's expedition and mapping of New England. The dedication of the monument occurred at Rye Harbor State Park on Ragged Neck. The event was well attended by state and local dignitaries and residents of Rye. The Heritage Commission had a representative on the Monument Committee who helped with the dedication ceremony.

As Chair of the Heritage Commission, I had the privilege of serving on the Town Hall Committee which worked with SMP, the architects, to arrive at the final plan for the renovation and ingenious expansion of Town Hall. The committee approved the plan, which was bid by pre-qualified contractors, and selected Hutter to build and renovate beginning in March, after the town election, if Article 5 passes by a 60% vote. The decisions made by the committee weighed issues of energy savings and historic preservation. The committee voted to maintain a higher than usual contingency fund of 12% because of the antique nature of the existing building. Consensus was reached to preserve but refurbish the monumental windows with insulated glass. The Heritage Commission will seek an LCHIP grant to cover one half of the cost to refurbish the monumental windows. The grant is a 50/50 match and the Heritage Commission has raised approximately ten thousand dollars in seed money for this and other grants being applied for, such as the structural reinforcement steel needed for the safety of the building. The cost of that project is estimated to be \$140,000.00. The Commission has sent a brochure to Rye residents to explain the importance of renovation of this historic centerpiece of our town.

Another project of the Heritage Commission which advanced in 2014 is the Adopt a Graveyard Program under Vice Chair, Rich Davis. The commission members and alternates toured the dozen burial grounds which have access from a public road. The legal notice was published by the commission to open up the 65 sites for maintenance agreements. A certificate has been issued to Thomas O'Neil, a descendant of the Brackett family, to maintain the burial ground at the Brackett Massacre site. A certificate has been issued to Brenda Wheatley and Mark La Bounty to maintain the Seavey Cemetery at 510 Sagamore Road in Rye. A pamphlet is being designed by the commission for a self-guided tour of the town burial sites with public access and in the summer we anticipate that these sites will be found on the Town's GIS link on the Town of Rye website. A major "cleanup" of the gravestones and site at the South Road Burial ground is planned for the spring and volunteers are more than welcome. If you have interest in the work of the commission, please CONTACT Rich Davis at richpeg@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman

August 14, 2014

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TOP: Rye Harbor State Park at Ragged Neck Point on August 14, 2014.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Capt. John Smith Monument unveiled

BOTTOM RIGHT: Capt. John Smith, portrayed by Paul Strand, delivered a chronicle of his recollections and escapades.

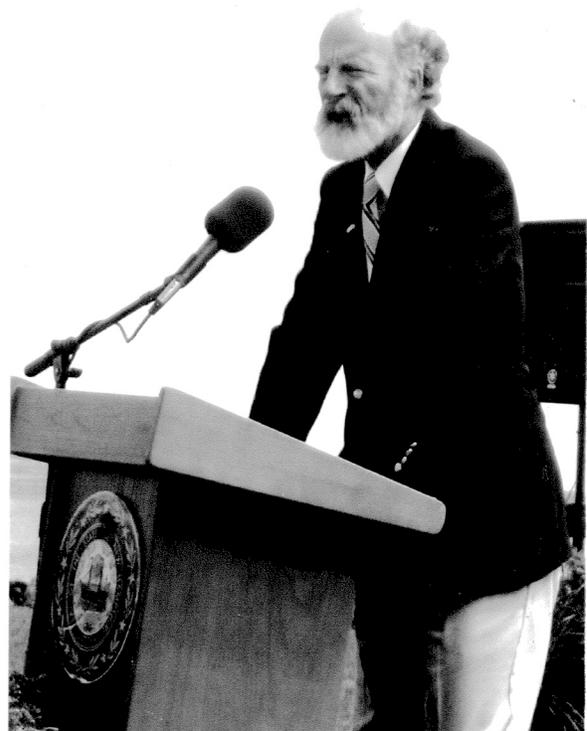
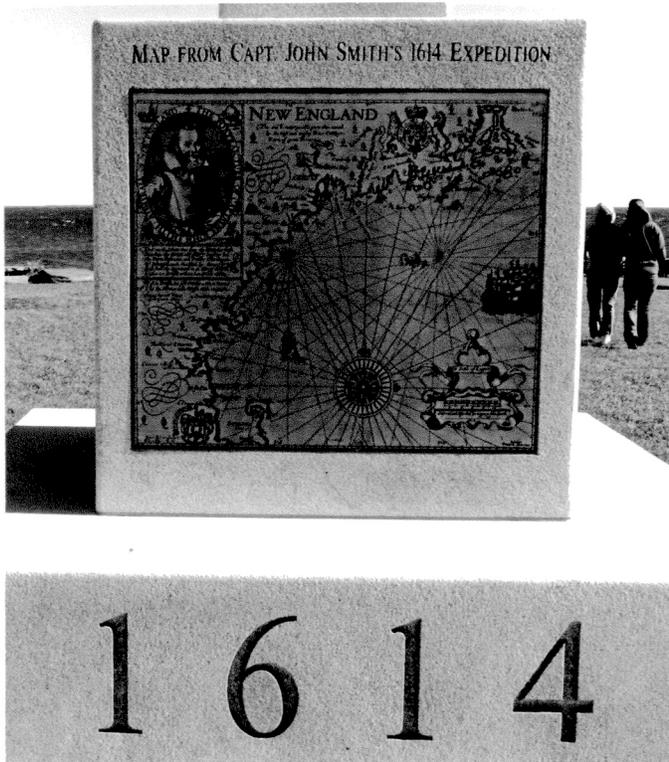
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LEFT: State officials pose for a commemorative photograph.

