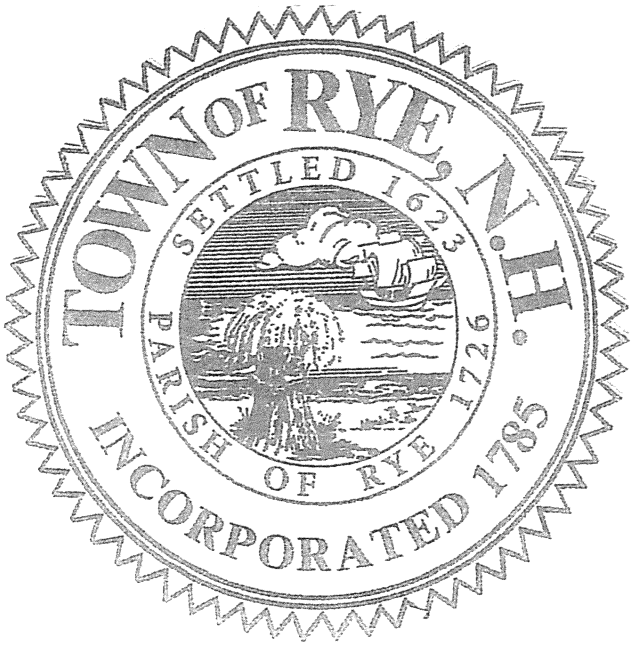

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham and in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rye Elementary School in said Rye on Tuesday, the 8th 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.

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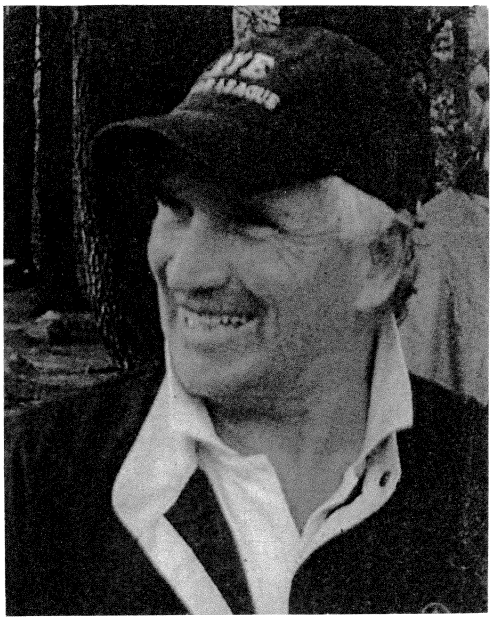
As required under Senate Bill 2, the Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Rye Junior High to review and amend the 2016 Town Warrant.

Dedication

The 2015 Annual Report of the Town of Rye is dedicated to

John F. Sexton

April 8, 1952 – August 8, 2015



Throughout his life, John Sexton was a role model for youth, a coach, a mentor and a persistent advocate of teamwork over winning.

Son of the late Major John F. and Eleanor Sexton, John was raised on Cable Road in Rye and attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School where he was captain of both the football and basketball teams. He was selected as a member of the 1970 New Hampshire Shrine Team and thus played in the annual 1970 all-star game.

John attended Bridgton Academy prior to accepting a full football scholarship to the University of New Hampshire where he became captain of the 1974 UNH football team and was often named most valuable player.

Following college, John was self-employed as a business developer at J.F.Sexton Co. and he also worked corporately in business development at DeWolfe Co. and later Russound, headquartered in Newmarket.

During John's teenage years in the 1960s, we were a smaller community. It was still a time when "everybody knew everybody" in Rye and John's developing character, generous spirit and athletic abilities were widely known throughout the community and many enjoyed observing his achievements first hand.

As an adult, John gave back to his community continuously in a number of ways. He was a member of the Rye Recreation Commission. John served as chief umpire for the Rye Little League for more than 35 years. For 10 years, John coached his daughter's youth soccer team which ultimately reached the New Hampshire State Finals while, in the wider community, he served as president for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program.

Although John also had a penchant for adventure which included participation in marathons, triathlons, skydiving and even running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain; he was equally happy surfing at Jenness Beach at the end of Cable Road where he encouraged participation in that sport often assisting beginners there.

John is survived by his wife, Jacalyn, and daughter, Jennifer, of Rye; three sisters: Cindy, Eleanor and Elaine and his brother, William.

In Memoriam

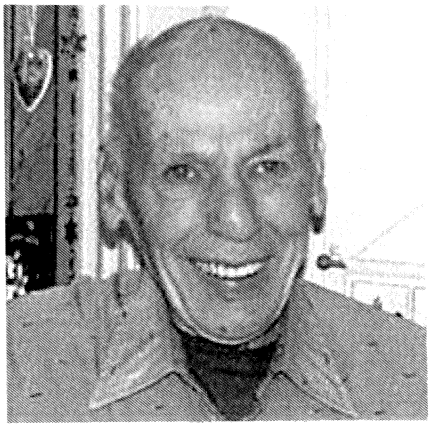
Emily C. Seaver
January 7, 1930 – Aprll 20, 2015

Emily "Lee" Seaver was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Donald E. and Wilhemina C. (Albrecht) Currier. She graduated from the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania in 1948 and then attended the Buckingham School and Radcliffe College.

Lee was a long standing member of the Rye Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The Corps was composed of unpaid volunteers from our community who served "on call" to help their neighbors in any emergency requiring medical transport.

Lee also served for many years as an election worker.

William J. Ladrie
November 25, 1924 - May 31, 2015



Bill Ladrie was raised in Portsmouth by his mother, Mary, and his stepfather, Mike Molnar. He attended local schools and worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard before joining the United States Navy where, during World War II, he served aboard the heavy cruiser USS Canberra in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was a member of VFW Post 168 of Portsmouth.

Following the war, Bill was employed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire for 41 years. Bill and his wife, Dorothy, made their home and raised their two sons here in Rye.

During this time, Bill served as a Rye Sewer Commissioner for 9 years and he was also a member of the Jenness Beach Precinct Commission.

Alvin C. Bissell
October 21, 1930 - June 3, 2015

Alvin C. "Al" Bissell was born in Detroit, MI, a son of the late Murle and Marion (Boyd) Bissell. Raised in Detroit, he joined the Merchant Marines when 15 years old. Al was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1947 until his retirement in 1967 as a Chief Boatswain's Mate from the Newcastle Coast Guard Station where he was the Officer-in-Charge.

Al and his wife, Barbara, moved to Rye in 1964, made this their permanent home and became involved in the community. Over the years, Al worked for the Rye Highway Department, served as Acting Chief of the Rye Police Department for 1 year and was a 15-year member of the Rye Recreation Commission. Later he worked for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and retired as Chief Deputy in the late 1980s.

In addition to his wife, Al leaves his sons, Bradley and Gary, and his daughter, Kathy, and their families.

In Memoriam

Thomas Andrew Varrell

September 30, 1935 - June 10, 2015

Tom Varrell was born and raised in Rye, son of Mary Raeside Varrell and Joseph Odion Varrell. Upon graduation from Portsmouth High School in 1953, he joined the military.

During his career, Tom earned bachelor degrees from Penn State and the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey in Operational Analysis with a focus on meteorology.

Tom's military career included two tours in Viet Nam and a station in Spain. He held the rank of Captain in the Marine Corps and, following transfer to the Navy, the rank of Lieutenant.

Following retirement and his return to Rye, Tom served on both the Planning Board and the Budget Committee.

Tom died in Florida and was buried with honors at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH.

David Andrew Dawley

February 23, 1947 - July 23, 2015

A lifelong seacoast resident, David Dawley was born at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, son of Commander Frank L. Dawley and Teresa Varney Dawley.

He was a member of the Portsmouth High School Class of 1965. Following PHS graduation he studied construction trades at the University of Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute.

Dave was a construction foreman for Pirini Corporation on the Maine Turnpike and later at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. Most recently he operated his own construction and mold remediation company.

Over the years, Dave served the Rye community as a member of the Budget Committee (6 yrs.), a Planning Board member (8 yrs.) and as Chairman of the Mosquito Control Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Abbott Dawley, and twin sons, Christian and David.

Walter J. Parenteau

May 25, 1918 - October 29, 2015

Walter Parenteau died at age 97 on October 29, 2015. Born in Manchester, NH and educated at St. Joseph High School for boys, St. Anselm and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Walter went on to own and operate his own plumbing and heating business from 1947 to 1984 and served as president of the NH Master Plumbing and Heating Association.

In Rye, we first met Walter during his semi-retirement when he was employed as clerk of the works by the Rye Sewer Commission from 1987 to 1994.

Those who knew Walter will remember his smile and recall his active outdoor life style. His true passion was skiing in N.H., Colorado and Utah. He was a member of the 70, 80, 90 plus Ski Club. His last day on the slopes was in 2005 at age 87.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015

Clockwise from top left:

Guest Speaker veteran Michael A. Coutu was introduced by Master of Ceremonies Bill Epperson.

Veterans place a wreath to honor those who died while in military service to our country.

Riley Emery, Rye Junior High School student, sang our National Anthem.

Matthew Harrison, Portsmouth High School, closed the ceremony with taps.

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TOWN OFFICIALS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

MODERATOR
(2-year term)

Robert G. Eaton	2016

SELECTMEN
(3-year term)

Priscilla V. Jenness	2016
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	2017
Craig N. Musselman	2018

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
(3-year term)

Elizabeth M. Yeaton	2018

TREASURER
(3-year term)

Jane E. Ireland	2018

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
(3-year term)

Frank Drake	2016
Roger O. Philbrick	2017
Kenneth Moynahan	2018

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
(6-year term)

Jane Holway	2016
Sally S. King	2018
Madeline Chichester	2020

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
(3-year term)

Victor D. Azzi	2016
Karen Allen	2017
Brian Klinger	2017
Karen W. Oliver	2018
Philip Boynton	2018

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
(3-year term)

R. Christopher Nee	2016
Jeffrey M. Balboni	2017
Kerry S. Pope	2018

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(unlimited term)

Ned Paul	Mae Bradshaw
Phil Winslow	Jeanne Moynahan
Russell Bookholz	Robert R. Crapo

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

Shawn Crapo	2016
James G. Maheras	2016
Paul E. Goldman	2017
Jaci Grote	2017
Douglas Abrams	2018
Raymond Jarvis	2018
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2018

PLANNING BOARD

(3-year term)

G. W. (Bill) Epperson	2016
Phil Winslow	2016
Jerome Gittlein	2017
Keriann Roman	2017
Melvin R. Low	2018
Thomas McCormick	2018
Priscilla V. Jenness (Selectmen's Representative)	2016
Anne M. Crotty (Alternate)	2016
J. M. Lord (Alternate)	2017
Jeffrey A. Quinn (Alternate)	2018

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(3-year term)

Raymond Jarvis	2016
Shawn Crapo	2017
Paul Goldman	2017
Frank B. Dibble	2018
Patricia M. Weathersby	2018
Charles Hoyt (Alternate)	2016
Patrick Driscoll (Alternate)	2017
Gregg Mikolaitis (Alternate)	2017

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Karen Stewart	2016
Daryl Kent	2016
Philip D. Winslow	2017
Christina Remick	2017
Mae Bradshaw	2018
Leo Axtin	2018
Thomas King (Alternate)	2016
James Tegeder (Alternate)	2017
John Loftus (Alternate)	2018
Joseph G. Mills, Jr. (Selectmen's Representative)	2017

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

(vacant)	2016
Mae Bradshaw	2017
Richard Davis	2018
Peter White (Alternate)	2016
Alex Herlihy (Alternate)	2017

HERITAGE COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Peter White	2016
Alex Herlihy	2016
Mae Bradshaw	2017
James Tegeder	2017
Richard F. Davis	2018
Sara Hall	2018
Beverly Giblin	2018
Priscilla Jenness (Selectmen's Representative)	2016
(vacant) (Alternate)	2016
(vacant) (Alternate)	2017
Christina Remick (Alternate)	2018

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Timothy Sanborn	2016
Tom Aspinwall	2017
(vacant)	2018
Craig N. Musselman (Selectmen's Representative)	2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Suzanne McFarland	2016
Sally S. King	2016
F. Lawton Struble, III	2016
James Raynes	2017
Francis Garvan, II	2017
Jeffrey Gardner	2018
Jacinthe Grote	2018

RECREATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Corey Belden	2016
Maggie Duffy-Durkin	2016
Judy Scott	2016
Janet Stevens	2017
Stacey Brooks	2017
Gregg Mikolaities	2018
Brett Mulvey	2018

BEACH COMMITTEE

(1-year term)

Lori Carbajal	2016
Keper Connell	2016
Steve Hillman	2016
Larry Rocha	2016

ENERGY COMMITTEE

(unlimited term)

Susan Orazi Anderson

Lucy J. Neiman	Michele Sopher
Danna Truslow	Howard Kalet

Recycling Education Committee

(Energy Subcommittee/unlimited term)

Deidre Smyrnos	Lorrie Platt
Joan Provencher	John Provencher

(Student member Jozef Platt)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

(2-year term)

Tom Sherman (Rye) 2016

David Borden (New Castle) 2016

REPRESENTATIVE TO ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Phil Winslow

RYE WATER DISTRICT

(3-year term)

Thomas Clifford	2016
Arthur Ditto	2017
Ralph Hickson	2018

RYE BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT

(3-year term)

John Clifford	2016
Frank Drake	2017
Linda Sheppard	2018

JENNESS BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT

(3-year term)

(vacant)	2016
Michael Netishen	2017
Robert R. Crapo	2018

SEWER COMMISSION

(3-year term)

David Adams	2016
David Kohlhase	2017
Peter G. Kasnet	2018

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Alan S. Gould, Deputy

FINANCE DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Cynthia Gillespie

FIRE CHIEF
Thomas Lambert

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Thomas Lambert

HARBOR MASTER
Leo Axtin

HEALTH OFFICER
Gail A. Snow, M.D.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR
Andrew Richmond

POLICE CHIEF
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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Dennis McCarthy

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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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(vacant), Clerk of the Works

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Rosalie Powell-Andrews, Planning/Zoning Secretary

TREASURER'S OFFICE
Constance Abell, Deputy Treasurer

PRESENTATION OF THE BOSTON POST CANE
to
Louise Francis Philbrick

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015 the Rye, New Hampshire Boston Post Cane was presented to Louise Francis Philbrick by the Rye Board of Selectmen to honor her as the oldest resident of our town.

Born on May 11, 1915, Louise celebrated her one hundredth birthday earlier that week. A lifelong resident of Rye, the presentation was made at Webster at Rye with many of her friends and family members in attendance.

The Boston Post Cane tradition began when, on August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A Grozier forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in each of 700 towns (no cities were included) a gold-headed cane with the request that it be presented, with the compliments of the Boston Post, to the oldest male citizen of the town to be used by him "as long as he lives or until he moves from the town". The cane was then to be handed down to the next oldest citizen.

In 1930, the rules were changed to "oldest living resident" making females eligible.

The canes were made by J.F. Fradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut into cane lengths, seasoned six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. Each cane had a 14-carat gold head two inches long that was decorated by hand and also had a ferruled tip. The Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen.

No one in Rye held the cane from 2006 through August 11, 2014 when it was presented to Robert Mitchell shortly after his 104th birthday. Growing town population and restrictions regarding the protection of personal information have made identification of our oldest citizen increasingly difficult.

With the addition of nursing homes and senior housing developments to our community, in 2004 the Rye Board of Selectmen approved a Boston Post Cane Policy which in part requires that in addition to being the oldest resident, the recipient must also have resided in Rye for ten years.

The custom of the Boston Post Cane took hold in those towns fortunate enough to have received them; but as time went by some of the canes were lost, stolen, destroyed by accident, taken out of town or not returned to the selectmen to be passed on. In 2005, the Rye Board of Selectmen had a replica of the original cane made, the replica to be held by the recipient during his or her lifetime in Rye while the original is retained by the Town.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Tax Rate 2015

The annual setting of the Rye tax rate for 2015 took place on November 17th and official DRA confirmation arrived too late for its inclusion in the December Newsletter. The Rye property tax rate was set at $10.90 per $1,000 of assessed valuation reflecting a $ .72 decrease in the Town's portion of that figure. Final payments on three long term bonds (Rye Public Library expansion, Safety Building and the first Conservation Bond) account for some of the decrease and the Board of Selectmen also applied $400,000 from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund against the bottom line.

Town Hall: Seeking Common Ground

Despite the painstaking work of the 2014 Town Hall Committee, the four million dollar Warrant Article to renovate Town Hall and construct a new attached building did not garner the required 60% voter approval in March of 2015. With the need for space unabated, the Recreation Department relocated to the modular building at the Recreation Area and the Sewer Commission moved its business operation to the second floor of the Precinct Building in Rye Beach. Meanwhile, the exterior of the Town Hall building continues to deteriorate and the facility remains non-compliant with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A 2015 Town Hall Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen and charged with developing a recommendation for next steps to move the project forward. At the suggestion of Town Administrator Michael Magnant and with approval of the newly formed 2015 Town Hall Committee, the Board of Selectmen engaged the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to help develop and conduct a survey of residents to discern common ground to move the Town Hall space needs dilemma toward resolution.

The 39% Town Hall Survey response was encouraging. While survey results were widely distributed on many issues, it was clear that the majority of respondents want to keep Town Hall functions in the center of Rye, reject the proposal to tear down the Town Hall building and consider four million dollars too high a price for this project. (Survey results remain available on the Town website.)

Please read the 2015 Town Hall Committee Report submitted by Chairman Paul Goldman that follows. As a result of the work of this committee, a Warrant Article for voter consideration in March of 2016 seeks $60,000 to put an approximate price tag on each of five options and conduct a follow up Town Hall Survey to determine which option residents prefer. It should be noted that no option is selected through this Warrant Article.

Rye's Heritage: Recognition

Due to the efforts of the Heritage Commission, recognition of the historical importance of our Town Hall building has been reinforced by two recent events. On September 28th, residents gathered outside of the Town Hall to commemorate the building's placement on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places as plaques denoting this recognition were unveiled.

In October, it was announced that the Rye Town Hall and the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island had been selected by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance as two of its 2015 Seven to Save properties. Criteria for selection to the Seven to Save program includes the property's historical and/or architectural significance, severity of the current threat and the extent to which Seven to Save would help in preserving the property.

Parsons Creek Watershed Pollution

The Parsons Creek Watershed encompasses approximately 2.3 square miles in the Town of Rye and has one primary exit to the Atlantic Ocean. Known locally as Stinky Creek, the odor responsible for the nickname could be caused by rotting seaweed, animal waste, human fecal matter, storm water run-off or any combination of the preceding. Given the large area and coastal location, determination of the source(s) of pollution and their remediation requires a vast amount of data collection throughout the watershed over a long period of time.

Failed septic systems are extremely difficult to detect if they were constructed or installed in sand. Standing surface septic waste does not generally occur in these circumstances to provide visual evidence and dye testing is typically not effective in the presence of even a rudimentary septic tank.

At the result of the persistence and oversight of Planning Administrator Kim Reed, bacteria monitoring has been ongoing in the Parsons Creek Watershed since 2008. Continuous testing has identified septic systems as the primary sources of bacteria. There is "no smoking gun", no single source of pollution. In 2012, a septic database and risk factor priority map were two of the Best Management Practices (BMP) instituted as the result of Phase I of the Parsons Creek Watershed Plan, under a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Resources Grant. In 2015, the Town was awarded a second DES grant in the form of Phase II which includes drafting a septic ordinance and additional water sampling.

In March of 2016, voters will have the opportunity to approve a Septic Pump-out Ordinance, as adopted by the Health Officer and approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of improving maintenance and assisting in identifying inadequate septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed.

Complete resolution of the problem will undoubtedly require time and effort, a number of creative solutions and the cooperation of home-owners within the Parsons Creek Watershed.

The Parsonage Apartments: We Need to Talk

The Town came into possession of the Parsonage property in Rye Center in the 1990s in conjunction with the remodeling and expansion of the Rye Public Library. With the goal of operating the Parsonage buildings as affordable senior housing, in 1999 the Town entered into a lease arrangement with The Housing Partnership (THP), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing in the seacoast area.

The Town received a Community Development Block Grant from the State Office of Planning which was partnered with a loan of $300,000. These funds provided a modest rehabilitation of the property at that time without any effect on the tax rate. THP has managed the property since then, providing day to day maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

More than sixteen years have elapsed and the need for major updates has become apparent. At the Selectmen's meeting of December 8, 2014, the Board authorized up to $12,750 to reroof the Parsonage building. At that time, Marty Chapman, Executive Director of THP, indicated that a property assessment would be undertaken. The current lease is due to expire in 2019.

An inspection of the Parsonage buildings was conducted by Lassel Architects PA on June 3, 2015 and the findings and analysis were presented to the Board of Selectmen by Mr. Chapman on September 28th along with a proposal from THP for ownership in the form of two options. Although either option would perpetuate the property as affordable senior housing, one option would return the property to the tax rolls.

The first draft of a warrant article drew sufficient discussion to cause the Board to set it aside in favor of establishing a Parsonage Property Committee to conduct a study and make recommendations. Committee membership and a charge to the committee will be announced in March of 2016.

Rye/Portsmouth Fire Department Collaboration: An Ongoing Conversation

Nationwide statistics show that the number of structural fires has declined while calls for medical assistance are on the rise causing fire departments across the country to reassess allocation of manpower and finances in order to provide the best service for their communities in the most efficient and economical way.

Our current discussion with officials of the Portsmouth Fire Department was triggered by consideration of the scheduled replacement of our 28 year old "quint", a ladder truck, when Selectman Musselman inquired as to why we should replace the quint when there is a ladder truck 2 miles away on Route 1 (at the newest Portsmouth Fire Station).

A conversation between the Town of Rye and Portsmouth Fire Department officials was initiated to determine the possibility of areas within which shared fire services could be beneficial to both communities. Following a work session last February, a working group composed of Town Administrator Michael Magnant, Rye Fire Chief Tom Lambert and former TA Alan Gould, was formed to gather some basic information.

The result was an 8-page report presented to the Board on October 28th containing an overview of the manpower and equipment of each department as well as perceived opportunities and challenges regarding possible shared services.

A second work session was held in November during which Rye Fire Department representatives were invited to participate. Consideration of the need for a full time Rye Fire Chief as opposed to administration of the Rye Fire Department by Portsmouth Fire Department personnel has also become part of the discourse.

Although no conclusions have been reached and any change proposed would require careful legal scrutiny, both Rye and Portsmouth officials concur that if and when any degree of consolidation of fire services is approved, it will be put into effect for a trial period of one year with either of the parties able to terminate the agreement with appropriate notice at its conclusion.

Beach Issues

The Tighe & Bond Parking Assessment Study dated January 5, 2015 was focused on analysis of parking along the Ocean Boulevard corridor. The Study outlined existing parking conditions, provided observations of parking usage including current signage and evaluated parking alternatives such as remote parking lots and metered parking.

In accordance with the Tighe & Bond Study, the Board of Selectmen held a site walk on April 28th and made decisions, driveway by driveway, along the length of Ocean Boulevard for No Parking striping to provide safer egress onto the roadway for residents. Once NH Department of Transportation (DOT) approval was obtained, the striping proposal was carried out. It should be noted that an estimated 35 to 40 parking spaces were lost as a result of this action.

In June, we authorized parking consultant John M. Burke, P.E. to conduct a study not to exceed $5000 to determine the feasibility of installing parking meters. His report indicated that installation of kiosks/meters could be economically favorable to the Town. Details related to 1. number, locations, type and cost of metering equipment, 2. associated installation, operating and maintenance costs and 3. anticipated seasonal installation and removal expenditures are being determined.

The bottom line: In addition to permission from NHDOT to utilize the State right of way for this project, before moving forward we will require a financial agreement with the State with regard to rates and revenue.

The 2015 Report of the Rye Beach Committee was presented to the Board of Selectmen on January 11, 2016. It contains a number of recommendations based on the observations of committee members during last year's summer season and is included in this Annual Report.

The Town, through Police Chief Kevin Walsh, will soon begin to receive applications for Beach Use Permits for the 2016 season. No permits will be issued until after the deadline for submission of applications in order to provide us with a true vision of the volume of beach use activity that has been requested.

Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment

A Recreation Needs Assessment Committee has been formed with membership as follows: Gregg Mikolaities, Beverly Levesque, Garritt Toohey, Shawn Crapo, John Provencher, Doug Abrams, Randy Crapo, Tom Degnan and Priscilla Jenness, selectmen's representative. The first meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Town Hall.

Congratulations

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, the Board of Selectmen had the pleasure of presenting the Rye Boston Post Cane to Louise Francis Philbrick to honor her as the oldest resident of our town. A native of Rye born on May 11, 1915, Louise had celebrated her one hundredth birthday just two days earlier. Many family members were in attendance for the presentation. Congratulations, Louise.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen:
Priscilla V. Jenness, Chairman
Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Craig N. Musselman, Selectman

2015 TOWN HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Following the defeat of last March's Town Hall Renovation/Construction Warrant Article, a new Town Hall Committee was appointed by the Rye Board Of Selectmen. Members included Joe Mills, Craig Musselman, Ed Hayes, Tim Durkin, Joe Tucker, Ritchie White, Scott Rawding, Karen Stewart, Bev Giblin, Jeff Quinn, John Loftus, and myself. Other Town Official Representatives included Cyndi Gillespie and Mike Magnant. The purpose of this new Committee was to assist the Rye Board Of Selectmen in determining the desires and consensus of the community, review the work of prior Town Hall Committees, and find a path forward that meets the needs and desires of the voters while providing an affordable, work-efficient, accessible Town Hall office and meeting space. The Charge also included consideration of any reasonable alternatives.

Through a Survey jointly designed by the UNH Survey Center and the Rye Town Hall Committee, the following were the major findings of that Survey:

- Citizens value the current Town Hall Building.
- They value the current site.
- They are very cost-conscious.
- Upper cost limit seems to be $2-2.5M.
- They don't value the Great Hall.
- Voting at the Rye Elementary School not an issue.

Furthermore, investigation by the new Rye Town Hall Committee excluded the use of the Rye Public Safety Building because (1) there is not enough space to hold all of the Town Hall Business functions, and (2) the logistics of Fire and Police operations are not compatible with Town Office Business functions.

Investigation by the new Rye Town Hall Committee also excluded use of the Old Trolley Barn/Police Station due to the cost of renovation and limited parking.

Possible options for the Rye Town Hall Business functions were determined to be:

- Renovate the current Town Hall Building and include historic features
- Renovate the current Town Hall Building without regard to historic features.
- Tear down the current building and replace with a new building on the same site.
- Build a new building on the same parcel, leaving the current building intact for a different use.
- Build a new building on another parcel in the center of town, leaving the current building intact.

Architectural studies are now required to get conceptual, project magnitude, and cost details such that voters' desires can be expressed through the provision of more detail and clarity regarding these alternatives, and a brief follow-up survey. The studies must respond to the "2016 Town Hall Architectural Scope" Document. A Warrant Article has been generated seeking funding of $60K for this purpose and this has been recommended by both the Rye Board Of Selectmen and the Rye Budget Committee.

Thanks to all Town Hall Committee Members and Town Official Representatives for their valuable contributions leading to the generation of this Warrant Article. Thanks to Janice Ireland for her contributions in arranging all meeting logistics and in the required document generation. It has been my pleasure to work with such a talented group of people.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Goldman - Chairman

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

It's been said that 2015 was the warmest year on record. A testament of that, is that beach activity took center stage in Rye, starting in April when the Board of Selectmen held a special meeting to discuss only beach related matters. The main topics were issues relating to lifeguard staffing, traffic and parking, police enforcement, beach cleaning and water quality monitoring. Rye was not alone in that beach communities up and down the eastern seaboard had trouble recruiting lifeguards during the summer of 2015. The Board of Selectmen had commissioned a study regarding the congested traffic and parking issues at the beaches. During 2015 management worked diligently with an expert parking consultant firm on studying the installation of parking meters along certain stretches of Ocean Boulevard, along with striping no parking areas. The source of the Parson's Creek Watershed contamination has continued to be clandestine. The NH Department of Environmental Services and FB Environmental have been and are continuing to work with management to identify the source and resolve this issue.

All town departments were busy in 2015. The Police and Fire Departments have experienced staffing vacancies over the past few years. This placed a strain on both agencies during 2015. However, they are positioned to be at full staff entering the spring of 2016. The Fire Department responded to over 850 calls for service while the Police Department responded to 8,247. During late 2015 the Police Department started working with the Rockingham Sheriff's Communication's Department to bring online an automated vehicle locator. This function will improve officer safety, as the department will have the ability to locate a police cruiser anywhere, using satellite and GPS components.

The Building Inspector's office produced $285,299 in revenue, issuing approximately 1,000 building permits for the year. This office is also responsible for code enforcement issues, and works very closely with the Planning Administrator and management.

January through March of 2015 was an intense challenge for our Department of Public Works. They did an exceptional job keeping the town's roads passable during record breaking snowfall accumulation.

Our new Geographical Information System (GIS) came online in 2014. During 2015 we continued to leverage this new technology to insure effective and economical services to the community and will be adding new layers in 2016. The Department of Public Works contracted with Street Scan to provide a condition survey of all town roads. A van, equipped with special monitoring equipment drove each meter of town roads collecting surface and subsurface data. This data will be used by Public Works to prioritize the town's paving schedule. I am pleased to report that the departments are continuing to expand the ability to make credit card transactions available to the public, with the Police Department coming on-line during 2015.

The Recreation Department continues to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages including skiing, summer camps, day trips and a very popular luncheon program for the Over 55 Club.

Town staff continues to provide support to 18 town boards, commissions, committees and sub-committees. The Board of Adjustment received 56 applications containing over 140 request for relief during the year. Other highlights of 2015 include changing assessing firms, replacing the aging boiler at the Parsonage building, working with the Portsmouth Fire Department on the possibility of consolidating command duties, planning for the effects of ocean rise, working with FEMA on new flood maps, reinstituting the FEMA Community Rating Program for 2016 and working with the Town Hall Committee with the goal of advancing the Town Hall project.

Finally, when it is all said and done, it comes down to the tax rate. The NH Department of Revenue sets tax rates for all cities and towns in New Hampshire. The Rye property tax rate was set at $10.90 in late November. That's a $.72 decrease from the prior year. The Town's portion of the rate is $2.96. The rest is portioned to the County, School Local and School State tax. Rye continues to have the 3rd lowest tax rate in the county.

I'd like to once again thank the employees, boards, commissions, committees and volunteers for all they do for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Magnant
Town Administrator

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.

New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue
Administration

2015
$10.90

Tax Rate Breakdown
Rye

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation

Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	$5,529,651	$1,868,082,700	**$2.96**
County	$2,074,543	$1,868,082,700	**$1.11**
Local Education	$8,157,048	$1,868,082,700	**$4.37**
State Education	$4,585,416	$1,861,804,700	**$2.46**
Total	**$20,346,658**		**$10.90**

Village Tax Rate Calculation

Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Jenness Beach	$97,828	$407,618,700	**$0.24**
Rye Beach Village	$61,761	$247,042,400	**$0.25**
Rye Water District	$674,787	$1,163,426,500	**$0.58**
Total	**$834,376**		**$1.07**

Tax Commitment Calculation

Total Municipal Tax Effort	$20,346,658
War Service Credits	($167,000)
Village District Tax Effort	$834,376
Total Property Tax Commitment	$21,014,034

11/19/2015

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	$9,053,248	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		($3,372,210)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		($400,000)
War Service Credits	$167,000	
Special Adjustment	$0	
Actual Overlay Used	$81,613	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	**$5,529,651**	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	$2,074,543	
Net Required County Tax Effort	**$2,074,543**	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	$12,742,464	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	$0	
Net Education Grant		$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		($4,585,416)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	**$8,157,048**	
State Education Tax	$4,585,416	
State Education Tax Not Retained	$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	**$4,585,416**	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	$1,868,082,700	$1,786,611,900
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	$1,861,804,700	$1,780,644,200

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year	
Jenness Beach	$407,618,700	
Rye Beach Village	$247,042,400	
Rye Water District	$1,163,426,500	

Rye

Tax Commitment Verification

2015 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II	
Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	$21,014,034
1/2% Amount	$105,070
Acceptable High	$21,119,104
Acceptable Low	$20,908,964

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2015 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:	**Date:**

Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Rye	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2015 Tax Rate	$10.90	$5.45
Associated Villages		
Jenness Beach	$0.24	$0.12
Rye Beach Village	$0.25	$0.13
Rye Water District	$0.58	$0.29

TOWN OF RYE
TAX RATE HISTORY

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
TOWN	2.96	3.68	3.12	3.44	3.24	2.88	2.87	2.74	2.25	2.31	2.58
LOCAL SCHOOL RATE	1.11	4.20	4.29	4.27	3.90	3.74	3.65	3.64	3.54	3.14	2.82
STATE SCHOOL RATE	4.37	2.53	2.44	2.44	2.42	2.33	2.34	2.27	2.22	2.36	2.39
COUNTY	2.46	1.14	1.12	1.07	1.04	1.04	0.96	0.97	0.90	0.85	0.87
TOTAL RATE	10.90	11.55	10.97	11.22	10.60	9.99	9.82	9.62	8.91	8.66	8.66
PRECINCTS:											
2-RYE BEACH VILLAGE	0.25	0.41	0.30	0.40	0.21	0.49	0.22	0.31	0.43	0.59	0.30
3-JENNESS BEACH	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.15
4-RYE WATER DISTRICT	0.58	0.54	0.62	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.45	0.42
Amount of Surplus used to reduce Taxes	400,000	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)	5,672,629	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
Valuation MS1	1,868,082,700	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
Revenue Above Estimated (including recovey of delinquent taxes)	73,863	(27,754)	304,491	547,824	363,634	324,479	427,292	301,305	199,740	309,599	429,950
Surplus from Operating Budget	734,686	780,173	132,051	248,663	187,563	188,392	624,960	45,291	247,357	209,331	284,064
Overlay	75,000	75,000	150,000	250,000	200,000	300,000	100,000	100,000	200,000	300,000	300,000
Fund Balance	2,306,464	2,002,437	1,134,265	1,104,584	1,074,385	1,210,734	1,035,272	1,059,411	1,308,360	1,669,365	2,100,716

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%	
2014	90.40%	

TAX RATE HISTORY

ISSUED DEBT	Year End 12/31/15		
	Year of Issuance	Outstanding Debt	Retirement Date
General Fund			
LONG TERM			
Conservation Land 2	2006	190,000	1/15/2017
Conservation Land 3	2009	380,000	8/15/2019
Conservation Land 4	2010	470,000	8/15/2020
Conservation Land 5	2015	1,122,000	2/15/2025
SHORT TERM			
Loader Lease	2014	85,595	
Total Bond Principal Owed 2015		2,247,595	

Annual Obligations	Annual Maturities	Principle	Interest	Total Due
	2016	444,309	97,604	541,913
	2017	443,286	80,004	523,290
	2018	305,000	62,196	367,196
	2019	305,000	55,527	360,527
	2020	200,000	35,355	235,355
	2021-2025	550,000	70,125	620,125
		2,247,595	400,811	2,648,405

