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Managing \$2.2B in Assets

\$2,250,251,300 is the September 2017 approximate property value of Rye and our Master Plan is the guiding document that directs how we manage and protect our shared asset. Observation shows that our process, investment, communication and engagement in our Master Plan is far from best in class. The communication has been riddled with errors and a lack of communication effort from our town has made following the Master Plan changes a challenge for those motivated to be involved.

The current updates to our Master Plan are being whisked along for a November approval to support zoning amendments. Theoretically a Master Plan, driven by the residents, is what drives changes to zoning, not the desired changes bucking the Master Plan forward.

In the past, countless residents have poured many hours into the creation and some updates, but the Master Plan is a living document that requires attention and effort to remain effective. The proposed updates are needed, but how much in these sections need input and other areas are out of date or not correct.

I challenge all to review the document and proposed changes. Can you find the section about keeping our water clean? Assign a chapter or section to friends and neighbors and then get together to discuss what you find (possibly for the October 5th 8:30pm Patriots game). As usual we are not being given much time or communication. The first of what should be two Public Hearings is on October 12th, so you should complete and send in your comments and questions to the Planning Board as soon as possible. The draft chapters are on the Town Website, but if you don't want to get frustrated just go to www.ryecivicleague.org.

This is the responsibility of every property owner, so don't expect someone else to do your work for you.

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