BELOW LEFT: This map of Capt. John Smith's voyage along our coast is an integral part of the 1614 monument.

BELOW RIGHT: W. Jeffrey Bolster, Professor of History, University of New Hampshire, described the life of Capt. John Smith and the times in which he lived.

Photographs: Priscilla Jenness





Dedication of the 1614 Monument
Commemorating the 400th anniversary of Captain John Smith's
expedition and mapping of New England
August 14, 2014
Rye Harbor State Park at Ragged Neck Point



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

We continue to mourn the loss of long time Historic District Commission (HDC) member Dr. Michael Mittleman who passed away in 2014. Dr. Mittleman's thoughtful approach to applications before the HDC was always most valuable in helping the Commission in addressing complex issues. Michael could always be counted on to insure that all possible alternatives were considered and that the best interests of the Town of Rye prevailed.

On a more positive note we were pleased to welcome Karen Stewart and Chris Remick (previously an alternate) to join the HDC as commission members and James Tegeder as an alternate.

The three most significant issues that the commission worked on in 2014 were the Applications by the Star Island Corporation, the ongoing review of proposed redevelopment of the new Rye town hall complex, and the upgrading of HDC signs at the entrance to the Historic District and on the Parsonage.

The Star Island Corporation continues to make progress toward being energy independent. The 47 acre island's diesel fuel consumption in recent years had been 20,000 gallons. Through energy reduction efforts the consumption was reduced to 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel in 2013 and again to 13,000 gallons in 2014. That said the overall objective was to rely solely on renewable energy and we were presented with an application in May of 2014 for an array of solar panels that was projected to cover over two acres of the island. Following substantive review and detailed discussion with Mr. Farrell, the Island Manager and Facilities Director, we approved the application for the first phase of the project which had a solar panel footprint of 10,400 square feet (approximately a quarter of an acre) that would generate 130KW. The panels are designed to withstand 130 mph winds and will last 25 years. The first set of panels is projected to get the diesel fuel usage down to less than 5,000 gallons annually. In addition Mr. Farrell asked for permission for a second phase of solar panels which would bring the island to zero reliance on fossil fuels (100% of power generated by alternative and renewable energy). This would require the footprint with the additional panels to be increased to 16,000 square feet (a little over a third of an acre). We agreed that if the initial phase was successful that the second phase could be implemented. (the first set of panels was installed in November of 2014.) In addition we included the conditions that the panels would be mounted as flat to the ground as possible (lower than five feet) and that they be located behind the Pell Garden and be screened with vegetation and landscaping. Plans are for the HDC members to meet on Star Island this spring to review the project and to arrive on an agreement with the screening.

Mae Bradshaw, a HDC commission member, was invited to join the Town Hall Committee so that the HDC could provide ongoing input into the proposed new Town Hall design. In addition, the entire commission membership met with SMP Architects and members of the Town Hall Committee to provide input into the design process to insure that the facilities exterior were consistent with maintaining the historic character of the Town of Rye.

A review of all of the HDC signage in town was undertaken and HDC signs were replaced at the northerly entrance to the town as well as a new sign placed on the Second Parsonage as the prior sign was unreadable. Special thanks to Jane Holway, a prior HDC chair, and Dennis McCarthy, our Public Works director, for helping with the signs.

Respectively submitted,
Phil Winslow, Chair

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S REPORT

In 2014 the museum opened a new exhibit which highlights the chronological and thematic history of the town in a way it has never been done before.

The society also hosted an historic talk by Dudley Dudley on the 40th anniversary of the defeat of the proposed seacoast oil refinery.

The RHS website (www.ryenhistoricalociety.org) added important new tabs that give very specific information on its collection and selective writings that highlight Rye history.

The museum was particularly active for those who called to request that it be open, which is a standing invitation for anyone. Call 997-674 or write the museum at: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org. Many residents who visit say it is their first time. Tours are self-guided and the exhibits are self-explanatory. A staff member will be there to answer any questions.

Why visit the town museum ? Why not ?

Anyone wishing to receive our latest E-newsletter may also request via e-mail.

The Rye Historical Society and Town Museum belong to the town and RHS stands ready to invite any and all who are interested to visit the museum and also see if there are any activities you would like to participate in. Many tasks can be done from home.

RHS is always seeking new members to support our programs and the museum. Basic membership starts at \$10.00.

Let's make 2015 the Year of the Museum and break some attendance records!

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Herlihy, Chairman RHS

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons
FERRIES, BRIDGES, AND ROADS

For a number of years after the Piscataqua settlements were begun there were no bridges, but ferries were early established, and among the first was that of Henry Sherburne, the court records showing that in 1643 "Henry Sherburne was ordered by the Court to Keep a Ferry And to have for his paynes from the Great House [the house built by Thompson at Little Harbor] to the Great Island 2d, to the province 12d, to Strawberry Banke 6d."