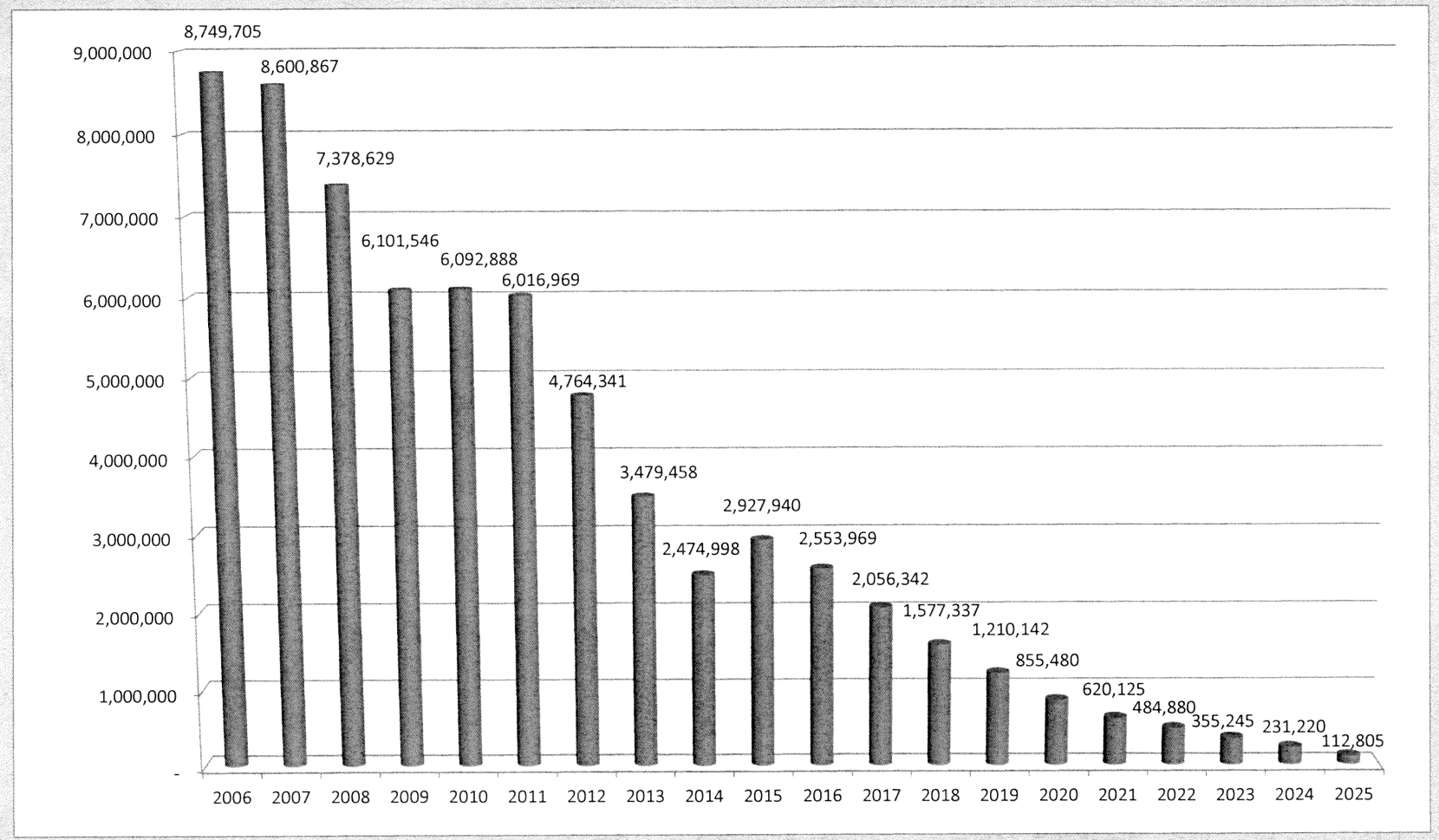
Authorized But Unissued Debt -

DEBT MARGIN	
NH R.S.A. 33:4-A	
"Towns shall not incur net indebtedness to an amount at any one time outstanding exceeding 3 percent of their valuation."	
Net indebtedness includes issued debt, as well as authorized but unissued debt.	
Total Indebtedness	2,247,595
Assessed Valuation	1,868,082,700
Maximum allowed debt	56,042,481
Allowed Debt Margin	53,794,886
(the amount of additional debt which can legally be borrowed)	

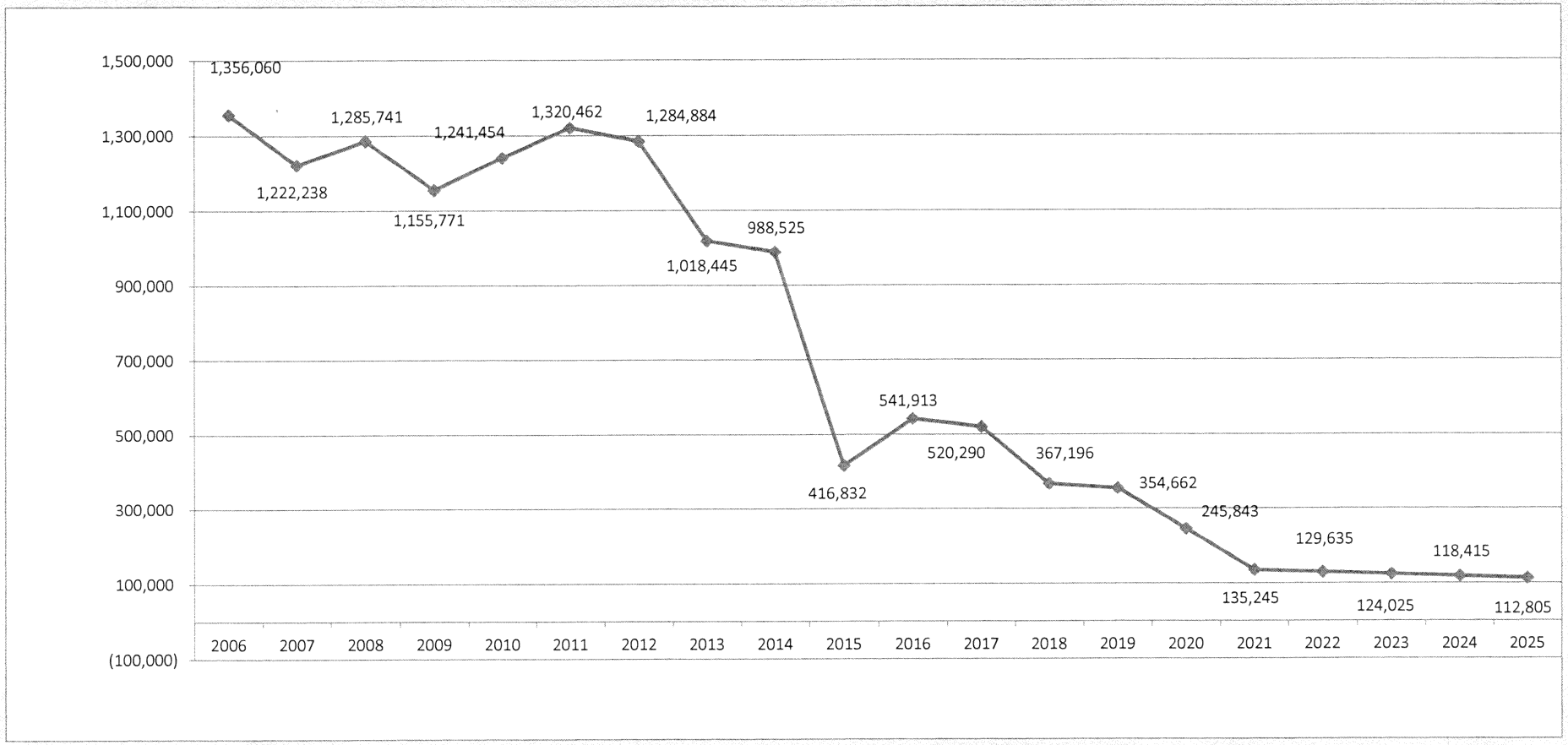
OUTSTANDING LONG TERM DEBT

(Principal and Interest)

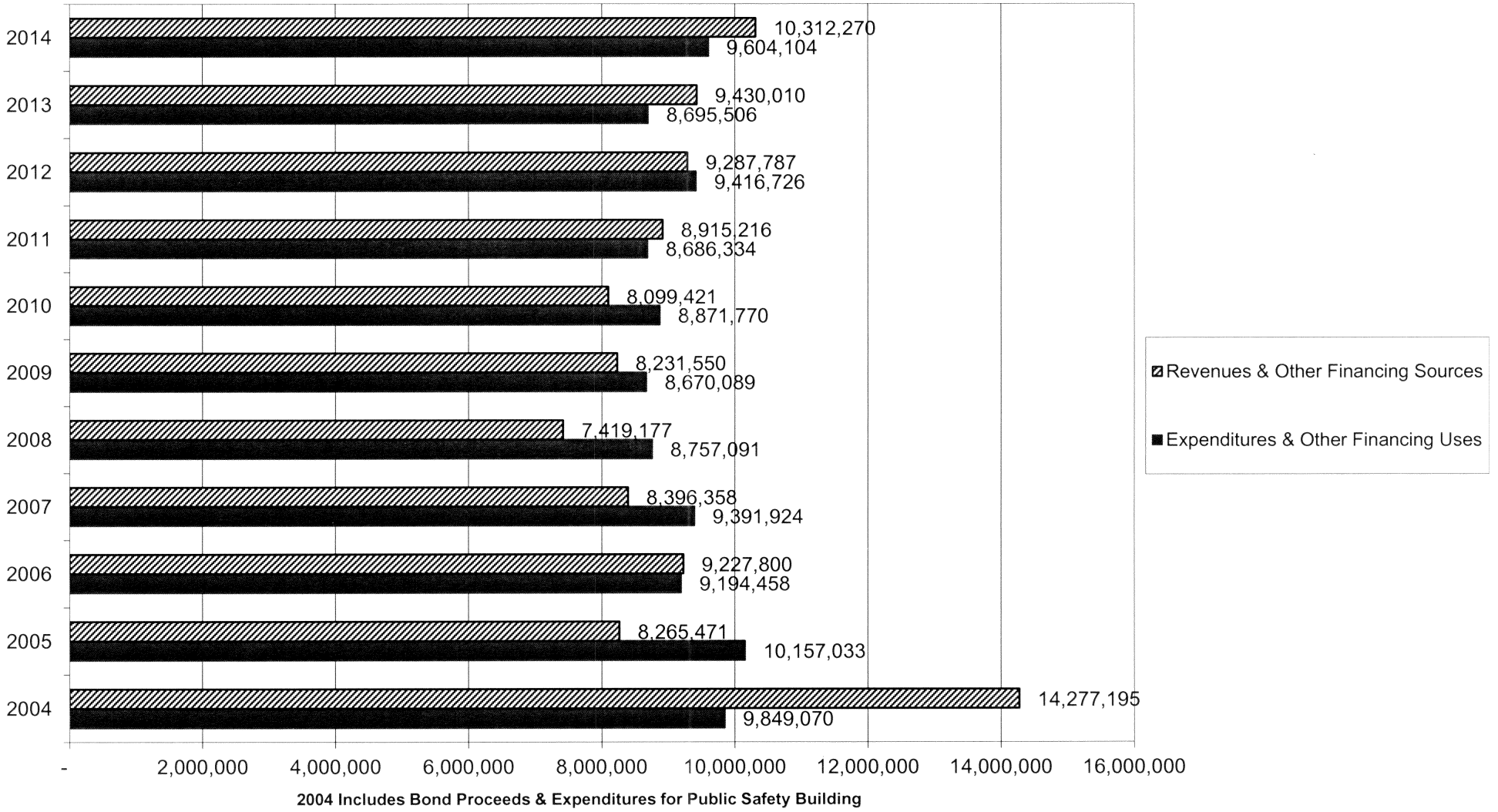
2006 - 2025



ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENTS
2006 - 2025



TOWN OF RYE, NH REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
2004-2014



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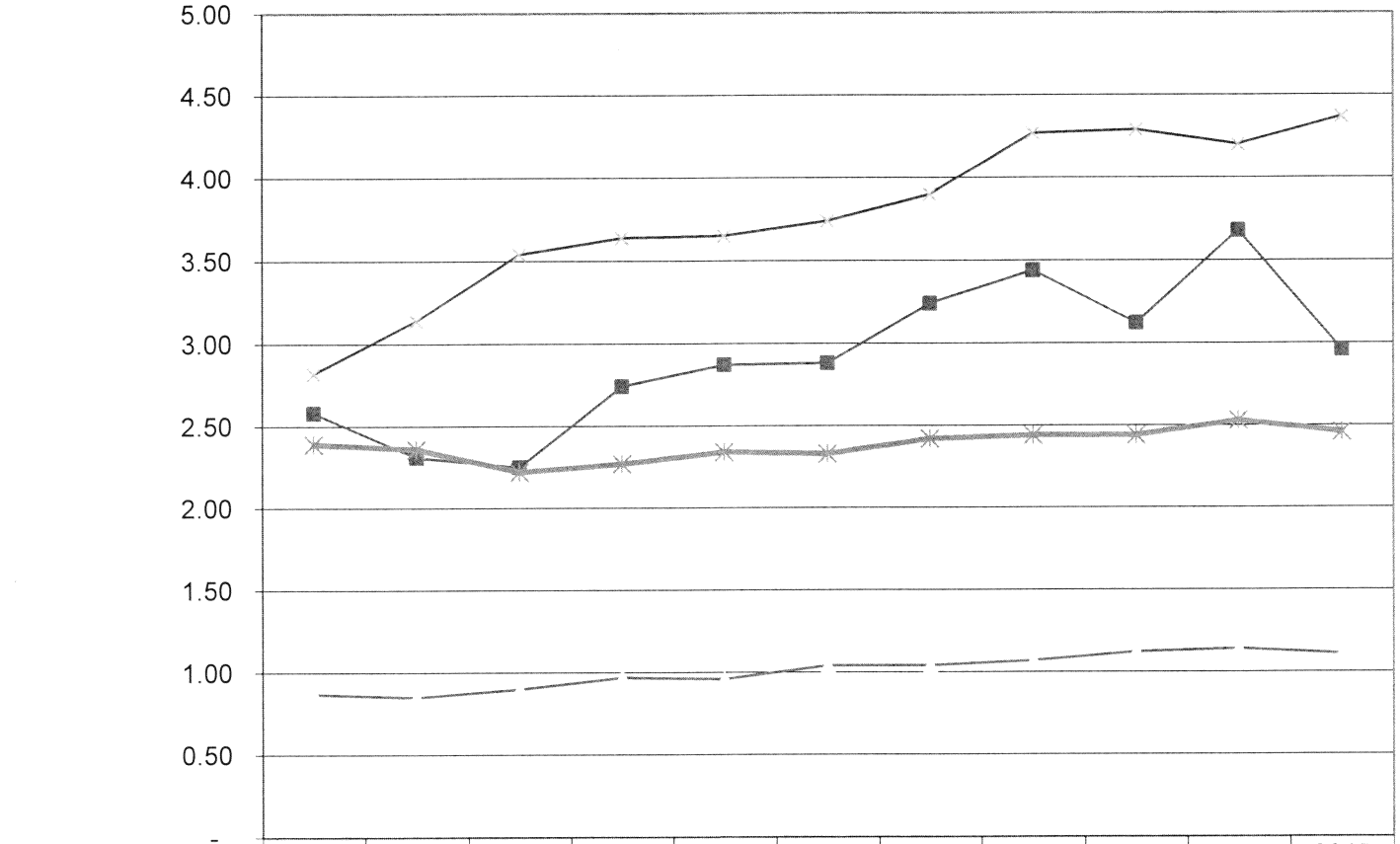
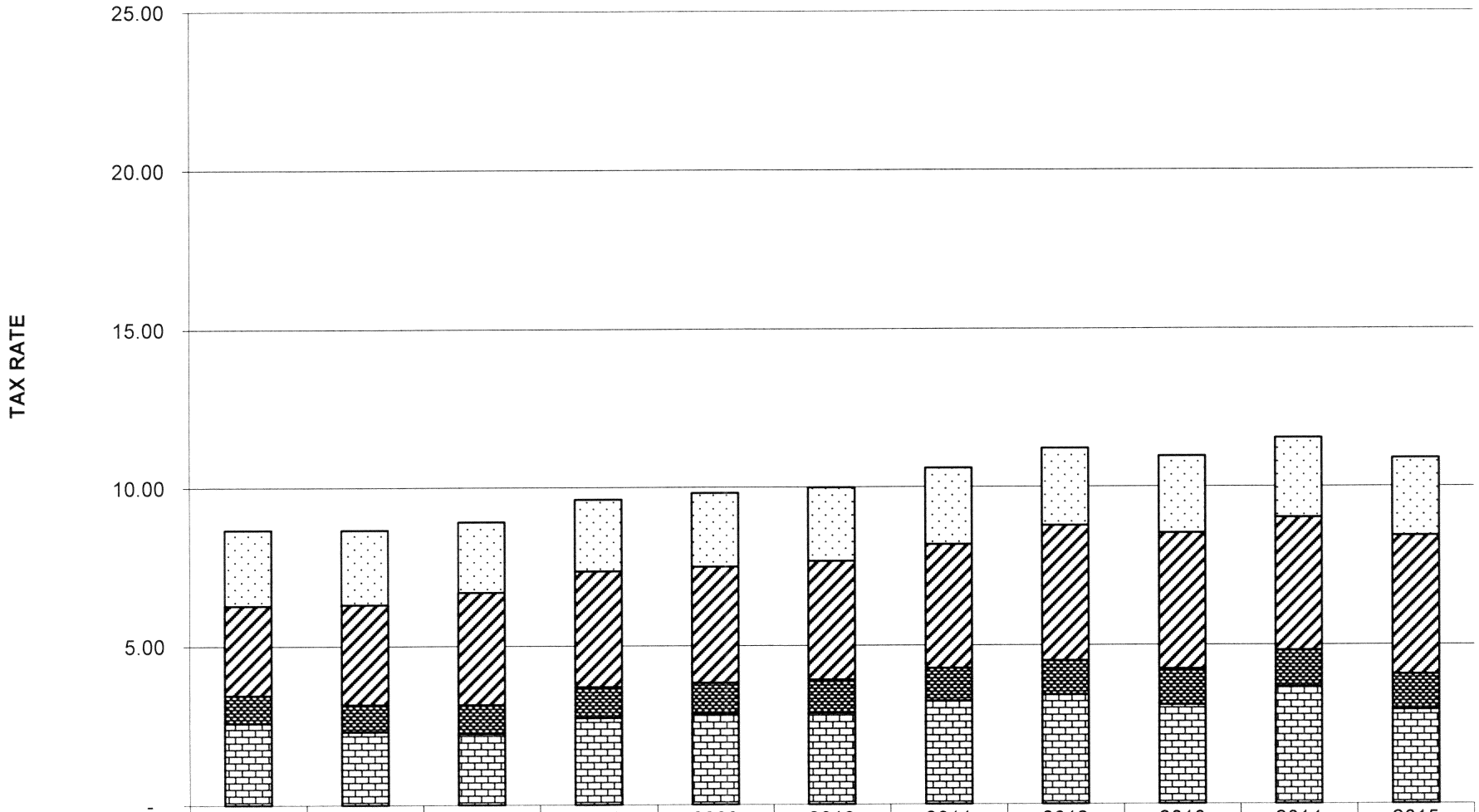
TOWN OF RYE, NH
2005-2015 TAX RATE ANALYSIS



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOWN TAX	2.58	2.31	2.25	2.74	2.87	2.88	3.24	3.44	3.12	3.68	2.96
COUNTY TAX	0.87	0.85	0.90	0.97	0.96	1.04	1.04	1.07	1.12	1.14	1.11
SCHOOL TAX	2.82	3.14	3.54	3.64	3.65	3.74	3.90	4.27	4.29	4.20	4.37
STATE ED TAX	2.39	2.36	2.22	2.27	2.34	2.33	2.42	2.44	2.44	2.53	2.46

YEARS

TOWN OF RYE, NH
TAX RATE COMPONENTS
2005-2015



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
STATE ED TAX	2.39	2.36	2.22	2.27	2.34	2.33	2.42	2.44	2.44	2.53	2.46
SCHOOL TAX	2.82	3.14	3.54	3.64	3.65	3.74	3.90	4.27	4.29	4.20	4.37
COUNTY TAX	0.87	0.85	0.90	0.97	0.96	1.04	1.04	1.07	1.12	1.14	1.11
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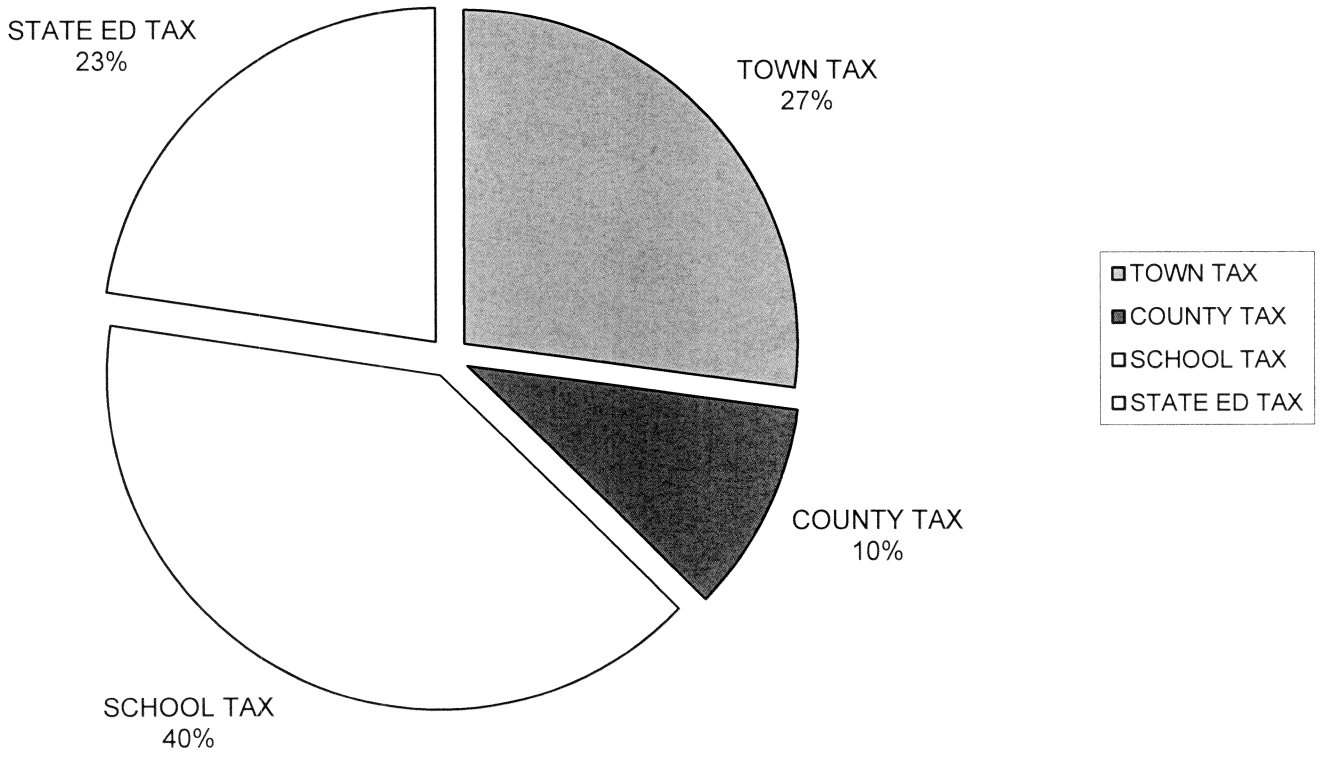
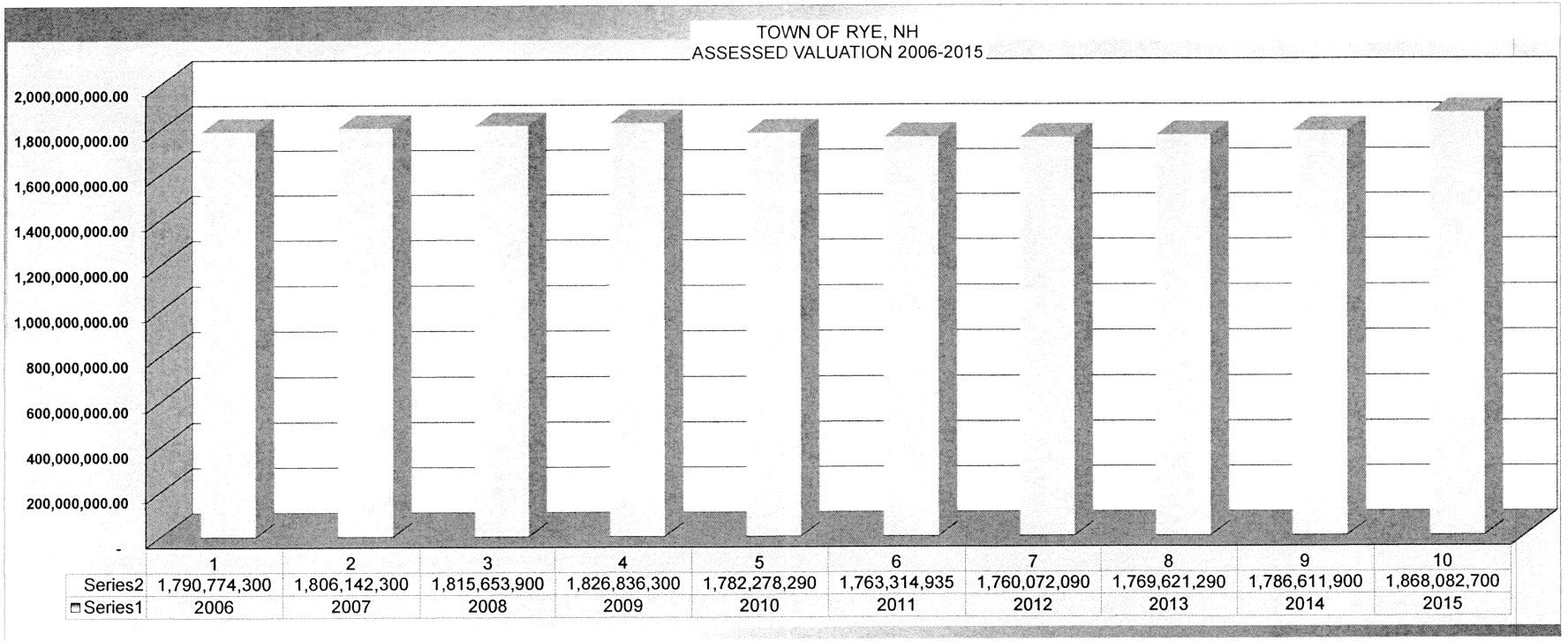
TOWN OF RYE, NH
2015 TAX RATE

$10.90 PER $1000 OF ASSESSMENT





TOP TEN TAXPAYERS
2015

NAME	ASSESSMENT	TAXES LEVIED

NAME	ASSESSMENT	TAXES LEVIED	TAX RATE	MAP/LOT
BLUNTS ISLAND TRUST	$4,879,100.00	$56,012.07	11.48	026-009
SANCTUARY CARE LLC	$5,001,200.00	$57,413.78	11.48	010-003
CONDRON CLARE K	$5,060,500.00	$56,373.97	11.14	053-047
ANNETTE DEMAURO	$5,715,200.00	$63,724.48	11.15	002-071
ZYGALA MARY J	$5,728,400.00	$63,871.56	11.15	002-012-002
ABENAQUI COUNTRY CLUB INC	$6,624,900.00	$73,867.64	11.15	005-001
ISLE OF LANGDONIA REALTY TR	$7,225,100.00	$80,559.87	11.15	001-037
MARC GRONDAHL	$7,470,200.00	$85,757.90	11.48	019-161
NEW CASTLE AVE REALTY TR	$7,569,300.00	$84,322.00	11.14	084-093
WBTSCC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	$9,157,200.00	$105,124.66	11.48	024-061-026
TOTAL	**$64,431,100.00**	**$727,027.93**		

Town of Rye, NH
2015 Legal Expenditures

Michael Donovan		
General Legal	37,117.36	General Legal Counsel
	3,526.87	Jesurme V Rye
	482.63	FEMA
	396.46	Fairpoint Abatement Appeal
	327.51	BTLA
Code Enforcement	1792.55	General Legal Counsel
	5,645.10	32 Cable
	7,204.51	Duke
Planning Board	12,947.38	Planning Services
Zoning Board		
	3,033.78	General Legal Counsel
	5,970.06	Peteys
	9,756.39	Beliveau V Rye
	1,256.21	Simpson V Rye
	723.97	DD Cook
	4,643.00	DiPilatos
Sewer Issues	122.50	General Counsel
Robert Ducharme		
Police	28,192.00	Prosecution
Christopher Keenan	6,551.94	Conservation Land Acquisitions
Jackson Lewis		
	3,189.68	Personnel
2015 Total Legal Expenses:	132,879.90	
2015 Total Settlements Received:		
2015 Total Settlements Paid:	30,000.00	

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS
2015

	OWNER	M/L	AC	VALUE	ADQUISITION	PAID	wet	farm	forest
245 WEST ROAD	SLEEPER	003-011	23.9	3,900	2/1/2006	140,000.00	0.9	**7**	16
460 SOUTH ROAD	BRIGHAM	004-003	10.5	3,200	5/7/1986	PEARL MORRILL		**10.5**	
230 WEST RD	SLEEPER	004-010	1.54	-	2/1/2006	10,000.00	1.54		
1090 WASHINGTON RD	IND FARM	006-028	12	2,400	9/30/1998				7
305 CENTRAL RD	PHILBRICK	008-009	15.69	2,300	12/28/2008	SAME		4.69	11
0 CENTRAL RD	PHILBRICK	008-016	4.69	-	12/28/2008	SAME	4.69		
166 LOCKE RD	WHITE	008-044	8.93	600	7/20/2004	338,000.00	2.93		6
160 HARBOR RD	KELLEY	092-020	0.41	-	8/26/2010	100FT BUFFER	0.41		
156 HARBOR RD	MILLER	92-20-1	0.16	-	8/26/2010	100FT BUFFER	0.16		
0 HARBOR RD	PLUZYNSKI	092-022	0.12	-	8/26/2010	100FT BUFFER	0.12		
665 WASHINGTON RD	LIUM	011-062	28.3	6,000	12/20/2012	725,000.00	9.00	19.3	19.3
647 WASHINGTON RD	HOLWAY	011-064	20.19	1,200	8/31/2004	385,000.00	10.19		10
0 WASHINGTON RD	HOLWAY	011-082	3.04	-	8/31/2004		3.04		
0 WASHINGTON RD	LOW	011-083	2.77	300	7/27/2005	GIFT			2.77
0 CENTRAL RD	PHILBRICK	012-015	5.25	15,000	1/11/2015	discretionary EAS till april 1 2030		2.5	2.75
640 LONG JOHN RD	YOUNG	16-144-1	23.8	200	12/5/2008	137,000.00	23.80		
240 WASHINGTON RD	CONNELL	016-176	18.7	1,600	6/15/2012	50,000.00	6.30		18.7
540 WASHINGTON RD	JOSEPH	016-203	3	900	10/1/2009	gifted		**3**	
175 WASHINGTON RD	BRIDAMOUR	017-020	71.9	37,000	6/21/2010		17	29.77	25.13
377 BRACKETT RD	CATINO	019-036	36.17	2,200	7/5/2005	WAS GOODWIN PROPERTY	12.17		24
0 FAIRHILL AVE	HOGAN	202-145	0.68	-	4/19/2010	PART OF COURT SETTELMENT	0.68		
229 SAGAMORE RD	STROTT	022-009	30.63	1,000	5/16/1997		20.63		10
		TOTAL		**816,900**					

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES 2015

PROPERTY	MAP/LOT	ASSESS LAND VALUE	AC	ADQUISITION DATE		
557 WEST ROAD	004-016	26,000	5	9/10/1999	ELDGRIDGE	
515 WEST ROAD	004-020	24,700	2.47	3/3/1992	PRIME PROPERTIES	
501 WEST ROAD	004-021	24,300	1.54	4/21/1999	HANCOCK(TOWN)	
519 SOUTH ROAD	004-022	24,200	1.32	3/3/1992	PRIME PROPERTIES	
509 SOUTH ROAD	004-024	24,500	2	5/19/1989	LITTLEFIELD	
485 SOUTH ROAD	004-026	27,500	8.06	11/22/2006	RAND LUMBER	$28,600.00
0 CENTRAL ROAD	007-084-000-PR3	500	0.5	2010	REMICK	
0 CENTRAL ROAD	007-084-000-PR4	13,500	2.7	2010	REMICK	
18 GROVE ROAD	007-086	29,600	12.11	2/28/1983	CONSERVATION	
100 GROVE ROAD	007-093	61,000	12.2	7/18/2002	CELL TOWER	
96 GROVE ROAD	007-096-000-PR1	33,000	32.96	4/21/1999	CELL TOWER	
96 GROVE ROAD	007-096-000-PR4	26,000	5	4/21/1999	CELL TOWER	
416 CENTRAL ROAD	008-023	100	7.01	4/28/2000	RAND LUMBER	
63 SPRING ROAD	008-023-001	14,700	11.3	2010		
251 HARBOR ROAD	008-0514	539,400	8.89	11/10/2010	MUNSEY/GOSS	
180 HARBOR ROAD	008-055	11,300	0.62	12/23/2002	PATRICK	
99 LOCKE ROAD	008-066	29,200	2.57	7/18/2002	CELL TOWER	
2029 OCEAN BULEVARD	008-068	57,500	0.68	12/16/1975	NO INFO	
14 HUNTERVALE AVENUE	081-094	171,100	0.34	11/22/1974	NO INFO	
2072 OCEAN BOULEVARD	084-159	13,100	0.09	12/27/2002	GIFTED	
145 LAFAYETTE ROAD	010-012	406,500	10.5	2/2/1981	TAX DEE CONSERV	
15 AIRFIELD DRIVE	010-015-002	150,800	10.5	3/28/2006	RICKERT	
6 WHITEHOURSE DRIVE	011-002	205,400	93.91	3/13/2003	WHITEHORSE	
15 WHITEHORSE DRIVE	001-003	250,900	0.12	3/13/2003	WHITEHORSE	
44 MOUNTAIN VIEW TERACE	001-032	53,800	8.12	11/19/2003	MOODY	
200 LOCKE ROAD	012-002	295,600	12.02	6/10/2004	BROWN	$250,000.00
75 RECREATION ROAD	012-080	158,900	12.15	11/22/2006	RAND LUMBER	$184,250.00
1575 WASHINGTON ROAD	012-089	67,600	5	12/4/1996	GOODWIN	
1565 WASHINGTON ROAD	012-090	61,900	1.96	7/17/1997	NO INFO	
1807 OCEAN BOULEVARD	013-002	28,600	0.93		NO INFO	
1555 OCEAN BOULEVARD	013-034-00A	100	11.9	3/20/1975	HARVEY 1/16 OWNER	GIFTED
129 LAFAYETTE ROAD	014-002	32,200	9.25	12/15/1983	TAYLOR-GRAY	

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES 2015

24 LAFAYETTE ROAD	014-013	36,400	16.4		NO INFO	
28 LAFAYETTE ROAD	014-014	35,600	12.53	8/28/1985	NO INFO	
32 LAFAYETTE ROAD	014-015	32,300	9.5	1981	ELIOT MEISSNER COVENTHER	
36 LAFAYETTE ROAD	015-001	34,300	14.25	5/28/1980	NO INFO	
30 LAFAYETTE ROAD	015-002	308,500	5.96	6/5/2005	NO INFO	
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	015-005	25,600	4.25	7/2/1905	GIFTED FROM HERLIHY	
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	015-008	1,000	2	824/06	HAGUE THOMAS	$14,400.00
309 WASHINGTON ROAD	016-129-001	118,100	23.6	1/10/2005	MARDEN	$385,000.00
214 WASHINGTON ROAD	016-170	41,000	18	10/16/1996	VARRELL WOODS	
548 WASHINGTON ROAD	016-204-001	700	5.48	9/21/2009	JOSEPH	$255,000.00
44 WALLIS ROAD	017-051	131,400	24.65	3/29/2004	SCULLY	1500000. AND 19/162
544 BRACKETT ROAD	017-056	24,500	5	3/2/1993	PALMER	
546 BRACKETT ROAD	017-058	22,500	2.55	3/2/1993	FLANIGAN	
650 BRACKETT ROAD	017-060	29,600	42.53	4/12/1973	REMICK/TUCKER	
674 WASHINGTON ROAD	017-062	28,700	10.4	4/24/2008	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST	
12 WALLIS ROAD	173-006-001	33,400	0.23	10/24/2002	STANLEY	
20 WALLIS ROAD	173-007	20,700	2.87	6/19/1996	GARANT	
10 WILLIAMS STREET	174-0255	23,000	1.42	4/24/2008	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST	
33 LIBERTY COMMON	018-028	33,800	20.6	8/29/1988	HOLLETT-SARGENT	
6 VICTORY LANE	018-032-006	33,500	20.03	9/30/1996	TREFETHEN	
329 BRACKETT ROAD	019-037	23,900	3.33	5/30/2001	REARDON-PICKERING	
265 PARSONS ROAD	019-099	16,200	5	6/4/1974	TAX DEED CONSERV	
259 PARSONS ROAD	019-100	38,700	10.84	8/20/1975	TAX DEED CONSERV	
0 PARSONS ROAD	019-106	26,300	0.66	3/4/2010	JARVIS	
1055 OCEAN BOUELVARD	019-120	30,800	6.98	2/28/1983	TAX DEED CONSERV	
1045 OCEAN BOULEVARD	019-121	29,300	3.15	8/20/1975	NO INFO	
60 OCEAN VIEW AVENUE	194-031	41,200	2.81	2/6/2006	POKORNEY	50000 FOR BOTH
47 APPLEDORE AVENUE	194-050	36,400	0.63	2/6/2006	POKORNEY	50000 FOR BOTH
1179 OCEAN BOULEVARD	194-057	17,000	0.31	3/20/1975	HARTFORD	
1173 OCEAN BOULEVARD	194-058	16,800	0.24	3/20/1975	HARTFORD	
0 GUZZI DRIVE	202-094	26,400	0.19	6/24/2006	NARBONNE-CLARK	

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES 2015

42 MORGAN COURT	021-002	26,300	3.25	5/24/2007	SPINOSE	
179 PIONEER ROAD-ESMT	002-074-000-PR1	465,200	58.69	2/27/1992	FIRST ESSEX SAV BK BISCHOFF WILLIAM	
179 PIONEER ROAD-ESMT	002-074-000-PR4	60,800	13.5	2/27/1992	FIRST ESSEX SAV BK BISCHOFF WILLIAM	
176 BRACKETT ROAD	022-101	24,500	6.98	6/4/1974	TOWN	
701 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-008	18,900	0.87	7/16/1986	SWEETSER	
681 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-010	31,500	16.33	7/17/1997	BEMIS	
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-011	17,100	3.1	4/14/2010	JARVIS	
667 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-013	16,800	2.63	6/4/1973	NO INFO	
663 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-014	64,100	75.5	7/5/1978	NO INFO	
665 OCEAN BOULEVARD	023-015	-	65.45	11/15/1976	NO INFO	
2 SAGAMORE ROAD	024-071	27,900	7.83	12/1/78	BROWN	
455 OCEAN BOULEVARD	025-006	27,200	0.23	1993	BROWN	
445 OCEAN BOULEVARD	025-007	31,800	1.41	1974	NO INFO	
315 PIONEER ROAD	025-009	23,300	4.3	12/2/1977	BROWN	
TOTAL		**5,016,500**	**830.18**			

TOWN LAND 2015

LOCATION	MAP	LOT	BLOCK	LAND ASSESS	AC	Acquisition Date
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	2	1		484,200.00	0.37	7/30/1985
553 WEST ROAD	4	15		24,200.00	1.39	7/5/1994
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	5	57		514,000.00	1.65	2/3/1972
0 PERKINS ROAD	5.2	12		27,700.00	0.21	6/21/1991
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	8	67		61,500.00	1.54	12/26/1986
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	8.4	45		21,300.00	0.04	6/4/1990
0 HARBOR ROAD	9.2	19		11,000.00	0.47	6/7/2002
0WASHINGTON ROAD	12	53		234,900.00	0.84	2/10/1986
0 CENTRAL ROAD	12	61		24,500.00	2.01	5/5/1988
0 LOCKE ROAD	12	69-2		18,800.00	0.11	5/28/2005
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	13	8		335,500.00	0.24	7/27/2000
0 OCEAN BOULEVARD	13	35		3,200.00	4	6/7/1993
0 LANG ROAD	15	15		27,100.00	12.75	9/26/1984
0 WALLIS ROAD	16	82	1	7,300.00	0.05	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	
0 WALLIS ROAD	17	83		28,400.00	9.78	6/19/1996
0 WALLIS ROAD	17	84		24,600.00	2.26	4/26/2004
0 WALLIS ROAD	173	27		31,600.00	0.15	6/18/1999
0 LIBERTY COMMON	18	116		231,200.00	1.29	8/12/1991
330 SAGAMORE ROAD	19	69		23,000.00	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		42,800.00	14.38	8/12/1991
1167 OCEAN BLVD	194	59		17,000.00	0.31	4/22/2005
5 DEPTUNE DRIVE	202	60		25,700.00	0.15	6/26/1990
11 NEPTUNE DRIVE	202	61		25,500.00	0.14	6/26/1990
155 BRACKETT ROAD	22	61		22,500.00	1.78	5/3/2004
25 BERRYS BROOK LANE	22	69		28,500.00	10	4/30/2003
154 BRACKETT ROAD	22	98		23,600.00	5.09	6/12/1991
158 BRACKETT ROAD	22	99		30,300.00	19.91	4/26/2004
0 PORT WAY	23	1		30,500.00	13.92	5/26/2011
324 PIONEER ROAD	25	10		19,100.00	0.29	3/3/1986
TOTALS				**2,675,600.00**	**109.97**	

TOWN PROPERTY
LAND BUILDINGS 2015

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		271,000	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		548,300	7.13	7/10/1981
POLICE STATION-old	37 CENTRAL ROAD	12	38		296,900	0.28	1925
PUBLIC LIBRARY	581 WASHINGTON ROAD	12	42		2,145,900	0.25	6/22/2005
PARSONAGE	575 WASHINGTON ROAD	12	43		1,197,000	1.9	6/30/1995
TOWN MUSEUM	10 OLDE PARISH ROAD	12	44		204,600	0.2	9/27/1995
TOWN HALL	10 CENTRAL ROAD	12	54		192,300	1.37	1939
CEMETERY & BUILDING	20 CENTRAL ROAD	12	55		58,800	16.5	1988
RECREATION BUILDING	55 RECREATION ROAD	12	79		1,227,300	171.02	3/1/1964
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING	555 WASHINGTON ROAD	16	7		3,088,100	2.17	4/30/2003
	TOTAL				**$9,289,100.00**	**202.11**	

New Hampshire
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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 forward.