Fifty years later, Dec. 5, 1693: "Court of Sessions. Whereas the Ferry over to Great Island from Saunders Point was granted to Capt. Samuel Sherburne which is not found so convenient as where it is now kept, where the bridge was made over; The Court granted Mrs. Love Sherburne the privilege Provided she kept a sufficient Bridge on the piece of marsh near their house where it is now passable for horse or man." The mention in this entry of a bridge that had been "made over" evidently refers to a structure that had been built over a salt marsh as an approach to the ferryway, and not to a bridge across Little Harbor inlet, that had been rebuilt; had the latter existed there would have been no need for a ferry. That this bridge was to be kept passable for horse and man implies that Mr. Sherburne's ferry was to be of a capacity to transfer teams as well as travelers.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All of us at Rye Public Library: Lisa Breton-Eaton, Jim Chase, Juliette Doherty, Shawna Healy, Lisa Houde, Margaret Hutchins, Brianna Mastro, Brenda Nolette, Gwen Putnam-Bailey, Tricia Quinn, and Pam Woods, our dedicated Board of Trustees, and our extraordinary Friends of the Rye Public Library group, wish you a Happy New Year, and thank the town of Rye for your support and patronage during 2014!

Sadly, our good friend Martha Jones left the staff during the past year to take a new position in a different field. Please help us wish her all the best in her new pursuit! Our new Library Page Brianna Mastro joined the staff in 2014 after many dedicated volunteer hours in previous years.

We also congratulated Lisa Houde on her graduation from the San Jose State College Masters of Library Science program, and her promotion to Director of Youth Services at RPL. Additionally, Associate Director Tricia Quinn graduated from the Leadership Seacoast program during 2014! Our already outstanding staff just keeps finding better and better ways to serve the Rye community.

Yet another superlative awarded to Rye Public Library last year was the recognition of our remarkable Friends of the Rye Public Library as they received the 2014 Sue Palmatier Award For Outstanding Support By A "Friends Of The Library" Group, reflective of their longstanding excellence and leadership in the State. On October 14, representatives of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association, President Ed Moran and directors Susan Gaudiello and Conrad Moses traveled to Rye to present the award to assembled RPL Friends, Trustees and Staff. We thank those reading this report who support the Friends through their membership, and volunteer service. We congratulate the Friends on this much deserved recognition! Please stop in to see the Friends Award plaque, proudly displayed in the RPL New Hampshire Room.

Year end once again gives us an opportunity to review the many service statistics we track in evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of our operation. In 2014, we collected another remarkable statistical record. While the thrust of our circulation service continues to adjust between loaning physical materials and providing electronic materials, our collective circulation total still comes in at a rate more than one-and-a-half times the State average. We have continued to vary the selection of programming offered to the Rye community through your public library. Last year's highlights included our Teens and Seniors iPad instruction, Friends of RPL Tech Fair, and participation in International Games Day. We also offered movies for adults and children, music, lectures and more! The stats show that you were pleased with the offerings and took part in great number. Our program attendance per capita figure in 2014 ranks us sixth in the entire State of New Hampshire in this count. The per capita calculation means, in effect, that each Rye resident attended 15 Library programs last year!

We extend our sincere thanks to those in the Rye community who remember the Library through gifts, donations and memorials. Thanks to our Trustees and other library volunteers who regularly dedicate their talent and time to support the Rye Public Library. We truly appreciate our volunteers who give back to their community through their service at the Library. All of us here at Rye Public Library look forward to serving you in 2015!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Richmond, Library Director

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

In 2014, Rye Public Library (RPL) continued its role as the cultural and social heart of Rye. Whatever brings patrons in to the Library – to find a book, to do research, or attend a meeting or performance- they find friendly faces and a welcoming atmosphere. Our staff and patrons love our library and it shows!

RPL's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan is in its final stretch with an end date of June 2015. Since its inception, we have held periodic Strategic Plan review sessions at which our volunteer Planning Committee monitored progress toward our goals and made revisions as needed to keep the Plan dynamic and responsive through its active lifetime. The resulting reports are posted on the Library website and show that we are 74% of the way toward completion of the goals set forth in the Plan!

In anticipation of continuing with our normal three-year strategic planning cycle, at the conclusion of the current 2012-2015 Strategic Plan, and as set forth in last year's Trustees' Report, the Trustees are pleased to announce their initiative to undertake a **Space Needs and Utilization Study**, including existing conditions and operations, in order to develop conceptual notions, at a planning level, of any changes from existing conditions that would be appropriate and desirable to better satisfy the needs and expectations for the delivery of enhanced library services to all members of the community. The Trustees see this study as integral to continued Strategic Planning for the Rye Public Library and welcome public input to inform the process. Please respond with interest to Andy Richmond, RPL Director.

In addition to being open during weekday business hours and until 3:00pm on Saturdays, RPL continued to stay open until 8pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Annual statistics regarding library activity, particularly remote and e-reader usage, continue to trend upward. Director Andrew Richmond's 2014 report sets forth more detail on how we compare statewide.