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) 230-5090
http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Entity Type: (●) Municipality ( ) Village

Municipality: RYE | County: ROCKINGHAM | Original Date: 10/16/2015 | Revision Date:

ASSESSOR

MUNICIPAL RESOURCES
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

PRISCILLA V. JENNESS Municipal Official 1	JOSEPH G MILLS JR Municipal Official 2
CRAIG N MUSSLEMAN Municipal Official 3	 Municipal Official 4
 Municipal Official 5	 Municipal Official 6

☒ 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.

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

JOANNE DREWNIAK
Preparer's Name

603-379-8270
Phone Number

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JDREWNIAK@TOWN.RYE.NH.US
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	1,210.67	$115,300
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	343.12	$59,000
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)	3,817.73	$940,928,600
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land)	539.95	$36,589,700
1-H	Total of Taxable Land	5,911.47	$977,692,600
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,785.61	$59,451,800

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

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential		$846,969,600
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		$2,402,400
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings)		$41,221,200
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings		$890,593,200
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		$46,422,000

Utilities and Timber

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities	$6,278,000
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)	**$1,874,563,800**

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 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)**		**$1,874,563,800**

Summation of Exemptions

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37)	$15,000	4	$60,000
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		65	$6,329,800
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)		10	$91,300
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)**			**$6,481,100**

Calculations

21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	**$1,868,082,700**
22 LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B	**$6,278,000**
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)	**$1,861,804,700**

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
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	$4,226,900
HUDSON LIGHT AND POWER DEPT GENERATION	$100
MASS MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC GENERATION	$9,500
NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK LLC	$71,900
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING CO GENERATION	$100
A1 Total of all Electric Companies listed in this section:	**$4,308,500**

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	$1,969,500
A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:	**$1,969,500**
Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies	**$6,278,000**

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
Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) ($50 Standard Credit, $51 up to $500 upon adoption by city/town)	$500	302	$151,000
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	8	$16,000
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)			
Total Number and Amount		**310**	**$167,000**

*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				
Asset Limits				

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		$75,000	65-74	7	$525,000	$477,300
75-79		$90,000	75-79	10	$900,000	$900,000
80+	1	$105,000	80+	48	$5,040,000	$4,952,500
			Total	**65**	**$6,465,000**	**$6,329,800**

Income Limits			Asset Limits		
Single	$40,000		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
Farm Land	216.3	$81,200
Forest Land	458.46	$26,100
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		
Unproductive Land	3.26	$100
Wet Land	532.65	$7,900
Total	**1,210.67**	**$115,300**

Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	94
Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	11.14
Owners in Current Use	53
Parcels in Current Use	100

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)			$27,950
Conservation Allocation	Percentage 10,000	And/Or Dollar Amount	$10,000
Monies to Conservation Fund			
Monies to General Fund			$17,950

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

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Conservation	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	83.33	$32,300
Forest Land	152.65	$25,200
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		
Unproductive Land		
Wet Land	107.14	$1,500
Total	**343.12**	**$59,000**

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics	Total Number of Acres / Total Number
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	
Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	
Owners in Conservation	20
Parcels in Conservation	23

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)	

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

Discretionary Preservation Easements - RSA 79-D Historic Agricultural Structures

Total Number of Owners	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description

Tax Increment Financing Districts - RSA 162-K

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

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax

	Revenue	Number of Acres
State and Federal Forest Land , Recreational and/or Flood control land from MS-4, acct 3356 & 3357		
White Mountain National Forest only, acct. 3186		

☐ Check if your municipality has entered into an agreement for a payment in lieu of taxes with a renewable generation facility pursuant to RSA 72:74

	Revenue	List Source(s) of Payment in Lieu of Taxes
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	$15,361	RANNIE WEBSTER FOUNDATION
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Total	**$15,361**	

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Village District: RYE - Rye Water District

Original Date: 10/16/2015

Revision Date:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

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Email (optional)

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	1,045.42	$103,800
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	343.12	$59,000
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)	3,010.24	$561,546,800
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land)	301.19	$25,444,000
1-H	Total of Taxable Land	4,699.97	$587,153,600
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,212.71	$28,795,500

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

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential		$550,817,000
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		$2,402,400
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings)		$27,719,300
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings		$580,938,700
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		$33,743,300

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)	$1,168,092,300

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)		$1,168,092,300

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)		47	$4,552,300
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)		8	$68,500
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)			$4,665,800

Calculations

21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	$1,163,426,500

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Village District Values

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		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A	4.19	$100
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)	318.16	$249,851,900
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land)	4.9	$1,767,700
1-H	Total of Taxable Land	327.25	$251,619,700
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	48.46	$1,937,300

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

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential		$155,091,500
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings)		$2,085,300
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings		$157,176,800
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)	$408,796,500

Exemptions

		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
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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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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)**		**$408,796,500**

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)		11	$1,140,000
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	$22,800
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)**			**$1,177,800**

Calculations

21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	**$407,618,700**

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		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A	90.67	$10,000
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)	307.59	$111,324,900
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land)	112.49	$3,870,600
1-H	Total of Taxable Land	510.75	$115,205,500
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	6.91	$4,617,200

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

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential		$125,187,400
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings)		$6,859,500
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings		$132,046,900
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		$7,420,400

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)		$247,252,400

Exemptions

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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)		
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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)**		**$247,252,400**

Summation of Exemptions

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37)			
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		2	$210,000
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)**			**$210,000**

Calculations

21	**NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)**	**$247,042,400**

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Abell, Constance E.	Deputy Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Adams, Kristopher L.	Transfer Station/Recylcing Attendant - Part Time	706.56	706.56		
* Adams, Lee J.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	57,273.45	54,254.87	3,018.58	
Anderson, Susan O.	Election Worker	112.38	112.38		
* Arthur, Lee C.	Recreation Director	73,967.30	73,967.30		
Arthur, Lee C.	Sewer Commission Secretary	22,351.05	22,351.05		
Bargardo, Tony F.	Parking Enforcement	335.11	335.11		
Barrett, Magnolia R.	Yoga Instructor	1,040.00	1,040.00		
* Blais, William J.	Police Sergeant	88,727.16	71,680.12	16,805.04	242.00
Blaisdell, Joshua L.	Transfer Station/Recylcing Attendant - Part Time	2,612.90	2,612.90		
* Blaisdell, Scott R.	Police Lieutenant	98,216.52	77,413.50	18,345.02	2,458.00
Blanding, David M.	Police Special	9,178.96	8,628.96		550.00
* Bohling, Christopher J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	15,639.89	14,524.68	1,115.21	
Bohne, Meagan R.	After School Counselor	1,523.78	1,523.78		
* Breton-Eaton, Lisa L.	Technology Librarian	45,120.44	45,120.44		
Brewer, Roland A.	Call Personnel	246.00	246.00		
* Bucklin, Alan E.	Senior Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	61,300.39	54,173.60	7,126.79	
Burke, Kelsey A.	After School Counselor	1,493.98	1,493.98		
Carlson, Shawn C.	Patrolman	50,502.19	36,635.00	9,077.19	4,790.00
Cassassa, Catherine E.	Lifeguard	2,527.15	2,527.15		
Chase, James M.	Library Custodian	18,629.00	18,629.00		
Chichester, Madeline L.	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Conlon, Bartholomew T.	Patrolman	37,921.10	37,921.10		
Conrad, Daniel R.	Recreation IT Specialist	709.28	709.28		
* Coscia, John V.	Cemetery Superintendent	57,272.80	57,272.80		
* Cots, John M.	Firefighter/EMT-B	78,272.93	60,959.84	17,313.09	
Cummings, Brittany S.	Call Personnel	360.00	360.00		
Dame, Amanda K.	Parking Enforcement	5,188.64	5,188.64		
* DeCotis, Donna M.	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	45,890.00	45,890.00		
Derochemont, Leigh K.	Election Worker	420.51	420.51		
* Dibartolomeo, Jeffrey M.	Fire Lieutenant	92,126.27	70,975.76	20,930.51	220.00
Dodier, Alexander M.	Transfer Station/Recylcing Attendant - Part Time	3,206.00	3,206.00		
Doherty, Juliette	Library Assistant-Part Time	10,478.84	10,478.84		
Doucette, Jessica N.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary	17,503.20	17,503.20		
* Downing, Jessica A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	41,293.34	34,722.69	6,570.65	
* Drewniak, Joanne T.	Assessing Assistant	51,522.88	51,522.88		
Dube, Lisa F.	Sewer Temporary Help	761.94	761.94		
Dunfey, Susan	Finance Assistant	20,275.63	20,275.63		
Eaton, Daniel W.	Call Personnel	25.00	25.00		
Eaton, Julia A.	Parking Enforcement	1,788.47	1,788.47		
Eaton, Kerry N.	Parking Enforcement	4,789.90	4,768.04	21.86	
Fort, Haley S.	Lifeguard	2,159.14	2,159.14		
Franz, Mary R.	Election Worker	130.50	130.50		
* Fuglestad, Danial M.	Patrolman	9,129.48	9,129.48		
* Gallant, Charles A.	Fire Lieutenant	87,453.11	71,058.18	15,932.93	462.00
* Gallant, Kelley	Recreation Programs Supervisor	47,071.23	47,071.23		
Gardner, Georgiana L.	Lifeguard	2,834.78	2,834.78		
Garrity, Timothy P.	Police Special	6,691.45	4,179.45		2,512.00
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Cemetery Attendant/Library Custodian	805.00	805.00		
* Gauthier, Amanda J.	Patrolman	62,257.45	50,307.63	9,530.82	2,419.00
Gemmett, Kendra B.	Election Worker	112.38	112.38		
* Gillespie, Cynthia L.	Finance Director/Assistant Town Administrator	81,613.21	81,613.21		
* Goff, Harriet A.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary - Retired	37,600.74	37,600.74		
Gorski, Alexandria E.	Call Personnel	5,160.00	5,160.00		
Haky, Anne C.	Basketball Referre	1,156.00	1,156.00		
Hartman, Theodore S.	Call Personnel	648.00	648.00		
Healy, Shawna M.	Library Assistant-Part Time	11,032.88	11,032.88		
* Hill, Roy Lee	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	63,271.67	56,799.62	6,472.05	
* Hirtle, Scott M.	Firefighter/Paramedic	96,041.21	67,712.97	28,328.24	
Holway, Jane	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Hordon, Ronald A.	Fire Lieutenant	96,531.36	74,191.50	22,163.86	176.00
* Houde, Lisa S.	Librarian - Children Services	42,619.26	42,619.26		
Howland, Thomas H	Basketball Monitor	750.00	750.00		
Hutchins, Margaret A.	Library Assistant-Part Time	14,348.79	14,348.79		
Ireland, Jane E.	Bookkeeper of the Trust Funds	3,620.00	3,620.00		
Ireland, Jane E.	Treasurer	17,594.73	17,594.73		
* Ireland, Janice E.	Executive Assistant	52,720.84	52,415.43	305.41	
Irwin, Julie A.	Call Personnel	1,166.81	1,166.81		
Jarvis, Sarah S.	Call Personnel	156.00	156.00		
* Jenness, Christopher	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	67,531.51	57,175.65	10,355.86	
Jenness, Priscilla	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Joslyn, John A.	Grounds Keeper	3,220.00	3,220.00		
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Kendall, Gregory C.	Animal Control Officer	11,480.86	11,480.86		
King, Sally S.	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Klanchesser, John J.	Firefighter/EMT-B	72,836.72	54,669.68	17,859.04	308.00
Knight, Caroline B.	Lifeguard	2,432.26	2,432.26		
Krol, Matthew J.	Basketball Monitor	75.00	75.00		
Ladrie, Alan	Call Personnel	1,758.00	1,758.00		
* Laing, Steven J.	Fire Lieutenant - Retired	68,777.95	59,089.28	9,688.67	
Laing, Steven J.	Call Personnel	3,841.50	3,841.50		
Lambert, Thomas S.	Fire Chief	60,439.19	60,439.19		
Landau, Ariel	Parking Enforcement	1,541.26	1,541.26		
Landau, Ariel	Recreation Summer Counselor	685.44	685.44		
Ledger, Dyana F.	Transcriptionist	21,280.00	21,280.00		
Ledger, Dyana F.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary - Part Time	4,403.92	4,403.92		
Lefebvre, Vivian J	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	1,380.00	1,380.00		
Leger, Thomas J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	10,037.70	10,037.70		
Lighthall, Maxwell G.	Parking Enforcement	1,635.48	1,635.48		
Londoff, Kathryn A.	Gyrokinesis Instructor	264.00	264.00		
* Loring, Victoria R.	Administration and Program Assistant	42,080.40	42,080.40		
Luff, Julia K.	Basketball Referee	325.00	325.00		
* Lynch, Mark A.	Patrolman	14,065.85	14,065.85		
* MacGlashing, Jacob R.	Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic	78,776.74	68,153.29	10,425.45	198.00
Magnant, Michael J.	Town Administrator	74,818.00	74,818.00		
Marden, Ryan R.	Call Personnel	1,210.00	1,210.00		
Martin, Ryan P	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	7,926.84	7,926.84		
Mason, Alexis K.	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	2,485.00	2,485.00		
Mastro, Brianna C.	Library Page - Part Time	1,509.23	1,509.23		
* McCarthy, Dennis G.	Public Worker Director	82,461.60	82,461.60		
Meyer, Joanne M.	Election Worker	87.00	87.00		
Miller, Geoffrey S.	Patrolman	64,852.83	50,082.22	11,426.61	3,344.00
Millett, Frederick B.	Public Works - Seasonal Help	1,574.40	1,574.40		
Mills, Joseph G.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Morrissey, Andrea J.	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant	37,655.39	37,655.39		
Moulton, Mark E.	Tennis Instructor	7,241.00	7,241.00		
Musselman, Craig N.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Nickerson, Laurie A.	After School Counselor	1,904.76	1,904.76		
* Nolette, Brenda J	Youth Services - Librarian Assistant	36,225.28	36,225.28		
* O'Brien, Duncan J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	59,242.10	50,627.20	8,614.90	
Oliver, Sarah E.	After School Counselor	4,687.21	4,687.21		
Olson, Colleen G.	Lifeguard	3,151.01	3,151.01		
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	130.50	130.50		
* Paradis Jr., Paul H.	Highway Working Foreman	77,873.35	66,513.47	11,359.88	
* Parr, Mark C	Patrolman	79,074.62	55,989.42	14,883.20	8,202.00
Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Police Special	19,505.12	7,119.12		12,386.00
Pimentel, Christopher	Basketball Monitor	75.00	75.00		
Powell Andrews, Rosalie	Building Department Assistant	24,403.87	24,403.87		
Putnam-Bailey, Gwen L.	Library Assistant-Part Time	13,132.84	13,132.84		
* Quinn, Patricia R.	Librarian - Associate Director	49,654.58	49,654.58		
* Reed, Kimberly M.	Planning & Zoning Administrator	61,474.40	61,474.40		
* Richmond, Andrew G.	Library Director	73,734.00	73,734.00		
* Rowell, Peter E.	Building Inspector	65,863.20	65,863.20		
Ruel, Morris J.	Call Personnel	4,439.50	4,439.50		
Ryan, Jean E.	Yoga Instructor	1,745.70	1,745.70		
Santarelli, Judith C.	After School Counselor	1,699.35	1,699.35		
Scheidegger, Jonathan W.	After School Counselor	5,594.97	5,594.97		
Schermerhorn, Clayton J.	Call Personnel	38.50	38.50		
Smith, Avery M.	After School Counselor	9,900.38	9,900.38		
Snow MD, Gail A.	Health Officer	4,800.00	4,800.00		
Sutton, Thomas W.	Call Personnel	356.25	356.25		
Swist, Thomas M.	Call Personnel	270.00	270.00		
Thomas, Carolyn A.	After School Counselor	4,697.20	4,697.20		
Tighe, Jane E.	Lifeguard	1,337.00	1,337.00		
Tompkins, Randall B.	Police Special	6,992.86	6,134.86		858.00
Tribou, Sydney C.	Lifeguard	1,425.00	1,425.00		
Underwood, Elizabeth A.	Basketball Referee	450.00	450.00		
Wade, Annie L.	Lifeguard	4,242.00	4,242.00		
Wade, Sarah B.	Lifeguard	3,486.00	3,486.00		
Wagner, Hunter A.	After School Counselor	6,502.53	6,502.53		
* Walsh, Kevin P.	Police Chief	91,282.40	90,930.40		352.00
* Webster, Mark D.	Police Corporal	105,934.44	66,959.55	35,960.89	3,014.00
White, Michael S.	After School Counselor	1,523.77	1,523.77		
Wile-Marble, Jared P	Highway Driver/Operator/Mechanic	52,320.90	44,132.40	8,188.50	
Willett, Kyle R.	Police Special	373.01	197.01		176.00
* Williams, Richard V.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	49,547.22	46,596.00	2,951.22	
* Woods, Pamela E.	Librarian - Adult Services	44,756.41	44,756.41		
* Wunderly, Kevin S.	Firefighter/Paramedic	16,917.69	14,338.76	2,578.93	
* Yeaton, Elizabeth M.	Tax Collector/Town Clerk	62,794.40	62,794.40		
Yeaton, Norman	Town Custodian	23,595.00	23,595.00		
York, Jeffrey E	Call Personnel	650.00	650.00		
	161 Employees	3,609,431.35	3,239,413.95	327,350.40	42,667.00

* Denotes full time employees that receive benefits

** Denotes services which are reimbursed to the Town by Outsi ıs

TOWN OF RYE
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE COSTS

BENEFIT	PLAN TYPE	COVERAGE	ANNUAL COSTS	EMPLOYEE SHARE	TOWN'S COSTS
	Comp 2500 Plan				
Health Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	$ 12,017	$ 1,802	$ 10,214
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	$ 24,033	$ 4,807	$ 19,226
		Family Coverage/emp	$ 32,445	$ 6,489	$ 25,956
	Town pays 85% of single coverage - 80% of the 2-person and family plans				
	Blue Choice Plan	3T10			
Health Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	$ 13,333	$ 2,000	$ 11,333
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	$ 26,666	$ 5,333	$ 21,333
		Family Coverage/emp	$ 36,000	$ 7,200	$ 28,800
	Town pays 85% of single coverage - 80% of the 2-person and family plans				
Health Insurance	Access Blue New England	ABSOS 20/40			
	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	$ 8,985	$ 1,348	$ 7,637
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	$ 17,969	$ 3,594	$ 14,376
		Family Coverage/emp	$ 24,259	$ 4,852	$ 19,407
	Town pays 85% 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	$ 13,333	$ 3,333	$ 10,000
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	$ 26,666	$ 6,667	$ 20,000
		Family Coverage/emp	$ 36,000	$ 9,000	$ 27,000
	Town pays 75% of all Plans				
Health Insurance	Access Blue New England	ABSOS 20/40			
	Provided through	Single Coverage per emp	$ 8,985	$ 2,246	$ 6,738
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage/emp	$ 17,969	$ 4,492	$ 13,477
		Family Coverage/emp	$ 24,259	$ 6,065	$ 18,194
	Town pays 75% of all Plans				
Dental Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage/emp	$ 495	$ -	$ 495
	Delta Dental	2-Person Coverage/emp	$ 951	$ 456	$ 495
	Option 1A	Family Coverage/emp	$ 1,721	$ 1,226	$ 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				$ 9,433
	to a maximum of $75,000				2015 Annual
	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				$ 20,285
					2015 Annual
	Town pays 100% of this cost				
LongTerm Disability					
	Benefit is 60% of base pay to a maximum of $5000/mth				
	Benefit commenses after 6 months of disability				$ 18,462
	The rate is $.71 per $100 of Permanent Base Pay per month				2015 Annual
	Town pays 100% of this cost				

NH State Retirement Plan

Police Officers	Town's Contribution	26.38%
Fire Fighters	Town's Contribution	29.16%
Employees	Town's Contribution	11.17%
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

* Full time employees must work a minimum Thirty Five (35) hours per week to be eligible for benefits

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to report the financial position of the Town of Rye remains in very good condition. The relatively low and steady tax rate over the period of the last ten years is a strong indicator. Additionally, due to the very conservative controls maintained with regard to our town's long term debt, Rye enjoys an enviable position financially. New Hampshire statutes allow a town to incur indebtedness of up to 3% of the total Assessed Valuation. Rye's Assessed Valuation as of December 31, 2015 is $1,868,082,700. Therefore, the total debt allowed by law would be $56,042,481. The town's total indebtedness at year end was just $2,247,595, leaving a generous margin of $53,794,886.

Concerned with the more and more prevalent occurrences of banking fraud, during 2015 this office worked with Financial Administrator, Cyndi Gillespie, to implement a security program that tightens controls and serves to protect the town's bank accounts.

The following pages detail the status of the Town of Rye's financial accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Treasurer

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance		
General Fund Account	3,021,194.45	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
TD Bank Money Market	5,388,562.45	
Total		**8,410,756.90**
Receipts	30,488,312.82	
Disbursements	30,204,260.74	
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance		
General Fund Account	8,693,808.98	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
TD Bank Money Market Acct	-	
Total		**8,694,808.98**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION GENERAI

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance		1,381,871.53
Receipts	Donations and Grants	19,380.00
Interest		1,926.72
Disbursements		128,421.48
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance		**1,274,756.77**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION VERNAL POOL

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	45,272.69
Receipts	-
Interest	53.73
Disbursements	-
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**45,326.42**

SEWERAGE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	579,987.12
Receipts	398,580.22
Disbursements	245,147.29
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**733,420.05**

ESCROW ACCOUNT

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	30,241.40
Receipts	42,100.00
Interest	36.51
Disbursements	42,920.69
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**29,457.22**

UMBRELLA ACCOUNT

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	64,297.47
Receipts	5,000.00
Interest	93.79
Disbursements	6,729.58
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**62,661.68**

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

YOUTH RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	73,642.88
Receipts	9,359.52
Interest	112.63
Disbursements	4,000.00
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**79,115.03**

ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	10,757.36
Receipts	-
Interest	12.76
Disbursements	
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**10,770.12**

HERITAGE COMMISSION ACCOUNT

January 1, 2015 Starting Balance	9,426.00
Received from Donations	1,100.00
Interest	8.66
Disbursements	120.00
December 31, 2015 Ending Balance	**10,414.66**

Respectfully submitted,
Jane E. Ireland
Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Rye Trust Funds performed in-line with broader market that took a breather in 2015 after achieving six years of straight gains. The Standard and Poor's 500 index managed a slight return with the assistance of a few big cap technology and consumer stocks. Excluding these few big-cap gainers, the average S&P index stock was down 4%. The Trust Funds adverse impact from the energy and utility sectors were only partially offset by its healthcare holdings causing a slight decline in the principal value of the Funds.

Given the problems faced over the past year – weak corporate earnings, declining commodity prices, slow global growth and increasing interest rates – the fact that the U.S. market was essentially flat is a testament to its resilience. While declining commodity prices - especially oil – created considerable market volatility in 2015, the Trust Funds generated over $158, 000 in income compared to about $127,000 last year.

The nonexpendable Trust Funds were primarily invested in large-cap, dividend yielding equities while the expendable Trust Accounts were largely invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP). NHPDIP invests in short-duration high-quality money market instruments that reflects short-term market rates greatly influenced by the Federal Reserve. As a result of Federal Reserve's near zero percent monetary policy, NHPDIP yielded just 0.01% through most of the year. In December 2015, the Federal Reserve increases rates by 0.25% for the first time in nearly nine years. The December rate increase shifted NHPDIP's yield higher by yearend.

The Federal Reserve's December statement suggests continued growth in GDP and inflation trending towards 2% over the medium-term. While the Federal Reserve's forward guidance suggests four rate increases over the course of 2016, the markets are not as optimistic pricing in about two rate hikes. Although analysists generally support the Federal Reserve's growth assessment, global headwinds, higher wages, a strong dollar and falling commodity prices may cause manufactures to remain conservative leading to slower growth as we near the end of the business cycle.

Looking forward, the Trustees anticipate continued heightened volatility as the markets adjust to the oversupply of oil and slowing emerging marketing. While stock and bond market's near-term volatility may impact the principal value of the Funds, the Trustees manage the Funds for a long-term horizon and expect cyclical variability. The Trustees however anticipate being able to achieve prudent levels of income in the year ahead while preserving inflation-adjusted principal over the business cycle.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry S. Pope
Jeffrey M. Balboni
R. Christopher Nee
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF RYE

For Year Ending December 31,2015

					PRINCIPAL			***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***					Grand Total
											Income During Year				
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND Start with common trust funds	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.	%	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	%	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance at End of Year	Principal & Income End of Year
8/10/1907	Cemetery Common Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc.		901,798.79	22,875.00	4,326.57		929,000.36	264.79		76,748.91	60,213.09	16,800.61	945,800.97
8/21/1909	Library Common Fund	Library	Stocks, etc.		402,232.05		4,485.77		406,717.82	399.92		23,116.93	23,109.95	406.90	407,124.72
	Dalton Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc.		669,753.95		(11,975.34)		657,778.61	13,686.60		32,250.16	44,511.51	1,425.25	659,203.86
12/25/1856	Daniel Austin Medicine Chest Fund	Medicine chest	NHPDIP		100.00				100.00	1,711.14		1.22	-	1,712.36	1,812.36
12/29/1965	Capital Reserve, Fire Truck	Fire Truck	NHPDIP		149,266.53				149,266.53	4,294.76		112.17	-	4,406.93	153,673.46
	Jennie P. Brownell Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc.		45,635.72		822.94		46,458.66	(8.27)		1,831.72	-	1,823.45	48,282.11
11/1/1956	C/R - Rye Beach Precinct	Beach Precinct	NHPDIP		3,675.96				3,675.96	311.48		2.70		314.18	3,990.14
12/20/1984	Sale of Lots Expendable Trust	Cemetery	Money Market							34,556.72		22,899.39	5,502.05	51,954.06	51,954.06
3/17/1990	C/R Record Restoration	Records	NHPDIP		11,338.21				11,338.21	87.91		7.71		95.62	11,433.83
3/17/1990	Employee Leave Exp. Trust	Empl. Leave	NHPDIP		174,339.78	50,000.00		49,441.95	174,897.83	-		103.30	103.30	-	174,897.83
3/4/1992	C/R - Sewer Fund	Sewer	NHPDIP		36,082.80				36,082.80	13,274.63		35.47		13,310.10	49,392.90
3/12/1994	Grove Rd. Landfill Exp. Trust	Landfill	NHPDIP		33,674.71			2,524.01	31,150.70	-		23.12	23.12	-	31,150.70
3/12/1994	C/R - Highway Equipment	Hwy Equipment	NHPDIP		164,686.47	100,000.00			264,686.47	-		138.74	-	138.74	264,825.21
3/25/1995	C/R - Rye Water District	Replace bldgs	NHPDIP		92,706.95	30,000.00			122,706.95	12.85		73.85		86.70	122,793.65
3/30/1996	C/R - Rye Water District	Contingency	NHPDIP		65,503.80	15,000.00			80,503.80	33.58		50.94		84.52	80,588.32
3/16/1996	Foss Graveyard Trust	Graveyard	NHPDIP		2,330.88				2,330.88	718.21		2.05		720.26	3,051.14
3/12/1994	C/R - Rye Recreation	Rec. Bldg	NHPDIP		14,531.27				14,531.27	22.63		9.84		32.47	14,563.74
3/16/1996	C/R - Ambulance	Ambulance	NHPDIP		11,304.14				11,304.14	87.20		7.71		94.91	11,399.05
2/4/1987	Manuel Fund	Cemetery	NHPDIP		30,383.67				30,383.67	2,601.60		24.38		2,625.98	33,009.65
2/4/2001	Alma Goodwin Hill non-exp trust	Library	NHPDIP		5,000.00				5,000.00	1.59		3.37		4.96	5,004.96
3/13/2001	C/R - Rye School District	Prop. Mtce	NHPDIP		161,580.41				161,580.41	29.68		117.83		147.51	161,727.92
3/13/2001	C/R - Rye School District	Spec. Ed	NHPDIP		100,000.00				100,000.00	20,252.27		87.59		20,339.86	120,339.86
3/12/2002	C/R - Computer Fund	Computers	NHPDIP		6,291.44			6,291.44	-	13.91			13.91	-	-
3/8//2005	Alma Hill Expendable Trust	Library	Stocks, etc.		45,009.81		(353.11)		44,656.70	0.58		429.77		430.35	45,087.05
9/27/2004	Hyder Family Trust	Cemetery	NHPDIP		10,000.00				10,000.00	1,736.89		7.92		1,744.81	11,744.81
3/17/2004	C/R - Rye Water District	Equip & Bldgs	NHPDIP		39,073.22	15,000.00		22,235.10	31,838.12	5.13		18.77	23.90	-	31,838.12
3/8/2005	C/R - Salt Shed	Salt shed	NHPDIP		100,000.00				100,000.00	6,927.35		78.56		7,005.91	107,005.91
3/8/2005	Library Mtce Expendable Trust	Bldg Mtce	NHPDIP		18,158.44	5,000.00		3,689.38	19,469.06	-		10.62	10.62	-	19,469.06
3/13/2007	Bldg Mtce Fund Exp. Trust	Town bldgs	NHPDIP		19,548.49	25,000.00		6,235.93	38,312.56	-		14.07	14.07	-	38,312.56
3/9/2007	Rye School Dist. Exp. Trust	Tuition	NHPDIP		1,145.33				1,145.33	-		0.77		0.77	1,146.10
11/5/2014	Rye Fire Dept. Donations	private donation	NHPDIP		-				-	6,858.99		503.54	4,249.89	3,112.64	3,112.64
			TOTALS		3,315,152.82	262,875.00	(2,693.17)	90,417.81	3,484,916.84	107,882.14		158713.12	137775.41	128819.85	3613736.69

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

MS 10

REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE For Year Ending December 31,2015

CEMETERY COMMON FUND

	HOW INVESTED	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Prinicpal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	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	End of Year
2026	A T & T	16557.12	20249.55				36,806.67					36,806.67
800	ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN	0.00	24935.87	(728.00)			24,207.87					24,207.87
0	ALLIANT ENERGY	15139.95			30,013.48	14,873.53	-					-
740	AMERIGAS PARTNERS	29170.02		(2,693.60)			26,476.42					26,476.42
800	BANK OF AMERICA	38248.00					38,248.00					38,248.00
720	CHEVRON CORP	16015.89					16,015.89					16,015.89
550	COLUMBIA PIPELINE GROUP	0.00					-					-
450	CONOCO PHILLIPS	25680.03					25,680.03					25,680.03
1015	DOW CHEMICAL CO	43325.37					43,325.37					43,325.37
500	DUPONT E I DENEMOURS	24109.74					24,109.74					24,109.74
2000	ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS	3995.50		(3,020.00)			975.50					975.50
325	EXELON CORPORATION	12600.92					12,600.92					12,600.92
1000	EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION	7071.00					7,071.00					7,071.00
1000	GENERAL ELECTRIC	32525.17					32,525.17					32,525.17
0	HALYARD HEALTH	0.00			1,382.86	1,382.86	-					-
2000	INGLES MARKETS	23679.90					23,679.90					23,679.90
0	INTEGRYS ENERGY GROUP	21400.87			5,759.80	(15,641.07)	-					-
0	CHEMOURS CO	0.00			628.53	628.53	-					-
1024	J P MORGAN CHASE	51736.20					51,736.20					51,736.20
750	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	36373.00	14999.54				51,372.54					51,372.54
350	KIMBERLY CLARK	23519.59					23,519.59					23,519.59
1329	KINDER MORGAN ENERGY	0.00					-					-
1077	MERCK & CO	25990.91					25,990.91					25,990.91
550	NISOURCE	12513.30					12,513.30					12,513.30
2300	OLD REPUBLIC INTL CORP	33702.04					33,702.04					33,702.04
635	PEPCO HOLDINGS	12530.10					12,530.10					12,530.10
1835	PFIZER INC	25163.43					25,163.43					25,163.43
330	PROCTOR & GAMBLE	19880.09					19,880.09					19,880.09
585	SCANA CORP	19060.92					19,060.92					19,060.92
280	SOUTHERN COMPANY	12507.15					12,507.15					12,507.15
190	STATE STREET CORP	0.00	15000.83				15,000.83					15,000.83
353	3M COMPANY	30091.29					30,091.29					30,091.29
350	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES	25207.65					25,207.65					25,207.65
1548	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	10758.05	20316.45				31,074.50					31,074.50
349	WEC ENERGY GROUP	0.00	0				-					-
0	STARWOOD WAYPOINT	0.00			3,050.11	3,050.11	-					-
1139	WELLS FARGO	75162.90					75,162.90					75,162.90
1000	EQUITY RESIDENTIAL	28819.95					28,819.95					28,819.95
650	STARWOOD PPTY TR INC	12610.28					12,610.28					12,610.28
4384	FRANKLIN U.S. GOVT SECURITIES	33990.72					33,990.72		925.03	925.03		33,990.72
CASH	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET	53638.82	80867.39		95,469.63	32.61	39,003.97	102.54	5.57		108.11	39,112.08
CASH	TD BANK	49022.92	22875.00	6,441.60	40,000.00		38,339.52	162.25	75,818.31	59,288.06	16,692.50	55,032.02
TOTALS		901798.79	199244.63	0	176,304.41	4,326.57	929,000.36	264.79	76,748.91	60,213.09	16,800.61	945,800.97