The Trustees are pleased and proud of the accomplishments of RPL staff, as well as its Friends group. The Friends of the Rye Public Library group was chosen by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association to receive the 2014 Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support, as set forth in more detail in Director Richmond's report. A 2014 library program of particular note was one that brought Rye senior citizens together with Rye teens around modern technology: Our Director of Youth Services, Lisa Houde won a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to purchase seven iPads, which Rye teen taught Rye senior citizens how to use. Also worthy of particular note, Director Richmond continued his efficient and enthusiastic management of the Library, routinely meeting and exceeding the Trustees' expectations. In addition to his regular duties (and consistent with our Strategic Plan), Director Richmond continued to work with other town departments, specifically on helping Map the Rye Town Forest trail system. This cooperation has led to forthcoming programs on the Town of Rye Geographic Information System (GIS) to be offered separately as training to Town of Rye employees and the general public.

RPL continued to provide well-attended children's programs, film series for both adults and children, musical events, art exhibits and speakers on a wide variety of topics. The Friends of the Rye Public Library provides funding and artistic input on much of our cultural programming as well as the hospitality that goes along with it. The Board is grateful to have such an interested, proactive (and now award-winning!) organization working to enhance the Library's community and cultural profile.

Ann Malpass decided not to run for re-election in 2014, though she continues her patronage and work on behalf of RPL as a member of the Friends. Ann brought a wealth of insight and well-considered opinions to the Board and is missed as a Trustee. Karen Allen won the seat in the 2014 election and brings a history of avid use of the Library and a keen interest in and willingness to work for RPL's welfare.

The Board of Trustees appreciates the hard work and dedication that goes into making our Library what it is, as well as the continued patronage and support of Rye's residents. We welcome your input in our upcoming Strategic Planning and look forward to a productive 2015!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen W. Oliver, 2014 Chair, Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the full statute at [RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots](#).

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

The mosquito population fluctuates every year in response to a variety of natural causes over which we have no control. Some of these are the timing and amount of rainfall; temperature and tidal amplitude. Some years the high tides are significantly higher than others. Amidst all the vagaries of nature we endeavor to control mosquito activity by a variety of chemical and non-chemical means.

The chemical methods are larviciding, treating mosquitoes in the larval stages prior to emergence as adults. The other is adulticiding, treating mosquitoes after they hatch. Of the two methods it is generally considered that larviciding is the most effective in terms of cost, benefit and least impact to the environment. Rye utilizes both treatment techniques but, despite the best efforts of our mosquito control contractor, there will always be some level of mosquito activity. That is why it is called mosquito control as opposed to mosquito eradication. The RMCC recommended Swamp, Inc. be selected as the contractor for 2015 and it was approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Of the non-chemical methods for controlling mosquitoes the most effective and longest lasting is marsh management. The drawbacks to marsh management are that it requires careful planning, money and commitment. Rye has successfully completed many marsh restoration projects involving the elimination of tidal restrictions and the removal of dredge spoils at the Awcomin Marsh. Federal and State funds are available through grants to aid towns seeking to undertake marsh management projects.

Resident complaints concerning mosquito activity were low again this year. There were no EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) or WNV (West Nile Virus) carrying mosquitoes collected in samples in Town. In the event of a health emergency the Selectmen may recommend street spraying (non-residual adulticide) for additional control. This has not been necessary for the past few years. As a proactive precaution the town has elected to treat (residual adulticide) the school yards and recreation fields prior to the first day of classes to control mosquitoes and ticks.

Green head traps will continue to be placed in the marshes to intercept the biting flies as they leave the marshes. Swallow nesting boxes are also installed in the marshes to facilitate the activity of these insect eating birds. The Southeast Land Trust has requested that they be notified of any activity by the mosquito control contractors on lands they supervise. The RMCC will give notice to the SE Land Trust and the Rye Conservation Commission prior to placing of devices on the marshes or doing mosquito control service.

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting of January 26, 2015, the contract for Mosquito Services for 2015 was awarded to Swamp, Inc. Biological Field Technician for Swamp, Inc. Justin Adams [(603) 431-0008 or www.swamp-inc.com] has provided the following information: For no-sprays and requests, residents can either email us at swampfixer@myfairpoint.net or use our website www.swamp-inc.com . Click on contact swamp inc at the top right for fillable forms to request service or to be placed on our no-spray list.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Aspinwall, Chairman

Tom Sanborn



**PLANNING BOARD
SITE WALK AT 561 SOUTH ROAD**

(Top & Bottom) Members of the Planning Board, developer D.D. Cook, Conservation Commission members, abutters, neighbors and others interested in the project gathered for the Planning Board site walk at 561 South Road on September 15, 2014.

(Middle) Rye Water District Superintendent Ken Aspen points out and describes the relationship of this proposed 5-lot subdivision to the Rye Water District wells located within the Cedar Swamp Run watershed (labeled erroneously on State maps as Bailey Brook).



Photographs: P. Jenness



PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

The Planning Board books are closed for 2014. In all there were a total of 26 applications that came before the Board during the year. Some were conceptual, a few were withdrawn but most were approved. Those that were approved had conditions that were better aligned with Rye's land use regulations. It's the Board's sworn responsibility to do everything possible to balance the right of land owners to develop their property while protecting the resources and character of Rye.

One of the more notable is expansion of Webster at Rye assisted living facility on Washington road. This project involved a significant amount of time and effort by both the applicant and the board. Additionally there was valuable input from the community. The application was vetted and examined in great detail and modifications were made to insure that the environment and abutting neighborhoods were impacted as little as possible. The approval will insure that some of our elderly citizens will be able to enjoy their latter years here in Rye.

As most are aware, property that changes hands sometimes will result in a "tear down" situation. While we have a demolition ordinance, there is very little we can do to prevent it in most cases. Hopefully the tear down will result in an improvement for the area in which it is located. One such application that fits in this category is 243 Central Road. The old 60's style building is gone and will be replaced by an attractive mixed use building more in the New England style.

During the last half of the year the Board observed a number of new conceptual applications for major site developments. These applications are for housing developments ranging from 5 to 9 lots. Obviously if and when these are approved they will have an impact on the town in terms of traffic, schools and over all infrastructures. You can keep abreast of these developments on the town web site for further information.

Keeping the character of Rye while protecting the rights of citizens to sell and ultimately develop their property will continue to be a challenge. In summary, the board has worked hard to keep and preserve the character of Rye that our citizens expect and deserve. I believe 2015 will bring additional proposals for development. These will be taken one at a time and vetted thoroughly.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Epperson, Planning Board Chairman

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903*, L. B. Parsons

FERRIES, BRIDGES, AND ROADS

The selectmen of 1893 appear to have acted sensibly in their selection of names for the roads, for although some of the roads carry names around a sharp corner, while the road under another name keeps straight on, or as nearly straight on as any Rye road runs, there is reason in every case for this apparent eccentricity, in matters relating to the earliest laying out of roads, or other incidents in connection with the town's early history.....

On Morrill's plan of Rye (1805) the part of Pioneer road from Brackett road to Odiorne's Point, and a branch from it to Frost's Point, are designated by two parallel rows of dots, as is also the old road from Pioneer road through the woods and pasture to Newcastle bridge, -which latter road, by the way, was slighted by selectmen and town meeting when they were bestowing names, although it would have been easy to have chosen an appropriate one; Newcastle road would be significant, as this now almost forgotten road through the woods, with a gate across it at its junction with Pioneer road, was surely a highway as early as 1693, and probably for years before that date.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Police Department has been receiving requests from residents to become more aggressive doing extra patrols for motor vehicle laws and town ordinances. With complaints of littering, alcohol violations, fireworks, loud motorcycles, dog violations on beaches and bicycle violations, the officers have adjusted the work schedule and added patrols based on what people tell us is going on in their neighborhoods. The Police Department makes every effort to listen to the residents and try to make a difference in the neighborhoods.

In addition to beach issues this summer, we encountered several other calls for service. In 2014, the police department had 6 home burglaries reported. We are working with other police agencies to compare evidence and report information with the hope of solving these crimes.

This year officers have been investigating many boundary disputes between neighbors. Most of the time these are civil issues and no crimes have been committed, however, officers know if they do not try to provide a solution to help neighbors resolve their differences, the situation can escalate and emotions will get the best of them. It is our goal to be proactive, go to these calls and try to help people resolve it themselves.

On May 23rd the Police and Fire Departments responded to 2326 Ocean Blvd for a suspicious device washed up on the beach. NH State Police bomb squad confirmed the device was a marine location marker. State Police were able to deactivate the device.

July 4th Police and Fire responded to a fatal motorcycle crash which took approximately 2 weeks to investigate.

On August 23rd Officer Conlon was investigating a fireworks complaint on Ocean Blvd. He was walking on the side of Ocean Blvd when a car struck him. Officer Conlon has been out on injury leave since August 23rd and is scheduled to be back sometime in March of 2015.

On July 21, 2014 Officer Scott Sullivan left for another police agency. Officer Amanda Gauthier has been hired to replace him. Officer Gauthier is scheduled to graduate from the Police Academy in April of 2015.

The following are the statistics for 2014:

8,358 calls for service	399 arrests	294 alarms
1,900 motor vehicle stops	122 accident investigations	557 animal control
73 911 hang up calls	275 medical aid calls	37 domestics
32 juvenile issues	6 burglary reports	56 thefts

\$35,849.00 parking fines collected,
\$12,617.00 in court fines collected
\$66,086.00 outside details

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Walsh
Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The department responded to an above average number of total weather events this year with snow accumulation ten percent (10%) greater than the average of 60 inches normally anticipated. Final snowfall accumulation in 2014 totaled 66 inches. The department recorded a total of 28 weather events: 17 were snow events and 11 were ice only. The snow events averaged approximately 4 inches of accumulation per event and 1,030 tons of salt was deployed on the roadways to maintain safe road conditions.

The department specified, bid, and purchased three new pieces of capital equipment: a one ton Ford dump truck to replace truck 101, which was a 2004 Chevy pickup; a six wheel International dump truck to replace truck 106, which was a 1999 International and a Volvo Wheel Loader which replaced the 1987 Caterpillar crawler dozer.