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

CEMETERY COMMON FUND

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REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE DALTON FUND For Year Ending December 31,2015

	HOW INVESTED	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Prinicpal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	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	End of Year
526	A T & T	8255.20					8,255.20					8,255.20
575	ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN	0.00	17910.12	-523.25			17,386.87					17,386.87
0	ALLIANT ENERGY	15139.95			30,051.49	14,911.54	-					-
780	AMERIGAS	31464.34		-2839.20			28,625.14					28,625.14
600	BANK OF AMERICA	27838.00					27,838.00					27,838.00
800	BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB	11175.00					11,175.00					11,175.00
0	CHEMOURS CO	0.00	0		819.23	819.23	-					
250	CHEVRON CORP	19483.00					19,483.00					19,483.00
390	CONOCO PHILLIPS	24924.59					24,924.59					24,924.59
700	DOW CHEMICAL	33173.93					33,173.93					33,173.93
650	DUPONT E I DENEMOURS	29594.80					29,594.80					29,594.80
2000	ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS	3915.50		-3020.00			895.50					895.50
500	EXXON MOBIL CORP	1317.50					1,317.50					1,317.50
920	GENERAL ELECTRIC	30642.20					30,642.20					30,642.20
0	HALYARD HEALTH	0.00			1,193.89	1,193.89	-					
1000	INGLES MARKETS	14984.00					14,984.00					14,984.00
0	INTEGRYS ENERGY GROUP	45755.18			16,814.90	(28,940.28)	-					
780	J. P. MORGAN CHASE	37914.70					37,914.70					37,914.70
550	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	32764.50					32,764.50					32,764.50
300	KIMBERLY CLARK	20151.78					20,151.78					20,151.78
890	KINDER MORGAN ENERGY	0.00					-					-
549	MERCK & COMPANY	20068.11					20,068.11					20,068.11
580	OLD REPUBLIC INTL CORP	9888.25					9,888.25					9,888.25
165	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES	9874.55					9,874.55					9,874.55
380	PEPCO HOLDINGS	7485.87					7,485.87					7,485.87
1400	PFIZER INC	21440.20					21,440.20					21,440.20
470	PROCTOR & GAMBLE	29774.93					29,774.93					29,774.93
379	SCANA CORPORATION	10140.14					10,140.14					10,140.14
225	SOUTHERN COMPANY	10047.00					10,047.00					10,047.00
380	STATE STREET CORP	0.00	29951.08				29,951.08					29,951.08
235	3M COMPANY	20246.76					20,246.76					20,246.76
500	UNITIL CORP	10561.71					10,561.71					10,561.71
1441	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	27510.71					27,510.71					27,510.71
1020	WEC ENERGY GROUP	0.00					-					-
679	WELLS FARGO	39926.70					39,926.70					39,926.70
700	EQUITY RESIDENTIAL	21603.00					21,603.00					21,603.00
CASH	TD BANK	7272.39		6382.45			13,654.84	13,230.40	32,246.01	44,511.51	964.90	14,619.74
CASH	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET	35419.46	48919.79		47,861.20		36,478.05	456.20	4.15		460.35	36,938.40
TOTALS		669753.95	96780.99	0.00	96,740.71	(12,015.62)	657,778.61	13,686.60	32,250.16	44,511.51	1,425.25	659,203.86

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

DALTON FUND

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REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE **For Year Ending December 31,2015**

LIBRARY COMMON FUND

	HOW INVESTED	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Prinicpal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	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	End of Year
800	A T & T	3769.50					3,769.50					3,769.50
425	ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN		13236.08	(386.75)			12,849.33					12,849.33
154	AMEREN CORP	3838.09					3,838.09					3,838.09
585	AMERIGAS PARTNERS	24183.22		(2,129.40)			22,053.82					22,053.82
400	BANK OF AMERICA	18261.00					18,261.00					18,261.00
600	BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB	8847.70					8,847.70					8,847.70
130	CHEVRON CORPORATION	2858.93					2,858.93					2,858.93
220	COLUMBIA PIPELINE		0				-					-
0	CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CORP				297.96	297.96	-					
0	CHEMOURS CO		0		437.43	437.43	-					
350	CONOCO PHILLIPS	19871.85					19,871.85					19,871.85
975	DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY	19944.60					19,944.60					19,944.60
350	DUPONT E I DENOURS	15981.35					15,981.35					15,981.35
1470	ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS	14686.11		(2,219.70)			12,466.41					12,466.41
130	EXELON CORP	5047.74					5,047.74					5,047.74
300	EXXON MOBIL CORP	990.90					990.90					990.90
700	GENERAL ELECTRIC	23381.60					23,381.60					23,381.60
1000	INGLES MARKETS	15008.00					15,008.00					15,008.00
400	J P MORGAN CHASE	20896.00					20,896.00					20,896.00
350	JOHNSON AND JOHNSON	21022.00					21,022.00					21,022.00
968	KINDER MORGAN ENERGY	0.00					-					-
265	MERCK & COMPANY	10008.81					10,008.81					10,008.81
220	NISOURCE INC.	5001.29					5,001.29					5,001.29
185	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	15573.85					15,573.85					15,573.85
825	OLD REPUBLIC INTL CORP	11012.21					11,012.21					11,012.21
250	PEPCO HOLDINGS	4929.85					4,929.85					4,929.85
325	PFIZER INC	0.00					-					-
165	PROCTOR & GAMBLE	9947.24					9,947.24					9,947.24
900	SOUTHERN COMPANY	8711.15					8,711.15					8,711.15
120	3M COMPANY	10105.28					10,105.28					10,105.28
427	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	9756.25					9,756.25					9,756.25
69	WELLS FARGO	19589.03					19,589.03					19,589.03
740	APPOLLO	13171.57					13,171.57					13,171.57
600	EQUITY RESIDENTIAL	12783.70					12,783.70					12,783.70
800	STARWOOD PPTY TR INC	18013.64					18,013.64					18,013.64
0	STARWOOD WAYPOINT RESIDENTIAL	0.00			3,750.38	3,750.38	-					-
CASH	TD BANK	9195.65		4,735.85	12,000.00		1,931.50	-	23,109.95	23,109.95	-	1,931.50
CASH	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET	25843.94	16485.77		13,236.08		29,093.63	399.92	6.98		406.90	29,500.53
TOTALS		402232.05	29721.85	-	29,721.85	4,485.77	406,717.82	399.92	23,116.93	23,109.95	406.90	407,124.72

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

LIBRARY COMMON FUND

TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMON TRUSTS

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	12-31-2015	$408.08	$.00	$4.55	$412.63	$.53	$23.46	$23.45	$.54
09-15-2012	TRUSTEES, RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$38,031.49	$.00	$422.59	$38,454.08	$-100.54	$2,177.78	$2,177.13	$-99.89
08-21-1909	JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$1,382.98	$.00	$15.42	$1,398.40	$1.93	$79.51	$79.48	$1.96
02-03-1912	WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,361.53	$.00	$37.50	$3,399.03	$4.65	$193.26	$193.20	$4.71
07-07-1917	RAND, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$1,226.78	$.00	$13.68	$1,240.46	$1.68	$70.53	$70.51	$1.70
11-11-1918	LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,361.53	$.00	$37.50	$3,399.03	$4.65	$193.26	$193.20	$4.71
08-21-1921	DRAKE, JAMES MCEWEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$30,359.29	$.00	$338.70	$30,697.99	$41.94	$1,745.47	$1,744.94	$42.47
10-27-1922	MARDEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$613.05	$.00	$6.83	$619.88	$.82	$35.24	$35.23	$.83
07-06-1925	PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,008.72	$.00	$33.56	$3,042.28	$4.18	$172.98	$172.93	$4.23
11-27-1927	GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,008.72	$.00	$33.56	$3,042.28	$4.18	$172.98	$172.93	$4.23
01-31-1933	GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,008.72	$.00	$33.56	$3,042.28	$4.18	$172.98	$172.93	$4.23
01-22-1941	VARRELL, FORREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$5,954.70	$.00	$66.43	$6,021.13	$8.22	$342.35	$342.25	$8.32
12-17-1941	PHILBRICK, LIZZIE B.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$1,419.52	$.00	$15.83	$1,435.35	$1.95	$81.61	$81.58	$1.98
01-02-1949	HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$17,929.23	$.00	$200.02	$18,129.25	$24.75	$1,030.81	$1,030.50	$25.06
10-07-1949	MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$20,437.29	$.00	$228.00	$20,665.29	$28.24	$1,175.01	$1,174.66	$28.59
12-28-1949	CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,004.02	$.00	$33.51	$3,037.53	$4.16	$172.71	$172.66	$4.21
04-30-1958	WALKER, RALPH	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$5,954.40	$.00	$66.43	$6,020.83	$8.27	$342.34	$342.24	$8.37
09-20-1960	HOOK, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$5,954.40	$.00	$66.43	$6,020.83	$8.27	$342.34	$342.24	$8.37
05-23-1961	PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$4,484.64	$.00	$50.03	$4,534.67	$6.21	$257.84	$257.76	$6.29
05-23-1961	LOUGEE, GILMAN M & MAYBELLE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$45,994.10	$.00	$513.13	$46,507.23	$63.52	$2,644.37	$2,643.57	$64.32
05-11-1971	PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$27,174.10	$.00	$303.14	$27,477.24	$35.56	$1,562.23	$1,561.75	$36.04
05-05-1972	DUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$79,979.78	$.00	$892.41	$80,872.19	$110.37	$4,598.45	$4,597.07	$111.75
02-07-1980	SYLVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$3,970.07	$.00	$44.29	$4,014.36	$5.46	$228.25	$228.18	$5.53
12-01-1980	PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$79,467.64	$.00	$886.58	$80,354.22	$109.72	$4,568.89	$4,567.51	$111.10
01-10-1990	ROPER, HOWARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$5,692.85	$.00	$63.50	$5,756.35	$7.28	$327.27	$327.17	$7.38
12-31-1992	CORINNE P. MACDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2015	$7,044.42	$.00	$78.59	$7,123.01	$9.74	$405.01	$404.88	$9.87
					$402,232.05	$.00	$4,485.77	$406,717.82	$399.92	$23,116.93	$23,109.95	$406.90

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

TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMON TRUSTS

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REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE

For Year Ending December 31,2015

BROWNELL FUND

	HOW INVESTED	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Prinicpal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Captial 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	End of Year
0	ALLIANT ENERGY	2496.87			2,516.55	19.68	-					-
46	A T & T	10064.29					10,064.29					10,064.29
0	CHEMOURS	0			49.30	49.30	-					
32	CHEVRON CORP	2998.03					2,998.03					2,998.03
35	CONOCO PHILLIPS	2006.45					2,006.45					2,006.45
82	DOW CHEMICAL	3670.78					3,670.78					3,670.78
45	DUPONT E I DENEMOURS	2021.25					2,021.25					2,021.25
100	ENTERPRISE	1372.43		-151.00			1,221.43					1,221.43
17	FAIRPOINT	0					-					-
0	HALYARD HEALTH INC	0			89.24	89.24	-					-
46	IDEARC INT	0										
0	INTEGRYS	2491.59			3,160.47	668.88	-					-
67	J P MORGAN CHASE	3005.49					3,005.49					3,005.49
48	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	3005.55					3,005.55					3,005.55
30	KIMBERLY CLARK	2020.93					2,020.93					2,020.93
66	KINDER MORGAN	0					-					-
55	MERCK & COMPANY	2022.60					2,022.60					2,022.60
77	OLD REPUBLIC INTL CORP	1016.64					1,016.64					1,016.64
50	SCANA CORP	2029.92					2,029.92					2,029.92
34	3M COMPANY	3006.07					3,006.07					3,006.07
100	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	0					-					-
40	WEC ENERGY	0	2491.59			(29.15)	2,462.44					2,462.44
43	WELLS FARGO	0	2492.71				2,492.71					2,492.71
CASH	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET	1050.00	856.25				1,906.25	(8.27)	4.31	-	(3.96)	1,902.29
CASH	TD BANK	1356.83		151.00			1,507.83	-	1,827.41		1,827.41	3,335.24
TOTALS		45635.72	5840.55	0	5,815.56	797.95	46,458.66	(8.27)	1,831.72		1,823.45	48,282.11

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

BROWNELL FUND

OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE

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ALMA HILL EXP. TRUST

res or Units	***HOW INVESTED*** (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	***PRINCIPAL*** Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	***PRINCIPAL*** Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	***INCOME*** Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total Prinicpal & Income End of Year
0	ALLIANT ENERGY	1970.79			1,971.83	1.04	-					
135	AMEREN	4441.13					4,441.13					4,441.13
240	APPOLLO	4363.71					4,363.71					4,363.71
0	BAXALATA	0			2,478.61	2,478.61	-					
130	BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB	4386.48					4,386.48					4,386.48
0	CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CORP	0			75.44	75.44	-					
190	GENERAL ELECTRIC	4259.2					4,259.20					4,259.20
0	HALYARD HEALTH	0			186.28	186.28	-					
0	INTEGRYS	2010.98			538.83	(1,472.15)	-					
65	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	4491.65					4,491.65					4,491.65
28	J. P. MORGAN		1936.17				1,936.17					1,936.17
50	KIMBERLY CLARK	4267.45					4,267.45					4,267.45
50	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	4363.95					4,363.95					4,363.95
62	PROCTOR & GAMBLE	4313.80					4,313.80					4,313.80
32	WEC	0.00					-					-
0	BAXTER INTL	4286.28			2,629.81	(1,656.47)	-					-
CASH	TD BANK	9.81					9.81	9.81	1,934.72	1,658.24	286.29	296.10
CASH	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET	1844.58	7914.94		1,936.17		7,823.35	0.58	429.77		430.45	8,253.70
		45009.81	9851.11		9,816.97	(387.25)	44,656.70	10.39	2,364.49	1,658.24	716.74	45,373.34

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

ALMA HILL TRUST FUND

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

2015

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 (2018) 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 2015 the several cemetery funds and accounts earned a total income of $110,863.09. The cemetery's 2015 expenses totaled $104,724.60 leaving a net surplus of $6,138.49. Additionally we did not need to access $4,370.79 of disposable income from two of our smaller funds and we have a balance of $51,954.06 in our reserve account. Through the sale of cemetery grave lots we added $22,875.00 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

2015 SALE OF LOTS

CENTRAL CEMETERY

	SALE OF LOTS	PERPETUAL CARE
Barbara & Arthur Bunce Cedar Lawn, Lot E26, 3 & 4	$ 750.00	$ 750.00
John & Jacalyn Sexton Perry Field, Lot B-6 – 4 graves	1500.00	1500.00
Peter & Bonnie Timperman Perry Field, Lot A-8 – 4 graves	1500.00	1500.00
Amy B. Appleton Perry Field, Lot C-2 – 4 graves	1500.00	1500.00
Keith & N. McNicholas-Callahan Perry Field, Lot C-8 – 4 graves	1500.00	1500.00
Mary Lou Begley Cedar Lawn, Lot F1 - #4	375.00	375.00
Elizabeth Tyrrell Cedar Lawn, Lot A16, 1 & 2	750.00	750.00
Stanley & Carol Chrest Cedar Lawn, Lot E95 1 & 2	750.00	750.00
James M. Willey Perry Field, Lot B1 – 8 graves	3000.00	3000.00
Jonathan Bobbett Perry Field, Lot D10 – 8 graves	3000.00	3000.00
Patrick H. Ford Cedar Lawn, Lot #75 1 & 2	750.00	750.00
Elizabeth Tyrrell Cedar Lawn, Lot A16, #3	375.00	375.00
John S. Driscoll Perry Field, Lot A6	1500.00	1500.00

CENTRAL CEMETERY – 2015 SALE OF LOTS, continued

	SALE OF LOTS	PERPETUAL CARE
Wallace W. & Diane S. Wrigley Perry Field, Lot D2	1500.00	1500.00
Stephen A. & Lorraine P. Oeser Perry Field, Lot D1	3000.00	3000.00
Michael H & Lynde S. Karin Cedar Lawn, Lot C28 – 1 & 2	750.00	750.00
Terri Sue McGee Cedar Lawn, Lot C45 - #4	375.00	375.00
Totals	**$ 22,875.00**	**$22,875.00**

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
2015

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Saturday 9:00 to noon
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byeaton@town.rye.nh.us

2015 was another busy year for this office. As the town grows, so does our workload. New homes all equate to additional tax bills to collect, morel motor vehicles and boats to register, dogs to license, voters to register and beach parking & transfer station permits to issue.

In 2015 this office registered 8227 vehicles, 2687 boats and titled 1245 vehicles. We also licensed 864 dogs; issued 2612 beach parking permits, 216 certified copies of vital records and processed 48 marriage licenses. Motor vehicle revenues were up $81,135.72 in 2015.

In addition, we collected close to $21.9 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, 3.17% of the 2015 property taxes remained unpaid. This is once again down (.3%) continuing the trend of the last few years. We have seen 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

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 wonderful and efficient deputy, Donna DeCotis, who has been so much more to me than being my able "wingman" for the last few years. She has taken on many new tasks to prepare herself for taking over my position when I retire in the spring and I know she will do such a good job. And to Andrea Morrissey, our hard working assistant, for taking on Saturday hours and continuing the long journey to mastering the many skills required to perform her duties. Both of these ladies have made it possible for me to remain in my position until I am ready to retire. 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.

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for being allowed the privilege of serving the wonderful citizens of Rye for the last 25 ½ years, first as Tax Collector, than as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and finally as Town Clerk/Tax Collector. I will certainly miss seeing my neighbors, friends and colleagues on a regular basis. It has been an amazing journey!

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

TOWN CLERKS REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

SUMMARY

Motor Vehicle Registrations	
MV Permits (8227)	$1,393,453.37
Boats (268)	$7,391.16
Titles	$2,490.00
Municipal Agent Fees	$23,409.00
E-Reg Fees	$739.50
Total Motor Vehicle Fees	**$1,427,483.03**
Dog Licenses	
Dog Licenses Issued (864)	$5,040.50
Total Dog License Fees	**$5,040.50**
Miscellaneous	
Marriage Licenses (48)	$2,305.00
Certified Copies (216)	$3,080.00
UCC Filings	$345.00
Beach Parking Permits	$52,245.00
Town Seal	$12.00
Sale of Voter Checklist	$439.50
Pole License	$10.00
VXS	$50.00
Recount	$10.00
Total Miscellaneous Fees	**$58,496.50**
REMITTED TO TREASURER	**$1,491,020.03**

New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2015
MS-61

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: 2015

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: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012
Property Taxes	3110		$733,330.25		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		$27,950.00		
Yield Taxes	3185		$792.88		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		$103,618.88		
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2014
Property Taxes	3110	$21,065,503.30	
Resident Taxes	3180		
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		
Yield Taxes	3185	$485.99	
Excavation Tax	3187		
Other Taxes	3189		
- Other Charges	#3189	$88.50	$15.50
- Utilities	#3189	$311,146.10	

Add Line

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	3110	$66,534.34	$12,993.23	$6,306.12	$6,382.30
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
- Utilities	#3189	$1,042.17	$19,228.61		
Add Line					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	$16,930.30	$28,772.88		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		**$21,461,730.70**	**$926,702.23**	**$6,306.12**	**$6,382.30**

Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	$20,415,581.08	$561,632.19		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		$27,950.00		
Yield Taxes	$485.99			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	$15,672.60	$26,850.69		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		$162,540.52		
- Utilities	$194,861.04	$101,690.24		
- Costs Not Liened	$1,260.00			
- Other Charges	$88.50	$15.50		
Add Line				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	$48,350.66	$26,263.65	$6,306.12	$6,382.30
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
- Utilities	$1,034.00	$19,507.25		
- Interest		$252.19		
Add Line				
Current Levy Deeded				

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	$668,105.90			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	$116,293.23			
Property Tax Credit Balance	($2.30)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	**$21,461,730.70**	**$926,702.23**	**$6,306.12**	**$6,382.30**

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year:
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		$119,688.88	$65,190.80	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$171,399.16			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	$5,240.35	$16,329.59	$21,827.71	
-				
Add Line				
Total Debits	**$176,639.51**	**$136,018.47**	**$87,018.51**	

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies 2013	2012	
Redemptions	$91,262.76	$72,964.92	$64,856.60	
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Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	$4,744.35	$16,551.59	$22,161.91	
-				
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	$80,632.40	$46,501.96		
Total Credits	**$176,639.51**	**$136,018.47**	**$87,018.51**	

RYE (397)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM
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	Preparer's Last Name	Date
Elizabeth	Yeaton	01/20/2016

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Services Advisor:

- *Michelle Clark: michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov*
- *Jamie Dow: jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov*
- *Shelley Gerlarneau: shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov*
- *Stephanie Derosier: stephanie.derosier@dra.nh.gov*

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM
This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at http://proptax.org/nh/. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

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 Signature and Title

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
04/28/2015	Dover	Nicholas Robert Gourgoumis	Andrew and Cara Gourgoumis
05/20/2015	Exeter	Ethan Andrew Hebert	Andrew Hebert and Casey Cahill
06/03/2015	Portsmouth	Tucker James Betournay	Brian and Maureen Betournay
09/23/2015	Portsmouth	Loic Archer Fink	Nathan and Jennifer Fink
12/24/2015	Portsmouth	Wyatt Emmanuel Auen	Robert and Ashley Auen

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

DATE	PERSON A'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE	PERSON B'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE
April 20	Ryan D. Waterman, Newton, NH	Kendra A. Landry, Rye, NH
May 9	Margaret E. Griswold, Rye, NH	Adam A. White, Rye, NH
June 4	Lindsay C. Duplessis, Rye, NH	Benjamin A. Lesniak, Butler, PA
August 8	Ronald A. Morse, Rye Beach, NH	Denise A. Sylvester, Rye Beach, NH
August 8	Andrew J. Arentz, Rye, NH	Jacqueline R. Gies, Rye, NH
September 11	Cindee Carter, Hillsborough, NH	William T. McLaughlin Jr., Rye, NH
September 12	Christine L. Bisset, Rye, NH	Scott M. Kirste, Rye, NH
September 13	Jillian A. Galeno, Rye, NH	Justin S. Hagen, Rye, NH
September 18	James W. McCarthy, Rye, NH	Monica A. Ness, Rye, NH
October 9	Chelsea R. Ricciardi, Rye, NH	Ryan S. Sullivan, Rye, NH
October 17	Steven C. Rolecek, Rye, NH	Samantha A. Maştrogiacomo, Boston, MA
November 22	Arthur W. Perham, Rye, NH	Karen M. Horsman, Stratham, NH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF DECEASED	NAMES OF PARENTS
January 12	Rye	Mary Woodrum	Harry Harvey and Leila Bush
January 12	Rye	Margareta Bujor	(unknown) and (unknown)
January 15	Hampton	Molly Moore	Beech Wheeler and Iris Jaynes
January 18	Portsmouth	Beverly Armstrong	Joseph Gallant and Dorothy Reed
January 18	Portsmouth	Peter Allen	Francis Ciappei and Theresa Minogue
January 19	Rye	Muriel Cummings	Abernathy Bull and Ottilie Watchek
January 20	Exeter	Darwin White	Billy Joe White and Carmela Mazzaglia
January 25	Rye	William Lacey	Frank Lacey and Irene Dunn
January 27	Exeter	Barbara Vaughan	Charles Cassily and Corrine Bourgeois
January 27	Rye	Allen Stoecker	Henry Stoecker and Evelyn Allen
January 29	Portsmouth	Nancy Roberts	Clyde Roberts and Elizabeth Oldfield
February 2	Portsmouth	Genevieve Sessions	Benjamin Fields and Flora Wing
February 2	Portsmouth	James Austin, Jr.	James Austin and Olive Stewart
February 3	Portsmouth	Frank Concemi	Salvatore Concemi and Maria Ricceri
February 3	Portsmouth	Robert Scully	Starr Scully and Sarah Mulroy
February 6	Portsmouth	David Herlihy	Edward Herlihy and Jessie Haig
February 7	Rye	Timothy Welch	Timothy Welch and Ann Senter
February 28	Rye	Leo Harrison	Thomas Harrison and Adelaide Beaulieu
March 9	Rye	Ida Alves	Julio Coelho and Theresa Teixeira
March 28	Portsmouth	Melody Jones	Herbert Jones and Ferne Tapply
April 3	Rye	Jean Denny	Myah Roddon and Mary Harrington
April 19	Rye	William Gardner	John Gardner and Avis Wheeler
April 24	Portsmouth	Gail Murphy	Frederick Murphy and Frances Crooke
April 26	Portsmouth	Dante Tosi	Joseph Tosi and Maria Scarponi
April 28	Rye	Margaret Tidd	Edmund Staples and Marjorie MacLeod
April 29	Portsmouth	Ellen Cogan	William Van Buren and Mary Geary
April 29	Rye	David McElwain	Donald McElwain and Charlotte Smith
May 2	Portsmouth	Suzanne Riley	Carmen Steppo and Barbara Odiorne
May 31	Rye	William Ladrie	Victor Ladrie and Mary Nault
May 31	Portsmouth	George Hoppe	(unknown) Hoppe and (unknown) (unknown)
June 3	Portsmouth	Alvin Bissell	Murle Bissell and Marion Boyd
June 7	Rye	Sylvia Abrams	William Basch and Grace Neumann
June 8	Rye	Charlotte Kelly Parsons	James Kidney and Lucy Shaw
June 10	Exeter	Carl Johnson	Robert Johnson and Mary Coons
June 17	Portsmouth	Sherman Newton, Jr.	Sherman Newton, Sr. and Inez Benjamin
June 28	Rye Beach	Virginia Partridge	Benjamin Conway and Ann Seddon
July 6	Rye	Barbara Borelli	Stanley Olson and Doris Bengston
July 18	Rye	Beatrice Carroll	Orestes Berra and Beatrice O'Sullivan
July 18	Rye	Theodore Walker	Stefan Warcholyk and Anna Glowala
July 23	Rye	David Dawley	Frank Dawley and Teresa Varney
July 25	Rye	Mary Pongrace	Willson Maury and Eva Edmunds
August 8	Rye	John Sexton, Jr.	John Sexton and Eleanor Donahue
September 20	Rye	Arthur Begley	John Begley and Anna Bevin
September 22	Rye	Barbara Conlin	Roger Rowe and Adele Miller
October 10	Portsmouth	Ruth McCauley	Charles McMahon and Alice Small
October 11	Rye	Gertrude Belinsky	Jacob Cohen and Dora Abubone
October 11	Rye	June Rogers	Vane Nickerson and Henrietta Hayes
October 11	Portsmouth	Guy Buesing	Charles Buesing and Virginia Karrer
October 13	Rye	Dolores Driscoll	Robert Lesaffre and Anna Carothers
October 22	Rye	James McCarthy	William McCarthy and Carole Greenlaw
October 25	Portsmouth	Marion Buffington	Lyman Collins and Marion Roberts
November 1	Rye	Stephen Mau	Ngok Mau and Mui Wong
November 13	Rye	John De Niro	Henry De Niro and Helen O'Reilly
November 27	Rye	Ann Wilson	Ernest Jameson and Lois Chambers
December 9	Portsmouth	Steve Heguy	Jean Heguy and Marianne Hiriart
December 11	Rye	Alice Hotchkiss	Maurice Murray, III and Anne Fitzpatrick
December 11	Portsmouth	Nancy Burns	Ralph Walker and Nelle Bass
December 13	Portsmouth	Josephine Clifford	John Callagy and Margaret McAloon
December 25	Portsmouth	Catherine Eastman	Byron Quimby and Catherine Grady
December 31	Rye	George Metalious	Theophanos Metalios and Lena Klardie

1539 Ballots Cast
32% Turnout

BALLOT 1 OF 4

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MAR[illegible] 2015

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
TOWN CLERK

RESULTS OF THE VOTE 2015

INSTRUCT[illegible]

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the r[illegible]
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be ma[illegible]
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate[illegible] the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One

CRAIG MUSSELMAN	1094 *
(Write-in)	

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One

ELIZABETH M. YEATON	1289 *
(Write-in)	

TREASURER
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One

JANE E. IRELAND	1208 *
(Write-in)	

CEMETERY TRUSTEE
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One

KENNETH MOYNAHAN	1228 *
(Write-in)	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
for Three Years — Vote for not more than Two

KAREN OLIVER	860 *
PHILIP BOYNTON	760 *
GARY LAYMAN	590
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One

KERRY S. POPE	1108 *
(Write-in)	

BUDGET COMMITTEE
for Three Years — Vote for not more than Two

RAY JARVIS	839 *
DOUG ABRAMS	734 *
MAE C. BRADSHAW	722
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

PLANNING BOARD
for Three Years — Vote for not more than Two

RAY TWEEDIE	708
MELVIN R. LOW	882 *
THOMAS McCORMICK	715 *
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
for Three Years — Vote for not more than Two

PATRICIA M. WEATHERSBY	946 *
RUSSELL S. BOOKHOLZ	754
BURTON DIBBLE	668 *
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

SEWER COMMISSIONER
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One

PETER KASNET	1134 *
(Write-in)	

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

623 YES
813 * NO

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.***)

§ **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.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Amendment 2.

Re: Correction of Erroneous Indexing/Wetlands Buffer

1182 *
YES
NO
205

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

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***.)

1140 *
YES
NO
280

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:

1042 *
YES
NO
325

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

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

971 *
YES
NO
414

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.

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.

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT 2 OF

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

Elizabeth M. Yeaton
TOWN CLERK

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Amendment 6.

Re: Medical Marijuana Facilities

1107 *
YES ○
NO ○
356

Add the following new Section 202.16 to the Zoning Ordinance:

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.

1109 *
YES ○
NO ○
300

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.

575
YES ○
NO ○
887 *

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.)

793 *
YES ○
NO ○
672

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.)

797 *
YES ○
NO ○
683

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

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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.)

723* YES ○ NO ○ 721

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.)

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.

762* YES ○ NO ○ 709

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.

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:

782* YES ○ NO ○ 660

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?

876* YES ○ 556 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.)

806* YES ○ NO ○ 577

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.)

1038* YES ○ NO ○ 425

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).

1044* YES ○ NO ○ 413

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).

1058 *
YES ○
NO ○
375

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

784 *
YES ○
NO ○
646

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.

893 *
YES ○
NO ○
586

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.

1136 *
YES ○
NO ○
339

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.

1222 *
YES ○
NO ○
240

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.

978 YES ○ *
NO ○
476

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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:

894 *
YES ○
NO ○
535

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.

483
YES ○
NO ○ *
900

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:

961 *
YES ○
NO ○
457

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.

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.

583
YES ○
NO ○ *
855

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.

222
YES ○
NO ○
1273 *

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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.

938 *
YES ○
NO ○
505

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.

829 *
YES ○
NO ○
548

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?

776 *
YES ○
NO ○
551

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.

1327 YES ○ *
NO ○
143

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

1539 Ballots Cast
32% Turnout

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ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

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

three (3) year terms — Vote for not more than one (1)

THERESA KOBYLINSKI 521 ○
KEVIN J. BRANDON 570 * ○
○
(Write-in)

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

three (3) year terms — Vote for not more than one (1)

ELIZABETH M. YEATON 1309 * ○
○
(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

three (3) year terms — Vote for not more than one (1)

ROBERT G. EATON 1247 * ○
○
(Write-in)

ARTICLES

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 **$13,419,932 (Thirteen Million Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **$13,369,493 (Thirteen Million Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three 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.)

872 *
YES ○
NO ○
525

The Rye School Board recommends the operating budget article as voted 5-0.
The Rye Budget Committee recommends the operating budget article as voted 8-0.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 2:

855 *

To see if the Rye School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Rye School Board and the Association of Coastal Teachers - Rye which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

YES ○
NO ○
545

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2015-16	$ 93,578
2016-17	151,569
2017-18	167,768
2018-19	157,269
2019-20	136,037

and further to raise and appropriate **$93,578 (Ninety-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars)** for the current 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. (Majority vote required) (NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.)

The Rye School Board recommends this article as voted 5-0.
The Rye Budget Committee recommends this article as voted 7-0-1.

Article 3:

937 YES ○ *

Shall the Rye School District, if warrant article #2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article #2 cost items only? (Majority vote)

NO ○
475

Article 4:

889 *

To see if the Rye School District will vote to authorize the Rye School Board to acquire two (2) parcels of land, with a combined total of approximately three acres of undeveloped land, located adjacent to the Rye Junior High School said lands, as designated on Tax Map 16 parcels are located on the north side of the existing school property, on such terms and conditions as the Rye School Board will determine are in the best interest of the Rye School District. Further, to see if the Rye School District will vote to raise and appropriate **$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars)** to serve as a deposit on the lands if the Board should vote to purchase the lands. This amount will be funded from existing revenues (insurance refunds). (Majority vote required.) (NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.)

YES ○
NO ○
526

The School Board recommends this article as voted 4-1.
The Budget Committee recommends this article as voted 8-0.

Article 5:

638

To see if the School District shall raise and appropriate the sum of **$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars)** to study the feasibility and cost of on-line video and audio streaming of Rye School Board meetings held at the Rye Junior High School, and implement during the 2015-2016 school year if possible,. Whenever possible, School Board meetings (including retreats) shall be conducted in a room with streaming capabilities, which shall be enabled during meetings, except those portions which may be non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3. (Submitted by resident petition.) (Majority vote required.) (NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.)

YES ○
NO ○
791 *

The School Board recommends this article as voted 4-1.
The Budget Committee recommends this article as voted 4-2

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Town Moderator oversees all elections in Rye and presides over the Town Deliberative Session. There was one election in Rye in 2015 – the town vote on March 10th. The election went smoothly, and waiting times were almost nonexistent. 1,539 voters cast ballots – 32% of Rye's registered voters. For election officials, the job did not end on election night, as a recount was requested in the 3-way race for two Budget Committee seats, with just 12 votes separating the second and third place candidates. A Board of Recount convened on March 23rd. The recount sustained the result of the election. Between the three candidates, 5 additional votes were counted, and the margin of victory for the second place candidate increased by one vote. The additional votes counted may be explained by the fact that the optical ballot scanner does not know how to count votes where a voter circles one choice, crosses it out, and votes for a different candidate – those votes can only be identified in a manual recount of all the ballots.

The 2016 Rye Deliberative Session was held on January 30th. Attendance increased from 99 voters in 2015 to 116. The Deliberative Session was the longest on record, at 7 hours and 45 minutes. The proposed operating budget of $9,104,794 received relatively little discussion. The vast majority of time in the meeting was taken up by four articles concerning the future of Rye's Town Hall. Debate on a single article to appropriate $460,000 to acquire real estate in the center of town lasted over two and a half hours. Of the 21 articles that were amendable, 8 were amended, and attempts to amend 2 others were defeated. A total of 19 amendments were submitted, 11 of which passed.

This year's Town election will be held on March 8th. There are 4 contested races on the ballot – for the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee (2 seats), the Zoning Board, and Cemetery Trustee – not to mention numerous warrant articles of considerable interest. Also, because there is only one candidate running for two School Board seats, the second seat will be filled by a write-in candidate. Finally, there are numerous warrant articles on the ballot of considerable interest, including the four regarding Town Hall.

The polls will be open at Rye Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Even if you are not registered to vote, you can register on the day of the election at the polls. 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

SAMPLE BALLOT 2016

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Elizabeth M. Yeaton
TOWN CLERK

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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.

MODERATOR
for Two Years — Vote for not more than One
- ROBERT G. EATON
- (Write-in)

SELECTMAN
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One
- RICHARD MOYNAHAN
- PRISCILLA V. JENNESS
- (Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One
- RICHARD MOYNAHAN
- FRANK A. DRAKE
- (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One
- VICTOR AZZI
- (Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
for Six Years — Vote for not more than One
- JANE HOLWAY
- (Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One
- R. CHRISTOPHER NEE
- (Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE
for Three Years — Vote for not more than Two
- SHAWN CRAPO
- PEGGY BALBONI
- MAE C. BRADSHAW
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
for Three Years — Vote for not more than Two
- PHIL WINSLOW
- GEORGE (BILL) EPPERSON
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One
- ROBERT J. LINCOLN
- PATRICK DRISCOLL
- (Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSIONER
for Three Years — Vote for not more than One
- DAVID M. ADAMS
- (Write-in)

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: Tourist Accommodations Records

Amend Section 504 "Tourist Camps, Motels, Hotels and Lodging Houses" as follows: (Note: Deleted language struck through. New language emboldened and italicized.)

§ 504.9 Record of Guests: The manager of every tourist camp, motel, hotel or lodging house shall require all persons using the same to register his ***or her*** name, home address, and car license number. ~~Such records shall be available at all times for inspection by the Police Department.~~

YES ○
NO ○

Explanation

In June 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court in City of Los Angeles, California v. Patel, held that a Los Angeles regulation which requires hotel operators to make records of guest available to police officer is facially unconstitutional as a violation of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. Thus, town counsel has advised that the above stricken sentence is unconstitutional. (The Supreme Court's decision did not invalidate the part of the Los Angeles regulation which requires such records to be kept.)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Amendment 2.

Re: Frontage Requirement for Multi-Family Developments

Amend Section 402.3 "Requirements for Multi-Family Dwellings & Developments" as follows: (Note: New language emboldened and italicized.)

C. Frontage: A multi-family dwelling or a multifamily development shall have a minimum contiguous frontage on a town or state road or street of 150 feet. ***The planning board may allow the frontage requirement to be met on a private street provided the requirements of § 402.3, F are met and further provided that the planning board determines:***

1. ***The private street is a street depicted on a subdivision plat approved by the planning board; and***
2. ***Adequate provisions exist for maintenance and repair of the private street; and***
3. ***Frontage on a private street will not result in an adverse impact on community facilities or community services; and***
4. ***Frontage on a private street will not be contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.***

YES ○
NO ○

Explanation

The proposed amendment would allow multi-family dwellings and multi-family developments which provide workforce housing, to be built on approved private streets, such as Airfield Drive.

Amendment 3.

Re: Applicability of GMO to Multi-Family Dwellings/Developments

Amend § 402 Multi-Family Dwellings & Multi-Family Developments as follows: (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***).

402.5 Growth Management. The following provisions apply to multi-family dwellings ***and multi-family developments*** which receive a Special Use Permit pursuant to this section.

A. For multi-family dwellings ***and multi-family developments*** which may be affected by the limitations of Article IX- Growth Management, the planning board may require a Phasing Plan. Any such phasing plan shall assure proportional build out of workforce housing units.

B. Multi-family dwellings ***and multi-family developments*** shall be exempt from the Equitable Distribution requirements of Section 901.2, C.

C. If the limitations of Article IX would allow building permits for at least 50% of the dwelling units in a multi-family dwelling ***or a multi-family development*** but not all of the units, building permits may be issued for all of the units (i.e. for the entire dwelling). However, the occupancy permits for the remaining units above the limitation shall not be issued until building permits become available under Article IX. In such circumstances, the subsequent town wide building permit limitations shall be reduced accordingly.

D. Waiver. The planning board may waive the requirements of § 402.5, C and/or § 901.2, B, provided that after a duly noticed public hearing it determines on the record that each of the following criteria is met:

1. ***Applicability of the requirement(s) will make financing of the multi-family dwelling or multi-family development infeasible; and***
2. ***The waiver will not result in an adverse impact on community facilities or community services; and***
3. ***The waiver will not be contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.***

YES ○
NO ○

Explanation

The zoning ordinance requires that at least 20% but not more than 51% of the dwelling units of a multi-family dwelling or of a multi-family development be work force housing as defined by state law. The limitations of the Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) with respect to the phasing of building permits and occupancy permits may make it impossible for developers of projects having workforce housing to obtain financing. The amendment would allow the planning board to waiver the requirements of the GMO in such a circumstance, subject to appropriate safeguards.

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT 2 OF

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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Amendment 4.

Re: Definition of "Living Space"

Amend the Appendix of Definitions to add the following language to the definition of "Living Space". (Note: New Language ***emboldened and italicized***).

LIVING SPACE: All rooms or portions of a dwelling or structure designed for, or used primarily for living, cooking, eating, sanitary, recreational, or sleeping accommodations by a person, or family, as distinguished from storage or other such dead space. ***A screened porch/deck is not living space. A porch/deck which is enclosed part or all of the year with glass or other material is living space, whether or not heated. Where possible living space shall be calculated based on the exterior wall to wall dimensions of a dwelling unit for each floor having living space. For attached dwelling units and where storage/dead areas are adjacent to living space measurements shall be from the mid- point of wall studs. Where upper floors do not extend the full width of the exterior walls (such as a cathedral ceiling and partial second floor) the calculation of living space shall be adjusted accordingly.***

YES ○
NO ○

Explanation

The zoning ordinance requirements for Retirement Community Developments (RCD's) limit the amount of living space allowed in a dwelling unit. Appraisers and assessors use exterior measurements to determine building space, thus the planning board believes clarification is required. The amendment also clarifies how screened porches and decks and enclosed porches and decks are considered in a manner consistent with a recent RCD approval.

Amendment 5.

Re: Exemptions from Wetlands Conservation District for Utilities

Add the following new provision to Section 301 Wetlands Conservation District:

§ 301.9 Exemptions. Utilities such as the Rye Water District, Aquarion, the Rye Sewer Commission, Eversource and CATV providers are exempt from the requirements of the Wetlands Conservation District for trenching and for the installation of poles and overhead wires for utilities located within the rights-of-way of town roads; state highways and private streets and for trenching and installation of poles and overhead wires for utility replacements or repairs serving buildings existent as of the effective date of this exemption, which is March 8, 2016.

Exempt work shall be accomplished in accordance with Best Management Practices (BMP's) as described in "Best Management Practices to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution: A Guide for Citizens and Town Officials", NH DES, January 2004, as amended; "Innovative Stormwater Treatment Technologies Best Management Practices Manual", NH DES, 2002, as amended; and "Best Management Practices to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution: A Guide for Citizens and Town Officials", NH DES, January 2004, as amended.

YES ○
NO ○

Explanation

Without this exemption every time a utility works within a street right-of-way located within wetlands or the wetlands buffer or repairs or replaces a service to an existing building where the service is located within the buffer, it would be required to first obtain a special exception under the Wetlands Conservation District requirements. Such a requirement is not reasonable and would overburden the zoning board of adjustment

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to acquire a 1.4 acre parcel of land, together with the house and any other buildings thereon, at 541 Washington Road, adjacent to, and to the northeast of, the existing Rye Public Safety Building, in order to land bank the property for future use, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty thousand dollars ($460,000) for the purchase. The future uses, which may include a site for a new Town Hall, shall be for Town of Rye public facility purposes with due consideration of the historic, residential character of the neighborhood. 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. (9-0)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($275,000) to purchase a new rescue ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 2008 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of the two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($275,000) from Special Revenue Fund 14, *The New Ambulance Vehicle Fund* created in 2005 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no 2016 tax impact, the money having been set aside in prior years. (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 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) to purchase a new truck with plow and spreader to replace a 2002 six wheel dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no tax impact. (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 one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) for the purpose of replacing one or both existing culverts under Red Mill Lane by public bid by construction contractors. 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.)

YES ○
NO ○

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 rescind the authorization of the issuance of bonds and notes for the purpose of purchasing a new loader/backhoe in the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($110,000) as authorized by Article 4 of the 2011 annual town meeting. (3/5 vote required).

YES ○
NO ○

Note: The loader/backhoe was purchased through a lease/purchase program and the original bond authorization needs to be withdrawn.

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 raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. 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. (9-0)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) 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 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) to retain a licensed architectural firm to study, determine and report on the estimated construction project costs and the key design parameters required to support Town Hall business functions for the following five options, and to conduct a town wide follow up survey.

Alternate 1: Renovate the existing Town Hall keeping the historical features in place, i.e. spiral staircases, tin ceiling, monumental windows while, however, utilizing the Great Hall for office space. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g.: siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.

Alternate 2: Renovate the existing Town Hall without regard to the historical features, and utilize the Great Room for office space. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g.: siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.

Alternate 3: Tear down the existing Town Hall, and build a new structure of 2 or 3 stories on the existing site keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District. The architect shall not confine his or her thinking to the existing footprint or size of the building if increasing the width, length, or height of the building (or relocating foundation) would provide a more economical project and/or better flow pattern.

ARTICLE 11 CONTINUED ON NEXT BALLOT

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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Elizabeth M. Yeaton
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 11 CONTINUED

Alternate 4: Leave existing Town Hall, for use by others, with no cost to the Town. Build a new structure of 2 or 3 stories, on the existing site keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District. The architect shall consider total building mass for the site, along with traffic flow, parking, septic, drainage, and any other considerations. Architect should consider possible modification of property lines of town-owned property as needed, to provide access, individual septic systems, or other needs.

Alternate 5: Leave existing Town Hall, for use by others, with no cost to the Town. Build a new structure at the Washington Road site next to the Public Safety Building, keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District, and installing landscaping to minimize visual impacts on the residential neighborhood. (If Warrant Article 4 passes.) YES ○ NO ○

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 will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of creating a fund to replace the Rye Public Library's aging and inefficient current heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Library Trustees as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's 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 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 accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote requires.) 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 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.) YES ○ NO ○

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1)

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 ($9,104,794) nine million one hundred four thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ($8,828,460) eight million eight hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred sixty dollars 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 is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "TOWN DUMP REGULATION" as proposed by the selectmen as follows:

Add a new paragraph at the end of the section on **"PERMITS"**, which reads as follows:

"Contractor permits shall be issued to contractors and landscapers doing business with residents of and in the Town of Rye, NH. Contractors shall obtain a yearly permit issued at the Transfer Station, by the Transfer Station staff, for a yearly fee of $150.00 for non-resident contractors and landscapers. Said contractor permit being good for one calendar year, running from January 1st until December 31st of each calendar year."

Said amendment meaning and intending to require contractors and landscapers doing business in and with residents of Rye to pay a $150 fee for non-resident contractors and landscapers per year for the privilege of using the services of the transfer station.

YES ○ NO ○

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Health Regulation re: onsite wastewater treatment system pump-out and inspection applicable to Parsons Creek Watershed as adopted by the Health Officer and approved by the Board of Selectmen with the purpose of improving the water quality of Parsons Creek.

YES ○ NO ○

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE by adding in Section 12, the following: *"In certain areas, the Town may designate that parking shall be restricted at certain driveways and crosswalks lined and marked 'No Parking'."* (Authorization: RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 XVIII)

YES ○ NO ○

ARTICLE 20. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town of Rye will contribute $1,500.00 to support Seacoast Pathways, a mental health recovery program providing services to Rye residents.

Seacoast Pathways provides a non-judgmental environment in which people living with mental illness can support each other as they work towards personal goals for jobs, education and housing.

YES ○ NO ○

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

ARTICLE 21. **(By Petition)** In anticipation of The State of New Hampshire's agreement to allow the Town of Rye to collect parking revenue to defray costs which are borne solely by Rye tax payers, to see if the Town will vote to require that, after reviewing the recommendations of the John Burke parking study currently underway, the Board of Selectmen consider proceeding with the third and sixth recommendations on page 1-2 of the Town-commissioned parking study dated January 5, 2015 (i.e. the Tighe & Bond Study), so that full operation will occur at the earliest reasonable date if voters approve at the March 2017 election. These recommendations are, for the portions of Ocean Blvd. between Marsh Rd. and Highland Park Ave., and between Harbor Rd. and Perkins Rd., to stripe individual parking stalls and install parking kiosks. The study estimates annual profit, after the first year, of $405,000, and recommends the kiosks as a way to "address congestion and improve safety." The Board of Selectmen shall review during 2016 whether or not a warrant article should be presented for an up or down vote at the March 2017 election, shall obtain public input throughout the process, and shall revise the Tighe & Bond recommendations based on any new information received.

YES ○ NO ○

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

ARTICLE 22. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to support those options for Rye Town Hall that also include saving the Town Hall building, in order to allow pursuit of private and public grants and contributions.

YES ○ NO ○

ARTICLE 23. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to consider that Town office designs be limited to a space need equal to building space currently owned by the Town, inasmuch as the space requirements have been reduced due to:

1. The Recreation and Sewer Departments relocated to facilities outside of Town Hall in 2015; and
2. The continued use of the second floor of the Town Hall for offices rather than a large meeting room.

YES ○ NO ○

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

ARTICLE 24. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to require Town Meeting approval prior to the sale, gift or lease for a period of more than one year, of any real property, owned, or to be owned, by the Town. Any contemplated transaction where the assessed value or the consideration exceeds $200,000 shall require an appraisal, by a State-licensed appraiser, commissioned by the Town. A property survey plan shall be required unless one is already recorded with the Registry of Deeds. This article shall govern all transactions by Town Boards and Commissions, except that Town Meeting approval shall not be required where State law specifically permits acquisition without such approval.

YES ○ NO ○

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

ARTICLE 25. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to make permanent the established limited public forum zone at the Transfer Station used for electioneering, distribution of campaign materials, the obtaining of petition signatures and other similar activities, during Station's hours of operation. Approval by the Board of Selectmen shall be contingent only based on safety and operational considerations.

YES ○ NO ○

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2016.

YES ○ NO ○

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2016
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AND STATUS OF THE 2015 AUDIT

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 30, 2016 and March 8, 2016

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

At 9:10 a.m. on the 30th day of January, 2016 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 2015. 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.

I can't move on to the other officials on the stage without first saying a few words about Beth. As many of you know, Beth is retiring at the end of April, after serving the Town of Rye for 26 years. She first entered the service of the Town in 1990 as the Town Tax Collector. A year later, she added Deputy Town Clerk to her duties. In 1992, when the Town combined the offices of Clerk and Tax Collector, she became both Deputy Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector, positions she held until 2008 when Jane Ireland retired and the Board of Selectmen appointed Beth to take Jane's place. Beth was elected in her own right as Town Clerk and Tax Collector in 2009, and was re-elected in 2012 and again in 2015. In 2014, she added the position of School District Clerk to her duties. She also served as the Clerk of the Town Hall Committee. Every time Beth ran for office, she was unopposed, and every time she garnered the most votes of any candidate on the ballot. And for good reason. Beth has been the face of the Town of Rye. Everyone who comes into the Town Clerk's office – to register a car, to license a dog, to get a beach permit, or to pay their taxes – sees Beth. She helps each person through their issues with a smile on her face, even at the end of a long day. She runs the Clerk's office professionally and efficiently. But I think the most important quality she brings to her job is the way she cares about the people of Rye. I think she knows the name of each and every person who has ever come into the Clerk's office, as well as the name of their spouse, how many kids they have, and the breed of their dog.

As Town Moderator, I have had the good fortune to have Beth at my side at every election, and at the Deliberative Session, for the past eight years. When I started, Beth hardly knew me, but from Day One she offered me her knowledge, her guidance and her unflinching support. Elections in the Town of Rye run incredibly well, mostly because of Beth Yeaton. From 2008 to today, her support of the election process, and for me as Moderator, have been unflagging. For the minutes she transcribes after the Deliberative Session every year she should be given a combat medal. I am proud to call her my friend. Today is Beth's last Deliberative Session. In recognition of what she has done for us over the last 26 years, please stand up and give her the ovation she so richly deserves.

Moderator Eaton presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Yeaton.

Selectman Jenness also thanked Beth for her years of service to the town and wished her well as she enters into retirement. As a retirement gift from the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. Jenness presented her with a copy of Parsons History of Rye.

Beth Yeaton expressed thanks to both Moderator Eaton and Selectman Jenness for their kind sentiments and gifts.

Moderator Eaton continued by introducing Town Counsel Michael Donovan, Board of Selectmen Chair Priscilla Jenness, Selectmen 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 invited those in attendance to meet and hear from the candidates at a forum hosted by the Rye Civic League on February 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rye Public Library. He advised that the town and school election will be held on Tuesday, March 8th 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 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Jr. High School. In case of inclement weather, that meeting will be held the next day, February 4th.

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

Next, I'd like to go over the rules. If you don't have a copy of the rules, they're available, along with copies of the warrant, at the check-in table.

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.*

In the past, I have not set a time limit for speaking, but have asked you to use your common sense. I realize that what constitutes a reasonable amount of time may differ depending on the complexity of the subject matter, so I still am not setting a hard and fast time limit. However, I ask you to try to say what you need to say in 3 or 4 minutes, or less. And if I ask you to wrap it up, that means I'm giving you ***one minute*** *to wrap it up, after which I will ask you, as politely as possible, to sit down.*

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.* ***All amendments must be in writing****, even if they are very simple – that way there won't be any confusion when the minutes are being prepared. 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* ***GREEN*** *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. 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.*

Now, *let's get started.*

Articles 1 and 2 *simply invite voters to the town and school elections on* ***March 8th*** *– there is nothing to discuss or debate.*

Article 3 *relates to* ***5 amendments*** *to the Rye Zoning Ordinance recommended by the Planning Board. Traditionally, such amendments have not been discussed at the Deliberative Session because, by law, they cannot be amended – they must appear on the ballot as written. In the old Town Meeting days, they had actually been voted on at the election before Town Meeting even occurred. However, you have the right to discuss them if you want to. In the past, when I invited you to do that, you have voted not to.* ***SO,*** *if somebody wants to make a motion to discuss any of the amendments in* ***Article 3****, now is the time to do it. Otherwise, we will move straight to Article 4.*

Moderator Eaton read Article 4.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to acquire a 1.4 acre parcel of land at 541 Washington Road, adjacent to the existing Rye Public Safety Building, in order to land bank the property for future use, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty thousand dollars ($460,000) for the purchase. Future uses shall be for Town of Rye public purposes with due consideration of the historic, residential character of the neighborhood. 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)

Article 4 was **moved** to the floor for discussion by **Selectman Musselman**. His motion was **seconded** by **Selectman Mills**.

Selectman Musselman stated this article was Selectman Mills's idea. The piece of property is located next to the Public Safety Building and is currently owned by the estate of Carl Eric Johnson. The family's intent is to sell the property, whether to the Town of Rye or any other interested party if this article fails. Mr. Musselman felt this would be the only opportunity to acquire this abutting property in the coming future. If the Town doesn't buy it, someone else will and in all likelihood it would remain residential property. Currently the Town has no particular purpose in mind for the use of this property

but he feels it is a good opportunity to purchase it. He urged resisting any amendment that would reduce the amount of money in this article to an amount that would prohibit the purchase of this property.

Tom King, Lori Carbajal, Karen Stewart, Ray Jarvis, Ann Hoyt and Charles Sleeper spoke against the article. They had grave concerns over increasing traffic creating safety problems in the area if this property was earmarked for any non-residential use. Many residents bicycle and walk in the area, especially children on the way to school and the library. The center of town should retain its residential, rural and historical character.

Selectman Jenness urged voters to refer to page 100 in the Master Plan. It refers to development in the Town Center such as proposed in this article. Many visioning sessions went in to the preparation of the Master Plan.

A few residents, including Jeff Quinn urged support of the article stating it was a good investment for the town.

Selectman Musselman stated there was never intent to build a new town hall at this location when the article was written.

Several residents disagreed with Mr. Musselman. They felt this was exactly the intent of the article.

Frank Drake **moved the question** and was **seconded** by Jane Ireland. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on moving the question. He declared the motion to end debate **passed.**

Peter Crawford asked for a recount because he disagreed with Moderator Eaton's declaration that the motion passed. Moderator Eaton called for a recount and asked two people to count the vote on their side of the meeting room. The vote was 55 "yes" to 33 "no". Moderator Eaton again declared the motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 4 placed on the ballot as written.

Craig Musselman, **seconded** by Ray Tweedie, called for a **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 4. The motion **carried**.

(This was later overturned by the Moderator because he earlier erred in announcing the vote to call the question had passed. See continued discussion of Article 4 following Article 5.)

Article 5 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($275,000) to purchase a new rescue ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 2008 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of the two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($275,000) from Special Revenue Fund 14, *The New*

Ambulance Vehicle Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no tax impact. (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 and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman to place the article on the floor for discussion.

Mrs. Jenness stated that since 2005, all money in the Cell Tower Special Revenue Fund has been restricted to new ambulance purchases.

Fire Chief Tom Lambert explained the rationale for purchasing a new ambulance. The current ambulance is a 2008 and has almost 92,000 miles on it. While that mileage may seem low, he pointed out these vehicles are not like family cars. The Department doesn't have the luxury of warming up the ambulance before getting up to emergency speed in a matter of seconds. Moving equipment on and off the ambulance also takes its toll. The ambulance averages approximately 475 calls each year. Each year they budget $3,000 for maintenance and repair to the vehicle. Last year $9,000 was spent and the ambulance was out of service for 25 days. The industry standard lifetime for an ambulance is 7 to 8 years. This ambulance is at the end of that length of service. He reminded residents there is a 6 to 8 month length of time between ordering a new ambulance and putting one in service.

Peter Crawford, **seconded** by Steve Borne, **offered an amendment**. It would change the last sentence to state: *This article has no 2016 tax impact, the money having been set aside in prior years.*

After discussion which included the cost of a new ambulance ($275,000 for the vehicle itself only), current balance of the fund ($331,832) and the transfer of most of most of the equipment on the current ambulance to the new vehicle, Moderator Eaton called for a **vote on the amendment**. The amendment **carried**. The amended article reads:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($275,000) to purchase a new rescue ambulance for the Fire Department to replace the existing 2008 ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of the two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($275,000) from Special Revenue Fund 14, The New Ambulance Vehicle Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no 2016 tax impact, the money having been set aside in prior years. (Majority vote required.)

After discussion on ambulance runs to Webster at Rye and Sanctuary Care, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 5 to be placed on the ballot as amended.**

Scott Marion, **seconded** by Randy Crapo, called for a **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 5. The motion **carried**.

Ben Chichester complained that he had not been given the opportunity to address Article 4 before the motion to end debate was voted on. He felt he should have been allowed to speak because he was waiting near the microphone as instructed by Moderator Eaton in his rules.

Moderator Eaton misunderstood Mr. Chichester and thought he was talking about Article 5. He said that Mr. Chichester could not speak to Article 5 because debate had been ended by the vote of the meeting.

Moderator Eaton then announced that he had made a mistake in ending debate on Article 4. He forgot that ending debate after the question is called requires a 2/3 majority rather than a simple majority. The vote was 55 to 33 in favor of ending debate, which was not a 2/3 majority. He apologized for his error, stating that the motion to call the question actually had not passed, that the debate on Article 4 should not have been ended, and that the vote to restrict reconsideration was therefore invalid. **He then stated that he was reopening the discussion on Article 4.**

Selectman Musselman made a **motion**, **seconded** by Selectman Jenness, to override the moderator.

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

Mark Josephs and Ben Chichester spoke against this article expressing concerns that a town hall on this property would diminish the rural and historic make up of Rye Center. They felt it was an affront to homeowners in the area and Selectmen should not be allowed to disrupt neighborhoods.

Mark Josephs, **seconded** by Charles Sleeper, **offered an amendment** to reduce the appropriation in this article to $50,000. After discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment. The **amendment failed**.

An **amendment** was presented by Peter Crawford, **seconded** by Betty Anderson. This amendment would add language to clarify the makeup and location of the property as well as future use of the site.

Moderator Eaton read the article as amended:
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to acquire a 1.4 acre parcel of land, together with the house and any other buildings thereon, at 541 Washington Road, adjacent to, and to the northeast of, the existing Rye Public Safety Building, in order to land bank the property for future use, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty thousand dollars ($460,000) for the purchase. The future uses, which may include a site for a new Town Hall, shall be for Town of Rye public facility purposes with due consideration of the historic, residential character of the neighborhood. 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)

After discussion, Moderator Eaton called for a **vote on the amendment**. The amendment **carried**.

An additional amendment to lower the appropriation in the article, presented by Lori Carbajal, seconded by Peter Crawford, failed.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 4 placed on the ballot as amended**.

Joe Mills **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 4. Randy Crapo gave a **second** to the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 6.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) to purchase a new truck with plow and spreader to replace a 2002 six wheel dump truck and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. This article has no tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

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

A **motion** to move Article 6 to the floor for discussion was received by Selectman Mills and **seconded** by Scott Marion.

Selectman Mills explained this was a housekeeping article done every year. Highway Director Dennis McCarthy also spoke to this article for clarification purposes.

Peter Crawford offered an **amendment** which was **seconded** by Sam Winebaum. Said amendment would change the last sentence to read:

"*This article has no 2016 tax impact, the money having already been set aside*".

Selectman Mills felt this amendment would complicate the article and urged defeat of the amendment.

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

No more discussion ensued.

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 one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) for the purpose of replacing one or both existing culverts under Red Mill Lane by public bid by construction contractors. 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.)

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 Randy Crapo to place the article on the floor for discussion.

Selectman Musselman explained this article refers to the 2nd issue in the management plan regarding culverts and drainage. The 1st issue was attended to last year when the culvert near Petey's Market was replaced.

Randy Crapo explained these projects are included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Members of the CIP Committee review and project capital improvements envisioned over the next 10 years. It is their job to prioritize these projects and report their findings to the Board of Selectmen on a yearly basis.

Peter Crawford asked for the costs associated with the project and the reason the article was written mentioning "one or two" culverts.

Highway Director Dennis McCarthy replied he expects each culvert will cost approximately $150,000 to complete. He decided to include both in the bidding proposals so they will be prepared ahead of time for next year's project. It is his intention to replace only one culvert this year.

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

Phil Winslow, **seconded** by Frank Drake, called for a **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Articles 6 & 7. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 8.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization of the issuance of bonds and notes for the purpose of purchasing a new loader/backhoe in the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($110,000) as authorized by Article 4 of the 2011 annual town meeting. (3/5 vote required).

Note: The loader/backhoe was purchased through a lease/purchase program and the original bond authorization needs to be withdrawn.

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

A **motion** to move Article 8 to the floor for discussion was received by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Selectman Jenness explained this article is for housekeeping purposes only. Since a lease/purchase option was used instead of a straight purchase, no bond or note was required. The prior authorization needs to be rescinded.

No further discussion was called for. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 8 placed on the ballot as written.**

Paul Goldman **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 8. Phil Winslow gave a **second** to the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration. The motion **passed**.

Article 9 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established by Town vote in 1965. 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)

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

Selectman Mills stated this is another housekeeping article. Money is added to this capital reserve fund each year to avoid a big hit when a new fire truck is to be purchased.

Discussion followed concerning the possibility of using money from the Cell Tower Special Revenue Fund and adding that money to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Finance Director Cyndi Gillespie advised that money in the cell tower fund is restricted to the purchase of a new ambulance.

Peter Crawford asked when we expect to purchase a new fire truck. Selectman Musselman said it is listed on the CIP for 2018.

After further discussion on money from the Cell Tower Special Revenue Fund, Selectman Musselman stated it would take a new warrant article to be presented at a future deliberative session to repurpose the use of that fund.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 9 placed on the ballot as written.**

Paul Goldman **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 9. Phil Winslow gave a **second** to the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 9. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) 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)

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

Selectman Jenness stated this fund currently has $264,825 in it. If Article 6 is passed, $175,000 will be used to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department leaving a balance of $89,825 in this fund. If this article passes the balance would then be $164,825.

A short discussion followed on what happens when old equipment is taken out of service. Selectman Mills advised it is sold and the money goes in to the General Fund.

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

Frank Drake **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 10. Brian Klinger gave a **second** to the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion to restrict reconsideration. The motion **passed**.

A **motion** was presented by Steve Borne, **seconded** by Peter Crawford, to take Articles 22 & 23 out of order and be placed before Article 11. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **failed**.

Moderator Eaton began reading Article 11. A **motion** to waive the further reading of the article was received from Selectman Musselman. Selectman Jenness **seconded** the motion. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **passed**.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) to retain a licensed architectural firm to study, determine and report on the estimated construction project costs and the key design parameters required to support

Town Hall business functions for the following five options, and to conduct a town wide follow up survey.

Alternate 1: Renovate the existing Town Hall keeping the historical features in place, i.e. spiral staircases, tin ceiling, monumental windows while, however, utilizing the Great Hall for office space. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g.: siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.

Alternate 2: Renovate the existing Town Hall without regard to the historical features, and utilize the Great Room for office space. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g.: siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.

Alternate 3: Tear down the existing Town Hall, and build a new structure of 2 or 3 stories on the existing site keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District. The architect shall not confine his or her thinking to the existing footprint or size of the building if increasing the width, length, or height of the building (or relocating foundation) would provide a more economical project and/or better flow pattern.

Alternate 4: Leave existing Town Hall, for use by others, with no cost to the Town. Build a new structure of 2 or 3 stories, on the existing site keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District. The architect shall consider total building mass for the site, along with traffic flow, parking, septic, drainage, and any other considerations. Architect should consider possible modification of property lines of town-owned property as needed, to provide access, individual septic systems, or other needs.

Alternate 5: Leave existing Town Hall, for use by others, with no cost to the Town. Build a new structure at the Washington Road site next to the Public Safety Building, keeping within the architectural context of the Historic District, and installing landscaping to minimize visual impacts on the residential neighborhood. (If Warrant Article 4 passes.)

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

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

Selectman Musselman stated this article was the result of the work by the Town Hall Committee. At their request, a survey was sent out to the residents by the Board of Selectmen to get the thoughts of the townspeople regarding the Town Hall building. The received a 39% response. The majority wanted to save the current Town Hall but didn't want to spend over $2 million on the project.

Paul Goldman, chairman of the Town Hall Committee, advised most people wanted to keep Town Hall at its current location. He felt the survey did not give a clear picture of what the people want. John Loftus, also a member of the committee, said the survey was somewhat useful but lacked costs

associated with each option. He recommended that only architects not involved in previous designs be considered if this article passes.

Russ Bookholz and Steve Borne spoke against the article, stating the town is no further along after 4 years of studying, 2 designs and spending over $350,000 with nothing to show for it. Don't spend any more money until we know what we want.

Discussion continued over the use of the trolley barn across from the cemetery (old Police Station). Ned Paul and Burt Dibble would like to see the location used in some manner (demolish & rebuild or rehab the current building) to help alleviate some of the crowding at Town Hall.

Jeff Quinn, John Loftus and Jean Low spoke in support of the article, each feeling the voters should be allowed to vote on this article in its entirety.

Sam Winebaum, **seconded** by Dominique Winebaum, presented an **amendment.**
It would change the article as follows:

- Add *"The architectural firm will conduct its work under the following parameters:"* at the end of the first paragraph.
- Delete Alternates 1 through 5 and replace with those listed below.
- *Alternate 1: The existing Town Hall shall not be torn down.*
- *Alternate 2: To meet the business functions, the existing Town Hall shall be renovated within its current envelope to serve as the primary location for Town Hall business functions. Construct an addition as necessary to meet the Town's space needs. Renovation and any addition will preserve, to the maximum extent possible, Town Hall's dimensional proportions, its historic integrity and architectural features, i.e. spiral staircases, tin ceiling, monumental windows while, however, utilizing the Great Hall for office space. The architectural firm will provide a summary of what would remain of the original building after renovation, or conversely, what would have to be removed, e.g. siding, exterior trim, doors and windows, foundation, basement slab or other features.*
- *Alternate 3: The building(s) renovated and potentially expanded to conduct Town Hall business functions shall not exceed 7,500 gross square feet. Excluding basement storage space in a new addition and meeting rooms in facilities other than the existing Town Hall. NOTE: The existing Town Hall is 6128 gross sq. ft.*
- *Alternate 4: The architect shall be free to consider any other existing town-owned buildings to supplement the space in the existing Town Hall, keeping within the space constraints above.*

Mr. Winebaum explained that we already know what the space needs are. Why not give the architects a more focused charge. "Rye is not about throwing out the past."

John Loftus spoke in opposition to the amendment. He felt it would discount the work of the 12 members of the Town Hall Committee.

Mae Bradshaw advised that leaving any mention of demolition of the existing building would preclude the town from being considered for any grants from NH Preservation Alliance to help offset the cost of the project.

Discussion continued with Ray Jarvis, Frank Drake, Victor Azzi and Jaci Grote speaking against the amendment.

Jaci Grote, **seconded** by Sally King, **called the question** on the amendment. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion to end debate on the amendment. The motion **carried**.

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

Jim Rand and Mike Thiel discussed the possibility of using a Request for Proposal (RFP) on each option so we won't have to spend any money but will still get the info needed.

Phil Winslow asked what would happen next if this article passes.

Selectman Musselman answered that a new Town Hall Committee would be appointed, another survey listing costs for each option would go out, the results of that survey would be studied and a possible warrant article would be drafted.

Steve Borne offered an **amendment**. The amendment would strike Alternate 3 from the article and renumber the last two alternates to 3 and 4 respectively. Burt Dibble **seconded** his motion.

Jean Low, Frank Drake, Jeff Quinn and John Loftus spoke against the amendment.

Jane Ireland, **seconded** by Burt Dibble, **called the question** on the amendment. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** to end debate on the amendment. The motion **carried**.

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

Frank Drake expressed concern that $60,000 might not be enough to get the info we need. He then **called the question to end debate on Article 11**, contingent on Burt Dibble being allowed to speak.

Burt Dibble was concerned that the article provides no provision to use other town owned space. He proposed an **amendment**. Phil McDonough **seconded** the amendment. The amendment would add "or utilize other space presently owned by the town" after the word necessary in line 3 of Alternate 1.

Selectman Musselman said if this amendment passes we would have to increase the $60,000.

Frank Drake stated this amendment should be applied to all of the options. The amendment, if passed, would unfairly bias the vote in favor of Alternate 1.

Peter Crawford asked how much more money would be needed if the amendment was to pass.

Selectman Musselman stated he was unable to answer that question because it depends on several factors.

Paul Goldman cautioned the voters that, if too much money is added, the article won't pass.

Jane Ireland **called the question** on the amendment. Frank Drake **seconded** her motion.

Victor Azzi complained that he was waiting to speak when the motion to call the question on the amendment was made.

Moderator Eaton explained that the question on the amendment had been called – only a person who is actually speaking when the question is called may speak at that time. A vote must then be taken on whether to end debate. If less than 2/3 of the meeting voted to end debate, then Mr. Azzi would be permitted to speak. Mr. Azzi continued to argue with the Moderator. The Moderator repeatedly asked Mr. Azzi to sit down.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to end debate on the Dibble amendment to Article 11. The motion passed by at least a 2/3 majority.

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

Moderator Eaton noted that Frank Drake had called the question on Article 11, contingent on Mr. Dibble being permitted to speak. He could not remember whether there had been a second to Mr. Drake's motion to end debate. **Janice Ireland seconded the call of the question on Article 11.**

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion to end debate on Article 11. The motion **passed** by at least a 2/3 majority

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

Frank Drake **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 11. Jeff Quinn gave a **second** to the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion to restrict reconsideration. The motion **passed**.

A **motion** to take Article 20 out of order was received from Selectman Mills and was **seconded**. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 20.

ARTICLE 20. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town of Rye will contribute $1,500.00 to support Seacoast Pathways, a mental health recovery program providing services to Rye residents.

Seacoast Pathways provides a non-judgmental environment in which people living with mental illness can support each other as they work towards personal goals for jobs, education and housing.

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

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

Sharon Musselman explained that Seacoast Pathways serves several Rye residents. Their programs help clients to get back to work or school and overcome difficulties.

Selectman Mills expressed support for this article. Selectman Musselman abstained from any vote on this article because his wife is the sponsor.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Eaton ordered Article 20 placed on the ballot as written.

Paul Goldman **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 20. Brian Klinger **seconded** the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **passed**.

Article 12 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of creating a fund to replace the Rye Public Library's aging and inefficient current heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Library Trustees as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

Selectman Musselman asked Library Trustee Phil Boynton to address the article.

Phil Boynton stated this capital reserve fund will be established and added to over the next few years to help offset the cost of replacing the outdated and inefficient HVAC system. It will help avoid a big financial hit when the time comes for replacement.

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

Paul Goldman **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 12. Brian Klinger **seconded** the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **passed**.

Article 13 was read by Moderator Eaton.

> **ARTICLE 13.** 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 accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote requires.)
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> **This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**
> **This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

The article was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Selectman Jenness advised that the current balance in this fund was $174,897. The Town's liability is $474,244. The Department of Revenue Administration recommends funding this account at 50%. If this article passes, the balance would then be just short of that recommendation.

No further discussion was called for. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.**

Brian Klinger **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 13. Phil Boynton **seconded** the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote**. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 14.

> **ARTICLE 14.** 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)

The article was **moved** to the floor by Selectman Jenness and **seconded** by Selectman Musselman.

Selectman Jenness advised the balance in this fund was currently $38,312. If this article passes the fund would contain $63,312.

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

Brian Klinger **moved to restrict reconsideration** on Article 14. Phil Boynton **seconded** the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote on the motion**. The motion **carried**.

Article 15 was read by Moderator Eaton.

> **ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1)

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness to bring the article to the floor for discussion.

Brian Klinger advised this fund is available for emergency purposes and is separate from the Library's operating budget. The current balance is $19,500.

No further discussion was called for. **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 ($9,104,794) nine million one hundred four thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ($8,828,460) eight million eight hundred twenty-

eight thousand four hundred sixty dollars 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. (9-0)

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

Selectman Musselman explained that this budget has gone through a significant process. The Selectmen "hacked away" at everything, line by line. Then the Budget Committee examined it thoroughly. Rye is considered to be "cheap" and he likes that characterization.

Peter Crawford believes the budget sheet on the taxes is misleading. It shows the taxes going down but that is only because significant debt has been retired. In actuality, spending is up 4% as compared to a 2% inflation rate.

Mike Thiel would like to see the difference between the budget and actual spending stated. In his opinion the budget should be less if last year's spending was down compared to last year's budget.

Tom Farrelly asked why one line in the town's budget was up over $60,000 over last year.