The fourth year of the crack sealing program saw Fielding Way, Spring Road, Cable Road, Liberty Common, Patriot Way, Huntervale Avenue, Random Road, Dow Lane, and Ham Lane all treated with crack sealant.

The Town's engineering firm responsible for drainage improvements, Wright-Pierce, completed the design, permitting, and bidding of the concrete box culvert adjacent to Ocean Boulevard on Wallis Road. The construction firm of Will Davis Excavation of Hampton, NH was the low bidder with a bid of \$137,700. The culvert was installed in late November with guard rail installation and final paving anticipated in early 2015.

The third section of Brackett Road from Washington Road to Geremia Street was shimmed and overlaid with asphalt to restore the road cross slope and add additional structural strength to the road surface. There remains only one section of Brackett Road to be completed. The final section of Washington Road, from Central Road to Wallis Road, received a similar asphalt application as Brackett Road. The repaving of Central Road was begun with the application of a one inch overlay of asphalt from Ocean Boulevard to South Road and both shim and overlay were applied from South Road to Perkins Road. This work is the first of six yearly phases of repaving to complete the repaving of Central Road, from Ocean Boulevard to the center of town. In all, approximately 2,700 tons of bituminous asphalt was applied to the town's roads this year at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

The Transfer/Recycling Station processed 1,222.5 tons of household rubbish, 183.3 tons of wood, 359.6 tons of Demo/Debris, 230.6 tons of mixed paper, 70.4 tons of cardboard, 41.6 tons of newsprint, 77.0 tons of scrap metal, 150.3 tons of glass, 11.2 tons of cans, 27.8 tons of plastic containers, 10.3 tons of miscellaneous electronics, 475 gallons of waste oil, and 291 tires. Excluding the wood, tires, demo/debris, electronics, waste oil, and metal, the town residents diverted approximately 531.9 tons of material through the transfer station from disposal in the landfill. This diversion represents a cost avoidance of approximately \$39,360 in tipping fees and a recycling rate of approximately 30.0%. In addition, the facility realized approximately \$68,010 in revenues from transfer station receipts and sale of recyclables, a decrease of approximately three percent (3%) from last year. The decreased recyclable revenue is due once again to a softening in the recyclable market which has been experienced in the past two years.

The department contracted for the survey of the Public Works/Transfer Station site boundaries followed by installation of a six foot high stockade fence along the west side of the site, parallel to Washington Road. In addition, in lieu of painting the transfer station buildings, it was decided to reside the buildings with vinyl siding. This work is being performed by the Public Works staff. The completion of the Recycling Building's siding is anticipated for spring of 2015. Siding of buildings will continue until all the buildings have been resided.

Fourteen (14) new driveway permits were issued by the department in 2014 along with twenty-six (26) paving permits and nineteen (19) excavation permits.

I wish to thank the Public Works Staff for their help and hard work; the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Hall staff for their assistance and support; the Energy and Recycling Education Committees for their enthusiasm and all the town residents without whose input and cooperation the department could not function.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis G. McCarthy, Public Works Director

RYE RECREATION COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Rye Recreation Commission believes that recreation provides a critical foundation for the quality of life that makes Rye unique. Recreation is essential to the health and well-being of the individual residents and the community of Rye. Recreation activities and services have far-reaching personal, social, economic and environmental benefits. The role of the Rye Recreation Department is to ensure that a broad range of recreation opportunities is available and accessible for all residents and that these are consistent with the needs and interest of the community and the space and resources available.

This year the recreation area experienced the benefits of the overflow parking lot. During peak usage vehicles are contained to the recreation area and no longer have to park up and down Recreation Road. The process of switching to an integrated registration and web based computer program has begun and should be fully operational by the end of 2015. The computer program meets the existing computer operating system requirements, has the potential to accept online registrations, and perform other tasks that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Recreation Department's administrative functions. At the beginning of November, the Recreation Department moved temporarily from the Town Hall to the Recreation Area Modular to accommodate necessary space needs in order to facilitate office functions. The Town of Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Request for Proposals took place at the end of 2014 and the successful proposal was submitted by Christopher P. Williams Architects, PLLC. The findings are anticipated to be published in the fourth quarter of 2015.

The Recreation Department continued to offer a broad range of recreation and sport opportunities in 2014. New programs included over 55 stretch and flex fitness class, over 55 walking group, over 55 sticks and stitches group, gyrokinesis classes, bicycle maintenance class and skateboard family nights. Other programs offered included Active, Alive and Over 55 Club, After School Program, over 55 speakers, golf lessons, lego robotic workshops, paddle board lessons, pickleball lessons, surf lessons, indoor tennis lessons, indoor tourney tennis lessons, ski and snowboard lessons, basketball league, pick-up and open court basketball, soccer league, over 55 cardio and toning fitness class, over 55 trips, yoga classes, babysitter courses, adult and infant CPR courses, first aid courses, knitting workshops, summertime horyezons day camp, lego robotics camp, baseball camp, basketball camp, golf camp, skateboard camp, soccer camp, and surf camp.