Selectman Musselman explained $30,000 was for site investigation for the Parsons Creek Watershed.

Peter Crawford asked why all money not spent was not used to reduce taxes.

Cyndi Gillespie answered that only $400,000 of the $800,000 overlay was used to reduce taxes. The balance was saved to help reduce taxes in the coming few years.

Selectman Mills advised that the auditors state how much should remain in the overlay.

It was **moved** by Jane Ireland, **seconded** by Jaci Grote, to end debate on the budget. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 16 placed on the ballot as written.

Beth Yeaton made a **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 16. Her motion received a **second** from Charles Sleeper.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **passed**.

Jaci Grote made a **motion** to deliberate Article 24 at this time. Her motion received a **second** from Mark Josephs. The **vote** called for by Moderator Eaton showed the motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 24.

> **ARTICLE 24. (By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to require Town Meeting approval prior to the purchase, sale, gift or lease for a period of more than one year, of any real property, owned, or to be owned, by the Town. This action rescinds, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c, Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting. Any contemplated transaction where the assessed value or the consideration exceeds $200,000 shall require an appraisal, by a State-licensed appraiser, commissioned by the Town. A property survey plan shall be required unless one is already recorded with the Registry of Deeds. This article shall govern all transactions by Town Boards and Commissions, except that Town Meeting approval shall not be required where State law specifically permits acquisition without such approval.

The article was **moved** to the floor by Peter Crawford and **seconded** by Andrea Morrissey.

Peter Crawford began by stating it would have been nice to have such an article passed before the Parsonage Apartments were considered to be sold to the Housing Partnership or the Rand Lumber Co. land was purchased. It is time to bring back the decision on property purchases to the voters.

Mr. Crawford offered an **amendment** to strike "*transaction*" from the third line and replace it with "*purchase, sale or gift by the Town*". His amended received a **second** from Ben Chichester.

Joe Cummins questioned whether the Town can make a gift to a private party.

Selectman Musselman stated the Board of Selectmen had never had a thought of selling the Parsonage Apartments or any other land without voter approval.

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

Selectman Musselman felt that Rye has led the State in the transparency of its land purchases. Conservation Commission land purchases cannot be held up by such an article.

Jaci Grote made a **motion** to **amend** the article which would add "*, such as land purchased by the Rye Conservation Commission where RSA 36-A:5 overrides.*" Her amendment was **seconded** by Mae Bradshaw.

After a short discussion, Jaci Grote withdrew her amendment as it was unnecessary. Mae Bradshaw agreed with the withdrawal of the amendment.

Shawn Crapo offered an **amendment** to remove the word "*purchase*" from line two. Phil Winslow **seconded** the amendment.

After some discussion Mr. Crapo offered a **revision** to his amendment to strike from the third line "*This action rescinds, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c, Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting.*" Mr. Winslow agreed to the revision.

Since no further discussion was called for, Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the amendment. The amendment **passed**.

Scott Marion **called the question**. Jane Ireland gave a **second**.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote on ending debate on the article. The vote showed the motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 24 placed on the ballot as amended.

A motion to **restrict reconsideration** of Article 24 was received and **seconded** by Scott Marion and Jane Ireland respectively. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion. The motion **carried**.

(*After the meeting concluded, the Board of Selectmen voted to not recommend Article 24 by a vote of 3 to 0.)*

Moderator Eaton read Article 17.

> **ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the "TOWN DUMP REGULATION" as proposed by the selectmen as follows:
>
> Add a new paragraph at the end of the section on "**PERMITS"**, which reads as follows:
>
> *"Contractor permits shall be issued to contractors and landscapers doing business with residents of and in the Town of Rye, NH. Contractors shall obtain a yearly permit issued at the Transfer Station, by the Transfer Station staff, for a yearly fee of $150.00. Said contractor permit being good for one calendar year, running from January 1st until December 31st of each calendar year."*
>
> Said amendment meaning and intending to require contractors and landscapers doing business in and with residents of Rye to pay a $150 fee per year for the privilege of using the services of the transfer station.

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

Selectman Mills stated Town is just catching up with the times. The Board of Selectmen is trying to assure only Rye waste is going to the Transfer Station.

Russ Bookholz asked why not charge everyone using the facility. He offered an **amendment** to add "*non-resident*" before "contractors" wherever it appears in the article. Charles Sleeper gave a **second** to the amendment.

Highway Director Dennis McCarthy stated he agreed with the proposed amendment.

Tom Farrelly felt the fee is way too low.

Dennis McCarthy said this would just be a change to the Transfer Station regulations. A database would be established. They would have information on who these contractors are and where the debris is coming from.

Tom Farrelly asked if the contractors should be made to show proof of where the debris is coming from.

Mr. McCarthy replied his staff does not have time to collect this information.

Some voters thought the amendment should state both non-residents contractors and landscapers.

Mr. Bookholz and Mr. Sleeper agreed to revise the amendment to state such.

Moderator Eaton read the article as it would read if amended.

> To see if the Town will vote to amend the "TOWN DUMP REGULATION" as proposed by the selectmen as follows:
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> Add a new paragraph at the end of the section on "**PERMITS"**, which reads as follows:
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> *"Contractor permits shall be issued to contractors and landscapers doing business with residents of and in the Town of Rye, NH. Contractors shall obtain a yearly permit issued at the Transfer Station, by the Transfer Station staff, for a yearly fee of $150.00 for non-resident contractors and landscapers. Said contractor permit being good for one calendar year, running from January 1st until December 31st of each calendar year."*
>
> Said amendment meaning and intending to require contractors and landscapers doing business in and with residents of Rye to pay a $150 fee for non-resident contractors and landscapers per year for the privilege of using the services of the transfer station.

Moderator called for a **vote** on the amendment. The amendment **passed**.

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 17 placed on the ballot as amended.**

Article 18 was read by Moderator Eaton.

> **ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Health Regulation re: onsite wastewater treatment system pump-out and inspection applicable to Parsons Creek Watershed as adopted by the Health Officer and approved by the Board of Selectmen with the purpose of improving the water quality of Parsons Creek.

It was **moved** by Selectman Musselman and **seconded** by Selectman Jenness to move the Article 18 to the floor for discussion.

Selectman Musselman stated the article was proposed by Health Officer Dr. Snow. This area regularly has high bacteria counts. Children play in the water at the beach affected by the runoff of Parsons Creek. Properties within the catchment area would be required to show proof of having their septic systems pumped out every three years. Properties in less sensitive regions could apply for a waiver to allow pump outs every seven years.

Steve Borne asked, if the article is passed, would property owners have three years to have their septic systems pumped out.

Town Counsel Michael Donovan replied that after June 2016 property owners would receive a letter from the Building Inspector advising them they would need to show proof of their last pump out. If not done within the last three years, their systems would have to be pumped out immediately.

Don Beeson commended the selectmen for this article.

Shawn Crapo asked if this would apply to holding tanks.

Selectman Musselman stated that properties with holding tanks must obtain a state permit to have one and be identified to the Town.

Building Inspector Peter Rowell advised that 4 or 5 properties have them.

No further discussion was called for.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 18 placed on the ballot as written.

Kim Reed made a **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 18. Her motion received a **second** from Janice Ireland.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **passed**.

A **motion** to take up Article 25 at this time was requested by Joe Cummins. Steve Borne **seconded** the motion.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The vote **passed.**

Moderator Eaton read Article 25.

> **ARTICLE 25.** **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to make permanent the established limited public forum zone at the Transfer Station used for electioneering, distribution of campaign materials, the obtaining of petition signatures and other similar activities, during Station's hours of operation. Approval shall be contingent only based on safety considerations.

It was **moved** by Scott Marion and **seconded** by Sam Winebaum to move the article to the floor for discussion.

Scott Marion stated the article was self-explanatory. Some of the people running for office have requested this.

Selectman Joe Mills offered an **amendment** to add the words "*and operational*" before "considerations" in the last line. Nick Toumpas gave a **second** to the amendment.

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

Nancy Weiand inquired who gives the approval.

Since it was agreed that the Board of Selectmen gives the approval, Andrea Morrissey, **seconded** by Jane Ireland, offered an **amendment** to add "*by the Board of Selectmen*" after "Approval".

Shawn Crapo, **seconded** by Nick Toumpas, **called the question** on the amendment.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on ending debate on the amendment. The motion passed.

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

Frank Drake **called the question** on the article. Phil Winslow gave the motion a **second**.

Moderator Eaton called for a vote to end debate on the article. The motion **carried**.

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

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 25 was presented by Shawn Crapo and **seconded** by Charlie Sleeper. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **carried**.

Article 19 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE by adding in Section 12, the following: "*In certain areas, the Town may designate that parking shall be restricted at certain driveways and crosswalks lined and marked 'No Parking'*." (Authorization: RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 XVIII)

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

Selectman Mills stated this article addresses safety concerns, especially in the beach area during the summer season.

After a short discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 19 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 21 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 21. **(By Petition)** In anticipation of The State of New Hampshire's agreement to allow the Town of Rye to collect parking revenue to defray infrastructure costs **which are borne solely by Rye tax payers, to see if the Town will vote to require the Board of** Selectmen to proceed with the third and sixth recommendations on page 1-2 of the Town-commissioned parking study dated January 5, 2015, so that full operation would occur by June 30, 2017 if voters approve at the March 2017 election. These recommendations are, for the portions of Ocean Blvd. between Marsh Rd. and Highland Park Ave., and between Harbor Rd. and Perkins Rd., to stripe individual parking stalls and install parking kiosks. The study estimates annual profit, after the first year, of $405,000, and recommends the kiosks as a way to "address congestion and improve safety." The Board of Selectmen shall take all necessary steps during 2016 so that a warrant article will be ready for an up or down vote at the March 2017 election, shall obtain public input throughout the process, and fine tune the study recommendations based on any new information received.

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

It was **moved** by Peter Crawford and **seconded** by Don Beeson to move the article to the floor for discussion.

Tom Farrelly stated Rye is possibly the only town on the eastern seaboard not to charge a parking fee. The charges in neighboring towns seem to be going up and that just drives more cars to Rye. Charging for parking could generate almost $500,000 which would help defray the costs of operating the beaches. Senator Nancy Stiles and the DOT Commissioner are in agreement with this article to allow Rye to keep the parking revenues. It would lower the tax burden. A shuttle bus could be provided to replace any lost parking spaces should Article 19 pass.

Referring to the $10,000 parking study, he thinks we should stop studying this subject and get moving on it. The selectmen have stated concerns that the State will take the revenue from the parking fees. The State has stated that they would not take the fees. The Town of Hampton has been charging for years and the State has not taken the fees.

Selectman Musselman said they are not doing another study but, rather, taking the $10,000 study to another level. He presented an **amendment** to change the wording of the article to:

> *In anticipation of The State of New Hampshire's agreement to allow the Town of Rye to collect parking revenue to defray costs which are borne solely by Rye tax payers, to see if the Town will vote to require that, after reviewing the recommendations of the John Burke parking study currently underway, the Board of Selectmen consider proceeding with the third and sixth recommendations on page 1-2 of the Town-commissioned parking study dated January 5, 2015 (i.e. the Tighe & Bond Study), so that full operation might occur by June 30, 2017 if voters approve at the March 2017 election. These recommendations are, for the portions of Ocean Blvd. between Marsh Rd. and Highland Park Ave., and between Harbor Rd. and Perkins Rd., to stripe individual parking stalls and install parking kiosks. The study estimates annual profit, after the first year, of $405,000, and recommends the kiosks as a way to "address congestion and improve safety." The Board of Selectmen shall review during 2016 whether or not a warrant article should be presented for an up or down vote at the March 2017 election, shall obtain public input throughout the process, and shall revise the Tighe & Bond recommendations based on any new information received.*

Jane Ireland gave a **second** to his amendment.

Tom Farrelly asked why we would risk delay and let the State get their hands on this money if we don't pass this article. We need to do this now and not later. He would like to see commitment from the Board of Selectmen.

After conferring with his fellow selectmen, Mr. Musselman offered to revise his amendment to change "*so that full operation might occur by June 30,* 2017" to "*so that full operation will occur at the earliest reasonable date*". Jane Ireland agreed with this change.

Shawn Crapo, **seconded** by Phil Winslow, **called the question** on the amendment. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on ending debate on the amendment. The motion **passed**.

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

Peter Crawford offered an **amendment** to strike "***This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)***". No second was received for his amendment.

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Charlie Sleeper, **called the question**. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on ending debate on the article. The motion **passed**.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 21 placed on the ballot as amended.

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 21 was presented by Shawn Crapo and **seconded** by Phil Winslow. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **carried**.

(After the meeting concluded, the Board of Selectmen voted to recommend Article 21 by a vote of 3 to 0.)

Moderator Eaton read Article 22.

> **ARTICLE 22.** **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to support **only** those options for Rye Town Hall that include saving the Town Hall, in order to allow pursuit of private and public grants and contributions.

It was **moved** by Mae Bradshaw and **seconded** by Burt Dibble to move the article to the floor for discussion.

Mae Bradshaw, Chairman of the Rye Heritage Commission, advised that the Town Hall building had made the NH Preservation Alliance "Seven To Save" list last year. Being on that list means preferential treatment is given when it comes to grants being awarded. If demolition of the building is being considered, grant approval by NH Preservation Alliance would no longer be an option. The Alliance would need to confirm the voter's intent to save the building before they would consider awarding any grants.

Selectman Jenness offered an **amendment** to add "*building*" after "saving the Town Hall". She felt the amendment would clarify the intent of the article. Mae Bradshaw **seconded** her motion.

No discussion on the amendment was called for. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the amendment. The amendment **carried**.

Jane Holway related that the current church burned in 1959. It was torn down and rebuilt in the same location. In her opinion, the new church built after the fire is a fine building which has served its congregations well over of the years. There is nothing sacred about the Town Hall building and we should take a lesson from the church's history and build a new building.

Frank Drake doesn't like telling the whole town that only one option exists to solve Town Hall problems. He felt it would leave many voters out of the question and is too heavy handed.

A **motion to call the question** was made and **seconded**. The motion **failed**.

Charlie Sleeper felt the town could get into problems when the building is opened up during a renovation. Old post and beam buildings were not designed for today's structural loads.

Alan Gould presented an **amendment** to strike "only" from the article and replace it with "*consider*". A **second** was received from Jane Ireland.

John Loftus did not support this amendment. The Town Hall Committee worked hard to bring Article 11 to the voters and all options should be considered as written.

Shawn Crapo stated the cost of each option needs to be known before any options are taken off the table.

Rich Davis stated we already know what the costs are. The hotel at the Isles of Shoals, also listed as one of the "Seven to Save", got $100,000 in grants last year. This money is drying up and we need to have the ability to apply for grants soon before that happens.

Peter Crawford was not supportive of the amendment or the article. The voters should be able to vote on all options.

Mae Bradshaw felt sad that some voters are not in favor of saving the building.

Paul Goldman advised that a process was in place guiding the Town Hall Committee members in reaching their conclusions. He felt we can't consider possible grants until we know what option the voters want.

A suggestion of a friendly addition to the amendment being considered was discussed. It would add "*also*" before "include" in the second line. Alan Gould and Jane Ireland agreed to the change.

A **motion** to call the question on the amendment was presented by Shawn Crapo and was **seconded** by Ray Jarvis.

Moderator called for a **vote** on ending debate on the amendment. The motion **carried**.

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

A **motion to call the question** on the article was presented by Shawn Crapo and was **seconded** by Alan Gould.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** to end debate on the article. The motion **passed.**

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 22 placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 23 was read by Moderator Eaton.

ARTICLE 23. **(By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to require that all future Town office designs be limited to a space need equal to the current Town Hall envelope inasmuch as the requirements have been reduced due to:

1. The Recreation and Sewer Departments relocated to facilities outside of Town Hall in 2015; and
2. The continued use of the second floor of the Town Hall for offices rather than a large meeting room.

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

It was **moved** by Burt Dibble and **seconded** by Ray Jarvis to move the article to the floor for discussion.

Burt Dibble referred to the Space Needs Study done in 2012. It spells out how much space is required. Currently the building has 6,100 square feet. The study stated 600 square feet are need per employee. Since there are 12 workers in the building, 7,600 square feet would be needed not including meeting spaces.

Burt Dibble offered an **amendment**, **seconded** by Mae Bradshaw, which would change the first sentence to:

> *To see if the Town will vote to require that Town office designs be limited to a space need equal to building space currently owned by the Town, inasmuch as the space requirements have been reduced due to:*

A **motion to call the question** on the amendment was presented by Frank Drake and was **seconded** by Shawn Crapo.

Moderator called for a **vote** on ending debate on the amendment. The motion **carried**.

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

John Loftus stated there was a misconception regarding building square footage. There is a difference between job square footage and building square footage. He felt the intent of this article is to discount the Town Hall Committee's work.

Selectman Musselman agreed with Burt Dibble. He proposed an **amendment** to replace "recommend" with "*consider*" and strike "all future" from the article. Selectman Jenness gave a **second** to the amendment.

Joe Cummins asked Moderator Eaton to enforce his rules on civility. He also questioned the validity of the 2012 Space Needs Study.

A **motion to call the question** on the amendment was presented by Shawn Crapo and was **seconded** by Alan Gould.

Moderator called for a **vote** on ending debate on the amendment. The motion **carried**.

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

Frank Drake, **seconded** by Sally King, **called the question** on the article. Moderator Eaton called for a vote on ending debate on the article. The motion **carried** by a show of hands.

Moderator Eaton ordered Article 23 placed on the ballot as amended.

A **motion to restrict reconsideration** on Article 23 was presented by Shawn Crapo and **seconded** by Alan Gould. Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton read Article 26.

> **ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2016.

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

Selectman Mills explained this is a housekeeping article and is included in the warrant every year.

Hearing no call for discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 26 placed on the ballot as written.**

Article 27 was read by Moderator Eaton.

> **ARTICLE 27.** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Ned Paul made a **motion** to adjourn which was **seconded** by many.

Moderator Eaton called for a **vote** on the motion to adjourn. The motion **carried**.

Moderator Eaton adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

A count of the checklist showed 116 voters checked in for 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, 2016 to December 31, 2016

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 ny belief it is true, correct and complete.

Raymond J. Jarvis

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4130-4139	Executive		214,290	212,056	216,246		216,246	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		19,625	15,618	32,550		32,550	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		633,332	602,887	619,768	1,600	619,768	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense		100,000	130,884	123,000		123,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		150,776	142,488	154,342		154,342	
4194	General Government Buildings		121,806	123,814	124,841	39,928	119,841	5,000
4195	Cemeteries		102,025	97,108	104,411		104,411	
4196	Insurance		275,781	217,016	269,038		269,038	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		54,808	54,808	54,908		54,908	
4199	Other General Government		67,100	75,840	68,205	12,030	68,205	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4210-4214	Police		1,325,344	1,207,388	1,428,081	7,800	1,428,081	
4215-4219	Ambulance		132,625	93,316	129,125	5,900	129,125	
4220-4229	Fire		1,271,811	1,194,926	1,295,968	11,200	1,295,968	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		157,969	141,309	164,857		164,857	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		5,900	2,143	5,900		5,900	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		1,184,626	1,130,945	1,243,210	11,200	1,243,210	
4313	Bridges							

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4316	Street Lighting		5,150	5,210	5,300		5,300	
4319	Other							
	SANITATION		xxxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		207,145	194,078	210,660		210,660	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		195,068	171,004	206,230		206,230	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		xxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
	ELECTRIC		xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH/WELFARE		xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4411	Administration		5,220	5,202	5,220		5,220	
4414	Pest Control		101,839	75,502	102,123	17,500	102,123	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		55,000	37,098	50,000		50,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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	CULTURE & RECREATION		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		339,865	317,414	359,383	15,976	359,383	
4550-4559	Library		643,663	639,597	657,340	9,665	657,340	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6,815	10,637	10,750		10,750	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		5,300		5,300		5,300	
	CONSERVATION					xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		90,000	23,328	90,000		90,000	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE					xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		326,354	326,353	444,309		444,309	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		91,905	91,904	97,606		97,606	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000		1,000	4,000	1,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY					xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		68,000	78,954	78,500	8,000	78,500	
4903	Buildings				58,000		58,000	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		95,000	36,112	25,000		25,000	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					xxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxx
4912	To Special Revenue Funds							
	Sewer		256,841	204,368	261,514		261,514	
	Parsonage Fund				11,455		11,455	
	Recreation Revolving		231,431	156,674	240,344		240,344	
	Outside Detail Revolving		137,000	106,556	67,500		67,500	
	Beach Parking		33,025	21,904	34,670		34,670	
	Beach Cleaning		18,395	22,915	53,140		53,140	
4913	To Capital Projects Funds							
4914	To Proprietary Funds							

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			Appropriations	Actual	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Warr.	Prior Year As	Expenditures	Ensuing Fiscal Year		Ensuing Fiscal Year	
ACCT.#	(RSA 32:3,V)	Art.#	Approved by DRA	Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			8,740,834	7,967,356	9,109,794	144,799	9,104,794	5,000

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

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ACCT#	WARR. ART #	AMOUNT	ACCT#	WARR. ART #	AMMOUNT

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
01-4800-60-863	BY PETITION - SEACAOST PATHWAYS	20			1,500		1,500	
01-4915-69-961	RFIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	9			100,000		100,000	
01-4915-69-963	HWY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	06/10	100,000	100,000	75,000		75,000	
01-4915-69-964	RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	12			60,000		60,000	
01-4916-70-970	EMPLOYEE ACCUMULATED LEAVE FUND	08/13	50,000	50,000	50,000		50,000	
01-4916-70-972	MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENDABLE TRUST	12/14	25,000	25,000	25,000		25,000	
01-4916-70-974	LIBRARY MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST	13/15	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		180,000	180,000	316,500	-	316,500	-

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
01-4800-60-860	W/A - PWD ONE TON PICKUP	7	65,000	$37,355				
01-4800-60-865	W/A - POLICE PERSONNEL	9	47,250	47,250				
01-4800-60-866	W/A - TOWN HALL CAP PROJECT	11			60,000		60,000	
01-4800-60-869	W/A - AMBULANCE	5			275,000		275,000	
01-4800-60-872	F/D - COLLECTIVE BARGAIN	10	20,164	20,164				
01-4800-60-874	W/A - WASHINGTON ROAD PROPERTY	4			460,000		460,000	
01-4800-60-875	PWD 6 WHEEL DUMP TRUCK	6			175,000		175,000	
01-4800-60-878	RED MILL LAND CULVERT	7			150,000		150,000	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		132,414	67,414	1,120,000	-	1,120,000	-

1	2	3	4	5	6
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		486	500	500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		18,573	20,000	20,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		85,618	94,500	94,500
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		345	500	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,393,135	1,400,000	1,400,000
3230	Building Permits		274,274	300,000	300,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		49,104	45,000	45,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		27,093	18,845	18,845
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		258,767	258,767	258,767
3353	Highway Block Grant		125,691	125,691	125,691
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		5,036	5,040	5,040
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		336,929	350,000	350,000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		20,107	5,000	5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		5,929	5,000	5,000
3503-3509	Other		96,566	60,000	60,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			275,000	275,000
	Sewer - (Offset)		389,022	261,514	261,514
	Parsonage Fund (Offset)		7,409	11,455	11,455
	Recreation Revolving - (Offset)		178,814	240,344	240,344
	Outside Detail Revolving - (Offset)		68,004	67,500	67,500
	Beach Parking - (Offset)		30,892	34,670	34,670
	Beach Cleaning - (Offset)		24,968	53,140	53,140

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Revenues
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Proprietary Funds				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			175,000	175,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		3,396,761	3,807,466	3,807,466

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	8,740,834.00	9,109,794.00	9,104,794.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	180,000.00	316,500.00	316,500.00
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	132,414.00	1,120,000.00	1,120,000.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	9,053,248.00	10,546,294.00	10,541,294.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	3,396,761.11	3,807,466.03	3,807,466.03
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	5,656,486.89	6,738,827.97	6,733,827.97

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 999,938

(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

TOWN OF RYE, NH FISCAL YEAR END 2016

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7)	10,541,294
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	444,309
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	97,606
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)	541,915
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	9,999,379
8. Line 7 times 10%	999,938
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 & 8)	11,541,232

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 aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, 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 aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

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 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.

Other 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.

May 28, 2015

Plodzik & Sanderson
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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, 2014.

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 required supplementary and 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 $41,800,242 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the Town of Rye's net position $32,374,467 reflects its net 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 Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2014
Current & other assets	13,830,905	16,538,356
Capital assets	35,206,524	35,094,007
Total assets	49,037,429	51,632,363
Long-term liabilities outstanding	2,835,744	3,223,508
Other liabilities	6,057,336	6,608,613
Total liabilities	8,893,080	9,832,121
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	32,877,090	32,374,467
Restricted	3,585,508	3,956,928
Unrestricted	3,681,751	5,468,847
Total net position	40,144,349	41,800,282

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

	2013 AMOUNT	2014 AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	860,617	945,405	84,788
Operating grants and contributions	255,236	236,484	(18,752)
General revenues:			
Taxes	5,452,845	6,486,861	1,034,016
Licenses and permits	1,496,980	1,687,855	190,875
Unrestricted grants	239,823	260,635	20,812
Unrestricted Investment Income	111,264	118,585	7,321
Miscellaneous	887,019	567,941	(319,078)
Total revenues	9,303,784	10,303,766	999,982
Expenses:			
General Government	1,550,990	1,668,689	117,699
Public Safety	2,822,648	2,830,931	8,283
Highways and Streets	1,729,003	1,876,600	147,597
Sanitation	630,166	636,978	6,812
Health	95,755	101,764	6,009
Welfare	49,096	56,985	7,889
Culture & Recreation	1,134,975	1,227,628	92,653
Conservation	80,215	97,046	16,831
Interest on long-term debt	133,902	10,375	(123,527)
Capital Outlay	57,424	140,877	83,453
Total governmental activities	8,284,174	8,647,873	363,699
Change in net position	1,019,610	1,655,893	636,283
Beginning net position	39,124,739	40,144,349	1,019,610
Ending net position	40,144,349	41,800,242	1,655,893

General fund budgetary highlights

As shown in the above chart, revenues received during 2014 increased by $999,982 from 2013. The actual budgetary revenues were more than the budget for estimated revenues by $14,691. Motor Vehicle Registrations were $94,489 over the amount projected. Building Permits were $80,697 over the amount projected. General income from department services was $79,134 over projected. Income from federal grants was $283,160 less that projected, as the Town was not awarded $285,000 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a new fire truck. Reference: Warrant Article #18; 2014 Town Ballot.

There were no catastrophic events during 2014 that had a significant impact on total expenditures. However Fire, Police, and Public Works operations were affected by the following conditions:

- Public Works department responded to an above average number of weather events during the 2014 season with snow accumulation ten percent (10%) greater than the average of 60 inches normally anticipated. 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 Fire and Police departments experienced staff shortages thought-out 2014, due to long term illnesses, a retirement, and a resignation of full-time, permanent staff.

These departments should be commended for a job well done, while staying within their budgets for the year.

Total governmental expenditures increased by $363,699 (.04%) over the prior year. The Town realized a savings of $736,374 in actual expenditures over the 2014 budgeted appropriation.

The total Town's property assessed valuation increased by $16,990,610. The total property tax commitment increased by $1,174,298 from the prior year. At the 2014 Tax Rate setting the Board of Selectmen chose to use $268,722 of the Town's beginning general fund balance to bring the tax rate to $11.55.

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:
  - 2014 Police Cruiser
  - 2014 Volvo L60G Wheel Loader
  - 2015 Ford F4H5 Dump Truck
  - 2015 International 6 Wheel Dump Truck
- Disposals:
  - 1986 Caterpillar 943 Crawler/Bull Dozer

Town of Rye, NH Capital Assets

Governmental Activities
(at original cost)

	2013	additions	disposals	2014
Not being depreciated:				
Land	9,924,986			9,924,986
Intangible assets	2,676,480			2,676,480
Construction in progress	213,610	382,072	(145,982)	449,700
Total capital assets not being depreciated	12,815,076	382,072	(145,982)	13,051,166
Being depreciated:				
Land improvements	509,602	19,550		529,152
Buildings	6,650,542	168,745		6,819,287
Rolling Stock	1,970,790	384,812		2,355,602
Equipment	443,960	16,565		460,525
Sewer Mains - Infrastructure	4,400,000			4,400,000
Roadways – Infrastructure	30,156,209			30,156,209
Total capital assets being depreciated	44,131,103	589,672		44,720,775
Total all capital assets	56,946,179	971,744	(145,982)	57,771,941

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 $2,592,592 which is a .16% increase from the $2,293,375 owed at the end of 2013. 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% ($53,598,357) of the town valuation ($1,786,611,900). 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 $49,324,409.

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 Director, 10 Central Road, Town of Rye, NH, 03870.

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2014

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 8,181,860	$ 222,221	$ 2,731,079	$ 11,135,160
Investments	747,579	3,429,982	49,358	4,226,919
Accounts receivable (net)	112,995	-	116,242	229,237
Taxes receivable (net)	946,958	-	-	946,958
Intergovernmental receivable	3,495	-	-	3,495
Interfund receivable	29,268	-	10,000	39,268
Voluntary tax liens	181,983	-	-	181,983
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(181,983)	-	-	(181,983)
Inventory	8,174	-	-	8,174
Prepaid items	113,780	-	6,758	120,538
Total assets	$ 10,144,109	$ 3,652,203	$ 2,913,437	$ 16,709,749
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	$ 86,280	$ -	$ 29,196	$ 115,476
Intergovernmental payable	6,470,835	-	-	6,470,835
Interfund payable	10,000	23,334	5,934	39,268
Other	-	-	6,025	6,025
Total liabilities	6,567,115	23,334	41,155	6,631,604
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	191,142	-	-	191,142
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	121,954	2,415,318	6,758	2,544,030
Restricted	412,459	1,213,551	1,309,426	2,935,436
Committed	752,179	-	1,494,493	2,246,672
Assigned	257,965	-	61,605	319,570
Unassigned	1,841,295	-	-	1,841,295
Total fund balances	3,385,852	3,628,869	2,872,282	9,887,003
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 10,144,109	$ 3,652,203	$ 2,913,437	$ 16,709,749

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, 2014

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		$ 9,887,003
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	$ 57,771,941	
Less accumulated depreciation	(22,677,934)	
		35,094,007
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.		
Receivables	$ (39,268)	
Payables	39,268	
		-
Repayment of long term liabilities not due until subsequent year are recorded in the governmental funds as prepaid items, but reduce the liability on the government-wide financial statements.		
Prepayment of bonds		(102,125)
Property tax revenues that are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection on the Statement of Net Position.		191,142
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		(16,277)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds	$ 2,352,000	
Unamortized bond premium	240,592	
Capital lease	126,948	
Compensated absences	487,968	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	16,000	
		(3,223,508)
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		$ 41,800,242

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, 2014

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 6,484,615	$ -	$ 10,750	$ 6,495,365
Licenses and permits	1,687,855	-	-	1,687,855
Intergovernmental	391,434	-	21,100	412,534
Charges for services	363,053	-	582,352	945,405
Miscellaneous	226,777	473,511	70,823	771,111
Total revenues	9,153,734	473,511	685,025	10,312,270
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,521,271	143,697	18,762	1,683,730
Public safety	2,672,493	-	91,974	2,764,467
Highways and streets	1,143,282	-	13,766	1,157,048
Sanitation	400,531	-	238,738	639,269
Health	101,764	-	-	101,764
Welfare	56,985	-	-	56,985
Culture and recreation	979,429	-	210,449	1,189,878
Conservation	89,143	-	4,528	93,671
Debt service:				
Principal	860,000	-	-	860,000
Interest	90,653	-	-	90,653
Capital outlay	918,212	-	48,427	966,639
Total expenditures	8,833,763	143,697	626,644	9,604,104
Excess of revenues over expenditures	319,971	329,814	58,381	708,166
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	21,942	31,897	-	53,839
Transfers out	(31,897)	(21,942)	-	(53,839)
Bond proceeds	-	-	1,122,000	1,122,000
Premium on bond issued	-	-	178,000	178,000
Capital lease	171,234	-	-	171,234
Total other financing sources (uses)	161,279	9,955	1,300,000	1,471,234
Net change in fund balances	481,250	339,769	1,358,381	2,179,400
Fund balances, beginning (as restated, see Note 17)	2,904,602	3,289,100	1,513,901	7,707,603
Fund balances, ending	$ 3,385,852	$ 3,628,869	$ 2,872,282	$ 9,887,003

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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, 2014

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	$ 6,347,479	$ 6,337,440	$ (10,039)
Land use change	750	18,700	17,950
Yield	2,854	2,854	-
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	6,454,450	6,476,111	21,661
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	1,512,355	1,687,855	175,500
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	18,232	(283,160)
Total from intergovernmental	674,249	391,434	(282,815)
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	45,500	44,829
Total from miscellaneous	63,163	142,297	79,134
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	215,000	213,578	(1,422)
Total revenues and other financing sources	9,259,637	$ 9,274,328	$ 14,691
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	268,722		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	$ 9,528,359		

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, 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	245,190	-	23,221
Advertising and regional associations	-	50,701	50,701	-	-
Other	17,548	93,000	61,810	-	48,738
Total general government	46,123	1,599,458	1,509,797	-	135,784
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	-	2,850,680	2,672,493	15,982	162,205
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	-	1,186,968	1,143,282	24,393	19,293
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	11,650	415,946	400,531	9,300	17,765
Health:					
Administration	-	5,195	5,202	-	(7)
Pest control	-	14,188	13,962	-	226
Other	-	96,500	82,600	-	13,900
Total health	-	115,883	101,764	-	14,119
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	-	50,000	56,985	-	(6,985)
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	316,185	281,500	8,750	25,935
Library	-	629,538	501,824	-	127,714
Patriotic purposes	-	7,600	7,526	-	74
Other	-	5,050	4,105	-	945
Total culture and recreation	-	958,373	794,955	8,750	154,668
Conservation	43,568	90,000	89,143	-	44,425

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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, 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	-	255,748	282,715	-	(26,967)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	$ 165,276	$ 9,528,359	$ 8,749,296	$ 207,965	$ 736,374

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, 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)	$ 14,691	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	736,374	
2014 Budget surplus		751,065
Increase in nonspendable fund balance		(100,803)
Increase in restricted fund balance		(9,948)
Unassigned fund balance, ending		2,002,437
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Basis to GAAP Basis		
To comply with generally accepted accounting principles by deferring property taxes not collected with 60 days of December 31, 2014		(191,142)
Elimination of the allowance for doubtful accounts as part of the 60-day calculation		30,000
Unassigned fund balance, ending GAAP basis (Exhibit C-1)		$ 1,841,295

SCHEDULE 4
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds									
	Sewer	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Bleach Cleaning	Ambulance	Conservation Commission	Total
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 580,306	$ 6,025	$ 62,925	$ 47,562	$ 9,426	$ 311,154	$ 5,424	$ 281,113	$ 1,427,144	$ 2,731,079
Investments	49,358	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,358
Accounts receivable (net)	103,619	-	1,463	-	-	11,160	-	-	-	116,242
Interfund receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Prepaid items	640	-	-	-	-	5,390	728	-	-	6,758
Total assets	$ 733,923	$ 6,025	$ 64,388	$ 47,562	$ 9,426	$ 327,704	$ 6,152	$ 281,113	$ 1,437,144	$ 2,913,437
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	$ 29,052	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 144	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 29,196
Interfund payable	5,934	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,934
Other	-	6,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,025
Total liabilities	34,986	6,025	-	-	-	144	-	-	-	41,155
Fund balances:										
Nonspendable	640	-	-	-	-	5,390	728	-	-	6,758
Restricted	-	-	-	-	9,426	-	-	-	1,300,000	1,309,426
Committed	695,797	-	64,388	40,472	-	302,170	5,424	281,113	105,129	1,494,493
Assigned	2,500	-	-	7,090	-	20,000	-	-	32,015	61,605
Total fund balances	698,937	-	64,388	47,562	9,426	327,560	6,152	281,113	1,437,144	2,872,282
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 733,923	$ 6,025	$ 64,388	$ 47,562	$ 9,426	$ 327,704	$ 6,152	$ 281,113	$ 1,437,144	$ 2,913,437

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, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds									
	Sewer	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Bleach Cleaning	Ambulance	Conservation Commission	Total
Revenues:										
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,750	$ 10,750
Intergovernmental	-	21,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,100
Charges for services	299,540	-	67,727	24,557	-	177,998	12,530	-	-	582,352
Miscellaneous	739	8,992	-	-	8,226	1,904	-	47,921	3,041	70,823
Total revenues	300,279	30,092	67,727	24,557	8,226	179,902	12,530	47,921	13,791	685,025
Expenditures:										
Current:										
General government	-	1,997	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,765	18,762
Public safety	-	14,329	46,925	30,720	-	-	-	-	-	91,974
Highways and streets	-	13,766	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,766
Sanitation	238,738	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	238,738
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	4,926	180,119	25,404	-	-	210,449
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,528	4,528
Capital outlay	-	-	45,517	2,910	-	-	-	-	-	48,427
Total expenditures	238,738	30,092	92,442	33,630	4,926	180,119	25,404	-	21,293	626,644
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	61,541	-	(24,715)	(9,073)	3,300	(217)	(12,874)	47,921	(7,502)	58,381
Other financing sources:										
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,122,000	1,122,000
Premium on bond issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178,000	178,000
Total other financing sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000
Net change in fund balances	61,541	-	(24,715)	(9,073)	3,300	(217)	(12,874)	47,921	1,292,498	1,358,381
Fund balances, beginning	637,396	-	89,103	56,635	6,126	327,777	19,026	233,192	144,646	1,513,901
Fund balances, ending	$ 698,937	$ -	$ 64,388	$ 47,562	$ 9,426	$ 327,560	$ 6,152	$ 281,113	$ 1,437,144	$ 2,872,282