The After School Program services a very important need in our community and is open to kindergarten through fifth grade students. It is held at Rye Elementary School and operates 2:45-5:50 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the school year. The Active, Alive and Over 55 Club in its second year of operation had 185 members (5% increase over the prior year). The Rye Congregational Church is being utilized for those programs that can't be accommodated at the recreation area because of space limitations.

The Recreation Department, Rye Police Department, Rye Fire Department and Safe Routes to School Committee held the 7th Annual Rye Bicycle Rodeo. Rye Art in Bloom has been held for the past fourteen years and is a successful community event hosted by the Recreation Department and Webster at Rye. Other events sponsored by the Recreation Department in 2014 were child care for the Town's Deliberative Session, the Independence Day Celebration and the Memorial Day Ceremony, which includes a poster and poetry contest.

The Recreation Commission is a voluntary board that meets monthly. Meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcomed. Current Commissioners are Janet Stevens, Chairperson, Stacey Brooks, Maggie Duffy-Durkin, Gregg Mikoloaities, Judy Scott, and Jim Sullivan. Full time employees include Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, Kelley Gallant, Programs Supervisor, and Victoria Loring, Administration and Programs Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Stevens, Chairperson



SEWER COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Sewer Commission is responsible for the administration, billing, operation and maintenance of the Rye Sewer District. At the end of 2014 the Sewer Department had five hundred and forty four parcels connected to the Rye Sewer System, including one new connection. The Commission also administers the billing and operation of Adams Mobile Home Park on Lafayette Road in Rye, which is connected to the City of Portsmouth sewer system. One hundred percent of the cost to discharge wastewater to the City of Portsmouth Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is recovered from the owner of Adams Mobile Home Park.

In 2014, the Atlantic Grill located at Foyes Corner connected to the City of Portsmouth Sewer System. The private sewer line has yet to be turned over to the City of Portsmouth, who is responsible for administering the billing. No costs are incurred by the Town of Rye Sewer Commission regarding this connection.

The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. In August, 5203 feet of sewer line were inspected using Closed Circuit Television (CCTV). This is where a camera examines the pipeline, assessing flow rate, and pipeline integrity. A video was made of the inspection and is used to assess the current condition of the line as well as serve as a benchmark for future maintenance. The whole sewer system has now been inspected using CCTV. Twelve manholes were also inspected as well as different sections of the sewer line cleaned. The Sewer Commission is focused on becoming more efficient and effective in its operations and maintenance and as a result is focused on new and improved methods for asset management.

The three pumping stations are remotely monitored on a daily basis and inspected weekly to ensure the system is operating properly. In 2014, the electrical service at the Abeniqui Pump Station needed to be repaired, a new back flow preventer was installed at the Church Road Pump Station and significant work was conducted on the pumps at the Old Beach Road Pump Station. A weather event in mid-December required significant preventative pumping in order to keep up with the flow, at that time it was identified that a culvert on Route 1A was blocked. That contributed to flooding and as a result some infiltration. The State of NH repaired the culvert at the end of the year.

Station maintenance is contracted out to the Town of Hampton as the Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's WWTP. The Sewer Department is responsible for contributing to the Waste Water Treatment Plant capital expenditures in Hampton as part of the Agreement for Treatment and Disposal of Wastewater between the Town of Hampton and Town of Rye. The Town of Hampton has agreed to process Rye sewage until November 17, 2019. It is important to note that one hundred percent of the Sewer Department Budget is covered by fees to users.

The Town of Rye is a co-permittee of the Town of Hampton's NPDES Permit and subject to EPA and DES reporting as well as requirements. A Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan Summary Report for 2014 was completed as required as part of the EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

Any person, contractor or plumber who will be installing sewer pipes and making sewer connections in Rye must be licensed by the Town. The cost of the installer's license is one hundred dollars (one-time fee). There is also an application process for the installation of a secondary usage water meter which cost ten dollars. In 2014, one installer's license and two secondary usage water meter applications were processed.

The current Sewer Commission consists of David W. Kohlhase, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; David M. Adams, Commissioner, and Lee Arthur, Administrator. The Sewer Commission Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the courtroom at Town Hall and the public is encouraged to attend. The Sewer Commission Office is located on the second floor of Town Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Kohlhase, Chairman
Rye Sewer Commission

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 53B

Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53B was established in 1998 under RSA Chapter 53-B. The District is authorized to provide four facilities: recycling, landfill, septage and waste-to-energy. Each member municipality can participate in one or more of the District's facilities and the various costs and expenses are apportioned among the members. Also provided is flexibility in developing solutions to joint solid waste problems.

The District is presently made up of ten member towns: Brentwood, Fremont, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, New Castle, North Hampton, Rye, Sandown and South Hampton.

The year 2014 has proven to be a busy year for the District. In anticipation of the June 30, 2015 expiration of the current Waste Management contract, the Board hired Dan Hoefle of Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley and Roberts, as well as CMA Engineering to help the District navigate and negotiate the process of procurement of a new solid waste service contract. The District received three proposals on July 29, 2014: From Covanta, for disposal at the Covanta waste to energy facility in Haverhill, MA; from Ecomaine for disposal at their publicly owned waste to energy facility in Portland, ME; and from Waste Management, Inc. for disposal at the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester, NH or the Wheelabrator North Andover, MA waste to energy facility. The District was successful in obtaining two contracts, one with Covanta at \$61.00 per ton and one from Waste Management at \$61.85. The tipping fee will be further reduced to \$60.25 per ton if the District members deliver 8,500 per tons per year. Each member town will sign a joinder agreement with the provider of their choice. Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, North Hampton, Sandown and Rye have all signed with Waste Management. Beginning January 1, 2015 they are realizing substantial savings from the 2014 rates of \$72.19 for solid waste and \$87.14 for construction & demolition material.