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February 2, 2016

Members of the Board of Selectmen
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To the Members of the Board of Selectmen:

This is to advise you that as of February 2, 2016 the audit of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2015 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 2016.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Campo, CPA
Director

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TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2015

ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	8,078,524
Accounts receivable		113,115
Taxes		765,238
Due from other governments		11,250
Interfund receivable		31,990
Voluntary tax liens		201,293
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected		(201,293)
Inventory		5,392
Prepaid items		113,495
Total assets		9,119,004
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$	175,757
Due to other governments		6,262,464
Interfund payable		1,874
Total liabilities		6,440,095
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)		
Nonspendable		118,887
Restricted		89,885
Assigned		159,616
Unassigned		2,310,521
Total fund balances		2,678,909
Total liabilities and fund balances	$	9,119,004

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

REVENUES		
Taxes	$	5,430,091
Licenses and permits		1,740,268
Intergovernmental		430,346
Charges for services		334,499
Miscellaneous		154,803
Total revenues		8,090,007
EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
General government		1,606,599
Public safety		2,722,827
Highways and streets		1,162,913
Sanitation		379,136
Health		80,705
Welfare		37,098
Culture and recreation		836,571
Conservation		25,128
Debt service:		
Principal		326,353
Interest		91,904
Capital outlay		287,105
Total expenditures		7,556,339
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		533,668
OTHER FINANCING USES		
Transfers out		(321,515)
Net change in fund balances		212,153
Fund balances, beginning		2,466,756
Fund balances, ending	$	2,678,909

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, 2015

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	$ 5,681,038	$ 5,325,414	$ (355,624)
Yield	500	486	(14)
Payment in lieu of taxes	15,361	18,573	3,212
Interest and penalties on taxes	94,500	85,618	(8,882)
Total from taxes	5,791,399	5,430,091	(361,308)
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	500	345	(155)
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,364,300	1,427,273	62,973
Building permits	300,000	274,274	(25,726)
Other	38,075	38,376	301
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	1,702,875	1,740,268	37,393
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	258,767	258,767	-
Highway block grant	124,620	125,691	1,071
Water pollution grants	-	12,800	12,800
Other	5,040	5,995	955
Federal:			
FEMA	16,345	24,727	8,382
Other	2,500	2,366	(134)
Total from intergovernmental	407,272	430,346	23,074
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	347,320	334,499	(12,821)
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	5,000	20,107	15,107
Interest on investments	5,000	5,929	929
Rent of property	2,822	2,822	(0)
Fines and forfeits	7,500	12,283	4,783
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	27,278	60,641	33,363
Contributions and donations	-	9,360	9,360
Other	43,100	43,661	561
Total from miscellaneous	90,700	154,803	64,103
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	36,990	-	(36,990)
Total revenues and other financing sources	8,376,556	$ 8,090,007	$ (286,549)

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, 2015

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	$ -	$ 214,290	$ 207,673	$ -	$ 6,617
Election and registration	-	19,625	15,067	-	4,558
Financial administration	-	476,744	436,164	-	40,580
Revaluation of property	-	156,588	172,348	-	(15,760)
Legal	-	100,000	130,884	2,500	(33,384)
Planning and zoning	-	150,776	142,487	-	8,289
General government buildings	-	121,806	124,020	2,395	(4,609)
Cemeteries	-	102,025	-	-	102,025
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	275,781	249,214	-	26,567
Advertising and regional associations	-	54,808	54,808	-	-
Other	-	67,100	73,934	2,500	(9,334)
Total general government	-	1,739,543	1,606,599	7,395	125,549
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,372,594	1,254,600	-	117,994
Ambulance	-	132,625	93,956	-	38,669
Fire	7,600	1,291,975	1,222,849	4,806	71,920
Building inspection	-	157,969	140,897	-	17,072
Emergency management	8,382	5,900	10,525	-	3,757
Total public safety	15,982	2,961,063	2,722,827	4,806	249,412
Highways and streets:					
Highways and streets	24,393	1,184,626	1,157,703	6,206	45,110
Street lighting	-	5,150	5,210	-	(60)
Total highways and streets	24,393	1,189,776	1,162,913	6,206	45,050
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	9,300	207,145	203,400	4,400	8,645
Solid waste disposal	-	195,068	175,736	19,000	332
Total sanitation	9,300	402,213	379,136	23,400	8,977
Health:					
Administration	-	5,220	5,202	-	18
Pest control	-	15,839	6,698	-	9,141
Other	-	86,000	68,805	-	17,195
Total health	-	107,059	80,705	-	26,354
Welfare:					
Administration	-	4,000	2,100	-	1,900
Direct assistance	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Vendor payments	-	49,000	34,998	-	14,002
Other	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Total welfare	-	55,000	37,098	-	17,902
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	8,750	339,865	315,038	9,600	23,977
Library	-	643,663	510,898	-	132,765
Patriotic purposes	-	6,815	5,736	-	1,079
Other	-	5,300	4,899	-	401
Total culture and recreation	8,750	995,643	836,571	9,600	158,222
Conservation	-	90,000	25,128	-	64,872

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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, 2015

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	326,354	326,353	-	1
Interest on long-term debt	-	91,905	91,904	-	1
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total debt service	-	428,259	418,257	-	10,002
Capital outlay	149,540	228,000	287,105	58,209	32,226
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	180,000	321,515	-	(141,515)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	$ 207,965	$ 8,376,556	$ 7,877,854	$ 109,616	$ 597,051

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, 2015

Unassigned fund balance, beginning		$ 2,002,437
Changes:		
2015 Budget summary:		
Revenue shortfall (Schedule 1)	$ (286,549)	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	597,051	
2015 Budget surplus		310,502
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance		3,067
Increase in restricted fund balance		(5,485)
Unassigned fund balance, ending		2,310,521

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The firm of Municipal Resources has been contracted to handle the assessing functions for the Town of Rye. The three primary members of the staff working in Town are, Scott Marsh, Jerry Quintal and Shawn Main. Additional staff members may be assisting. It is requested that if any of the appraisers come to your property, you support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable and proper by answering their questions and allowing them to inspect and verify the data of your property.

Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet with taxpayers and if an appointment is desired, Joanne Drewniak in the Assessing Office can schedule one for you.

Currently there are roughly 400 properties to be reviewed due to new building permits being issued and incomplete construction at the time of the last visit. In addition MRI staff will be reviewing additional properties as part of a cyclical review process to verify the assessing information contained on the current property record cards.

The Department of Revenue Administration review of sales information has been completed and indicated that the Town's assessment ratio for the 2015 tax year was 90.8%.

Individual property information may be obtained by visiting the assessing office or on-line by following the link on the Town's website www.town.rye.nh.us

Below is a list of Tax Exemptions and Credits currently available. Additional information and applications are available at the assessing office and on-line.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION
$OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATIONS	ASSET LIMITATION
$ 75,000	65 TO 74	Not in excess of	Not in excess of $199,000
$ 90,000	75 TO 79	$40,000 if single,	excluding the value of the
$105,000	80 AND UP	$59,900 if married	residence & up to two acres

BLIND EXEMPTION
$OFF ASSESSED VALUATION
$15,000

Every inhabitant owning residential real estate and who is legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department.

VETERAN
Standard
Tax Credit $500

Every resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts as listed in RSA 72:28 and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident

Surviving Spouse
Tax Credit $2,000

The surviving un-remarried spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28

Service connected
Disability
Tax Credit $2,000

Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214 and who has a total and permanent service connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such person if such surviving spouse has not remarried.

RYE BEACH COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Rye Beach Committee consists of Larry Rocha, Lori Carbajal, Keper Connell, and Steve Hillman. During the summer the Committee had four meetings where they discussed various issues and exchanged ideas based on their observations and conversations with residents and other beach goers. Chief Walsh attended every meeting and Chief Lambert also attended several meetings.

Below is a list of the Committee's thoughts and recommendations:

- As the number of visitors to the beaches in Rye increases the issue of parking seems to be an issue with many of the residents of Rye. The Committee recommends: Increasing the parking fine to $50, exploring "satellite parking" with shuttle buses to beach locations, providing bike racks at certain locations and kiosks be placed on Route 1A and the funds be used for funding beach management
- More "DO NOT LITTER" signs with a significant fine posted by Rye, the State or both, might help deter people from littering. The Rye Beach Committee will work with Blue Ocean Society and the NH Surfrider Foundation (non-profit organizations … who conduct beach clean-up) to help pinpoint locations for clean-up. Another recommendation would be to provide more trash cans on the beaches with more routine and regular trash pick-up.
- The Committee was charged with "counting and documenting" the number of cars that are parked while enjoying the beach. After the NH cars there were a large number of cars from Canada and Massachusetts.
- The Committee recommends that the state provide seasonal funding to manage the beach use increase.
- The Rye Beach Committee strongly recommends a Permit Application Fee of $100 and a deadline date to apply for a Beach Use Permit.
- The Rye Beach Committee spent time at each meeting discussing the lifeguard system and recommends: Mobile lifeguard stands, consistent flag placement and there should be lifesaving practice at least once a week using all of the equipment the lifeguards use in the event of an emergency.
- The Committee contacted the National Surf School and Instructors Association (NSSIA) with questions about the operation of surf lessons and surf camps. The information provided by the NSSIA was consistent with the current permits for surf lessons and surf camps. The Committee recommends the head instructor of a surf camp should make the "call" on whether the ratio of instructor to surfers should be lowered and whether an instructor should remain on the beach to act as a "lifeguard" if the conditions dictate adjustments. Surf shops should continue to provide a pamphlet with safety guidelines for both SUPs and surfboards. The personnel at the surf shop should go over this pamphlet with the user of the SUPs or surfboards.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Rocha, Chairman
Rye Beach Committee

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S REPORT

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) is a quasi-judicial board of five members, each of whom is elected by Rye residents for a three year term. In 2015, its members were Ray Jarvis, Patricia Weathersby, Burt Dibble, Shawn Crapo and Paul Goldman. Rye's BOA also presently has three alternate members: Charles Hoyt, Patrick Driscoll and Gregg Mikolaities. Alternates attend meetings when an elected member cannot attend or has a conflict of interest. Two alternate positions remain open.

The Board of Adjustment typically meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town of Rye website. The Board encourages all interested persons to attend.

The BOA hears applications concerning four distinct categories: variances, special exceptions, appeals from administrative decisions and equitable waivers. Although procedurally different, each category generally involves an applicant's real property and how it may be used, developed or improved in a manner that may be different than the strict terms of Rye's Zoning Ordinance or Building Code.

The Board acts on evidence presented and bases its decisions on legal grounds. An application is not granted or denied based emotion or personal opinion. Conditions may be attached to any approval. Any decision made by the BOA may be appealed, first by requesting a rehearing before the BOA. If the Board does not grant a rehearing, appeal may be taken to the court system.

2015 saw a total of fifty-six (56) applications containing over 140 requests for relief before the BOA. Some months saw two hearings to attempt to address all applications in a timely manner. Most applicant's projects required relief from multiple sections of the Ordinance. Many concerned tensions between small lots, typically near the beaches and created before zoning, and the need/desire for a home with modern amenities and updated septic systems. A full list and all files are available at the Planning and Zoning Office. A summary table is below:

2015 cases	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variance requests:	93	21	2
Special Exceptions:	2	1	1
Appeal from Adm. Decision:	1	1	1
Equitable Waiver:	0	0	0
Request for Rehearing's	1	3	0
Relief from the Building Code	2	5	0
Relief from the Flood Ordinance	0	0	0
Condo conversions:	0	0	0
Apartments:	1	0	2

(12 variance relief requests continued to 2016)

The BOA now requires all applicants post a sign on their property prior to the BOA meeting addressing their application, alerting neighbors and passers-by that zoning relief is being requested. The Board hopes that this will avert surprise and encourage all interested parties to make their concerns and/or support known. Suggestions for further improvement to the BOA's procedures are always welcome.

It is strongly recommended that all who intend to file an application with the Board of Adjustment make an appointment with the building inspector and zoning administrator to get a full understanding of the requirements and process to be followed, as it is often complex and may permanently affect a property.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Weathersby, Chairman

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

This Report follows the completion of the 2016 Town Operating Budgeting Process, including Warrant Articles, and the 2016-2017 Rye School District Budgeting Process. Remaining to be completed are the Precincts Budgets Public Hearing, the School Budget Deliberative Session, and the Town Budget Deliberative Session. As in the past, 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. We have not deviated from our standard operating methodology for generating both the School and the Town Budgets, which 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 2016, the Rye Town Operating Budget was increased by 4.61% over the 2015 Operating Budget. Inclusive of all Special Funds, Warrant Articles, and Capital Outlay, the Total 2016 Rye Town Budget is increased by 364% over the Total 2015 Budget. The primary driver for this increase is the category of Warrant Articles. The 2016-2017 Rye School District Operating Budget represents a 0.2% decrease over the 2015-2016 Operating Budget, inclusive of Warrant Articles.

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, Jaci Grote - Clerk, Shawn Crapo, Doug Abrams, Frank Drake – Rye Beach District Representative, Randy Crapo – Jenness Beach Representative, Ralph Hickson – Water District Representative, Kevin Brandon – School District Representative, Craig Musselman – Selectmen's Representative, and myself. It has been my pleasure to work with such outstanding Rye Budget Committee Members and Representatives as well as the Rye Board Of Selectmen, the Rye School Board, and the SAU 50 Team.

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. The office is staffed every day between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM by the assistant Rosalie Powell-Andrews. The Building Inspector, Peter E. Rowell, is in the office most mornings for permitting and drop in meetings with contractors and citizens; the afternoon is reserved for inspections and appointments.

Residential construction has been the strongest in a number of years. The retirement community that was approved for the former Rand Lumber site has been constructed with 16 of the 20 homes occupied and build out scheduled for early in 2016. Star Fish Circle, a 9 lot subdivision that was approved this year, is well under way with 5 homes started. The major addition to "Webster at Rye" has been under construction all year with completion in 2016. Along with the typical replacement of older homes 2015 has been another busy year.

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. FEMA has developed new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) which are proposed for adoption in 2016. The new FIRMs have moved many homes into the high hazard flood area and any rebuilds in this area may need to be elevated. 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.* 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 improvements to these lots will require some type of relief from the Rye Board of Adjustment.

If you are contemplating changes, please call the Building Department to see if the 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	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	$28,635,471.86	$28,625,564.43	$22,221,095.69	$21,871,421	$14,348,410.00	$17,277,516.00
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	$285,298.83	$290,646.70	$211,879.01	$200,899.31	$170,810.00	
NEW HOMES INCLUDES REBUILDS	36	22	5	4	5	3
ADDITIONS PERMITTED	N/A	34	22	15	17	17
DEMOLITION PERMITS	25	20	14	14	11	7
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	N/A	374	128	107	104	106
INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	N/A	306	168	149	147	143
NEW DWELLING UNITS #	23 Homes & 1 Apartment	19	5 Homes & No Apartments	4 Homes & 6		
Total Permits Issued	994	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.

The 3 million dollar bond that was supported by voters in 2014 has allowed the Commission to pursue and sign purchase and sale agreements on two properties to date. They are the 73 acre Rand parcel off of Wallis Road and the 27 acre parcel off of South Road. The purchases of both properties are expected to be closed in early 2016. The Commission has been able to work with both sellers to take the requisite time to seek grant funding in an increasingly competitive environment. We remain committed to preserving resources worthy of permanent protection and pursuing grants that allow us to leverage the town's investment. We were successful in having two grants awarded to us for the purchase of the Rand property. The first grant is from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) through the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program (ARM) in the amount of 121,000 dollars. The second grant being awarded is the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) for an estimated 127,000 dollars. These grants will help protect and restore valuable wetlands on this parcel. NHDES and NRCS will each assist in developing appropriate management objectives for the Rand parcel. Due to the proximity of the South Road parcel to the town's wellhead protection district, we anticipate the Rye Water Department will be involved in developing conservation practices for this parcel. Both properties will be available for passive recreational enjoyment and will have designated parking to enable public access. Donations of land will enable the Commission to meet matching goals which allow for additional fund leveraging. Please contact the Commission if you are interested in donating land or conservation easements. The Conservation Commission is a tax exempt entity.

The Commission purchased the Goss Farm on Harbor Road in 2010. We celebrated the fourth productive year of the Community and Rye Junior High (RJH) gardens at the farm. A local nursery, Outdoor Pride, donated late season vegetable plants for the RJH plot. This plant selection was chosen for the reduced maintenance required and their compatibility with the Fall Harvest Fest and Growing Bigger Pumpkins curriculum for the 6th grade class. This past spring, with sponsorship courtesy of the Piscataqua Garden Club, the Commission oversaw the planting of twelve heirloom variety apple trees to replace some of the damaged older apple trees at the farm. Resident farmer Leslie Stevens of Sidewalk Farms, LLC assisted with sustainable farming workshops, working with the RJH on their garden plot and with the ambitious pollinator habitat project. Crucial aid came from the Rye Fire Department who prepped the project area by burning the field and minimizing thick existing grasses. The Rockingham County Conservation District, NRCS, and Xerces Society (similar to the Audubon society for invertebrates) partnered and held a workshop in the fall and planted pollinator seeds on an acre of the eastern wet meadow. It is predicted to take 1-2 years to realize the full pollinator potential.

A long time goal was achieved when Sidewalk Farms LLC, with existing grant funds from NRCS, erected a high tunnel at the farm this past October with assistance from the Urban Forestry Center. This agricultural structure (which resembles a greenhouse) is designed to extend the growing season and to increase food production. The high tunnel is also a resource for our long established salt marsh restoration goals. The Commission plans to use the high tunnel to help produce native plants to be planted at the upland edges of some of the town's salt marshes. This will contribute to an ongoing effort to help maintain the salt marshes' significant functions and values.

The Town Forest also saw renewed activity this year. Signage was posted on some of the trails as part of an Eagle Scout project. Several bog bridges were built in the forest to protect wetland resources by minimizing man made impact while preserving a greater portion of the surrounding natural area. This collaborative effort was achieved with several partners: Local residents and project Co-Chairs Danna Truslow and Doug Nelson, The Appalachian Mountain Club, Portsmouth High School Peer Leadership Program, several able volunteers, and with lumber generously donated by Ricci Lumber.

The annual Rye Farmer's Market Committee's Goss Farm dinner was held this year at Mark and Lindsay Josephs' beautiful barn in Rye Center. This quintessential town event has raised over 13,000 dollars for the Goss Farm Maintenance Fund over the last four years and never fails to be a great evening!

This year the Commission worked with the Planning Board to update the existing Wetlands Conservation District regulations, last revised in 1977, to improve communication and collaboration between town boards to better protect our wetland resources that comprise over 65% of the town of Rye. These ongoing efforts will enhance Rye's ability to combat future storm events and will help to create stronger coastal resiliency.

Respectively submitted,

Sally S. King, Chair

Commission Members: James S. Raynes
Jeffrey Gardner
Francis Garvin II
F. Lawton Struble III
Suzanne McFarland
Jacinthe Grote

MANY ENJOYED THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THE RYE FARMERS MARKET

DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Demolition Review Committee reviewed seven applications for demolition of buildings in 2015. Applications of buildings or sections of buildings more than 65 years old and 500 square feet are referred to the Committee to consider within five workdays. If the Committee determines the building historically is not potentially significant, the Committee informs the Building Inspector and the demolition permit can be issued.

If the Committee finds on review that the structure's history is potentially significant, a public hearing is scheduled and notices are published.

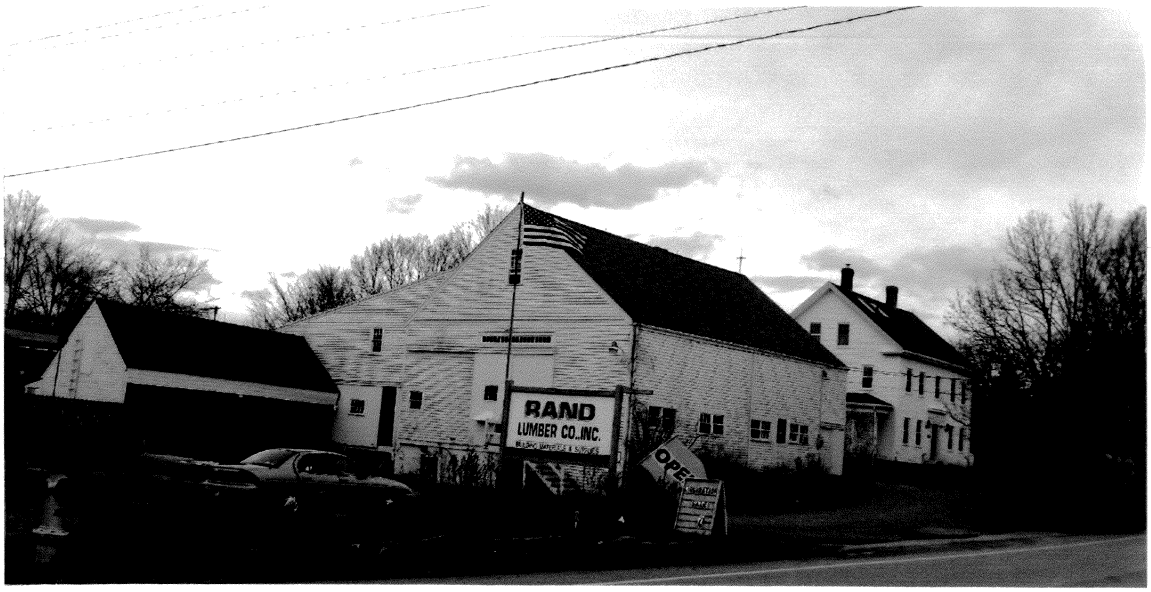
Potentially significant or significant criteria are: the building is of such interest or quality that it would meet national, state or local criteria for designation as an historic, cultural or architectural landmark; the building is of such uncommon design, texture or materials that it could not be reproduced or could be reproduced only with great difficulty and expense; the building is of such historic, architectural or community value that its removal would be to the detriment of the public interest; or retention of the building would help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest.

The review will not exceed forty days after which a demolition permit will be issued. In 2015, two public meetings were held which allowed the public to voice their concerns or agreement after which the demolition permits were issued.

The Demolition Review Committee is composed of members appointed by the Chairman of the Heritage Commission and meets in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Davis, Chairman
Demolition Review Committee



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At the Board of Selectmen's meeting of April 27, 2015, the Board received a letter from Brian J. X. Murphy regarding his intentions to move the Rand Lumber Barn, located at 511 Wallis Road and scheduled for demolition, to his property on the opposite side of the street at 496 Wallis Road.

The barn has since been relocated to its new foundation. As a town with independent farming in our history, each barn is precious. Brian's efforts are a victory for posterity.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The winter of 2015 was active with cold temperatures and snow storms, one right after another. On January 26 to 28, 2015, a storm called "Juno" dropped a significant amount of snow in two days. DPW worked for three days straight to clear roads. The Emergency Management Team requested reimbursement for snow removal. All request forms have been submitted, asking for a total of $25,115.94.

If during a storm you are experiencing a loss of power, please call Eversource at any time at 1-800-662-7764 or contact their website at www.eversource.com. During a power outage, if you plan on using a generator, you must vent it outside and should never re-fuel while it is operating. Things to remember: place your generator away from your home and especially at a distance from a window and doorways that could allow carbon monoxide inside. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you if it reaches dangerous levels in an enclosed space. We also recommend installing a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

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.

Based on history a disaster may cause power outages that could last for several days. A supply kit will help you and your family. Some basic supplies you should store before you need them are:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, drinking and sanitation.
- Food, at least three days' supply of non-perishable food. Choose food your family will eat, remember special dietary needs.
- Battery powered radio or hand crank radio.
- Flash lights, extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle, to signal for help.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties.
- Manual can opener.
- Local maps.
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.
- Emergency phone numbers and family phone numbers listed (do not rely on speed dial)

You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.

The strength of each member is a team. The strength of the team is each individual member. Emergency Management is a "team" effort with all town departments and town residents. I look forward to working with Rye to make things safer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Walsh, Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE'S REPORT
INCLUDING THE
RECYCLING EDUCATION SUBCOMITTEE

The Rye Energy Committee (REC) has been active in education and action and works to provide valuable resources for town citizens, municipal boards and municipal staff. The Rye Recycling Education Committee (RREC) is a subcommittee of the REC and is included in this report.

Members of the Energy Committee of 2015 were Michele Sopher, Co-chair; Danna Truslow, Co-chair; Susan Anderson, Secretary; Lucy Neiman, Howard Kalet and Tom Archibald. Lucy stepped down after serving for over 6 years. Tom Archibald also stepped down. Tom Pfau joined the committee early in 2016.

Town Building Energy Reductions – Public Safety Complex – Six of the seven major town buildings have undergone significant energy reductions. This leaves our newest building, the Public Safety Complex, as our least energy-efficient building. The REC helped the town coordinate and attended an energy audit in January 2015. Much of the recommended work will be done in 2016 to address some of the significant findings.

Energy Tracking – The REC tracks the energy use and costs for the Rye municipal buildings, streetlights, and vehicles. Our aim is to include the energy data for all the operations covered by our municipal tax dollars. Therefore, even the energy use of the Water District, the Sewer District, the School District, and the Jenness Beach and Rye Beach Precincts, independent or semi-independent entities, are included. Our records are complete since 2009, with some data from as early as 2004. Analysis of the energy data allows us to recognize inefficiencies and assess the effect of any energy reduction work. The Selectmen and town management staff use our reports to target energy waste and budget funds for energy efficiency improvement. Since 2012, many major energy efficiency projects have been completed, most with financial assistance from grant and utility programs. We continue a poster project to display how these changes have helped to save energy and money for the town.

Jenness Beach Precinct Streetlights – The entire town of Rye has 9 municipal streetlights, plus about 10 more parking lot and area lights. The small Jenness Beach Precinct has 69 streetlights, most of which are 50-year-old inefficient mercury fixtures with high-energy costs. The REC has been working with the Precinct on a plan to upgrade the streetlight layout and replace those in critical areas with LED fixtures, with financial assistance from Eversource rebates and the NH Municipal Energy Efficiency Loan Fund. When accomplished, this project will improve the lighting quality and save the district 50-75% in annual street lighting costs. Look for a trial LED streetlight to be installed in early 2016.

New England Grassroots (NEGEF) Grants and Energy Interns – NEGEF has been providing modest grant funding for many of the initiatives of the REC for over 6 years. The most recent grant was focused on developing a system to track and evaluate energy use within town departments. Using this grant funding the REC has hired Rye college students for the last two years to help compile the large amount of energy data needed to produce our energy reports for the town. Both interns became very capable at manipulating the data, organizing it into spreadsheets, interfacing with town personnel, and even creating a spreadsheet in the "cloud" for the Public Works Director to collect electricity data. They both gained valuable work experience.

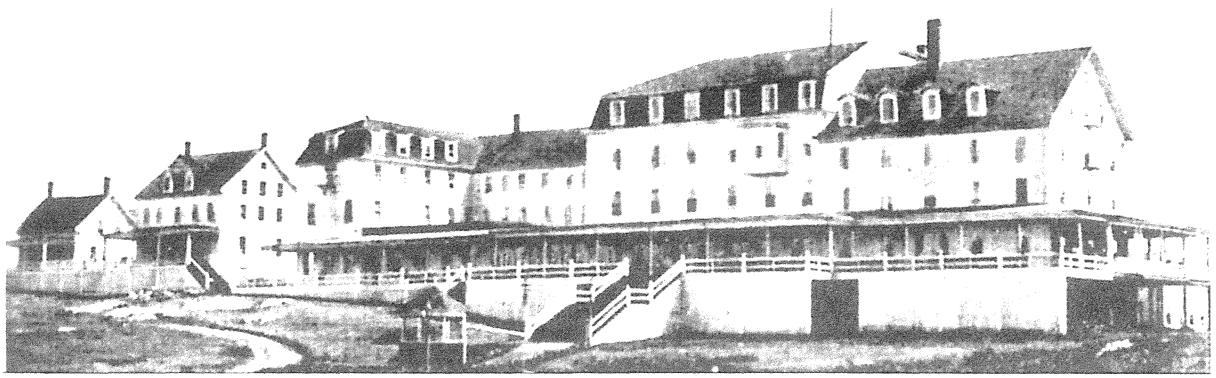
Farmers Market – The REC has continued to support the Rye Farmers' Market. The 2015 Summer Market was its seventh successful summer market. We also supported their 4th Annual Harvest Dinner to raise funds for the Goss Farm. Susan Anderson, the REC liaison to the Framers' Market, provides information about the market in each edition of the Rye Town News and places flyers around town to remind our residents of the time and dates of the markets (Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30, late June – late September, in Rye Center, across from the library).

Education and Newsletter – This year we co-sponsored a program on Residential Solar Energy to a full house. We learned both practical and financial information on solar installations. REC member Howard Kalet planned and coordinated the event. Tracy Ritzo, a past member of the REC, still actively produces the Rye Eats Local Newsletter. Within the newsletter, REC provides general information about improving energy efficiency and any upcoming programs.

The Rye Recycling Education Committee is chaired by Dierdre Smyrnos. The Recycling Committee's charge was renewed by the Board of Selectmen with the primary mission being to help deliver information and education about the importance of proper recycling with three goals: 1.) To increase the town's recycling rate, 2.) To encourage more recycling at our schools and 3.) To grow the number of households utilizing the Mr. Fox food scrap composting program (which opened to all in April). A "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" student poster contest was held this past fall at the Rye Elementary School and we have plans to use some of the artwork in the near future. Jozef Platt, our student committee-member, made a short video "So many ways to recycle in Rye" which he brought to the Rye Farmers' Market and can be viewed on the Town of Rye website. By reducing, reusing and recycling in our homes, we not only save money but we also conserve resources, save energy, reduce pollution and lower greenhouse gas emissions. **Recycling it's the *Rye-ght* thing to do!**

Respectfully submitted

Danna Truslow, Co-chair
Rye Energy Committee



THE OCEANIC HOTEL, STAR ISLAND, RYE, N.H.

"Located on Star Island, the Oceanic Hotel was built in 1873 and was destroyed by lightning in 1875. The second hotel, seen above, was constructed and opened in 1876. It is now owned and operated by the Star Island Corporation, a joint Unitarian and Congregational venture that purchased the island in 1915 from the Laighton family for $16,000." (*Rye and Rye Beach,* Lewis T. Karabatsos, Arcadia Books, 2004)

In 2015, the Oceanic Hotel was named as one of its Seven to Save by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. In addition to increasing awareness, this designation will allow Star Island to tap into the Alliance's network of funders for repair to the 139 year old complex.

Also during 2015, the Rye Historic District Commission approved the Star Island Corporation's application for installation of a 130KW photovoltaic array that covers a 10,400 square foot area. This installation will generate over 60% of the electrical power needs of the island.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Once again the Fire & Rescue Department was very busy in this past year answering emergency calls and requests for assistance, conducting safety and code enforcement inspections and participating in training and education programs.

By the close of 2015, the Department had received 860 requests for emergency assistance. These included twelve fires in structures, 42 hazardous conditions and eight outside fires. This number also included 560 requests for assistance that were medical in nature. This produced 447 transports to local hospitals of which 256 were at an advanced care level.

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Division, with the assistance of the entire staff, conducted 191 inspections throughout the Town. These inspections included heating system and fuel storage installations, chimney construction, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors placement, Place of Assembly permits and general hazard inspections, as well as permitting and monitoring blasting operations.

The Department took advantage of a great opportunity in the early spring when we were allowed to train inside the barn that was Rand Lumber (before it was sold and moved across the street). This allowed us to conduct training in search and rescue in large buildings and to practice firefighter self-rescue techniques that are often difficult to simulate in smaller settings. This training was conducted over a period of several weeks. This training opportunity was also extended to our mutual aid partners.

In April 2015, the senior member of the department, Lieutenant Steve Laing, retired from the full-time ranks after thirty-seven years of service. Fortunately, that great amount of corporate knowledge was not lost as Steve remains a member of the "Call Force". In September two new members were added to the force to bring us to full staffing once again. Firefighters Kevin Wunderly and Christopher Bohling are both certified Paramedics and certified at Firefighter Level II. They will be going through orientation and familiarization of the Town and Department operations for the first year.

The men and women of the Fire & Rescue are appreciative of the towns people continued support of the department and its mission. This is apparent through the many cards, letters and acts of kindness that we receive throughout the year in addition to the funding through the budget process.

If you have any questions or suggestions about any fire safety or emergency medical care please stop in at the station or call us anytime.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas S. Lambert
Chief of Department

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact the Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning.

During the year, a total of 681 permits for open burning were issued by the deputy forest fire wardens here at the Public Safety Building. Of this total, 274 permits were issued for camp fires on town controlled beaches.

This past fire season burned **661 acres** statewide which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Many homes in Rye and throughout New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org.

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.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste.

No burning is allowed between 9:00am and 5:00pm unless it is 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. The 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 help Smokey Bear, the Rye Fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Respectfully submitted

Thomas S. Lambert
Forest Fire Warden

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The year 2015 is history and was a busy and challenging year for me as Health Officer. The scope, complexity, and volume of issues and problems continue to increase each year and 2015 was no exception.

As in previous years, I have continued to inspect a variety of buildings and situations, including, but not limited to, schools, foster care houses, day cares, and various indoor and outdoor environments. For the most part, people are very receptive to any changes that they need to make to conform to current policies.

Mosquito Surveillance continued in 2015 as it has in previous years. There were a total of seventy (70) mosquito batches from Rye that were tested in Concord from June 15th to September 15th, all of these batches tested negative for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). As in the past Rye continues to be proactive with regards to our mosquito surveillance.

Lyme disease, caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi, is a significant problem in New Hampshire. According to the Division of Public Health Services in our State the incidence of rates for this disease have increased in western and northern counties but have apparently stabilized in the southeastern part of the State. Cases of babesiosis and anaplasmosis related illnesses have increased over the last 5 years in New Hampshire. It is important that you check for ticks on yourself, your children and your pets after they have been outside, especially during the warmest months of the year.

The Parsons Creek Watershed assessment has documented high concentrations of bacteria in multiple locations within this area. It was deemed necessary to develop a health regulation mandating the pumping of septic tanks. This pumping-out needs to be done at least once every three years to promote proper operation of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems. This proposed health regulation is scheduled to be on the March 2016 ballot for residents to vote on.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town personnel and the Citizens of Rye for their cooperation and support. I look forward to my role as Health Officer in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

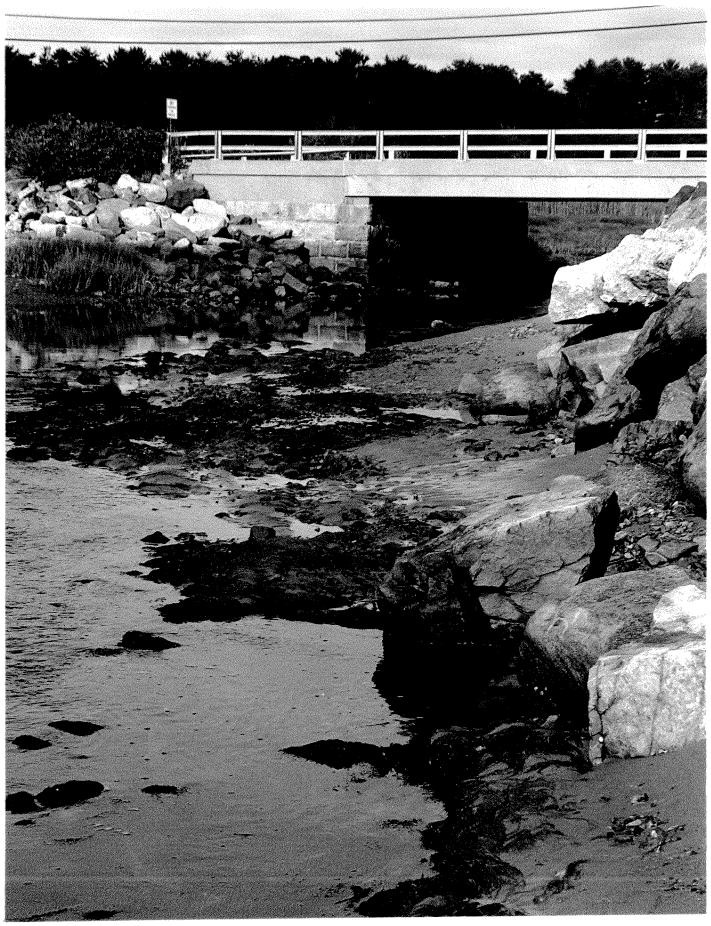
Gail A. Snow, M.D.
Health Officer

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903,* L.B.Parsons

RYE AS A SUMMER RESORT

"The Ocean Wave House at North Rye beach (which is shown on Morrill's plan as a part of Sandy beach, and is not so far north as Wallis Sands) was built in 1879 by Henry Knox. It is very near the shore and so situated and so planned that every sleeping room has a window from which a more or less extensive view of some part of the ocean can be had. At this beach and at Concord Point, which makes its northern boundary, there are many summer cottages; and perched here and there along a huge ridge of sand on the land side of Wallis Sands are many others, and new ones are being erected every year. On the ancient Wallis farm, which extends from the northerly end of Wallis Sands nearly to Odiorne's Point, is a large and costly cottage erected by the late Prof. James Parsons, professor of law in the University of Pennsylvania, as a summer home, the place now being owned by heirs."

Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration
A Work in Progress



The single entrance/exit to the Parsons Creek Watershed is located at Concord Point *(left)* and is known locally as Stinky Creek. Oversight of two DES Environmental Resources Grants by Planning Administrator Kim Reed has been ongoing since 2008 and continuous testing has identified septic systems as the primary source of bacteria in the Parsons Creek Watershed.

Failed septic systems are extremely difficult to detect if they were constructed in sand. Standing surface septic waste does not generally occur in these circumstances and dye testing is typically not effective.

Dogs capable of detecting human fecal waste have been part of the search for sources of contamination in the Parsons Creek area. *(below)*

Identification of inadequate septic systems will require time and effort, a number of creative solutions and the cooperation of homeowners throughout the Parsons Creek Watershed.

In March of 2016, voters will have the opportunity to approve a Septic Pump-out Ordinance as adopted by the Health Officer and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Photographs: Kim Reed

HERITAGE COMMISSION'S REPORT

What a rollercoaster year for the Rye Heritage Commission. The majority of the Commission supported the renovation of the Rye Town Hall as put forth to the voters in March, 2015. The Warrant Article met all the safety and space needs for the town employees and committees plus preserved all of the historical elements, both inside and outside of the town hall building. The strong message sent back from the voters was 4.1 million dollars was more money than they wanted to spend.

The Selectmen appointed a new Town Hall Committee. More widespread "talk" about tearing the building down was heard. The response of the Rye Heritage Commission was to seek and obtain recognition for the building as one of the "Seven to Save" historic properties in the State of New Hampshire. The building is on the NH Division of Historical Resources list of historic properties which identifies the architectural and historical heritage of our state as an environmental asset threatened by rapid social and economic development. Two plaques commemorating this tribute hang at the entrances to the building. The Seven to Save recognition of the Rye Town Hall on October 21, 2015 opened connections to grants which could reduce the cost of renovations needed. [The cost to renovate was estimated by the designated builder in December, 2014 as approximately one million dollars.] Meanwhile, the University of New Hampshire Survey Center was engaged to determine the views of the citizens through a town-wide survey which received a remarkable 39% response. The results?

TEAR IT DOWN	21%
RENNOVATE AND ADD ON	62%
KEEP TOWN GOVERNMENT IN TOWN CENTER	61%
MOVE TOWN GOVERNMENT TO A DIFFERENT SIT	22%

Based on the Report of the 2015 Town Hall Committee, the Selectmen have proposed a Warrant Article which requests funds to explore the costs of five alternatives, at least two of which require tear down of the Rye Town Hall and are inconsistent with the above results of the survey.

The response of the Rye Heritage Commission is an alternative Warrant Article which removes *demolition of the Rye Town Hall building* from the options to be considered. The rationale for the Commission's Warrant Article is twofold. First, the members of the Commission are unanimous in the support of renovation of the iconic Greek Revival structure in the center of our town as an architectural embodiment of much of the history and culture of the town since 1839. Second, it is an unrealistic expectation that grants to renovate will be forthcoming until the threat of tear down is removed.

Meanwhile, the need for additional space has been reduced as a result of the relocation of the Recreation and Sewer Departments. Rye Town Hall can be renovated and preserved for most of the town's business requirements at a price more acceptable to the citizens as reflected in the UNH survey. Citizens believe that, as indicated by their financial support to the Heritage Commission, which is approaching twenty-thousand dollars toward seed money for future grants and for other efforts to preserve the Rye Town Hall building.

The Rye Heritage Commission was unsuccessful in preserving the old South Schoolhouse built in 1881 as its demolition came about suddenly and a public hearing called for by the Rye Demolition Review Committee did not elicit strong support for its rescue. The Commission will participate in the study of the fate of the historic Parsonage [cir.1810] in an effort to preserve the historic features. The Parsonage is located between the Library and the Safety Complex.

The Rye Heritage Commission enrolled several new members to the Adopt a Graveyard Program where individuals agree to clean and maintain one of over fifty private burial sites in the town of Rye. The Commission, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association, held a cemetery maintenance educational program at the Dow burial site which was well attended by young and old.

The Commission ended its year with a holiday celebration and presentation of the 4th Annual Louise Tallman Award for significant contribution to historic preservation in the Town of Rye. It was the Commission's great pleasure to honor historian, Alex Herlihy, for his dedication and commitment. Alex is a charter member and Vice President of the Rye Historical Society, the director of the Town Museum, a member of the Heritage Commission and a former member of the Rye Historic District Commission for twenty years. The Rye Heritage Commission meets at RyeTown Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Mae Bradshaw, Chair Rye Heritage

HERITAGE COMMISSION GRAVEYARD WORKSHOP

On October 31st, the Heritage Commission sponsored a workshop conducted by the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association (NHOGA) at the Dow graveyard on Washington Road near Dow Lane. The object of this workshop was to demonstrate appropriate care of old graveyards. Rye has approximately sixty such sites. In 2015, through the Adopt a Graveyard Program, several old graveyards were "adopted".

Following selection of a leaning gravestone at the site, Richard Maloon, NHOGA member, demonstrated the proper method to upright fallen or leaning gravestones. Other NHOGA members instructed Heritage Commission members on removal of lichen and grime.

ABOVE:

At the Dow graveyard, the effects of time and gravity on the old headstones are apparent and they can be seen listing to the left and right.

LEFT:

Assisted by a spray of water (no harsh chemicals are used), Heritage Commission member Sara Hall scrubs away lichen with a bristle brush. The results of this process are well worth the effort.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

2015 was an exciting year for the Historic District Commission as we continued to work with the Star Island Corporation on their projects to become energy independent, reconstruct the west end of the Oceanic Hotel, and replace their aging septic system. In addition in 2015 the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance announced their selection of the "Seven to Save" buildings in the State with two of the seven buildings being in the Rye Historic District. The sites are the Rye Town Hall and the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island. (Details below)

We approved the Star Island Corporation's application for installation of a 130KW photovoltaic array (panels set on the ground) that will cover 10,400 square feet. This system was installed over the past ten months and will generate over 60% of the islands electrical power needs making it the largest off-grid photovoltaic array in New England. Provided that the system works as designed, plans are in place in the future to expand the system to produce 200KW of power with the expanded array taking up a 16,000 square feet foot print and providing almost all of the Star Islands power needs.

On October 21st the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance announced their selection of the "Seven to Save" buildings in the State. Seven to Save is a highly sought after designation that helps places in crisis to get broader attention, a boost from investors, and an opportunity to engage more people in creative solutions for important historic places. We were honored to have both the Rye Town Hall and the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island selected in the seven to save.

In 2015 we filled our last vacancy on the Commission and are pleased to announce that John Loftus has joined the commission as an alternate. We look forward to benefiting from the addition of John given his background as a custom home builder for over 25 years and his strong interest in New England Colonial Architecture. He is also a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy, has commanded ships up to 950 long, and has circumnavigated the globe. Welcome John!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Winslow, HDC Chairman

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY/TOWN MUSEUM REPORT

In February the keeper of Rye's 20th century family tales, David Herlihy, died. As a native who lived deep in Rye, his legacy will live on in what he taught us and in his homestead. RHS is only as good as its volunteers. If you know of another town treasure, please let us know at: info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org. See "Volunteer" on our website under the tab: "contact us."

We received several donations and welcome anything you think may be of value. David and Martha Shepard of Tennessee donated diaries kept by Supply Foss Trefethen of Rye from 1857 to 1907, RHS board member Steve Cash salvaged bricks from the South School for sale in our gift shop along with house plaques, etc. See our web site. The school bell is on display outside the museum. RHS is grateful to the Murphy family for saving the Rand's Lumber Co. barn.

"Access Rye History" is a new group representing the Rye Public Library, the Rye Junior High School and RHS. Its purpose is to seek grant funding to digitize primary sources from the museum's collection from 1850 to 1920, from the agricultural to the industrial modern world. These resources will be on the RHS web site – www.ryenhhistoralsoceity.org for everyone.

Arcadia Books wants to publish a third volume about Rye focusing on the mid/late 20th century. It would complement the two earlier titles, "Rye and Rye Beach" (1995 & 2002). RHS cannot do this project with its current level of volunteers. If interested in helping, please contact RHS.

Rye's battle against the proposed Onassis oil refinery of 1974 will soon be profiled in a book RHS and others are working on. It will tell the larger story that includes Durham, but the focus is on Rye's success in blocking the effort to unload crude oil at the Shoals and pump it under our town to Great Bay. See "News" & "Newsletters" on our web site for on going details.

RHS held three public programs this year at the library and aims to have two in the spring and two in the fall of 2016. Watch for publicity on these and special programs at the museum. In an effort to encourage people to visit the museum when it is convenient for them or on impulse, RHS has a new museum policy: "Open Year Round on Request." Write the museum at the above e-mail or for more immediate gratification, call 997 6742. We are happy to oblige.

2016 marks the 40th anniversary of RHS. Understanding history can lead to personal fulfillment, becoming a better citizen and working toward improving our town and our nation. The Rye Town Museum, YOUR museum, is open to you anytime you ask. It welcomes and needs your interest and participation. Facing history: facing ourselves, our town and our nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Herlihy, RHS

The Fourth Annual Heritage Commission

Louise Tallman Award

2015

Alex Herlihy

On December 11, 2015, the Rye Heritage Commission presented the fourth annual Louise Tallman Award to Alex Herlihy. 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 the late Louise Tallman demonstrated on a daily basis.

We have all benefitted from Alex Herlihy's lifelong interest in history. Alex has served as the anchor for the Rye Town Museum since its inception in 1999: guiding its organization, serving as caretaker of its treasures, seeking additions to enhance the collections and offering to open the Museum "on call" for anyone interested. He was a custodian for the remnants of our Town heritage when the future museum consisted of a couple of display cases of artifacts located on the second floor of the Town Hall where offices are today.

His enthusiasm for preservation of Rye history and heritage remains boundless. It is apparent today through his work as a member of the Historical Society, which includes development of special displays and programs drawn from our past, but has been constant over time going back to participation in our Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 and beyond.

2015 Louise Tallman Award recipient Alex Herlihy stands to the right of Sara Hall, recipient of the first Tallman Award in 2012 for her work that resulted in placement of the Town Hall building on the New Hampshire State Registry of Historic Places. Names of Tallman Award recipients are inscribed on the plaque seen above and Alex's name will be added to those of Sara, Mel Low (2013) and Dr. Michael Mittleman (2014).

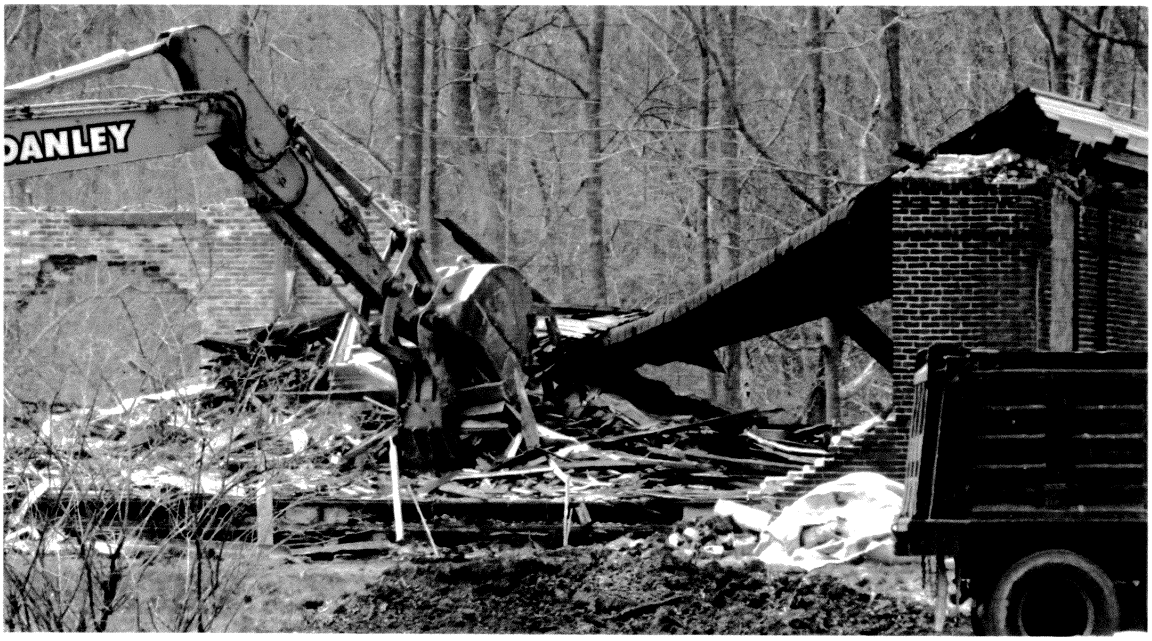
Photograph: Priscilla Jenness

THE OLD SOUTH SCHOOL
1881 - 1915

On May 1, 2015 the old South School was demolished. It had been built in 1881 and was located on Central Road near Love Lane to provide for scholars, grades one through grade eight, in that part of the town.

Since becoming a private residence about 1930, the cupola and bell of the school had served as a decorative well cover.

In 2015, before demolition of the building, the old South School bell was donated to the Rye Town Museum by the owner, Joseph Roy of Hampton.



LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our outstanding Rye Public Library Staff: 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 the very best in 2016, and truly appreciate your patronage and support last year. Thank you!

As always, 2015 saw tremendous use of the Library by the Rye Community. Your patronage of last year's programs and events at RPL equated to a per-capita program attendance statistic that ranks us ninth in New Hampshire among all 231 communities reporting their numbers! In the category of materials circulated per-capita our "little Library that could" ranks third among Seacoast communities, behind only two other (much larger) libraries: Portsmouth and Hampton.

One of last year's major accomplishments was announced in October when, in fulfillment of a key objective of our 2012-2015 Three-Year Strategic Plan, Rye Public Library obtained NH State Register of Historic Places from the State Historic Resources Council. This statewide recognition plays a role in the Library's strategic planning objectives of helping establish a sense of place and community.

2015 also saw the close of our 2012-2015 Three-Year Strategic Plan. With a great majority of our three-year objectives accomplished, such as our Historic Register listing above, we began the good work of revising and retooling the Plan into the future. A volunteer committee of community members will meet monthly through early 2016 to assess progress and determine new directions.

After nomination by the Rye Public Library Board of Trustees over the summer, I was surprised and flattered to be the recipient of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association Library Director of the Year award. On Tuesday evening October 13th NHLTA President Ed Moran traveled to Rye to present the award. A reception following the presentation was attended by the Board of Trustees of the Rye Public Library, members of the Friends of the Rye Public Library, library staff, town of Rye representatives and the public. This honor should shared by the Library Staff, volunteers, and Rye community that work together to bring the Rye Public Library the success we enjoy. This award follows on the heels of last year's statewide recognition of the Friends of the Rye Public Library with the Sue Palmatier Award of Excellence for Library Friends Groups. Both plaques along with other significant historical RPL memorabilia can be viewed in the New Hampshire room at the Library.

Once again, we extend our sincere thanks to those in the Rye community who remember the Library through gifts, donations and memorial bequests. We truly appreciate our volunteers who give back to their community through their service at the Library. I sincerely thank our Trustees, Friends of the Library, and others who give so liberally of their time and talent to strengthen the Rye community through the Library. All of us here at Rye Public Library look forward to serving you in 2016!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Richmond, Library Director

RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

In 2015, Rye Public Library (RPL) continued to be 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 has wound to a close with a majority of its objectives complete. A new volunteer Planning Committee has begun meeting to formulate the next Strategic Plan, this time to span five years and informed by the Space Needs and Utilization Study described in the next paragraph. We look forward to publishing the Plan on our website in the coming months. In the meantime, please contact Director Andy Richmond if you would like to participate in this process!

As set forth in last year's Trustees' Report, the Trustees have commissioned a Space Needs and Utilization Study from the architectural firm Lavallee Brensinger to assess existing conditions and operations. This study will help 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. This study will involve canvassing Rye citizens via a mailed questionnaire. Look for it in your mail and give us your thoughts so that your input can be included in the results of this study and ultimately inform Strategic Planning for the future of Rye Public Library.

RPL continues to stay open until 8pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, as well as Saturdays until 3:00pm. Annual statistics regarding library activity, particularly remote and e-reader usage, continue to trend upward. Director Andrew Richmond's 2015 report sets forth more detail on how we compare statewide.

The Trustees are particularly pleased this year that Director Andy Richmond was chosen by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association to receive the 2015 Award for Director of the Year. This is statewide recognition of Director Richmond's professionalism, leadership and outstanding performance that contributes to the mission and goals of RPL. Director Richmond was characteristically quick to credit his staff with his success.

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 organization working to enhance the Library's community and cultural profile.

Philip Boynton and Karen Oliver successfully ran for re-election this year, providing continuity and consistency to the Board.

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 2016!

Respectfully submitted

Karen W. Oliver, 2015 Chair,
Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

Using the criteria of resident complaints and the number of mosquito pools testing positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV), it could be said that the Rye Mosquito Control Program in 2015 was successful. There were a couple of "hot spots" of mosquito activity and they were responded to within 24 hours. No sites in Rye tested positive for the sometimes fatal mosquito-borne illnesses of EEE or WNV.

Looking back as recently as 2008 the Rye Mosquito Control Budget was $94,734. The budgeted amount for 2016 has been reduced to $86,000. The Rye Mosquito Control Commission (RMCC) has modified its control strategies to accommodate the new budget amounts without compromising the health or enjoyment of the out of doors by Rye residents. The greenhead trapping program will continue but no new traps will be constructed for the new season. All the traps will be painted green instead of blue to better blend in with the marsh. According to some research blue is supposed to be the most attractive color for greenheads. The RMCC experimented with colors last year and found no significant change. The Swallow Nesting Box program will be suspended. It was started many years ago by local volunteers and the responsibility was unofficially transferred to the RMCC. The project was not favored by the Southeast Land Trust and its effectiveness was criticized by Matt Tarr, a wildlife biologist from UNH Cooperative Extension. In 2015 many of the nest boxes fell victim to predation, probably raccoons, resulting in the loss of eggs and nesting material.

The State of New Hampshire contains about 6,000 acres of salt marsh. The Town of Rye contains about 1,000 of those acres or 11% of the Town's total acreage. Proper management of these sensitive ecosystems is important for the following reasons: they are the home to hundreds of species of plants and animals; they act as a nursery for many commercially important fish and shellfish; reduction of mosquito breeding sites; and reduction of invasive species. Since 2004 the RMCC has been working with the NH Coastal program, the Rye Conservation Commission and others to develop a long range management plan for Rye's salt marshes. One of the primary goals of the plan would be to dramatically reduce the breeding areas of salt marsh mosquitoes. This natural form of mosquito control provides a long term effective solution to the problem and reduces the costs involved in less effective biological or chemical control methods.

In 2004 the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Rye passed a warrant article requiring that the Town actively consider alternative methods of mosquito control other than the traditional biological (Bti) and chemical (Pyrethrums) methods. Establishing an effective wetlands management plan certainly falls within that mandate.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Aspinwall, RMCC Chairman

A glimpse from our past: *A History of Rye, N.H., 1623–1903*, L.B.Parsons

FERRIES, BRIDGES, AND ROADS

".....But the early settlers knew that it was easier to skirt a swamp than to flounder through it; or bridge it or build a causeway across it; easier to go around a hill than over it, easier to turn out for a ledge than to remove it, quite as well as any animal. The distances to be covered by roads were long, the labor and expense of building them very great, and the people few in number, widely scattered and of very limited means; no wonder they built their roads along the lines that presented the fewest obstacles, regardless of the number of curves and corners found necessary."

PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE BEGINS WITH AWARENESS

KING TIDE OBSERVATIONS AT RYE HARBOR

Looking more like a lake than the Atlantic Ocean, one reason for concern over rising tides was evident locally as water began to flow onto Harbor Road and neared the top of the jetty. We were fortunate that this King Tide did not coincide with a nor'easter.

Photographs: Priscilla Jenness

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

The following is a summation of the applications which came before the Planning Board during the year just ended, 2015. In total there were 18 applications as compared to 26 during 2014.

As expected, most of the applications before the Board were of routine nature: lot line adjustments, change of use permits, driveway exceptions and the like.

There were a few major applications that were submitted during the year, the first being an application to develop a significant parcel of land off of 561 South Road. The application requested permission to subdivide from the parcel an existing home and barn as Lot 1, and to develop 4 additional new lots. During the process there were a number of legitimate concerns on which the abutters and others needed clarification, not the least of which was the protection of the Cedar Run wells which lie toward the rear of the property. Additionally there were serious questions whether or not a driveway should be built over wetlands. At the end of discussions the joint decision was to place a portion of the backlands into conservation and reduce the number of new building lots to 3. The project was conditionally approved. As of today the road and infrastructure have been installed but no apparent new building is in progress.

The Board also deliberated on a project off Brackett Road for a 9 lot subdivision. As this project did not impinge on our wells and no significant wetlands were involved, the application was also conditionally approved after a thorough vetting by the Board, Town engineers and our attorney. This project is essentially complete and homes are being built, some completed and occupied.

In the next few months the Board will be considering the merits of a 3 lot subdivision off Wentworth Road at the site of an abandoned rock quarry.

Later in the year the Board approved a lot line adjustment that granted the Rye Middle School additional land that will be used for various activities, enhancing the overall educational experience at the Middle School.

Unfortunately not all applications that came before the Board were approved and some were never taken under jurisdiction. Where the location was not suitable for development, or had a major negative impact on the neighborhood, they were rejected by one process or another.

Another responsibility of the Planning Board through the Rules and Regulations Committee is to vet, change and recommend changes to the zoning ordinance and land use regulations. Recently we put forward a complete rewrite of our wetlands ordinances in conjunction with the Conservation Commission and Rockingham County Conservation District. This was not well received at the last public hearing. After a long discussion, it was decided to set it aside for a time and select a few interested parties to participate in an ad hoc committee to edit the documents and resubmit for next year's warrant.

One final note is that the Planning Board, along with the Town administration will continue to make decisions on how Rye will best be protected both now and into the future. All decisions are noted in various locations for your inspection. Please see the Town web site, streaming videos, and legal notifications to keep informed.

Respectfully submitted ,

Bill Epperson, Chairman, Rye Planning Board

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Trust is built and maintained by small actions over time. Rye officers know that in order to achieve this they must listen to residents' concerns and points of view.

Since January 1, 2015, the police department has had seven heroin overdoses. Both police and fire departments were dispatched to all of them. Three people were arrested; two people were not because evidence could not be located at the scene. Of those overdoses, two people died. These types of calls for service are similar to those in other New Hampshire towns and cities. Rye is linking together with State and Federal authorities in exchanging information. The goal is to have the heroin source stopped or arrested. We are also assisting people with addiction problems by guiding them to resources in the form of helpful rehabilitation programs.

On April 21, 2015, Rye Police were dispatched to the Abenaqui Country Club for a "hostage call". The caller stated that several people were taken hostage and were being injured at the same time. The Abenaqui Country Club was hosting a "New England Country Club Managers" meeting. There were approximately 50 to 70 people attending the meeting and the club was also open to members, adding to the number of people at the location. The initial call for assistance was chaotic and took the help of five other police agencies to ensure safety. This call was a hoax. This type of call is commonly called "swatting". The case is still open and is linked to two other similar "swatting" calls in NH and MA. Currently, we are waiting on some results from the FBI. The FBI is linking these investigations with others that have happened across the country. NH police are sharing resources and information with the goal of solving this type of crime.

The Rye Police Department experienced many challenges during 2015. From August 26, 2014 to January 6, 2016, an officer was out on medical leave for an on-the-job injury. The officer decided to resign in January2016. That officer being out of work for that amount of time made things tough within the department. The schedule was adjusted to prevent over working the officers and to control budget costs. During 2015, officers worked extra hours because of this absence and had to work together cooperatively to adjust their vacation time in order to cover all shifts.

Officer Gauthier graduated from the full time police academy. The newest officer position, approved by voters in March, has been filled by Officer Mark Lynch. A second open vacancy, the result of Officer Shawn Carlson's resignation, was filled by Officer Dan Fuglestad. Both officers Lynch and Fuglestad are currently enrolled in the full time police academy and are expected to graduate in April of 2016.

Thank you for your continued support. The following is a list of annual statistics of the Rye Police Department for 2015:

8,247 calls for service	304 arrests	283 alarms
1,564 motor vehicle stops	98 accident investigations	531 animal control
58,911 hang up calls	268 medical aid calls	32 domestics
26 juvenile issues	7 burglary reports	65 thefts

$49,717.19 parking fines collected
$ 9,936.00 court fines collected
$65,625.50 outside details

Respectfully submitted

Kevin Walsh, Chief
Rye Police Department

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year was a very challenging winter for the department. Fortunately, most of the snow was of the very light and fluffy kind. While the number of events which the department responded to was not extraordinary, the inches of accumulation certainly was. Snow accumulation was eighty percent (80%) greater than the average of 60 inches normally anticipated. Final snowfall accumulation in 2015 totaled 110 inches. The department recorded a total of 23 weather events; 18 were snow events and 5 where ice only. The snow events averaged approximately five inches of accumulation per event. 984 tons of salt at a total cost of $56,740, was deployed on the roadways to maintain safe road conditions.

The department specified, bid, and purchased a new one ton Ford utility truck to replace truck 104, which was a 2006 Ford pickup.

The fifth year of the crack sealing program saw the completion of Sagamore Road, Acorn Acres, Causeway Road and Rock Orchard Lane, all treated with crack sealant. In addition, The section of Wallis Road, from Washington Road to Sagamore Road, and a section of South Road, from the North Hampton town line to West Road, were re-treated with crack sealant.

The Town's storm water drainage consultant, Wright-Pierce, began the survey, design, and permitting, for two new concrete box culvert on Red Mill Lane. This work is a continuation of a multi-year drainage improvement program begun in 2013. This phase of the work is anticipated to be put out to bid in 2016 and completed in 2017.

The fourth and final section of Brackett Road, from Wallis 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. Geremia Road was also paved in a similar manner. The third phase of the repaving of Central Road was completed with the application of shim and overlay asphalt from Washington Road to Locke Road. This work is the third of five yearly phases of repaving which will be necessary to compete the repaving of Central Road, from Ocean Boulevard to the center of town. Also repaved this year was Meadow Lane, a short section in front of the Post Office, and the Congregational Church driveway which is town property. In all, approximately 2,500 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 1,196.0 tons of household rubbish, 189.2 tons of wood, 399.8 tons of Demo/Debris, 222.7 tons of mixed paper, 68.8 tons of cardboard, 43.4 tons of newsprint, 96.0 tons of scrap metal, 241.2 tons of glass, 11.5 tons of aluminum cans, 24.5 tons of plastic containers, 10.3 tons of miscellaneous electronics, 165 gallons of waste oil, and 292 tires. Excluding the wood, tires, demo/debris, electronics, waste oil, and metal, the town residents diverted approximately 543.3 tons of material through the transfer station from disposal in the landfill. This diversion represents a cost avoidance of approximately $33,141 in tipping fees and a recycling rate of approximately 31%. In addition, the facility realized approximately $57,410 in revenues from transfer station receipts and sale of recyclables, a decrease of approximately sixteen percent (16%) from last year. The decreased recyclable revenue is due once again to a softening in the recyclable market which has been experienced over the past several years, and is expected to continue.

Eighteen (18) new driveways were permitted in town; along with thirty (30) paving permits and twenty-nine (29) excavation permits being issued by the department. These represent increases over last year's permitting of 28%, 15% and 50%, respectively.

The department contracted with Street Scan, Inc. of Burlington, MA to perform a fully automated pavement condition survey of all 45 miles of the town's roads. A survey vehicle automatically assessed each meter of road surface for cracking, potholes, rutting, distortion, weathering, and roughness. Each road was then automatically assigned a nationally recognized pavement condition index (PCI) number between 1 and 100. From this information analysis can be made for the establishment of a multi-year road improvement program, which will be implemented next year.

I wish to thank the Public Works Staff; 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

RECREATION COMMISSION'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 Rye Recreation 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 a Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee was formed and a charge was developed. The committee members are Doug Abrams, Randy Crapo, Shawn Crapo, Tom Degnan, Priscilla Jenness, Beverly Levesque, Gregg Mikolaities, John Provencher and Garritt Toohey. The committee will work with Christopher Williams Architects to define the Rye Recreation facilities and space needs, including future needs. The Rye Recreation Office was relocated to the Recreation Area Modular in November of 2014 and has settled in nicely over the past year. The added space and proximity to programs has aided in the efficiency of operations. The parking lot at the recreation area was marked to better identify no parking areas. The After School Program Staff Training Program was reevaluated and improved to include monthly training opportunities and expert online training. An employee handbook for the After School Program was developed. Rye Recreation continues to work on switching to an integrated registration and web based computer program, but the process has taken longer than anticipated and its implementation is anticipated for 2016. 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 Rye Recreation's administrative functions.

Rye Recreation continued to offer a broad range of recreation and sport opportunities in 2015. The Active Alive and Over 55 Club offered seven day trips and nine lunch programs where more than 450 meals were served. The Over 55 Fitness Program continues to grow with the addition of a second stretch and flex fitness class each week and the continuation of the ever popular cardio and toning fitness class, walking group and sticks and stitches group. Other programs offered include basketball league, pick-up and open court basketball, indoor tennis lessons, golf lessons, gyrokinesis classes, lego robotic workshops, paddle board lessons, ski and snowboard lessons, soccer league, surf lessons, yoga classes and workshops, babysitter courses, adult and infant CPR courses, first aid courses, summertime horyezons day camp, lego robotics camp, baseball camp, basketball camp, golf camp, skateboard camp, soccer camp, surf camp, yoga camp and a speakers series on nutrition. 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.

Rye Recreation, Rye Police Department, Rye Fire Department and Planning Department held the 8th Annual Rye Bicycle Rodeo. Rye Art in Bloom has been held for the past fifteen years and is a successful community event hosted by Rye Recreation and Webster at Rye. Other events sponsored by Rye Recreation in 2015 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.

We were saddened this year by the passing of former Recreation Commissioner, John Sexton. He contributed greatly to recreation and sport in our community and will be dearly missed. The Rye Recreation Commission is a voluntary board that meets monthly. Current Commissioners are Janet Stevens, Chairperson, Cory Belden, Stacey Brooks, Maggie Duffy-Durkin, Gregg Mikolaities, Brett Mulvey, and Judy Scott. 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 Rye Sewer Commission is responsible for the administration, billing, operation and maintenance of the Rye Sewer District. At the end of 2015, Rye had 545 parcels connected to the sewer system, including one new connection. The Commission also administers the billing and operation of Adams Mobile Home Park, 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. The Atlantic Grill, located at Foyes Corner, is also connected to the City of Portsmouth Sewer System. The private sewer line has been turned over to the City of Portsmouth and they are now responsible for the administration, billing, operation and maintenance of the line.

The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. The whole sewer system has been inspected using closed circuit television (CCTV). In 2015, the sewer system GIS mapping was updated and the CCTV sewer inspection data was added. The air release manholes and blow off chambers that are part of the force main on Route 1A in North Hampton and Rye were pumped, inspected and photographed. The property under easement, where the Church Road Pump Station is located, was cleared and five manhole structures within the easement were repaired.

Rye has three pump stations that are remotely monitored daily and inspected weekly. In 2015, the controller at Church Road Pump Station was upgraded, a transducer was installed into the wet well, the rotating assembly for pump one was replaced, and a back-up pump assembly was purchased. A high wet well float was installed at Jenness Beach Pump Station and the rotating assembly for pump one was replaced. The wet wells at all three stations were cleaned and the system flushed.

In May, New England Utility Contractors Inc. was installing a natural gas line for Unitil in North Hampton and hit Rye's force main. The pumps at Church Road Station were shut down to stop flow and the wet well was pumped. The waste water was transported to Hampton and the line was repaired. Unitil reimbursed Rye for the cost incurred from the event.

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. One hundred percent of the sewer department budget is covered by fees to users. Rye is a co-permittee on the Town of Hampton's NPDES Permit and subject to EPA and DES reporting as well as requirements. As a result, a Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan Summary Report is filed annually.

To install sewer pipes and make sewer connections in Rye you must be licensed by the Town. There is also an application process for the installation of a secondary usage water meter. In 2015, three installer's licenses and one secondary usage water meter application were processed.

We were saddened this year by the passing of a former Rye Sewer Commissioner, William Ladrie and former Clerk of the Works, Walter Parenteau. Both men contributed significantly to sewer operations in Rye and will be dearly missed. The current sewer commission consists of David W. Kohlhase, Chairman; Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman; David M. Adams, Commissioner, and Lee Arthur, Administrator. Sewer commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the sewer office located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. The sewer commission office is open Monday - 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 six member towns: Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, North Hampton, Rye, and Sandown.

In anticipation of the June 30, 2015 expiration of the contract with Waste Management, 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 member Towns have all signed joinder agreements with Waste Management with a tipping rate of $61.85. Beginning January 1, 2015 the members realized substantial savings from the 2014 rates of $72.19 for solid waste and $87.14 for construction & demolition material.

June 30, 2015, four member towns withdrew from the District: Hampton, South Hampton, Hampton Falls and New Castle.

In 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Day events were held on May 30, 2015 in Hampton and on August 29, 2015 in Brentwood. Both events were very successful with Hampton serving 367 households and Brentwood serving 167.

Effective April 1, 2015 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

Respectfully submitted,

Everett (Bud) Jordan, Chairman
Southeast Regional Refuse
District 53B

A glimpse into our past: *History of Rye, N.H., 1623-1903,* L.B.Parsons

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLHOUSES

"The early settlers, and those who followed them, during the first two centuries of New England's existence, progressive and far-seeing through they were in providing means of education for their children, did not recognize the need or desirability of a schoolhouse having any more land attached to it than it actually occupied, and consequently, cheap though land was in those days, all schoolhouses were built with their front sills flush with the line of the roads they stood on, or very near to it. Children were sent to school to study, not to play; and if they wanted to play at recess they could play in the road. Rye was the same in this respect as other towns, and it was not till toward the middle of the nineteenth century that the idea of having play grounds, more or less spacious, connected with school buildings, began to prevail; and the older residents of the town remember well that when they attended school they stepped from the road directly into the schoolhouse, and from the schoolhouse directly into the road again when the day's studies were over. It is different now, all the present school buildings of the town being provided with good ground room for the scholars to play in."

TOWN OF RYE
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT – 2015

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.

FY2015 expenditures decreased by 33% from FY2014. Assistance of $13,661 is secured by several property liens which will eventually return the funds to the Town. The elimination of prescription expense during the recent fiscal year can be directly linked to the State of NH Premium Assistance Program, also know as expanded Medicaid.

SIX YEAR GENERAL ASSISTANCE HISTORY

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	$ Total	$ Total	$ Total	$ Total	$ Total	$ Total
Burial	$0	$0	$0	$0	$750	$0
Electric	$7,349	$4,759	$72	$1,874	$499	$0
Food	$1,279	$396	$20	$30	$75	$0
Propane	$0	$2,514	$662	$465	$0	$205
Gasoline	$520	$355	$655	$260	$412	$120
Mortgage	$2,140	$6,112	$11,599	$15,148	$14,045	$11,395
Oil	$568	$5,220	$670	$1,036	$0	$2,062
Personal	$134	$249	$150	$104	$259	$0
Prop Tax	$8,432	$0	$10,744	$0	$0	$0
Rent	$14,346	$24,107	$7,428	$27,865	$37,831	$22,207
Rx / Med	$18,207	$0	$376	$485	$281	$0
Util-Other	$0	$115	$102	$137	$0	$0
Transp.	$0	$44	$136	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	$52,975	$43,871	$32,614	$47,404	$54,152	$35,989
Vouchers Written	58	84	64	78	84	51
Assisted Cases	24	28	25	31	41	18

Ellen Tully, Welfare Director
City of Portsmouth
1/6/16

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.**
Saturday morning	**9:00 a.m. – Noon**
Treasurer: Tuesday & Thursday	**10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.**

(Saturday hours are subject to change. Check Town website or call 964-8562)

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.rye.nh.us
Town Website: www.town.rye.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