During this process four member towns announced their intent to withdraw from the District: Hampton, South Hampton, Hampton Falls and New Castle, and will have this issue on their 2015 Town Ballots.

In 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Day events were held on May 17, 2014 in Hampton and on September 13, 2014 in Brentwood. Both events were very successful with Hampton serving 479 households and Brentwood serving 213.

Effective April 1, 2014 the Board of Southeast Regional is as follows:

Chairman	Everett Jordan – Rye, NH
Vice Chairman	Dennis McCarthy – Rye, NH
Treasurer	John Hubbard – North Hampton
Secretary	Alfred Felch – Kensington, NH

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the retiring member, Douglas Cowie, for his many years of service to the District.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett (Bud) Jordan, Chairman
Southeast Regional Refusal
District 53B

TOWN OF RYE
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT – 2014

NH state law (RSA165) requires municipalities to “relieve and maintain” those within the city or town who are “poor and unable to support themselves”. This broad mandate, tested and re-affirmed repeatedly over the past 200 years, leaves towns subject to wide variations in cost. The variability from year to year is unpredictable. We strive to minimize the Town’s costs through careful case management and referral to other sources of financial assistance and support, but there will always be more families in need, and more emergencies to confront. At any given time, a small number of Rye residents experiencing a lengthy period of unemployment or illness can increase general assistance expenditures with little notice. The General Assistance law exists to protect the municipalities’ residents from impoverishment and homelessness, as a result of these setbacks.

FY2014 expenditures increased by 12.5% from FY2013. The mortgage assistance of \$14,045 is secured by a property lien which will eventually return the funds to the Town. Other increased expenses for FY2014 are a direct reflection of low entry level wages and the high cost of living in the area.

SIX YEAR GENERAL ASSISTANCE HISTORY

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	\$ Total					
Burial	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750
Electric	\$1,612	\$7,349	\$4,759	\$72	\$1,874	\$499
Food	\$975	\$1,279	\$396	\$20	\$30	\$75
Propane	\$0	\$0	\$2,514	\$662	\$465	\$0
Gasoline	\$195	\$520	\$355	\$655	\$260	\$412
Mortgage	\$0	\$2,140	\$6,112	\$11,599	\$15,148	\$14,045
Oil	\$1,172	\$568	\$5,220	\$670	\$1,036	\$0
Personal	\$194	\$134	\$249	\$150	\$104	\$259
Prop Tax	\$0	\$8,432	\$0	\$10,744	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$16,166	\$14,346	\$24,107	\$7,428	\$27,865	\$37,831
Rx / Med	\$0	\$18,207	\$0	\$376	\$485	\$281
Util-Other	\$0	\$0	\$115	\$102	\$137	\$0
Transp.	\$0	\$0	\$44	\$136	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$20,314	\$52,975	\$43,871	\$32,614	\$47,404	\$53,402
Vouchers Written	58	58	84	64	78	86
Assisted Cases	19	24	28	25	31	18

Ellen Tully, Welfare Director
City of Portsmouth
1/7/14

TOWN OFFICES AND SERVICES

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Assessor's Office	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector:	
Building, Planning, Zoning Office	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Afternoons by appointment	
Library:	
Monday and Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Public Works Director: Monday – Friday	6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Recycling Center & Brush (CLOSED MONDAY)	
Recycling Area: Tuesday - Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Brush Dump (TUES. & SAT. ONLY)	7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Recreation Director: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office: Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Town Administrator: M, T, Th & Friday	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Treasurer: Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

Notices for Selectmen's meetings are posted on the Town bulletin board located at Town Hall and at the Rye Public Library. Notices for other Town Boards, Commissions and Committees are posted at least at two of the following locations: The Town bulletin board, the Rye Post Office bulletin board and/or the Rye Public Library. Notices are also posted on the Town website: www.town.rye.nh.us

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY.....	911 OR 964-8683
Fire Department – Non Emergency.....	964-6411
Fire Department Fax.....	964-9894
 POLICE EMERGENCY.....	 911 OR 964-5521
POLICE (ROUTINE CALLS ONLY).....	964-7450
Police Department Fax.....	964-7458

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly.
DO NOT HANG UP until you are certain that your message has been understood.

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DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....	964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....	964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....	964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent.....	(cell) 817-0066
Library.....	964-8401
Library Fax.....	964-7065
Public Works.....	964-5300
Public Works Director/ EMERGENCY(cell)	396-0315
Recreation.....	964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300
Selectmen.....	964-5523
Selectmen Fax	964-1516
E-Mail: jireland@town.rve.nh.us	
Town Website: www.town.rve.nh.us	
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815
Town Administrator.....	964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....	964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax	964-4132
Treasurer.....	964-5523
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....	964-5523